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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethical Theory  
Environmental Ethics

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018-present Professor of Philosophy, Colorado State University  
2012-2018 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Colorado State University  
2008-2012 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Colorado State University  
2003-2008 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, North Carolina State University  
2002-2003 Visiting Scholar, Center for Ethics and the Professions, Harvard University

### EDUCATION

1994-2002 Ph.D., University of Michigan (Philosophy)  
1989-1993 B.A., Northwestern University (Philosophy)

### ARTICLES

- "Against Etiological Function Accounts of Interests," forthcoming in *Synthese*. (Online First available at <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11229-019-02293-8>)
- "Why Animal Welfare Is Not Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, or Human Welfare: Toward a More Complete Assessment of Climate Impacts," *Les Ateliers de l'Éthique/The Ethics Forum* **13**(1): 43-64 (2018).
- "The Role of Awe in Environmental Ethics," *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* **76**(4):473-484 (2018).
- "Loving an Unfamiliar Natural World," *Ethics & the Environment* **23**(1):1-16 (2018).
- "Values and Harms in Loss and Damage," *Ethics, Policy, and Environment* **20**(2):129-142 (2017).
- "Intrinsic Values and Economic Valuation," in *Ecological Economics: Nature and Society*, edited by Clive Spash (Routledge, 2017), pp. 237-245.
- "Is Biodiversity Intrinsically Valuable? (And What Might That Mean?)" in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Biodiversity*, edited by Justin Garson, Anya Plutynski, and Sahotra Sarkar (Routledge, 2017), pp. 155-67.
- "Anthropocentrism in Climate Ethics and Policy," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, **40**:189-204 (2016). Reprint in French forthcoming from Vrin.
- "Holism," in *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Hugh LaFollette (Blackwell, 2016). Published online at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee828/pdf>.
- "Truth and Goodness: Metaethics in Environmental Ethics," in *Oxford Handbook of Environmental Ethics*, edited by Stephen M. Gardiner and Allen Thompson (Oxford, 2016), pp. 139-50.
- "Environmental Ethics," co-authored with Clare Palmer and Ron Sandler, *Annual Review of Environmental Resources*, **39**:419-442 (2014).

- "Individualist Biocentrism vs. Holism Revisited," *Les Ateliers de l'Éthique/The Ethics Forum*, **9**:130-148 (2014).
- "The Bearers of Value in Environmental Ethics," in *Consequentialism and Environmental Ethics*, edited by Avram Hiller, Ramona Ilea, and Leonard Kahn (Routledge, 2014), pp. 17-34.
- "Ecocentrism," in *Critical Environmental Politics*, edited by Carl Death, (Routledge, 2014), pp. 83-90.
- "Neosentimentalism and the Valence of Attitudes," *Philosophical Studies* **164**(3): 747-765 (2013).
- "Environmental Ethics," *The International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, edited by Hugh LaFollette (Blackwell, 2013), pp. 1653-1665.
- "Some Challenges for Narrative Accounts of Value," *Ethics & The Environment* **17**(1): 45-69 (2012).
- "The Environment: How to Understand It and What to Do about It," in *The Environment: Philosophy, Science, and Ethics*, edited by William P. Kabasenche, Michael O'Rourke, and Matthew H. Slater (MIT Press, 2012), pp. 1-17.
- "Neosentimentalism and Environmental Ethics," *Environmental Ethics* **33**(1): 5-23 (2011).
- "Love, Grief, and Climate Change," in *Moral Ground: Ethical Action for a Planet in Peril*, edited by Michael Nelson and Kathleen Dean Moore, (Trinity Press, 2010), pp. 369-72.
- "Environmental Ethics: An Overview," *Philosophy Compass* **4**(3): 407-420 (2009).
- "Convergence, Noninstrumental Value and the Semantics of 'Love': Reply to Norton," *Environmental Values* **17**(1): 15-22 (2008).
- "Anthropocentrism vs. Nonanthropocentrism: Why Should We Care?" *Environmental Values* **16**(2): 169-185 (2007).
- "Why Environmental Ethics Shouldn't Give Up on Intrinsic Value," *Environmental Ethics* **29**(1): 43-61 (2007). Reprinted in
  - Robin Attfield, ed., 2008, *Ethics of the Environment*, Ashgate, pp. 59-78.
  - David Clowney and Patricia Mosto, eds., 2009, *Earthcare: An Anthology in Environmental Ethics*, Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 173-188.
- "Rolston's Theory of Value," in *Nature, Value, Duty: Life on Earth with Holmes Rolston, III*, edited by Christopher J. Preston and Wayne Ouderkirk (Springer, 2007), pp. 1-15.
- "Ecosystem Health," *Environmental Ethics* **26**(3): 227-245 (2004).

## BOOK REVIEWS AND EDITORIALS

- Review of *The Death of the Ethic of Life*, by John Basl, forthcoming in *Environmental Values*.
- Review of *Philosophy and the Environment*, edited by Anthony O'Hear, *Environmental Ethics* **35**(4): 489-492 (2013).
- "Commons Made Tragic" (editorial), *Environmental Values* **22**(3): 313-315 (2013).
- "To Act or Not to Act?" (editorial), *Environmental Values* **20**(3): 297-298 (2011).
- "Lessons Learned" (editorial), *Environmental Values* **19**(4): 417-418 (2010).
- Review of *Character and Environment: A Virtue-Oriented Approach to Environmental Ethics*, by Ronald L. Sandler, *Ethics, Place and Environment* **11**(2): 213-218 (2008)
- Review of *Morality's Progress: Essays on Humans, Other Animals, and the Rest of Nature*, by Dale Jamieson, *Environmental Ethics* **28**(3): 323-326 (2006).
- Review of *Environmental Justice: Creating Equality, Reclaiming Democracy*, by Kristin Shrader-Frechette, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, September 2003.

## TEXTBOOKS

- *Environmental Ethics*, 7th ed., coedited with Louis P. Pojman and Paul Pojman (Cengage, 2017).
- *Food Ethics*, 2nd ed., coedited with Paul Pojman (Cengage, 2017).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- "The Environment and Meaning in Life"
- "The Ethics of Awe"
- "Welfarism and Environmental Ethics"

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- Diddi, S. (PI), Yan, R.-N. (Co-PI), Opp, S. (Co-PI), Carcassan, M. (Co-PI), Bloodhart, B. (Co-PI), Martin, K. (Co-PI), McShane, K. (Co-PI), Center for Public Deliberation (Collaborator), Grant, "Clothing and Sustainability: Policy Implications through Structured Public Deliberation," The School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES), \$20,000, Funded. (start: July 1, 2017, end: June 30, 2018).
- Diddi, S. (PI), Leigh, K. (PI), Yan, R.-N. (PI), Bajtelsmit, V. (PI), Martin, K. (PI), Bloodhart, B. (PI), McShane, K. (PI) Grant, "[Over]Consumption: The culprit causing an environmental crisis in your closet," The School of Global Environmental Sustainability (SoGES), \$20,000, Funded. (start: July 1, 2016, end: June 30, 2017).
- McShane, K. (CoPI), Brouillette, J. R. (CoPI), Mushinski, D. W. (CoPI), Grant, "Capacity Building Grant," Societal Organizational and Policy Cluster, Infectious Disease Supercluster, Colorado State University, \$19,205.00, Funded. (start: May 15, 2009, end: May 15, 2010).

## PRESENTATIONS

- "Welfarism and Environmental Ethics," International Association of Environmental Philosophy Meetings, Andrews Forest, Oregon, June 2019.
- "Biocentrism, Teleocentrism, and the Moral Importance of Interests," Groupe de Recherche en Éthique Environnementale et Animale, Montreal, April 2019.
- "Units of Analysis in Philosophy of Biology, Conservation, and Environmental Ethics," International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology Cognate Session, Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting, Seattle, November 2018.
- "Against Etiological Function Accounts of Interests," Texas A&M University, Department of Philosophy, College Station, September 2018.
- "Why Animal Welfare Is Not Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, or Human Welfare: Toward a More Complete Assessment of Climate Impacts," Convergence and Divergence: Between Animal and Environmental Ethics Conference, Montreal, May 2017.
- "Ecosystems, Organisms, and Eliminativist Reductionism about Interests," University of Colorado at Boulder, March 2017.
- "ISEE Roundtable: Three Views on Environmental Philosophy," with Ben Hale and Allen Thompson, International Association of Environmental Philosophy Meetings, Salt Lake City, October 2016.
- "The Role of Awe in Environmental Ethics," University of Calgary, January 2016, and Conference on Environmental Ethics and Aesthetics, Indiana University, May 2016.

- "Intrinsic and Economic Values," University of South Florida – St. Petersburg, February 2016.
- Comments on John Basl & Gina Schouten's "The Inadequacy of Traditional Moral Status Arguments for Abolition of Animal Consumption and Experimentation," Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 2015.
- "Climate Change and the Place of Non-Economic Values in Conceptions of Sustainability," University of Calgary Sustainability Conference, June 2015.
- "Values and Harms in Loss and Damage," Second Workshop on Ethics and Adaptation, University of Buffalo, May 2015.
- "Individualist Biocentrism vs. Holism Revisited," Attitudes, Values and Environment Workshop, Centre de Recherche en Éthique de l'Université de Montréal, February 2014; also presented at International Society for Environmental Ethics Annual Conference, June 2014.
- "Caring for an Unfamiliar Natural World," International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, June 2013.
- "Climate Change and Environmental Ethics," Center for Multiscale Modeling of Atmospheric Processes Summer Team Meeting, Colorado State University, August 2012.
- Difference and Sameness: Comments on Nathan Kowalsky's "Toward an Ethic of Animal Difference," International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, June 2012.
- "What Ethicists Talk about When They Talk about Climate Change," Center for Multiscale Modeling of Atmospheric Processes, Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Colorado State University, August 2011.
- "Some Challenges for Narrative Accounts of Value," Society for Applied Philosophy, July 2011.
- "Individuals and Communities in Environmental Justice: Comments on Tama Weisman's 'Restorative Environmental Justice and the Promise of Ubuntu,'" International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, June 2009.
- "Interests, Responsibility, and Human Nature: Some Thoughts on David Schmidtz' *Person, Polis, Planet*," International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, June 2009.
- Comments on Brian Steverson's "Systems Theory and the New Ecophilosophy," Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, May 2009.
- "Theoretical Structure and Its Effects on Value Claims: John O'Neill, Alan Holland and Andrew Light's *Environmental Values*," APA Eastern Division Meetings, December 2008.
- "Neosentimentalism and Environmental Ethics," APA Eastern Division Meetings, December 2008.
- "Virtue and Respect for Nature: Ronald Sandler's *Character and Environment*," APA Central Division Meetings, April 2008.
- "Environmental Ethics: Problems and Prospects," APA Pacific Division Meetings, March 2008.
- "Neosentimentalism and Environmental Ethics," International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, June 2007.
- "Is Awe a Valuing Attitude?" Department of Philosophy & Religion Faculty Colloquium, North Carolina State University, October 2006.

- Comments on Avram Hiller's "A Quasi-Realist Environmental Ethic," International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, June 2005.
- Comments on Victoria Weafer's "A Biological Critique of Natural Normativity," International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, June 2005.
- "Science and Values: The Case of Forest Health," Harvard Forest, June 2005.
- "Why Environmental Ethics Shouldn't Give Up on Intrinsic Value," Karbank Symposium on Environmental Philosophy, Boston University, April 2005.
- "Plumbing the Depths of the Deep Green Ethic: Comments on Dale Jamieson's *Morality's Progress*," APA Pacific Division Meetings, March 2005.
- "Anthropocentrism vs. Nonanthropocentrism: Why Should We Care?" International Society for Environmental Ethics and International Association for Environmental Philosophy Joint Conference, June 2004.
- "Ethics," Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs Faculty Development Workshop, *Integrating Ethics into Environmental Studies: Ethics, Science, and Civic Responsibility*, May 2004.
- "Ecosystem Health," Bowdoin College, February 2003.
- "What Environmentalists Should Mean by 'Intrinsic Value,'" Colby College, March 2003.
- "G.E. Moore on Intrinsic Value," Conference for Value Inquiry, April 2003.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Philosophy Capstone Seminar  
 Feminist Philosophies  
 Philosophy of Law  
 Seminar in Environmental Philosophy  
 Seminar in Normative Ethical Theory  
 Environmental Ethics  
 Philosophical Issues in Environmental Ethics  
 Philosophical Ethics (Honors Seminar)  
 Ethics  
 Introduction to Philosophy  
 Contemporary Moral Problems  
 Ethics in Science (middle school science camp)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2018-present Member, Standing Committee on the Status of Women Faculty, Office of the President, Colorado State University  
 2018-present Co-Director, Environmental Affairs Program, Colorado State University  
 2016-2019 Graduate Director, Philosophy Department, Colorado State University  
 2015-present Faculty, School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Colorado State University  
 2009-present Editorial Board, *Environmental Ethics*  
 2009-present Editorial Board, *Ethics, Place, and Environment*  
 2008-present Faculty Affiliate, Environmental Affairs Program, Colorado State University  
 2009-2017 Faculty Affiliate, Women's Program and Studies, Colorado State University  
 2009-2016 Associate Editor, *Environmental Values*  
 2009-2015 Review Board, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association

International Society for Environmental Ethics

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