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Curriculum Vitae

Douglas W. Portmore

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2008- | Associate Professor of Philosophy (tenured)
School of Historical, Philosophical & Religious Studies
Arizona State University |
| 2008-09 | Faculty Fellow, Center for Ethics and Public Affairs
The Murphy Institute, Tulane University
September 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009 |
| 2005-08 | Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track)
Department of Philosophy, Arizona State University |
| 2000-05 | Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track)
Department of Philosophy
California State University, Northridge |
| 1998-00 | Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, College of Charleston |

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- **NORMATIVE ETHICS:** teleology, consequentialism, supererogation, special obligations, agent-centered options, agent-centered restrictions, the self-other asymmetry, the agent-relative/agent-neutral distinction, and actualism versus possibilism.
- **VALUE THEORY:** final value, intrinsic value, the concept of well-being, theories of welfare, the principle of organic unities, the wrong-kind-of-reasons problem, and the buck-passing account of value.
- **APPLIED ETHICS:** obligations to future generations (the non-identity problem, the mere addition paradox, the total principle, the repugnant conclusion, etc.).

- METAPHYSICS OF DEATH: posthumous harm, the badness of death, and the alleged asymmetry between pre-vital and postmortem nonexistence.
- METAETHICS: moral rationalism, practical reasons and rationality, internalism versus externalism, and the putative overridingness of morality.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Bioethics, Symbolic Logic, and the History of Modern Philosophy.

EDUCATION

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| 1995-98 | Ph.D. in Philosophy, June 1998
University of California, Santa Barbara
Dissertation: <i>The Structure of Commonsense Morality: Consequentialist or Non-consequentialist?</i>
Supervisor: Matthew Hanser |
| 1994 | Post-Graduate (Exchange) Student
Centre for Human Bioethics & Department of Philosophy
Monash University, Australia |
| 1991-93 | M.A. and C.Phil. in Philosophy, January 1993
University of California, Santa Barbara
Thesis: "The Compatibility of Internalism and Moral Objectivism" |
| 1987-91 | B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, March 1991
University of California, San Diego |

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

- 1) "Imperfect Reasons and Rational Options," forthcoming in *Noûs*.
- 2) "Rule-Consequentialism and Irrelevant Others," *Utilitas* 21 (2009): 368-376.
- 3) "Consequentializing," *Philosophy Compass* 4 (2009): 329-347.
- 4) "Are Moral Reasons Morally Overriding?" *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 11 (2008): 369-388.

- 5) "Dual-Ranking Act-Consequentialism," *Philosophical Studies* 138 (2008): 409-427.
- 6) "Welfare, Achievement, and Self-Sacrifice," *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*, www.jesp.org, (2007), vol. 2, no. 2. (28 pp.)
- 7) "Desire Fulfillment and Posthumous Harm," *American Philosophical Quarterly* 44 (2007): 27-38.
- 8) "Consequentializing Moral Theories," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 88 (2007): 39-73.
- 9) "Combining Teleological Ethics with Evaluator Relativism: A Promising Result," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 86 (2005): 95-113.
- 10) "Position-Relative Consequentialism, Agent-Centered Options, and Supererogation," *Ethics* 113 (2003): 303-332.
- 11) "Can an Act-Consequentialist Theory Be Agent-Relative?" *American Philosophical Quarterly* 38 (2001): 363-77.
- 12) "McNaughton and Rawling on the Agent-Relative/Agent-Neutral Distinction," *Utilitas* 13 (2001): 350-6.
- 13) "Commonsense Morality and Not Being Required to Maximize the Overall Good," *Philosophical Studies* 100 (2000): 193-213.
- 14) "Does the Total Principle Have Any Repugnant Implications?" *Ratio* 12 (1999): 80-98.
- 15) "Can Consequentialism Be Reconciled with Our Common-Sense Moral Intuitions?" *Philosophical Studies* 91 (1998): 1-19.

Book Reviews:

- 16) "Review of James Warren's *Facing Death: Epicurus and His Critics*," *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 39 (2005): 521-526.

Instructionally Related:

- 17) "The Portmore Quiz," in Donna J. Wood's *Business Ethics: Text and Workbook* (Cedar Falls, IA: Woodhaven Press, 2007). Also available online at <http://www.public.asu.edu/~dportmor/hau.htm>.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1) *Commonsense Consequentialism: Wherein Morality Meets Rationality* (see <http://www.public.asu.edu/~dportmor/Commonsense%20Consequentialism.htm> for complete draft).
- 2) "Consequentialism and Moral Rationalism," provisionally forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*, pending peer review.
- 3) "The Teleological Conception of Practical Reasons" (a revise-and-resubmit at *Mind*).
- 4) "'Agent Relative' vs. 'Agent Neutral'," provisionally forthcoming in Hugh LaFollette (ed.), *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Blackwell), pending peer-review.
- 5) "Supererogation," forthcoming in James E. Crimmins and Douglas G. Long (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism* (Continuum Press).
- 6) "Agent Neutral and Agent Relative," forthcoming in James E. Crimmins and Douglas G. Long (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism* (Continuum Press).
- 7) "Consequentialism," forthcoming in Christian Miller (ed.), *The Continuum Companion to Ethics* (Continuum Press).
- 8) "Review of Ben Bradley's *Well-Being and Death*," forthcoming in *Utilitas*.

PRESENTATIONS

- 1) "Consequentialism and Moral Rationalism." A refereed conference paper to be presented at the First Annual Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics in January 2010 in Tucson, AZ.
- 2) "The Teleological Conception of Practical Reasons." A refereed conference paper that was scheduled that was to be presented at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies X Conference in September 2008 at Kadish Center for Morality, Law, and Public Affairs, University of California, Berkeley. (Due to unfortunate personal circumstances, I was unable to present the paper at the conference, but the paper was posted on the conference web site.)

- 3) "Imperfect Reasons and Rational Options." A refereed conference paper presented at the Rocky Mountain Ethics (RoME) Congress in August 2008 at the University of Colorado, Boulder.
- 4) "Imperfect Reasons and Rational Options." A refereed conference paper to be presented at the Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference in August 2008 at Western Washington University.
- 5) "Comments on Erin Kelly's 'Punishment and Collective Responsibility'." Presented at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in April 2007, San Francisco, CA.
- 6) "Are Moral Reasons Morally Overriding?" A refereed conference paper presented at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association in March 2006, Portland, OR.
- 7) "Consequentializing Moral Theories." A colloquium paper presented at Arizona State University on March 3, 2006.
- 8) "Reason-Consequentialism: A New Approach to Moral Theorizing." A refereed conference paper presented at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies 2005 Conference on August 14 at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH.
- 9) "Welfare and Posthumous Harm." An invited colloquium paper presented at Arizona State University on March 9, 2005.
- 10) "Welfare and Posthumous Harm." An invited colloquium paper presented at North Carolina State University on January 28, 2005.
- 11) "Welfare and Posthumous Harm." An invited colloquium paper presented at Bowling Green State University on January 21, 2005.
- 12) "Welfare and Posthumous Harm." An invited colloquium paper presented at California State University, Bakersfield, on January 16, 2004.
- 13) "Combining Teleological Ethics with Evaluator Relativism: A Promising Result." A refereed conference paper presented at the International Society for Utilitarian Studies 2000 Conference on March 25 at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.
- 14) "Does Consequentialism Leave Us with Enough Options?" A refereed conference paper presented at the Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy on August 15, 1998 in Boston, Massachusetts.

- 15) "Does the Total Principle have any repugnant implications?" An invited colloquium paper presented at University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand on April 15, 1998.
- 16) "Supplemental Uses for the Web in Teaching." An invited presentation given at the Southern California Philosophy Conference on October 25, 1997, at the University of California, Irvine.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 1) 2008-09 Faculty Fellowship, Center for Ethics and Public Affairs, The Murphy Institute, Tulane University.
- 2) 2003-04 CSUN Competition for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity.
- 3) 2003-04 CSUN Judge Julian Beck Instructional Improvement Grant.
- 4) 2002-03 CSUN Competition for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity.
- 5) 2001-02 CSUN Competition for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity.
- 6) 2000 NEH Summer Seminar "Bioethics in Particular" (Co-directors: James L. Nelson and Hilde L. Nelson, University of Tennessee at Knoxville).
- 7) 1998 UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship.
- 8) 1997 UCSB Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship.
- 9) 1997 USCB General Affiliates Graduate Dissertation Fellowship.
- 10) 1996 Annual Siff Award for the Best Philosophy Paper Written by a Graduate Student.
Title: "Why Commonsense Morality Might Best Be Understood as a Consequentialist Theory."
- 11) 1996-97 UCSB Graduate Student Fee Fellowship.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ACTIVITY

- 2009 PhilPapers editor for "Varieties of Consequentialism" and "Actualism and Possibilism in Ethics."

- 2009 Reviewer for an application for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.
- 2009 Referee for *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* and the *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (twice).
- 2009 Scholarly manuscript reviewer for Oxford University Press.
- 2008-09 Member of the *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*' Review Board.
- 2008 Referee for *Mind* (twice), *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, and *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
- 2008 Member of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- 2008 Chaired a session at the 2008 meeting of Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, March 20-22, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2007 Chaired a session at the "Fourth Annual Metaethics Workshop," September 7-9, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2007 Scholarly book proposal reviewer for Oxford University Press.
- 2007 Referee for *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Philosophical Research*.
- 2006 Referee for *Ethics*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, and *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.
- 2006 Invited participant, University of San Diego's Institute for Law and Philosophy's Roundtable on "The Duty to Rescue," October 20-21, 2006, Idyllwild, CA.
- 2006 Attended the "Third Annual Metaethics Workshop," September 15-17, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2006 Attended "A Conference on Practical Reason" hosted by the Philosophy Department and the Social Philosophy and Policy Center, April 7-9, 2006, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH..

- 2006 Attended the Third Annual Meeting of the Arizona Moral & Political Philosophy Society, Saturday, March 4th, 2006, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ.
- 2005 "Participant at Large," Moral Phenomenology Workshop, University of Arizona, November 3-5.
- 2005 Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, and *Philosophical Studies*.
- 2004- Co-founding editor of, and contributor to, *PEA Soup*, a blog dedicated to philosophy, ethics, and academia.
<<http://peasoup.typepad.com/peasoup/>>
- 2004 Referee for *Inquiry*.
- 2003 Referee for *Utilitas*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Journal of Ethics*, the Society for Skeptical Studies, and the British Society for Ethical Theory.
- 2002 Referee for the *American Philosophical Quarterly*.
- 2002 Textbook reviewer for Routledge and for Oxford University Press.
- 2001-02 Member of the committee charged with planning and organizing the 2002 Alyce Vrolyk Conference on Bioethics.
<<http://www.csun.edu/~cev2000/avconfer.htm>>
- 2000 Referee for the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*
- 2000- Member of, and occasional referee for, the Society for Skeptical Studies.
- 1999 Referee for the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- 1998- Member of the British Society for Ethical Theory.
- 1996- Member of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies.
- 1996- Member of the American Philosophical Association.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2009- ASU: Graduate Committee

- 2009- ASU: Faculty Head Advisory Committee
- 2009- ASU: Performance Review Committee
- 2008 ASU: Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Departmental Web Design
- 2007-08 ASU: University Hearing Board
- 2007 ASU: Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Allocation of Departmental Travel Funds
- 2007 ASU: Member of the team conducting practice interviews for graduate students going out on the job market (specifically, Sandra Woien).
- 2006-08 ASU: Scholarship Committee
- 2006-07 ASU: Department's Program Planning Committee
- 2006 ASU: Member of the team conducting practice interviews for graduate students going out on the job market (i.e., Steve Dilley, Shawn Klein, and Teresa Laszlo).
- 2005-07 ASU: Member of the Lincoln Center Affiliates Council
- 2005-07 ASU: Department's Recording Secretary
- 2005-06 ASU: Department's Graduate Committee
- 2004-05 CSUN: With help from other curriculum committee members, I did a complete overhaul of the course listings (revising titles, prerequisites, course descriptions, etc.), developed a writing course for philosophy majors, revamped both the philosophy major and the philosophy minor, and developed pre-law and pre-graduate school advisement sheets for philosophy majors.
- 2004-05 CSUN: Department's Academic Advisor.
- 2004-05 CSUN: Department's Assessment Liaison to the University
- 2004-05 CSUN: Department's Assessment Committee
- 2003-04 CSUN: Department's Critical Reasoning Committee
- 2002 CSUN: Eastern APA Interview Team, 2002-03 Job Search

- 2002-05 CSUN: Department's Appointments Committee
- 2002-05 CSUN: Department's Strategic Planning Committee
- 2002-05 CSUN: Department's Curriculum Committee
- 2002-04 CSUN: Department's Webmaster (along with York Gunther)
- 2001-03 CSUN: Department's Colloquia Coordinator
- 2001-04 CSUN: Department's Library and Technology Resources Coordinator
- 2000-04 CSUN: Faculty Sponsor of the Student Philosophy Club
- 2000-05 CSUN: Member of the Center for Ethics and Values, CSUN

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING

Thesis and Dissertation Advising:

- 1) Member of Jason Short's Ph.D. dissertation committee. In progress. Title: TBA. Chair: TBA.
- 2) Member of Sandra Woien's Ph.D. dissertation committee. Degree granted spring 2008. Title: *The Concept of Well-Being and Its Role in Life-Affecting Decisions*. Chair: Joan McGregor.
- 3) Member of Bach Ho's M.A. thesis committee. Degree granted spring 2007. Title: *A Critical Examination of Ruth Chang's Theory of Comprehensive Values*. Chair: Peter de Marneffe.
- 4) Member of Matthew Tipping's M.A. thesis committee. Degree granted spring 2006. Title: *Moral Phenomenology and Sentimentalism: Exploring Affective Models of Moral Decision Making*. Chair: Peter French.

Other Advising and Mentoring:

- 5) Independent Study with Robert Neal and Travis Timmerman (on Tenenbaum's *Appearances of the Good* and Portmore's *Commonsense Consequentialism*) in Fall 2009.

- 6) Honors students: Errol Lord (PHI 305 – Fall 2005); Macy Hanson (PHI 305 – Fall 2005); William Hochella (PHI 305 – Fall 2005); G. Shyam Nair (PHI 305 – Spring 2006); and Ryan Lind (PHI 101 – Fall 2007).
- 7) Faculty Teaching Advisor: Parker Crutchfield's PHI 101 (Spring 2008)
- 8) Independent Study with G. Shyam Nair (on Shafer-Landau's *Moral Realism*) in Fall 2007.
- 9) Workshops: "Publishing in Philosophy," a three-hour workshop for graduate students on the ins and outs of publishing in philosophy presented at Arizona State University on January 26, 2007, and September 28, 2007.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1) 2005- Assistant/Associate Professor: Arizona State University
 - PHI 420/591: Death, Harm, and Wellbeing
 - PHI 420/591: Consequentialism
 - PHI 420/591: Reasons and Values
 - PHI 420/591: The Limits of Morality
 - PHI 305: Ethical Theory
 - PHI 105: Introduction to Ethics
 - PHI 101: Introduction to Philosophy
- 2) 2000-05 Assistant Professor: California State University, Northridge
 - Ethical Theory
 - Advanced Ethical Theory
 - Philosophical Problems
 - Critical Reasoning
 - Introduction to Philosophy: Society and Values
 - Senior Research Seminar
- 3) 1998-00 Visiting Assistant Professor: College of Charleston
 - Biomedical Ethics
 - Business Ethics
 - Environmental Ethics
 - Symbolic Logic
 - Critical Thinking
 - History of Modern Philosophy
 - Law, Morality, and Public Policy
 - Introduction to Philosophy: Beliefs and Values

- 4) 1995-98 Teaching Associate: University of California, Santa Barbara
 ("Teaching Associate" is the academic title given to lecturers enrolled as graduate students. Teaching Associates are responsible for designing the course, delivering the lectures, and supervising the TAs.)
- Introduction to Ethics
 - Biomedical Ethics
- 5) 1994 Tutor: Monash University, Australia
 (A Tutor is the Australian equivalent of a Teaching Assistant.)
- Ethics in Medicine – a course for medical students
 - Philosophy of Law: Crime and Punishment
 - Metaphysics: Time, Freedom, and Identity
 - Morality and Objectivity
 - Reason and Rationality
- 6) 1992-93 Teaching Assistant: University of California, Santa Barbara
- Ethics
 - Critical Thinking
 - Introduction to Ethics

REFERENCES

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