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### Education

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- Boston University, PhD in Philosophy (2002)
  - Dissertation, “The Logic of Freedom in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*”
- Trinity College (Connecticut), BA in Philosophy, *magna cum laude* (1994)

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### Teaching Positions

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- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Luther College (2009-present)
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Luther College (2005-2009)
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Luther College (2001-2005)

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### Fellowships and Awards

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- 2007: Wye Faculty Fellow, The Aspen Institute
- 2005: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend
- 2002: Ylvisaker Endowment Award, Luther College
- 1999: IWM, 6<sup>th</sup> Summer School in Philosophy and Politics (Cortona, Italy)
- 1999: Junior Visiting Fellow, *Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen* (Vienna, Austria)
- 1997-1998: University Professors Program Modernity Fellow, Boston University
- 1994-1997: Teaching Fellow, Boston University
- 1994: Phi Beta Kappa Society, Trinity College
- 1993-1994: President’s Fellow, Trinity College
- 1993: Paul M. Barbour Prize in Greek, Trinity College

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### Publications

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#### Books

- *Rousseau: A Guide for the Perplexed* (New York: Continuum, 2007)
  - Translated into Portuguese, *Compreender Rousseau* (Petrópolis: Vozes, 2009)

- *Rousseau's Theory of Freedom*, Continuum Studies in Philosophy (New York: Continuum, 2006)

### Articles and Encyclopedia Entries

- "Rousseau, Jean Jacques," *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, eds. Hugh LaFollette et al. (Blackwell), forthcoming
- "A Paradox of Sovereignty in the *Social Contract*," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (April 2006)

### Book Reviews

- Frederick Neuhouser, 'Rousseau's Theodicy of Self-Love', *Ethics* (July 2009)
- Russell Hardin, 'David Hume: Moral and Political Theorist', *Ethics* (April 2008)
- John Rawls, 'Lectures on the History of Political Philosophy', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (April 2008)
- Randy Barnett, 'Restoring the Lost Constitution: The Presumption of Liberty', *Ethics* (October 2005)
- Christopher Bertram, 'Routledge Guidebook to Rousseau and the Social Contract', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (July 2005)
- Joseph R. Reiser, 'Jean-Jacques Rousseau: A Friend of Virtue', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* (October 2004).
- Brian Skyrms, 'The Stag Hunt and the Evolution of Social Structure', *Ethics* (October 2004).

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### Recent Papers, Presentations, and Invited Talks

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- "The Republican Self," 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Colloquium of the Rousseau Association, University of Bristol (Bristol, UK 2011)
- "New Perspectives on Rousseau's Platonism," Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL 2009)
- "Rousseau and Totalitarianism," Keynote Address, University of Iowa Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (Iowa City, IA 2007)
- "Rousseau's Tragic Nature," 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Colloquium of the Rousseau Association, Hamilton College (Hamilton, NY, 2005)
- "Locke on Rights and Religion," Lilly Fellows Program National Research Conference, Samford University (Birmingham, AL 2004)
- "Certitude in Hume's Political Theory," American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Chicago, IL 2004)
- "Hume's Science of Politics," Midwest Political Science Association (Chicago, IL 2004)

- “Direct Democracy in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*,” American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (Boston, MA 2004)
- “A Paradox of Sovereignty in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Washington, DC 2003)
- “The Separation of Powers in Rousseau’s *Social Contract*,” Midwestern Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (Chicago, IL 2003)
- “Hume’s Axioms of Politics,” 11<sup>th</sup> International Congress on the Enlightenment (Los Angeles, CA 2003)

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Academic Service

- 2011: External Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*
- 2010: External Reviewer, *Social Theory and Practice*
- 2009-10: External Reviewer, *European Journal of Political Theory*
- 2009-present: First-Year Student Advising Program, Luther College
- 2009: Program Review Committee for All-College Core Curriculum, Luther College
- 2009: Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, Luther College
- 2009: External Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Mathematics, Luther College
- 2009: External Reviewer, Cambridge University Press
- 2009: Panel Organizer, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL
- 2006-2009: Honors Program Advisory Committee, Luther College
- 2006-2008, Coordinator of Philosophy Program, Luther College
- 2007: External Reviewer, *Review of Politics*
- 2006: External Reviewer, Palgrave Macmillan Publishers
- 2002-2005: Faculty Advisor, Luther College Philosophical Society
- 2003: Co-Director, Summer Faculty Workshop, ‘Vocation and the Liberal Arts’, Luther College

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