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Curriculum Vitae

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CURRENT POSITIONS

Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2020-Fall 2021.

Senior Associate, Program for Research in Religion and Urban Civil Society (PRRUCS), University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2019 - present.

Senior Fellow and Director, Philosophy of Finance Project, Collegium Institute, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2019 - present.

President, Kestrel Investments, West Chester, PA, 2005 - present.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Boston College, 1994.

Dissertation: "The Role of Temporality in Descartes' Development."

Director: Jacques Taminiaux, Second Reader: Norman Wells.

Thesis: Descartes abandons the epistemology of the *Regulae* (1628) after his encounter with radical doubt leads him to problematize the topic of time. Although he lacks a vocabulary to describe inner time consciousness, Descartes makes problems of time prominent in his subsequent work, especially in the *Meditations*.

M.A., Philosophy, Boston College (with distinction), 1990.

B.A., Classics and Philosophy, Georgetown University (*summa cum laude*), 1988.

Non-degree Study:

Albert-Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg, Germany, 1992.

Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University, 1986-87.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

TEACHING

Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2020.

Economics and Theories of Fairness. ECON 045. Undergraduate class devoted to the topic of economics and distributive justice. Course combines readings from classic works (Aristotle, Mill), recent philosophy (Rawls, Nozick), major economic theorists (Keynes, Hayek), and current issues in society. Fall 2021, Fall 2020.

Collegium Institute, University of Pennsylvania, 2015 - present.

Philosophy of Finance Fellowship: Two-semester non-credit seminar for graduate and undergraduate students, accepted by application.

Philosophical Assumptions of the Market. The Fall semester looks at assumptions about market participants and covers topics such as *homo economicus*, rational choice theory, bounded rationality, prospect theory, and strong reciprocity. In the Spring, we cover the notion of market failure, including the topics of innovation, public goods and the commons, externalities, and technology lock-in. Fall 2020- Spring 2021.

Capitalism and the Common Good. Seminar examining the relationship between individual liberties, the market, and the common good. Fall semester devoted to economic theorists (Smith, Hayek, Keynes). Spring semester considered applied topics (Ostrom and the tragedy of the commons, Stiglitz on globalization, Shiller on finance and the good society). Fall 2019 - Spring 2020.

Collegium Executive Seminar: A seminar offered to Penn alumni currently in the workforce.

Philosophy of Nature. A two-semester historical survey of the concept of nature in Greek, Biblical, and medieval worldviews. The Spring semester covers Galileo, Bacon, Newton, Darwin, and some contemporary ideas about transcending the limits of nature. Fall 2020 - Spring 2021.

Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics. An in-depth semester-long study of Aristotle's foundational work on ethics. Six sessions covering the nature and meaning of happiness, Aristotle's psychology, the moral and intellectual virtues, the philosophy of justice, and the treatise on friendship. Fall 2019.

Augustine's City of God. A semester-long study of Augustine's great political and historic work, with special emphasis on the work's reply to Plato's *Republic*. Themes covered included the origins, natures, and destinies of the two cities, the nature of happiness, the philosophy of history, and the proper role of politics. Spring 2019.

Plato's Republic. Five sessions total, focused on Plato's ethics, political theory, metaphysics, cultural and aesthetic theories, and legacy. Fall 2018.

The Meaning of Work. A full academic year program devoted to the meaning of work. Fall semester readings included Hesiod, Genesis, Plato, Aristotle, St. Basil, Calvin, and Pieper. Spring semester readings include Locke, Marx, Arendt, Weber, and John

Paul II, as well as contemporary thoughts on elimination of work through technology.
Fall 2017 - Spring 2018.

Wealth and American Life. Readings included the autobiographies of Benjamin Franklin, Booker T. Washington, Jack Bogle, and Andrew Carnegie, as well as Henry David Thoreau's *Walden*. Spring 2017.

Collegium Institute "Coffee with the Classics." A full-year, non-credit seminar for undergraduates to discuss theories of the universe. Held in Harrison House over dinner.

Nature and Human Nature. Readings from the pre-Socratics and Biblical accounts of nature, through Aristotle, Augustine, and the Gnostics, Galileo and Newton, to Google and the supposedly impending "Singularity," along with the critique of technocracy in Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si*. Fall 2015 - Spring 2016.

Adjunct Professor, University of Scranton, 1998-2004.

Descartes' Meditations. A small group tutorial for philosophy majors involving a close reading of the *Meditations* with *Objections and Replies*.

Ethics. Designed and taught an introductory core class on philosophical ethics, covering ancient, medieval, and modern ethical theories. Taught for eight semesters.

Introduction to Philosophy. Designed and taught the required survey course to undergraduates. Curriculum ranged from ancient to 20th century philosophers.

Adjunct Professor, Marywood University, 1998, 2000-2001.

Environmental Ethics. Combined ethical theory with applied topics from environmental ethics. Included some informal logic and debate training for the students. Taught as needed over three semesters.

Post-Doctoral Instructor, Boston College, 1994-1995.

Graduate Instructor, Boston College 1990-1992, 1993-1994.

Perspectives on Western Culture. Designed class requirements and exams around a set reading list for this two-semester, twelve-credit, honors-level “Great Books” course. Received Teaching Excellence Award in two of three eligible years. 1991 - 1995.

Philosophy of the Person. Designed class requirements, exams, and reading list for this two-semester required introductory course. 1990 - 1991.

GUEST LECTURES AND PARTICIPATION AS JUDGE

University of Pennsylvania, Collegium Institute, seminar on political philosophy. Taught class on Augustine and Machiavelli, September 7, 2016.

Trinity Fellows Academy, Osprey Point, MD. “Science, Nature, and the Fall”. Two and a half day seminar on the scientific view of nature in modernity. Taught to post-graduate fellows in a one-year residential program. April 10-12 2017, March 28-30, 2016.

Georgetown University, “The Life of Work”, Professor Doug Holladay. Presented on my integration of philosophy and business, March 11, 2015.

University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School, Executive Education, Institute for Private Investors course on wealth management. Served as a case study judge for final presentations, May 2012 - 2019, August 2019.

Villanova University, Delaware Valley Regional High School Ethics Bowl. Served as a judge for six cases, November 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.

Villanova University, class on entrepreneurship. Served on panel judging student start-up ideas, May 2015.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1988 - 1994.

Teaching Excellence Award, Boston College, 1992 and 1994.

American Philosophical Association, graduate student paper award, 1992.

Rotary International Fellowship, Oxford University, 1986 - 1987.

Phi Beta Kappa, elected 1987, inducted 1988.

Alpha Sigma Nu, 1988.

Ryan Medal for Excellence in Philosophy, Georgetown University, 1988.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“Universal Basic Income Cannot Replace the Subjective Value of Work,” co-author with John Buchmann. Book chapter in *The Future of Work*, Stefanie Haeffele editor, Palgrave MacMillan, expected publication in Summer 2021.

“Religion and the Rise of Capitalism,” Interviewed Dr. Benjamin Friedman (Harvard) about his new book. Collegium Institute, Philosophy of Finance online discussion, June 11, 2021.

“Humanizing the Professions: How the Humanities Can Transform the Practice of Law, Medicine, and Finance,” Panelist, Collegium Institute, May 14, 2021.

“The Moral Responsibility of Business,” Interviewed Dr. Kendy Hess (Holy Cross) and Dr. Eric Orts (Wharton) on Milton Friedman’s NYT article on the social responsibility of business, and recent ethical responses to it. Collegium Institute, Philosophy of Finance online discussion, April 20, 2021.

“The Common Good and the Future of Capitalism,” Co-Chair, panel moderator, and opening remarks, Collegium Institute, Philosophy of Finance, October 29-30, 2019.

“Universal Basic Income Cannot Replace the Subjective Value of Work,” co-author with John Buchmann, presented to the “Future of Work” Conference, Mercatus Center, George Mason University, October 11, 2019.

“Work, Creation, and Sabbath in the Thought of Francis Bacon,” in *Pensando il Lavoro*, Giorgio Faro editor, pp. 121-139, EDUSC Press, 2018. Originally presented as a conference paper to the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Conference on “The Heart of Work,” Vatican City, 18th Congress of the School of Theology, October 19, 2017.

“Descartes’ Metaphysical Turn,” presented to the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, August 1998.

“Contract Theory and the Transformation of ‘Human Nature,’” presented to the Metaphysical Society of America conference, Vanderbilt University, October 1997.

“Arendt and World Alienation in Descartes,” American Philosophical Association annual conference, April 1997.

Review of Benoît Timmerman’s “La résolution des problèmes de Descartes à Kant: L’analyse à l’âge de la révolution scientifique” in *Review of Metaphysics* Vol. L (#3) March 1997, pp. 386-387, Presses Universitaires de France, 1995.

Review of Marjorie Grene and Roger Ariew, “Descartes and His Contemporaries” in *Review of Metaphysics* Vol. L (#2), December 1996, pp. 386-387, University of Chicago Press, 1995.

“Retention in Descartes’ *Regulae*: Descartes’ Other Epistemology, Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, October 1995.

“Heidegger and Aristotle’s Treatise on Time,” *The American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly: Special Edition on Heidegger*, Vol. LXIX, edited by John Caputo, pp. 295-309, Spring 1995.

“The ‘Real’ and the ‘Ideal’ in Husserl’s *Logical Investigations*,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Conference, March 1995.

“*Raison* and *Bons Sens* in Descartes’ *Discourse*,” American Philosophical Association annual conference, April 1994.

Review of Michael H. McCarthy, *The Crisis of Philosophy* (SUNY Press, 1990) *International Philosophical Quarterly* XXXII (2), pp. 261-263, June 1992.

Review of John F. Post, *Metaphysics: A Contemporary Introduction* (Paragon House, 1991), *Modern Schoolman* LXVIII, pp. 351-353, May 1991.

Multiple sessions as a commentator or moderator in philosophy professional society meetings.

OTHER

Graduate teaching assistant, Boston College, Dr. Oliva Blanchette, “After Metaphysics.”

Copy editor for two of Dr. Blanchette’s books: *Philosophy of Being: A Reconstructive Essay in Metaphysics* (Catholic University of America Press, 2002) and *The Perfection of the Universe According to Aquinas* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1992).

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Kestrel Investments, West Chester, PA, 2005 - present.

Manage an investment pool focused on capital to companies, with emphasis on venture start-ups and small companies. Responsible for sourcing, diligence, and management of all investments.

Served on more than twenty-five investment panels as a speaker on a wide range of topics. Moderated numerous other panels.

Kane Warehousing, Inc., Scranton, PA 1998-2005.

Served in a variety of managerial and operational roles in the family business. Responsibilities included technology, finance, and strategic planning.

Cacheflow.com, Inc., Cambridge, MA 1996 - 1998.

Bootstrapped a “dot com” focused on using the web for investor relations and communications in the heyday of internet startups.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Certes Networks, 2010 - present, chair from 2014 - 2017.

AdhereHealth, 2008 - present.

Health Qx, 2014 - 2017, various committee work (audit and comp).

OTHER POSITIONS

Advisory Faculty for the Institute of Private Investors, 2010 - 2019.

Program Committee of the Institutional Investor's Family Office Wealth Conference (2013 - present).

Advisory Board and Program Committee for "The Fifty" annual family office conference in Atlanta (2017 - present).

Co-Chair of Campden's North America Family Office Investment Conference (May 2013, June 2014).

AWARDS

Recipient of "The 50" award for Family Office Executive of the Year, Spring 2017.

Listed as one of the "Top 30 Family Office Investors" by Trusted Insight, December 2016.

Recipient of the Mark Morris Award for family office leadership, IPI, Fall 2016.

PERSONAL

Married for 27 years to Dorothea Mast, artist and Mom.

Three children: Matthew, Anna, and Owen.

Active supporter of numerous non-profits through a family charitable fund.

Co-Founder of Pour Richard's Symposium, a Philadelphia-area philosophical discussion group for business leaders and entrepreneurs. Facilitated more than 70 discussions since 2009 with hundreds of participants.

Leaders Council member of PathNorth, a network of CEOs dedicated to finding deeper purpose to financial success.

Formerly vice-president of a local Pennsylvania land trust.

Member of the finance committee for Bethesda Project, a network of homeless shelters in Philadelphia.

Volunteer with Ben Franklin Technology Partners to promote entrepreneurs in Greater Philadelphia.

Member, University Barge Club, Boathouse Row, Philadelphia.

Personal interests include hiking, travel, reading, rowing.