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Biography

I am an ethicist who works across the boundaries of moral, political, legal, environmental, and educational philosophy, often in ways grounded in my scholarship in ancient Greek philosophy and often collaboratively with colleagues in other disciplines, including law, history, sociology, psychology, psychometrics, and geology. Moral psychological constructs that are important to the fabric of society have long been at or near the center of my interests: well-being, responsibility, negligence (as a legal construct and basis of liability), virtues, rational self-determination, and forms of impaired agency such as weakness of will and states of denial. My 2000 book, "Aristotle on the Necessity of Public Education," was a unitary interpretation of Aristotle's Politics and Nicomachean Ethics, but substantively very much about responsibility and the relationships between education and law. My 2017 book, "Living Well Now and in the Future: Why Sustainability Matters," advances a conception of human flourishing or living well that can ground a eudaimonic theory of justice and support a conceptualization of what it would mean to preserve opportunities to live well across generations.

Areas of Expertise

Ethics of Sustainability, Moral Psychology, Ancient Greek Philosophy, patriotic education

Affiliations

Bloomsbury Philosophy of Education : Advisory Board Member, IMPACT Pamphlet Series : Editorial Board Member, American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy : Member, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy : Member, Philosophy of Education Society of Great Britain : Member, Philosophy of Education Society of North America : Member

Selected Event Appearances

Socratic Piety and the Universality of Virtue
Virtues: Local or Universal? Conference

The Integration of Perception, Judgment, Motivation, and Affect in Virtuous Character: An SDT Perspective
Association for Moral Education

Sustainability as the Preservation of Opportunity to Live Well
Joseph A. Trovato Lecture

Sustainability as the Preservation of Opportunity to Live Well

Joseph A. Trovato Lecture

Patriotic Education in the Age of Trump

American Educational Research Association

Education

University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. Philosophy

University of Pittsburgh

M.A. Philosophy

University of New Orleans

B.A. Philosophy

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