

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of California at Irvine, 1999.

M.A. in Philosophy, University of California at Irvine, 1998.

B.A. in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*. Humboldt State University, Arcata, California, 1992.

A.A. in Liberal Arts, with honors. Simon's Rock of Bard College, Great Barrington, Mass., 1989.

Areas of Interest

Areas of Specialization: Ethical Theory, Moral Psychology, Kantian Ethics, Experimental Ethics.

Areas of Competence: Applied Ethics, History of Ethics, Political Philosophy, Expository Writing.

Positions Held

2004 - present. Assistant Professor, Kansas State University.

2004. Adjunct Lecturer, Chaffey Community College.

2000 - 2001. Visiting Assistant Professor, Wake Forest University.

1999 - 2000. Visiting Assistant Professor, Tufts University.

1997 - 1998. Lecturer, University of California at Irvine.

Courses Taught

Introduction to Philosophy (Philo 100)
Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Philo 130)
Introduction to the University Honors Program (DAS 189)
Honors Introduction to Philosophy (Philo 215)
Honors Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Philo 230)
Moral and Political Philosophy (Philo 330)
Ethics (Philo 585)

Environmental Ethics (Philo 595)
Rationality and Action (Philo 650)
Ethics module of the Physics Department's Research Experience for Undergraduates
Independent study on free will with J. Sperman
Independent study on virtue ethics with S. Lawver
Independent study on Aristotle with L. Wood

Papers

- Lara, A. "Agent-Based versus Agent-Focused Virtue Theories: A Counterproductive Distinction," *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2009) 25: 1.
- Lara, A. "Virtue Theory and Moral Facts," *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2008) 42:331-352.
- Lara, A. "The Consequentialist Trap: Comments on Dunn's 'The Value of Solidarity,'" *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2005) 21: 2, 145-149.
- Tanona, S., Schenck-Hamlin, B., Lara, A., Smith, M., Downey, R., Glymour, B. "Scientists' Public Communication Values." In progress.
- Lara, A. "O'Neill on Autonomy, Trust, and Communication Ethics." Under review.
- Lara, A., Smith, M., Tanona, S., Schenck-Hamlin, B., Downey, R., and Glymour, B. "Measuring Consequentialism: Trolley Cases and Sample Bias." In progress.
- "Scientific Communication and Respect for Persons." In progress.
- "Some Apparent Obstacles to Developing a Kantian Virtue Theory." In progress.

Abstracts

Corwin, K., Glymour, B., Lara, A., Weaver, L., Zollman, D. "REU in Physics at Kansas State University -- An Evolving Program," submitted to the March 2009 meeting of the American Physical Society.

Presentations

- "Philosophy and Professional Ethics"
- Ethical Reasoning Workshop, Kansas State University, April, 2009.
- "Agent-Based Versus Agent-Focused Virtue Theories: A Counterproductive Distinction"
- Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, November, 2008.
- "Comments on Sean P. Walsh's 'Metaphysical Indeterminacy of Objective Consequentialist Theories of Right'"
- Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, October, 2006.

“Virtue Theory and Moral Facts”

- Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Filosófico, Buenos Aires, Argentina, September, 2006.

“Agent-based versus Agent-focused Virtue Theories”

- VIII Coloquio Internacional Bariloche de Filosofía, San Carlos de Bariloche, Argentina, September, 2006.

“Comments on Tim Dunn’s ‘The Value of Solidarity’”

- Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, November, 2004.

“Comments on Donald Marquis’ ‘Boonin’s Objections to the Future of Value Argument’”

- Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, October, 2004.

“Two Views of Kantian Practical Reason”

- Auburn University, February, 2004.
- Kansas State University, February, 2004.

Grants

As Co-PI:

2007. Research Ethics Communications Project. B. Glymour (PI), R. Downey, O. Weaver, D. Rintoul, S. Tanona, and A. Lara (Co-PIs).

Funding Agency: NSF. Ethics Education for Scientists and Engineers Program.

Period Covered: 2007 - 2008.

Award Amount: \$100,000.

As Senior Personnel/Collaborator:

2008. REU Site: Laser-Matter Interactions on Atomic and Nanoscales. K. Corwin (PI).

Funding Agency: NSF. Physics Education and Interdisciplinary Research Program.

Period Covered: 2009-2012.

Award Amount: \$353,620.

2008. Evidence-Based Inquiry into the Distant, Remote, or Past (EIDRoP): Linking Evidence to Inference in the Kansas Science Classroom. C. Ferguson (PI).

Funding Agency: NSF. Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Program.

Period Covered: 2009-2014.

Award Amount: \$2,700,000.

Fellowships

Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship for Minorities. National Research Council, 1998 – 1999.

Humanities Dissertation Fellowship. University of California at Irvine, Winter, 1998.

Faculty Mentor Program Research Fellowship. University of California at Irvine, 1996 – 1997.

Awards

2009. College of Arts and Sciences William L. Stamey Teaching Award. Kansas State University.
2008. Women in Engineering and Science Program Making a Difference Award Nominee. Kansas State University.
2006. Faculty Development Award. Kansas State University.
1997. Tappan Award for outstanding graduate student in Philosophy. University of California at Irvine.
1995. The Franklin J. Matchette Foundation Award for excellence in teaching. University of California at Irvine.

Service

Kansas State University Philosophy Department service:

- Essay Competition Committee (2009 -)
- Recruitment Committee (2004 -)
- Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor (2004 - 2008)
- Administrative Assistant Search Committee (2008)
- Ad Hoc Priorities Committee (2005 - 2006)
- Faculty Search Committee (2004 - 2005)
- Assessment Committee (2004 - 2005)

Kansas State University service:

- Administrative Review Committee for Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences (2009)
- Ethical Reasoning Assessment Working Group (2008 -)

Professional Service:

Referee for:

- Science and Engineering Ethics*
- Southwest Philosophy Review*
- Journal of Value Inquiry*
- Philosophical Quarterly*
- Oxford University Press
- Kansas Philosophical Society
- Central States Philosophical Association
- Research Council of Canada
- Wadsworth
- Rowman and Littlefield