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Education

PhD - Philosophy, Michigan State University, 2000.

Dissertation: Species Pluralism.

Areas of Expertise: Philosophy of Science and Biomedical Ethics

Areas of Competence: Value Theory, Applied Ethics, Logic, Metaphysics, Epistemology

MA - Philosophy, Michigan State University, 1992.

Master's Thesis: Can Philosophy Contribute to Multiculturalism?

BA - Political Science / Philosophy, University of Minnesota, 1989.

Senior Honor's Paper: Frege and Quine on Belief Statements.

Work Experience

Director of Clinical and Organizational Ethics - PeaceHealth Oregon, Eugene, OR, 2008 - 2013.

Major responsibilities: oversee and implement clinical ethics consultation service, coordinate organizational ethics discernments, co-chair regional ethics committee, develop and implement ethics education curriculum, assist in development of new policies to address ethical content, review existing policies for ethical content.

Adjunct Philosophy Instructor - Portland Community College, Portland, OR, 1999, 2003 - 2013.

Courses Taught:

- PHL 207 Ethical Issues in Aging
- PHL 205 Biomedical Ethics
- PHL 204 Philosophy of Religion
- PHL 201 Philosophical Problems
- PHL 202 Elementary Ethics
- PHL 209 Business Ethics
- PHL 195 Science and the Occult
- PHL 191 Language and the Layout of Argument
- PHL 193 The Evaluation of Practical Argument

Adjunct Philosophy Instructor – Washington State University - Vancouver, WA, 2009 – 2012.

Courses Taught:

- PHIL 201 Elementary Logic
- PHIL 365 Biomedical Ethics
- PHIL 370 Environmental Ethics

Adjunct Instructor - University of Portland - Portland, OR, Spring 2010.

Courses Taught:

• BUS 556A - Ethical Issues in Health Care (graduate seminar)

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Contributing Faculty – Providence Center for Health Care Ethics, Portland, OR, 2004 – 2008.

Duties included: attending Ethics Consult Team meetings, performing ethics literature research for staff and conference presentations, giving Center presentations at conferences, giving health care ethics presentations to staff, offering professional feedback on Center procedures and protocol, leading past Ethics Core Curriculum IIA for staff.

Executive Director – NAMI Multnomah County, Portland, OR, 2002-2008.

Duties included: preparing and managing annual budget, preparing and managing grant proposals, overseeing daily operations and programs, managing staff and recommending staff for hire, overseeing annual fundraising event, overseeing annual membership campaign, supporting board operations, engaging in community awareness events, and other duties as assigned.

Recent Presentations

- Advance Care Directives: Do They Help or Do They Harm? Palliative Care Grand Rounds, Sacred Heart Medical Center-RiverBend, Eugene, OR, September 28, 2012.
- What is the Organization's Obligation to the Non-compliant Patient? 21st Annual Kinsman Conference, Portland, OR, April 13, 2012.
- POLST and Attempted Suicide, 20th Annual Kinsman Conference, Eugene, OR, April 15, 2012.
- Documenting an Ethics Consult in the Medical Record, 20th Annual Kinsman Conference, Eugene, OR, April 15, 2012.
- Medically Futile (Non-beneficial) Treatment, Palliative Care Grand Rounds, Sacred Heart Medical Center-RiverBend, Eugene, OR, February 25, 2011.
- Engaging Ethics in Palliative Care Consults, Poster Presentation, 6th International Conference on Clinical Ethics Consultation, Portland, OR, May 12, 2010.
- Transcending the Middle Ground: Patient Autonomy in the Mental Health Acute Care Setting, Paper Presentation, 3rd International Conference: Clinical Ethics Consultation, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, May 31, 2007.

Recent Research

Use of POLST Forms to Guide Treatment for Patients Readmitted to the Hospital.

Recent Honor

• Chair – Annual Kinsman Conference (21st Annual Bioethics Meeting), Beyond the Ethics Committee: Creating an Ethics Program for the Future. Eugene, OR, 2011.

Recent Community Service

- Community Member Center for Leadership and Ethics Advisory Board, Northwest Christian University, Eugene, OR, 2012-2013.
- Bioethicist Member Institutional Review Board, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, 2011-2014.

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