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Qualifications

Doctor of Philosophy, La Trobe University, 1996.
Bachelor of Arts (Honours), La Trobe University.

Employment

2020-1 Associate Professor (Hondius Fellow), Delft Design for Values Institute, Delft University of Technology.

2021 Guest Lecturer, 'Evil Online', for Professor Susan Wolf, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2012-2021 Lecturer (sessional, medical ethics) Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, Monash University.

2017-19 Resident Scholar, Girton Grammar School.

2019-21 Subject Writer, Course Reviewer and Advisory Board Member, Macleay College.

2011-15 Ethics Lecturer/Researcher, Centre of Ethics and Community Engagement, Victoria Police Academy.

2008-10 Research Fellow, Delft University of Technology; Ethics Consultant: Youth Coalition (Australia); Lecturer in Applied/Military Ethics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, UNSW, Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA).

2000-7 Senior Research Fellow/Senior Lecturer, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics. (CAPPE)

Recent Research*

Book

Evil Online, (with Jeroen van den Hoven) (Wiley-Blackwell), Oxford, U.K. 2018.

Forthcoming

Book Symposium on *Evil Online*, Special Issue of the *Journal of Practical Ethics*, University of Oxford, 2021. Includes 2 articles:

'Precis of *Evil Online*' & 'Moral Fog and the Appreciation of Value' (with Jeroen van den Hoven)

'Friendship Online', *The Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics*, Carissa Veliz (ed.), Oxford University Press, 2021

'The Moral Fog of Social Media', *Ethics of Modern Technologies*, Michael Boylan & Wanda Teays (eds.) Rowman & Littlefield, 2022

'Growing Up Online', *Ethics of Modern Technologies*, Michael Boylan & Wanda Teays (eds.) Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.

Work In-Progress **Book**

The Moral Fog (with Jeroen van den Hoven) is currently underway. I expect to secure a contract for the book in the next few months (October, 2021) and the book to be in press by late 2022.

Articles

‘Evil, Obedience and Unthinkingness’

‘The Absence of Value’

‘Fair-Weather Friends’ (with Justin Oakley)

*A more extensive list of publications ahead.

Grant Proposal

‘Valuing in a Virtual World’, a humanities NWO application to the Dutch Research Council will be submitted in September 2021, with Jeroen van den Hoven (Delft University of Technology, Delft Design for Values Institute) and Roger Crisp (University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy).

Teaching

I have taught professionals (of many varieties), mature-age students (many of whom have done nil or little philosophy), under-graduates and post-graduates specialising in many areas of philosophy and in areas within professional and applied ethics, especially medical ethics, bioethics, ethics of information technology, police ethics and military ethics. I have significant experience teaching a large range of courses and subjects by distance education and have supervised PhD and Masters’ students to successful completion (at CAPPE & ADFA respectively). I also have diverse experience in collaborative cross-disciplinary teaching, in particular with doctors in teaching medical ethics to 4th year medical students (at Monash University) and with policing practitioners in teaching police recruits (at Victoria Police Academy).

Career Interruption

At the end of 2007, I resigned from my tenured position at CAPPE in Canberra. My mother (in Melbourne) was becoming very ill and had a caring role for my disabled brother. Without other family support I needed to relocate to Victoria. My mother passed away in 2014 and I have been able to re-settle my brother. Over the past 6 years I have returned to active philosophical work: published *Evil Online*, another book project *The Moral Fog* is in progress, 5 publications are in-press and forthcoming including a special edition of Oxford’s *Journal of Practical Ethics* on *Evil Online*, and work on the grant proposal above-mentioned is underway.

Recent public speaking events

- ABC Radio Australia Interviews (3).
- Guest Speaker, Castlemaine Documentary Film Festival, for the documentary 'The Cleaners'.
- Podcast discussion and feature article in 'Trouble' Magazine with Dr Mark Halloran on *Evil Online*. (Podcast series 'Deep Trouble' produced by *Trouble* magazine, an Australia-wide forum for culture and ideas.)

National Competitive Grants (Australia)

- (1) Australian Research Council Large Grant: 'Friendship, Morality and the Self.' \$20,000 (1st Chief Investigator).
- (2) Australian Research Council Linkage International Grant (LXO242386): 'Online Identity, Interpersonal Relationships and Society.' \$38,000 (1st Chief Investigator).
- (3) Australian Research Linkage Grant (LPO453962) 'Ethics, Regulation and the Professionalisation of Occupations.' \$124073.

Referee Work & Related Professional Activities

I regularly act as a referee for presses and journals including:

Cambridge University Press (both U.S. and U.K.), *Ethics*, *Legal Ethics*, *Australian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethics and Information Technology*, *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics*.

I was the Philosophy Seminar Series Convener at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE), Australian National University, and I have acted on university and hospital ethics committees (UNSW@ADFA and Wagga Wagga Base Hospital).

Research Reports for Industry

'Professionalisation, Ethics and Integrity Systems: The Promotion of Professional Ethical Standards, and the Protection of Clients and Consumers'

Undertaken in collaboration with the New South Wales Attorney General's Department, this is a book length report (80,000 words) for the Professional Standards Councils (Australia) - a national meta-regulatory body for promoting ethical/professional standards across occupations in Australia. I had the lead role throughout the reports duration 2005 – 2007. The report was part of an Australian Research Council Linkage Grant.

‘Professional Ethics and Youth Work: Report to the Youth Coalition A.C.T.’ (Aust.) (Dean Cocking & Carrie Fowler, Deputy Director of the Youth Coalition (Aust.)), 2009.

A 50 page report that resulted from my consultancy with the Youth Coalition (Aust.) during 2008-9. The consultancy involved: extensive interviewing with practitioners, young people, managers and other stakeholders within the youth services sector; regular presentations of findings; obtaining and analysing on-going feedback; a one-day conference: ‘Professional Ethics and Youth Work’, and completion of the report. All of this was undertaken in collaboration with Ms Fowler, Deputy Director of the Youth Coalition. The project was well received across the sector. The report was adopted by the Youth Coalition in February 2010 as a basis for future development of youth work practise and training.

Publications

Books

Evil Online, (with Jeroen van den Hoven) (Wiley-Blackwell), Oxford, U.K. 2018.

Virtue Ethics and Professional Roles, (with Justin Oakley), (Cambridge University Press) Cambridge, U.K., 2001.

Articles and Book Chapters

‘Precis of *Evil Online*’ & ‘Moral Fog and the Appreciation of Value’ (with Jeroen van den Hoven), Special Issue of the *Journal of Practical Ethics*, Symposium on *Evil Online*, Oxford University Press, 2021.

‘Friendship Online’, *The Oxford Handbook of Digital Ethics*, Carissa Veliz (ed.), Oxford University Press, 2021.

‘Moral Fog in a Virtual World’, *Ethics of Modern Technologies*, Michael Boylan & Wanda Teays (eds.) Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.

‘Growing Up Online’, *Ethics of Modern Technologies*, Michael Boylan & Wanda Teays (eds.) Rowman & Littlefield, 2022.

‘Aristotle, Friendship and Virtue’, in *Revue Internationale de Philosophie*, Societe Belge de Philosophie, 2014.

‘Friendship’, *International Encyclopaedia of Ethics*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.

‘Collateral Damage’, in David Lovell and Igor Primoratz (eds.) *Protecting Civilians during Violent Conflict: Theoretical and Practical Issues for the 21st Century*, Ashgate Publishing, 2012.

‘One Thousand Friends’ (with Jeroen van den Hoven and Job Timmermans), *Ethics and Information Technology*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2012.

Guest Editor, Special edition, *Ethics and Information Technology*, 'Friendship Online', Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2012.

'Professional Interpretation and Judgement, and the Integrity of Lawyers' (with Justin Oakley) in Tim Dare and Bradley Wendell (eds.) *Professional Ethics and Personal Integrity*, Cambridge Scholars Press, 2010.

'Professionalism and Commercialism', *The NSW Dentist*, October 2010.

'Informed Consent and Patient Trust', *The NSW Dentist*, November 2010.

'Plural Selves and Relational Identity: Privacy and Intimacy Online', in J. Weckert and Jeroen van den Hoven (eds.) *Moral Philosophy and Information Technology*, (Cambridge University Press, U.S.) 2007.

'Professional Norms', in Justin O'Brien (ed.) *Private Equity, Corporate Governance and the Dynamics of Capital Market Regulation*, (Imperial College Press, U.K.) 2007.

'Counsellor-Client Relationships and Professional Role Morality' (with Kylie Williams) in J. Kleinig and R. Einstien, (eds.) *Ethical Issues in Substance Abuse*, (Office of International Criminal Justice Press, U.S.) 2006.

'Consequentialism, Complacency and Slippery Slopes' (with Justin Oakley), *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*, Springer, vol. 26, July, 2005.

'Moral Arrogance and Moral Disagreements', *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics*, June 2005.

Introduction: Symposia on Bernard Gert's 'Common Morality', *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics*, June 2005.

Guest Editor, 'Symposia on Bernard Gert's *Common Morality*', *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics*, 2005.

'Common Morality', *Australian Journal of Legal Philosophy*, Vol. 30 (2005).

'Friendship and Role Morality' (with Jeanette Kennett) in C. L. Ten, Sor-hoon Tan and Kim-chong Chong (eds.) *Making Sense of Community and Self*, Open Court, Chicago, U.S., 2003.

'Friendship and Moral Danger' (with Jeanette Kennett) *The Journal of Philosophy*, Volume XCV11, Number 5, May 2000.

'Unreal Friends' (with Steve Matthews) *Ethics and Information Technology*, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Vol. 2, No. 4, 2000.

'Nurses, Lawyers and the Ethics of Professional Detachment' (with Justin Oakley) *Journal of Law and Medicine*, 7, 1999.

'Friendship and the Self' (with Jeanette Kennett) *Ethics* 108, no. 3, April 1998, pp. 502-527.

'Indirect Consequentialism, Friendship, and the Problem of Alienation' (with Justin Oakley) *Ethics* 106, no. 1, October 1995, pp. 86-111.

'Consequentialism, Moral Responsibility, and the Intention/Foresight Distinction'
(with Justin Oakley) *Utilitas* 6, no. 2, November 1994, pp. 202-16.

'Medical Experimentation, Informed Consent, and Using People' (with Justin
Oakley) *Bioethics* 8, no. 4, October, 1994, pp. 293-311.

Academic Referees

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