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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Political Philosophy, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Modern Philosophy (esp. Moral and Political), Logic, Epistemology

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba (2016-)

Postdoctoral Fellow (3 year term), Australian National University (2014-2016)

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, Stanford University, 2014

Dissertation: *Justifying Political Liberalism*

I draw on the neglected ideal of political community to defend the “political liberalism” advocated by John Rawls, Charles Larmore, and many other contemporary political philosophers. I show that political liberalism’s defining commitment, the criterion of reciprocity, is justified by the fact that compliance with the criterion fosters an attractive and inclusive form of political community in pluralistic societies.

Committee: Debra Satz (co-chair), David Hills (co-chair), Joshua Cohen

MA in Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2008

BA (self-designed humanities degree), Hampshire College, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

“Childhood Bads, Parenting Goods, and the Right to Procreate” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (forthcoming, with Sarah Hannan)

“Do Parental Licensing Schemes Violate the Rights of Biological Parents?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, (2017, with Christian Barry, 94(2))

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“Political Liberalism and Political Community” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2017, with Han van Wietmarschen, 14(2))

“[Reasonableness, Intellectual Modesty, and Reciprocity in Political Justification](#)” *Ethics* (2012, with Han van Wietmarschen, 122(4)).

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Civic Friendship, Public Reason” (under review)

“Exploiting Disadvantage as Causing Harm” (with Siba Harb, under review)

“Benefitting from Structural Injustice” (with Holly Lawford-Smith)

“Instability for the Wrong Reasons” (with Justin Bruner)

Some works in progress available for download from my website [rjleland.weebly.com]

AWARDS

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014

Stanford Graduate Fellowship, 2008-2013

Chancellor’s Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2006-2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ethics and Society (Lecture, University of Manitoba, Winter 2018)

Conservatism (Seminar, co-taught with Steve Lecce, University of Manitoba, Winter 2018)

Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge (Seminar, University of Manitoba, Fall 2017)

Critical Thinking (Lecture, University of Manitoba, Fall 2017)

The Ethics of Parenting and Procreation (Seminar, ~10 students, University of Manitoba, Winter 2017; ~15 students, ANU, Winter 2014)

Ethics and the Environment (Lecture, ~130 students, University of Manitoba, Fall 2016)

Critical Thinking (Lecture, ~140 students, University of Manitoba, Fall 2016)

Global Justice (Lecture, ~160 students, ANU, Fall 2016)

Theories of Social Justice (Lecture, ~100 students, ANU, Winter 2014 and 2015)

Applied Ethics (Lecture, ~45 students, ANU, Fall 2015)

History of Political Philosophy from Hobbes to Mill (Lecture, ~80 students, ANU, Fall 2015)

Bioethics (Seminar, ~15 students, Stanford University, Summer 2013)

Introduction to Philosophy (small lecture, ~25 students, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Summer 2007)

PRESENTATIONS

“Benefitting from Structural Injustice” (with Holly Lawford Smith)

Invited Talk: Pacific APA 2017

“Against Rescue Arguments for the Duty to Adopt” Prairies Political Science Association, 2016

“Do Parental Licensing Schemes Violate the Rights of Biological Parents?”

Invited Talk: Pacific APA 2016

“Parental Interests and the Permissibility of Procreation”

Invited talk: Australian National University; Melbourne University; Centre for Applied Philosophy, Politics, and Ethics at Charles Stuart University (2015)

“Political Liberalism and Civic Friendship”

Invited talk: University of Manitoba, Australian National University (2015)

“Political Liberalism and Political Community”

Invited talk: Queens University, University of Western Ontario, SUNY Binghamton, Franklin & Marshall, Stanford University (2014-2015)

“Political Liberalism's Justificatory Problem and the Case Against the Respect Answer,”

Selected by anonymous review: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, 2013

“Democracy and Religious Pluralism”

Invited talk for general public: Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, Adult Learning Ethics Class, Sunnyvale, CA, 2013

“An Institutionalized Concern with Promoting Egalitarianism?”

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Selected by anonymous review: American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2013

“Reciprocity and Reasonableness”

Selected by anonymous review: Second Copenhagen Conference on Epistemology, Copenhagen University, 2010

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SERVICE

University of Manitoba Faculty Association, union representative (alternate) for Philosophy (2017-)

University of Manitoba, Philosophy Department Speakers Committee (2017-)

Referee: *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*; *Journal of Applied Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Politics, Philosophy & Economics*; *Res Publica*; Canadian Philosophical Association

Library Representative for School of Philosophy at ANU (2015-2016)

Ethics Reading Group Coordinator at ANU (2014-2015)

Volunteer Instructor at Hope House (a residential treatment program in Menlo Park, CA for women addicted to drugs or alcohol), 2012, Course: What’s Wrong with the Achievement Gap?: Justice in the Distribution of Education

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