CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational Record

Fordham University, Department of Philosophy, Bronx, NY

Ph.D., Degree conferred December, 2005 M.Phil., Degree conferred May, 2003 M.A., Degree conferred in course, 2002

Graded High Pass for Written Comprehensive Exams, February, 2002 Ancient, Medieval, and Modern Philosophy (17th through 19th Century)

Salisbury State University, Salisbury, MD

B.A., Philosophy Degree conferred, May 1999

summa cum laude, Thomas E. Bellavance Honors

Including study at The Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy,

Dublin, Ireland, Spring 1999

Dissertation

Title: The Ethical Priority of Infinite Obligation: Levinasian Vulnerability as the

Condition for the Possibility of Virtue

Director: Dr. Merold Westphal

AOS: Ethics, Continental Philosophy (especially Levinas), Global Studies and issues

AOC: History of Western Philosophy, Environmental Philosophy, Applied Ethics, Genocide

Studies

Teaching Experience

St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

<u>Truth and Propaganda: Ethics and the Media</u> (PH/JO 346), Fall 2008: This course involves the phenomenological examination of our experiences of media propaganda and its relation to truth, objective and subjective. We discuss Chomsky's critique of media's influence, Orwell's work on language and politics, and Frankfurt's distinctions between deceit, truth, and bullshit. In addition, we examine examples of media manipulation found in everyday life.

St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

<u>Foundations of Global Studies</u> (GL 201-A), Fall 2008: This course involves an examination of globalization and its affect on the world and on individuals. We discuss globalization and technology, politics, economics, culture and the environment.

St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

Otherness and Marginalization: Levinas and the Alienated (PH/GL 340), Spring 2008: This Service-Learning course involves reading Levinas' *Totality and Infinity* and articles on the topic of marginalization based on race, age, illness, poverty, etc. Students volunteer locally in

- Burlington, and select students travel abroad for the international Service-Learning component in May (Lima, Peru in 2008).
- St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

 Independent Study: Philosophy of Human Rights, Spring 2008: Readings and discussions focus on human rights theory, the lives and work of human rights activists, and those facing human rights violations in the world today.
- St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

 <u>Ethics of the Heroic</u> (PH/GL 368), Fall 2007: My syllabus includes readings from Aristotle, Mill, Kant, Levinas, Albert Schweitzer, Mother Teresa, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, Che Guevara, Bob Moses, Elie Wiesel, and the people of Le Chambon, as well as several contemporary writers discussing the notion of "supererogation."
- St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

 Independent Study Senior Seminar: Global Studies, Spring 2008, Fall 2007: Student(s)
 formulate a topic or question, create an extensive bibliography of sources, and conduct their own research. Weekly meeting are held for discussion and topical guidance.
- St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

 <u>Ethics</u> (PH 203), Spring 2008, Spring 2007: My syllabus included readings from Aristotle, Kant, Mill, and Levinas, and also readings on global HIV, world poverty, torture and interrogation, and racial violence/oppression, emphasizing both theory and application.
- St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

 Introduction to Philosophical Topics (PH 103), Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Fall 2006: My syllabus includes readings from Tolstoy, Plato, Descartes, Viktor Frankl, Alphonso Lingis, and selected readings from various feminist and environmental writers. In Fall 2006, my syllabus also included writings from Aquinas.
- St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT, Assistant Professor, Tenure-Track

 <u>First-Year Seminar: Global Studies</u> (FS 136), Fall 2007, Fall 2006: In collaboration with colleagues, I helped to develop a syllabus for this interdisciplinary, team-taught course, which features readings and films on globalization as it relates to culture, politics and economics, women, the environment, and ethics.
- Fordham University, Bronx, NY, Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow (2006); Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellow (2005); Senior Teaching Fellow (2004); Graduate Teaching Fellow (2003, 2002, 2001)

 Philosophy of Human Nature, Spring 2006, Fall 2005, Spring 2004, Fall 2003, Spring 2002, Fall 2001: My syllabus included readings from Tolstoy, Plato, Aquinas, Descartes, Viktor Frankl, Alphonso Lingis, and selected readings from various feminist and environmental writers.
- Fordham University, Bronx, NY, Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow(2006); Graduate Teaching Fellow(2002) Philosophical Ethics, Spring 2006, Fall 2002: My syllabus included readings from Aristotle, Kant and Mill and also readings on global HIV, world poverty, torture and interrogation, and racial violence/oppression, emphasizing both theory and application.
- Fordham University, Bronx, NY, Graduate Teaching Fellow (2003)

 Environmental Ethics: Senior Values Seminar, Spring 2003: My syllabus included readings from the following perspectives on environmental ethics: humanism/anthropocentrism, economic utilitarianism, animal rights (including Peter Singer), biocentrism, land ethic and deep ecology, ecotheology, ecofeminism, postmodernism/philosophy of alterity, as well as case study analysis.

Related Work Experience

Fordham University, Bronx, NY, Office for Academic Advising for Student-Athletes Fall 1999 – Fall 2001: Advisor and tutor for undergraduate students.

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Presentations

Academic Society Conference Presentations, Peer-Reviewed Acceptance

- "Courageous Faith: Trust, Respect, and Self-Confidence" presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Association of Moral Education* (University of Notre Dame, November 13-16, 2008, Notre Dame, Indiana).
- "Ethical Faith: Belief in the Goodness of Others" presented at the 3rd Annual Meeting of the *North American Levinas Society* (Seattle University, August 30-September 2, 2008, Seattle, Washington).
- "Understanding Suffering: the Need for Service-Learning in Ethical Education" presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Association of Moral Education* (NYU, November 15-17, 2007, New York, NY).
- "A Community of Care: Compassion & Vulnerability in *Le Chambon*" presented at the 2nd Annual Meeting of the *North American Levinas Society* (Purdue University, June 10-12, 2007, West Lafayette, Indiana).
- "Is Ethics Letting Us Off the Hook?" presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy* (Utah Valley State College, October 20-22, 2005, Salt Lake City, Utah).
- "Welcoming the Face of Nature: The Vulnerability of Levinasian Radical Openness Grounds Virtue" presented through the *International Society for Environmental Ethics* at the 78th Annual Meeting of the *American Catholic Philosophical Association* (Barry University, November 5-7, 2004, Miami, Florida).
- "A Clearing for Nature: Heidegger's 'Anticipatory Resoluteness' vs. Levinas' Radical Vulnerability and Expiation" presented at the evening poster session of the 13th Biennial International Conference of the *Society for Philosophy and Technology* (Utah State University, July 7-9 2003, Park City, Utah).
- "A Renewed Heidegerrian Critique of the Technological Domination of Nature in Dewey" presented at the 12th Biennial International Conference of the *Society for Philosophy and Technology* (University of Aberdeen, July 9-11, 2001, Aberdeen, Scotland).

Academic Society Conference Responses

- "Phenomenology, Philosophy of Technology, and Environmental Responsibility: Responses to Maria Kostyszak and Michael Kelly" response given at the 13th Biennial International Conference of the *Society for Philosophy and Technology* (Utah State University, July 7-9 2003, Park City, Utah).
- "The Limits of Ethical Reason in Myth and Revelation: A Response to Phillip Stambovsky" presented at the *American Catholic Philosophical Association Conference* (Xavier University, November 1-3, 2002, Cincinnati, OH).

Invited Presentations

"Reply to Jerry Miller's 'The Way of Suffering: A Reasoning of the Heart'" presented at the 28th *Annual Spring Philosophy Symposium*, special meeting in honor of Jerome A. Miller's retirement and career (Salisbury University, May 3, 2008, Salisbury, Maryland).

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Invited Responses and Panel Participation

- Invited Response to Dr. Miroslav Volf's presentation "Identity and Otherness in a Fractured World" (St. Michael's College, March 31, 2008).
- "Fidelity and Commitment: A Response to Bartky and Digby on 'the Future of Love and Marriage." Invited response to Sandra Bartky and Tom Digby, given at the *Annual Spring Philosophy Symposium* (Salisbury State University, April 2000, Salisbury, MD).

Graduate Presentation (selected by fellow graduate students)

"Radically Submissive Openness and Active Responsiveness: 'Undergoing' and 'Doing' in the Experience of the Other" presented at the *Graduate Philosophical Symposium* on "Ethics and the Public Sphere in the 21st Century" (Fordham University, November 2000, Bronx, NY).

Publications

- "The Hero and Asymmetrical Obligation: Levinas and Ricoeur in Dialogue." *International Philosophical Quarterly.* (To appear in the June 2010 issue)
- "Encountering and Understanding Suffering: The Need for Service-Learning in Ethical Education." *Teaching Philosophy*. (To appear in the June 2009 issue)
- "War and Peace, Power and Faith." *X-Men and Philosophy*. Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series, Blackwell Publishers. (Expected release in 2009)
- "Attitudes Toward Women in Philosophy." *Proceedings from the National Conference for Undergraduate Research.* (1998)

Under Review for Publication

"Welcoming the Face of Nature: Levinasian Vulnerability Grounds Virtue." *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* (submitted for consideration August 2008).

Workshops

- Fostering Global Citizenship in Higher Education: Strategies for Campus-Wide Collaboration, November 30, 2007, School for International Training, Brattleboro, Vermont
- Racism Workshop, sponsored by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, October 12-14, 2007, St. Michael's College

Service-Learning Workshop, August 20 & 21, 2007, St. Michael's College

Teaching With Technology Workshop, June 2007, St. Michael's College

College and Community Involvement/Service

St. Michael's College Committee Work and Voluntary Service

Global Studies Advisory Board Member, 2008-2009

Diversity Working Group, Programming Committee Member, 2008

Multicultural Planning Committee, Faculty Co-Chair, 2007-2008

Service-Learning Advisory Board, Member (Provost Appointment), 2007-2008

Global Studies Club & Newsletter, Founder, 2007-2009

In the Spring of 2007, I invited all Global Studies minors to participate in the development of a Global Studies club and the publication of a newsletter, "Global Studies: Crossing Borders & Disciplines." We publish two issues a year. The Global Studies club also hosts film nights throughout the semester, and I accompanied several students to the *Global Justice National Conference* at Georgetown University (March 29-31, 2008)

- M.O.V.E. Baltimore Mobilization of Volunteer Efforts, Faculty Leader, May 2007
 Service trip to Baltimore, Maryland with seven students (work at Sarah's House shelter, Our Daily Bread soup kitchen, St. Ann's/St. Elizabeth's Nursing Home, and the Hispanic Apostolate).
- Faculty Visitor Program, Faculty Visitor, Fall 2007
 Invited participation in regular discussion sessions and advising for new first-year students, in partnership with a Resident Assistant.
- Humanities Colloquium, Speaker, April 4, 2007

 "Sacrifice and Risk: the Ethical Need for Heroes" presentation of my scholarly interests at St.

 Michael's College

St. Michael's College Events Organized

- "Hunger Banquet" Dinner and Discussion Fundraiser for Service- Learning trip to Peru (St. Michael's College, April 28, 2008).
- "Water: Justice, Access, and Health" discussion with Shelly Chinnan, National Organizer for the Student Campaign for Child Survival (St. Michael's College, April 17, 2008).
- "Philosophy Graduate School Information Session" Discussion of the experience of getting into, and getting through, graduate school (St. Michael's College October 25, 2008).
- "Science & Religion: Whose Justice, Which Empire?" invited presentation by Dr. Dominic Balestra of Fordham University, with responses by James Byrne and Sandy Karstens of St. Michael's College (St. Michael's College, April 24, 2007, Colchester, Vermont)

External Service & Use of Scholarship in Non-Professional Setting

- Senior Summer School Program, Invited Speaker, August 1 & 2, 2008
 "Ethical Crises and Human Rights Violations: Then and Now" and "Solving Ethical Crises,"
 Presentations for senior citizen in the Summer School Program (Univ. of Vermont, Burlington).
- Grantsville Middle School, Invited Guest Speaker, March 12, 2007
 Presentation and Discussion about Culture, Ethics, and Guyana for Amanda Wilburn's "Foreign Language" class (Grantsville, Maryland).

Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program, Volunteer, Summer 2007

Provided childcare for children of recently relocated families from Burundi while the adults took English lessons, and also recruited local high school and college students.

Fordham University Service

Fordham Philosophical Society, Member and Symposium Committee Member, 2003-2005

President, 2002-2003 Secretary, 2001-2002 Founding Member, 2000-2001

The Fordham Philosophical Society is dedicated to the scholarly and professional advancement of graduate students, and is responsible for coordinating the following:

- The bi-annual *Graduate Philosophy Symposia* series
- *The Second Biennial Fordham Graduate Philosophy Conference*, "Metaphysics and Critique" (Fordham University, March 5-6, 2004).
- The First Biennial Fordham Graduate Philosophy Conference, "Philosophies of the Self: Epistemological, Metaphysical, and Moral Reflections" (Fordham University, April 4-5, 2002, Bronx, NY).

Fordham University Global Outreach (service trip to Georgetown, Guyana),

Chaperone and Team Member, 2003-2006

Annual service trips to Guyana (included work in St. John Bosco Boys' Orphanage, Mahaica Leprosy Hospital, The Palms Geriatric Institution, and Mercy Wings Vocational School).

Philosophy Club for Undergraduates at Fordham,

Chairperson of Founding Committee, 2003-2004

Graduate Student Association, Fordham University

Philosophy Department Representative on the GSA Council, 2002-2003

Grants

Junior Faculty Summer Research Stipend, Summer 2009, St. Michael's College

"Power and Responsibility: Media, Government, and the Individual" (tentative title only) (\$3000)

Faculty Development Grant for scholarly research, Spring 2008, St. Michael's College

"'Otherness and Marginalization': A Study in Vermont and Guyana" (\$2000 granted)

Service-Learning Stipend, Spring 2008, recommended by the Service-Learning Advisory Board and granted by the Faculty Development Committee, St. Michael's College

Stipend for the creation of the Service-Learning component of my Fall 2008 "Otherness and Marginalization" course (\$1000)

Awards and Honors

Fordham University, Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship, 2005-2006

Fordham University, Alumni Dissertation Fellowship, 2004-2005

Fordham University, Senior Teaching Fellowship, 2003-2004

Fordham University, Presidential Scholarship, 1999-2004

Fordham University, Graduate/Teaching Assistantship, 1999-2003

Phi Sigma Tau, Salisbury State University Chapter, 1998

Honors Thesis Award for senior thesis "Heroism and Moral Excellence: The Supererogatory vs.

the Obligatory," Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Program, Salisbury University, 1999

Summa cum laude, Salisbury State University, 1999

Salisbury State University Presidential Tuition Scholarship, 1995-1999 Salisbury State University, Thomas E. Bellavance Honors Scholarship, 1995-1999

Membership in Professional Societies

American Philosophical Association
Association of Moral Education
Levinas Research Seminar
North American Levinas Society
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy

References

John Izzi, Ph.D. Professor & Department Chair Philosophy Department St. Michael's College

Peter Tumulty, Ph.D. Professor Philosophy Department St. Michael's College

Ronald Begley, Ph.D. Professor Philosophy Department St. Michael's College

Jon Hyde, Ph.D. Associate Professor Global Studies & Journalism and Mass Communications Department St. Michael's College

Patricia Siplon, Ph.D. Associate Professor Political Science Department St. Michael's College

Sharon Lamb, Ph.D. Professor Psychology Department St. Michael's College

Kathleen Mahnke, Ph.D. Professor Emerita Department of Applied Linguistics St. Michael's College