

# TALBOT BREWER

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **University of Virginia Philosophy Department: Professor**, 2009-present; **Associate Professor**, 2004-2009; **Assistant Professor**, 1997-2004

**Chair**, Department of Philosophy, August 2011-present

**Faculty Fellow**, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, 2002-present

**Member**, UVA Undergraduate Excellence Committee, 2012-3

**Chair**, Page-Barbour & Richards Lectures Committee, 2006-8

**Member**, Page-Barbour & Richards Lectures Committee, 2004-2013

**Research Fellow**, Institute for Practical Ethics, 2000-1

**Director**, Undergraduate Program in Philosophy, 2001-5

**Co-Director**, Moral Character and Action Workshop, 1999-2002

**Director**, Philosophy Honors Program, 1999-2000

**Member**, Bioethics Minor Advisory Committee, 2000-11

**Member**, PPL Major Advisory Committee, 2004-present

- *Ethics*: **Associate Editor**, 2009-2013; **Editorial Board** 2013-present
- **Harvard University Philosophy Department: Visiting Associate Professor**, Spring 2009
- **University of Pennsylvania Philosophy Department: Visiting Lecturer**, 1996-7

## EDUCATION

- **Harvard University**, Ph.D., Philosophy, June 1998
- **Tufts University**, MA, Philosophy, June 1990

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- **Ethical Theory**
- **Moral Psychology**
- **Theory of Action**
- **History of Ethical Theory**

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

- **Social and Political Philosophy**
- **History of Political Philosophy**
- **Free Will**
- **Personal Identity**

## BOOKS

- ***The Retrieval of Ethics*** – (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009; kindle edition in 2009; paperback in May 2011). Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Ethics*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *The Review of Metaphysics*, *Analysis*, and *Ethical Perspectives*.
- ***The Bounds of Choice: Unchosen Virtues, Unchosen Commitments*** – (New York: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 2000)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- **“Über Entfremdet Emotionen”** – German translation of “On Alienated Emotions,” *Neue Zeitschrift für Sozialforschung* (November 2014), 3-29.
- **“Reflections on the Cultural Commons”** – Alejandro Nestor García, editor, *Being Human in a Consumerist Society* (Ashgate Publishing, October 2014), 129-158.
- **“The Coup That Failed: How the Near-Sacking of a University President Exposed the Fault Lines of American Higher Education”** – *The Hedgehog Review* (Summer 2014), 64-83.
- **“Kant and Rawls on the Cultivation of Virtue”** – *Theory and Research in Education* (July, 2013), 187-92.
- **“Virtue”** – Hugh LaFollette, Sarah Stroud and John Deigh, eds., *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/book/10.1002/9781444367072>) (Wiley Online Library: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013)
- **“Alienated Emotions”** – Carla Bagnoli, editor, *Morality and the Emotions* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, October 2011; paperback forthcoming in 2015), 275-98.
- **“Two Pictures of Practical Thinking”** – Lawrence Jost and Julian Wuerth, editors, *Perfecting Virtue: New Essays on Kantian Ethics and Virtue Ethics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, February 2011), 116-146.
- **“The Foundations of Neo-Aristotelianism: Critical Notice of Michael Thompson, *Life and Action*”** – *Philosophical Books* (Volume 50, Number 4, October 2009), 197-212.
- **“On Moral Alchemy: A Critical Examination of Post-9/11 U.S. Military Policy”** – Matthew J. Morgan, editor, *The Day that Changed Everything? The Impact of 9/11, Volume VI: Religion and Philosophy* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2009) 221-32.
- **“Is Welfare an Independent Good?”** – *Social Philosophy & Policy* (Volume 26, Number 1, Winter 2009), 96-125.

- **“Morality and the Second Person”** (A critical study of Stephen Darwall’s *The Second-Personal Standpoint*) – *The Philosophical Quarterly* (Volume 59, Number 234, January 2009), 163-7.
- **Review of Sergio Tenenbaum, *Appearances of the Good*** – *The Philosophical Review* (Volume 117, Number 4, October 2008), 618-20.
- **“For a Unified Conception of the Human Good”** – An interview published in *Culture* (Volume 2, Number 2, Fall 2008), 10-12.
- **“Is Welfare an Independent Good?”** – Ellen Frankel Paul, Fred D. Miller, Jr., and Jeffrey Paul, editors, *Utilitarianism: The Aggregation Question* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 96-125.
- **“Three Dogmas of Desire”** – in Timothy Chappell, editor, *Values and Virtues* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), 257-284.
- **“The Patina of the Past: Meditations on Memory and Home”** – *The Hedgehog Review* (Volume 7, Number 3, Fall 2005), 46-55.
- **“Virtues We Can Share: A Reading of Aristotle’s Ethics”** – *Ethics* (Volume 115, Number 4, July 2005), 721-58.
- **“Máximas y Virtudes”** – in José María Torralba, editor, *Doscientos Años Después: Retornos y Relecturas de Kant* (2005 supplemental volume of *Anuario Filosófico*), 99-112.
- **“Savoring Time: Desire, Pleasure and Wholehearted Activity”** – *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (with other selected papers from the annual meeting of the British Society for Ethical Theory, in Volume 6, Number 2, June 2003), 143-160.
- **“Two Kinds of Commitments (And Two Kinds of Social Groups)”** – *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (Volume 66, Number 3, May 2003), 554-583.
- **“The Real Problem with Internalism about Reasons”** – *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (Volume 42, No. 4, December 2002), 443-473.
- **“Maxims and Virtues”** – *The Philosophical Review* (Vol. 3, No. 4, October 2002), 539-72.
- **“The Character of Temptation: Towards a More Plausible Kantian Moral Psychology”** – *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (Volume 83, Summer 2002), 103-130.
- **“We the People, We the Warriors”** -- *The Washington Post* Op-Ed (August 26, 2002).
- **“A Review Essay on John Rawls’ Justice as Fairness: A Restatement”** – *The Hedgehog Review* (Volume 4, No. 1, Spring 2002), 100-115.

- **“Rethinking Our Maxims”** – *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (with other selected papers from the 2000 annual meeting of the British Society for Ethical Theory, in Volume 4, No. 3, September 2001), 219-230.
- **“Civil Society and Democracy: A Conversation with Michael Walzer”** – *The Hedgehog Review* (Volume 2, No. 1, 2000), 108-121.
- **“Review of Robert Audi’s *Moral Knowledge and Ethical Character*”** – *The Philosophical Review* (Volume 108, No. 3, July 1999), 433-6.

## INVITED PAPERS

- **Forthcoming: Keynote Address** – Conference on “Moral Philosophy and Its Discontents: New Perspectives on Ethical Thought,” University of Adelaide, Australia, July 2015
- **Proselytism Without True Believers** – A Night of Philosophy, Consulate General of France and Ukrainian Institute of America, New York City, April 2015
- **Practical Thinking and Complete Activity** – Keynote Address, Third Annual Tennessee Value and Agency Conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, November 2014
- **Tragedies of the Cultural Commons** – Workshop on Legal Reasoning, Virtue and Politics, University of Edinburgh School of Law, Scotland, June 2014
- **Activity and Intrinsic Value: A Revisionist Aristotelian View** – Practical Reasoning Workshop, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, Norway, June 2013
- **What Good Are the Humanities? An Impassioned and Impolitic Defense** – Keynote Address, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, May 2013
- **Reflections on the Cultural Commons** – Tufts University Philosophy Department, November 2012
- **What is Practical Knowledge?** – University of Chicago Philosophy Department, Practical Philosophy Workshop, May 2012
- **What is Practical Knowledge?** – University of Minnesota Department of Philosophy, March 2012
- **Minding the Gap: Pleasure and Incomplete Activity** – Conference on Virtue and Pleasure: Ancient and Modern Perspectives, the “Understanding Agency” Program, Stockholm University, Sweden, March 2012
- **What is Practical Knowledge?** – Conference on Practical Reason: Ancient and Modern, Stanford University Department of Philosophy, October 2011
- **Plato and the Cultivation of Logos: Reflections on the Liberal Arts** – Summer Conference on Foundational Texts and Traditions, Peking University, Beijing, August 2011

- **Reflections on the Cultural Commons** – Conference on “Being Human in a Consumer Society,” Social Trends Institute, Barcelona, Spain, March-April 2011
- **Eudaimonia and Well-Being** – Plenary presentation at the Conference on Eudaimonia and Virtue: Rethinking the Good Life, University of Miami School of Education, February 2011
- **Seminar Discussion of *The Retrieval of Ethics*** – Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, December 2010
- **Post-Industrial Capitalism and Political Neutrality** – Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, December 2010
- **Prichard’s Dilemma and the Aims of Moral Theory** – Conference on Intuition, Theory and Anti-Theory in Ethics, sponsored by the University of Edinburgh Department of Philosophy and the Open University Ethics Center, Edinburgh, July 2010
- **On Emotional Labor** – New School for Social Research, Department of Philosophy, April 2010
- **Two Pictures of Practical Thinking** – Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy, January 2009
- **Against ‘Goodness For’** – Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Virginia Philosophy Association, October 2008
- **Acerca de la Alquimia Moral: Un Examen Crítico de la Política Militar Norteamericana después del 11 de Septiembre** – Presented in Spanish at the Centro de Estudios Filosóficos, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Perú, August 2008
- **Against ‘Goodness For’** – Second International Colloquium of the University of Virginia Philosophy Department, Tarma, Peru, August 2008
- **Is Welfare an Independent Good?** – Conference on Aggregation in Moral and Political Philosophy, Center for Social Philosophy and Policy, Bowling Green State University, October 2007
- **Pleasure and Aristotelian Ethics** – Virginia Commonwealth University Philosophy Department, April 2007
- **The Value of Unproductive Activity** – Johns Hopkins University Seminar on Moral and Political Philosophy, November 2006
- **What Virtue Epistemology Might Be** – Moral Psychology Colloquium, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, May 2006
- **Three Dogmas of Desire** – Georgetown University Philosophy Department, Washington, D.C., October 2005

- **Pathologies of American Democracy** – The Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, University of Virginia, September 2005
- **Two Pathologies of Liberal Democracy** – Center for American Studies and Research, American University in Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2005
- **Virtues We Can Share** – Joint Philosophy Conference of the American University in Beirut and the University of Virginia, Lebanon, May 2005
- **Virtues We Can Share** – Center for Social Philosophy and Policy, Bowling Green State University, March 2005
- **Propositional Desire vs. Ecstatic Desire** – Deliberation, Desires and Emotions: A Debate between Medieval and Contemporary Philosophers, a conference held at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, May 2004
- **Virtues We Can Share: Friendship and Aristotelian Moral Theory** – Values and Virtues: Aristotelianism in Contemporary Ethics, a conference held at the University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland, April-May 2004
- **Maxims and Virtues** – 200 Years after: Returns and Reinterpretations of Kant, a conference held at the University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, March 2004
- **Knowing One's Own Motives** – Third Annual Colloquium on Epistemology: "Self-Knowledge and Other Perplexities," Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, June 2003
- **War and Democracy** – University of Virginia Society of Fellows, Charlottesville, VA, April 2003
- **Maxims and Virtues** – Conference on Kantian Ethics: Interpretations and Critiques, The Values Institute, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA, January 2003
- **Pleasures and Reasons for Action** – Bled Conference on Rationality, Bled, Slovenia, June 2002
- **Maxims and Virtues** – Second Annual Moral Psychology Colloquium, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, May 2002
- **Savoring Time: Desire, Pleasure and Wholehearted Activity** – Annual Meeting, British Society for Ethical Theory, University of Reading, England, April 2002
- **Savoring Time: Desire, Pleasure and Wholehearted Activity** – Symposium Paper, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 2002
- **Desire, Pleasure and Wholehearted Activity** – Virginia Tech Philosophy Colloquium, Blacksburg, VA, October 2001

- **Savoring Time: Desire, Pleasure and Wholehearted Activity** – First Annual Moral Psychology Colloquium, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, April 2001
- **Rethinking our Maxims: Perceptual Salience and Practical Judgment in Kantian Ethics** – Annual meeting, British Society for Ethical Theory, The Netherlands, July 2000
- **Rethinking our Maxims: Perceptual Salience and Practical Judgment in Kantian Ethics** – Symposium paper, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, MA, December 1999
- **A Difficulty with Kant's Account of Evil** – University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, February 1997
- **A Difficulty with Kant's Account of Evil** – University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, February 1997

#### OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- **The Cultural Commons and the Environmental Commons** – Lightning Talk, University of Virginia Resilience Forum, Charlottesville, VA, May 2015
- **Comments on Mark Rosner, "Tolerance: A Modest Proposal"** – Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophy Association, Vancouver, BC, April 2015
- **Comments on Gretchen Reydam's-Schils, "Agency in Stoicism"** – Symposium on Action, Duke University, Durham, NC, September 2014
- **Comments on Henry Richardson's *Articulating the Moral Community*** – The Normative Orders Collaborative, Georgetown University, Washington DC, April 2014
- **Comments on Richard Kraut's *Against Absolute Goodness*** – Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, IL, February 2014
- **Comments on Tom Hill, "Two Conceptions of Virtue"** – Spencer Foundation Conference on Virtue and Education, Stanford University, Palo Alto, October 2012
- **Comments on Matt Crawford, "Work and Self-Knowledge"** – "Work and Worth" Conference, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, April 2012
- **Comments on Carlos Pereda's "Directions of Practical Attention"** – University of Virginia Third International Philosophy Colloquium, Charlottesville, April 2011
- **Panelist, Roundtable on Revolutions in Intellectual History** – "Approaching Revolutions" Conference, Center for German Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, March 2010
- **Presentation on Love and Moral Value** – Love and Justice Work Group, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, March 2010

- **Comments on Michael Thompson's *Life and Action*** – Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, February 2010
- **Panelist, Pathologies of Democracy Conference** – University of Virginia, Philosophy, Public Policy and Law Program, October 2009
- **Comments on Travis Rieder's "The Case for a New Contractualism"** – Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 2009
- **Panelist, Basic Income Conference** – University of Virginia, Philosophy, Public Policy and Law Program, November 2008
- **Respondent to Robert Audi's "Intuition, Inference and Rational Disagreement in Ethics"** – University of Virginia, April 2008
- **Comments on Brian Epstein, "Ontological Individualism Reconsidered"** – Blandy Farm Annual Philosophy Department Retreat, University of Virginia, September 2007
- **Panelist, Global Justice Conference** – University of Virginia, Philosophy, Public Policy and Law Program, Charlottesville, VA, November 2006
- **Comments on Heidi Hurd's "Promises Schmomises"** – University of Virginia Political Theory Colloquium, Charlottesville, VA, February 2006
- **Panelist, "Democracy and Technology"** – University of Virginia Department of Technology, Science and Society, Charlottesville, VA, February 2006
- **Comments on Chrisoula Andreou's "Incommensurable Alternatives and Rational Choice"** – Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Boston, MA, December 2004
- **Comments on Michael Lynch's "Truth, Power and Democracy"** – The Philosophy and Politics Department Honors Programs, University of Virginia, October 2004
- **Comments on Richard Ryan's "To Be Happy or To Be Self-Fulfilled: A Review of Research on Hedonic and Eudaimonic Well-Being"** – Interdisciplinary Workshop on Well-Being, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, October 2003
- **Comments on Jennifer Whiting's "Love: Self-Propagation, Self-Actualization, or Ekstasis?"** – Conference on Moral Psychology, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, April 2003
- **The Art of War** – For opening of art show entitled "The Art of War," Main Street Market, Charlottesville, VA, March 2003

- **Assessing the Doctrine of Preemptive Self-Defense** – Forum on Alternatives to War with Iraq, George Mason University’s Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Arlington, VA, September 2002
- **Panelist, “What Is Honor, and Why Does It Matter?”** – University of Virginia Moral Character and Action Workshop, Charlottesville, VA, February 2002
- **The Real Problem with Internalism about Reasons** – University of Virginia Philosophy Department, Charlottesville, VA, October 2000
- **Democracy and the Future of the Left** – The University of Virginia Roundtable, Charlottesville, VA, April 1999
- **Marx on Exploitation: A Reply to Jo Wolff** – University of Virginia Department of Government, Charlottesville, VA, October 1998
- **Reflections on E.O. Wilson and Evolutionary Ethics** – Moral Character and Action Workshop, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, September 1998
- **Perceptual Salience and Practical Judgment** – University of Virginia Philosophy Colloquium, Charlottesville, VA, August 1998
- **Two Kinds of Commitments** – University of Virginia Philosophy Colloquium, Charlottesville, VA, November 1997
- **Dirty Hands, Moral Luck and the Incommensurability of Value** – Harvard University Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop, Cambridge, MA, December 1995

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- **Finalist, E. M. Adams Essay Prize**, Program in the Humanities and Human Values at UNC-Chapel Hill, 2013
- **Faculty Fellow**, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, 2002-present
- **Sequicentennial Fellowship**, University of Virginia, 2000-2001 and 2006-2007
- **Recognition for Excellence in Teaching**, The Mead Endowment at the University of Virginia, 2003 and 2011
- **Faculty Honoree**, The Seven Society Monticello Dinner, March 2003
- **Research Fellow**, Institute for Practical Ethics, University of Virginia, 2000-2001

- **Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities**, Harvard University, 1995-1996
- **Graduate Fellow**, Program in Ethics and the Professions, Harvard University, 1995-96

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Supervision:** William Hasselberger (Dissertation 2012, Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture), Ayca Boylu (Dissertation 2011; professor at Izmir University, Turkey), Amy Gilbert (Dissertation 2011; Visiting Assistant Professor at Eastern College); Ty Landrum (Dissertation 2011); Chris Collins (Dissertation, 2010), Adam Kadlac (Dissertation, 2007; Lecturer at Wake Forest University), Hannah Phelps (MA Thesis and Dissertation, 2007; Assistant Professor at Pacific Lutheran University), Brian Powell (MA Thesis and Dissertation, 2006; Associate Professor at Western Illinois University), Jared Elostia (MA Thesis, 2004), Katherine Dimitriou (MA Thesis, 2001), Benjamin Richards (Dissertation underway).
- **Graduate Courses:** PHIL 806 (Contemporary Ethics), PHIL 851 (Virtue Ethics), PHIL 752 (Ethics), PHIL 751 (Thought and Action), PHIL 704 (Conceptions of Practical Reason), PHIL 506 (Deliberative Democracy), PHIL 554 (Pleasure, Emotion and Desire), PHIL 556 (Liberalism and its Critics).
- **Undergraduate Courses:** PHIL 351 (Ethics), PHIL 352 (Contemporary Ethics), PHIL 369 (Justice, Law and Morality), PHIL 357 (Political Philosophy), PHIL 151 (Introduction to Ethics and Political Philosophy), PHIL 251 (The Examined Life), PHIL 203 (Boundaries of the Self), PHIL 255 (Democracy), PHIL 402 (Seminar for Majors: Contemporary Ethics).
- **Teaching Awards:** Mead Endowment Teaching Grant (2011), Mead Endowment Teaching Award (2003); University of Virginia Seven Society Honoree for Undergraduate Teaching (2003).

## REFERENCES

- **Thomas M. Scanlon**, Alford Professor of Moral Philosophy, Harvard University
- **Barbara Herman**, Griffin Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles
- **Stephen Darwall**, Andrew Downey Orrick Professor of Philosophy, Yale University
- **Timothy Chappell**, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Ethics Centre, The Open University, Milton Keynes, UK