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Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Applied Ethics (especially Environmental and Bioethics), Philosophy of Biology

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Science, Epistemology

Education

University of Wisconsin – Madison

Ph.D. in Philosophy	2011
M.A. in Philosophy	2009

Northeastern University

B.S. in Philosophy	2006
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Academic Positions

Bowling Green State University Assistant Professor	2011 –
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Publications

“Ethical Issues in the Application of Biotechnology to Animals in Agriculture” (co-written with Robert Streiffer)

Oxford Handbook of Animal Ethics, Beauchamp, T. and Frey, R. (eds.), Oxford University Press 2011, pp. 826-854

“State Neutrality and the Ethics of Human Enhancement Technologies”
American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience (1:2) 2010, pp. 41-48

“Restitutive Restoration: New Motivations for Ecological Restoration”
Environmental Ethics (32:2) 2010, pp. 135-147

“Transhumanism, Human Dignity, and Moral Status” (co-written with Ronald Sandler)
Open Peer Commentary, *American Journal of Bioethics* (10:7) 2010, pp. 63-66

“The Moral Status of Synthetic Organisms and Artificial Intelligences”
Ethics of Emerging Technologies, Sandler, R. (ed.), Palgrave-Macmillan, Under Contract

Presentations

“Making Animals Too Smart for Their Own Good: The Ethical Concerns Associated with Enhancing Non-Human Animals”	
American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division)	2012
Department of Philosophy, Concordia University	2011
Northeastern Workshop in Applied Philosophy	2011
Restitutive Restoration: A New Model of Restoration	
Sustainable U: Perspectives on Sustainability in Higher Education in Northwest Ohio and Beyond, Bowling Green State University	2011
“Ecosystem Selection and the Trait-Group Framework”	
ISHPSSB, University of Utah	2011
“The Levels of Selection, Moral Considerability, and the Teleological Organization of Biotic Communities”	
American Philosophical Association (Central Division), ISEE Group Meeting	2011
Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University	2011
Department of Philosophy, Florida International University	2011
Department of Philosophy, Beloit College	2010
“On the Possibility and Implications of Moral Status Enhancement”	
Exploring Human Enhancement Symposium, The Center for Values, in Medicine, Science, and Technology at the University of Texas at Dallas	2011
“On the Possibility and Implications of Moral Status Enhancement in Non-Human Research Subjects”	
Department of Philosophy and Political Science, Quinnipiac University	2011
“Locating Selection: Problems for Trait-Group Realism”	
Graduate University of Wisconsin Philosophy Conference, University of Wisconsin – Madison	2010
“Getting Social”	
American Association of Philosophy Teachers	2010
International Workshop-Conference on Teaching Philosophy	
“Restoration in the Age of Machines: Restoration, Restitution, and Nanotechnology”	
American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), ISEE Group Meeting	2008

Commentaries

On Nathan Kowalski, "The Metaphysics of Crisis: Maintaining Moral Contingency in Environmental Philosophy" 2010
American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), ISEE Group Meeting

On Avram Hiller, "What is Appropriate Use" 2008
Fifth Annual ISEE/IAEP Joint Meeting on Environmental Philosophy

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Research Fellowship Summers of 2008 – 2011
Northeastern University's Nanotechnology and Society Research Group
(Award of \$45,000)

The Berent Enç Graduate Teaching Award 2011
Department of Philosophy, UW-Madison

Nominee, Campus-Wide Teaching Assistant Award: Capstone Ph.D Teaching Award 2010
University of Wisconsin Madison

Courses Taught

Course Webpage: <http://johnbasl.com/courses>

Introduction to Ethics[†]
History of Ethics
Biomedical Ethics
Environmental Ethics[†]
Ethics of Emerging Technologies (graduate seminar)
Ethics of Emerging Technologies
Introduction to Philosophy*
Contemporary Moral issues*

* indicates taught as TA

[†] indicates taught at least once as instructor and at least once as TA

Professional Activities

Philosophy TV
Co-founder and Co-owner
<http://www.philostv.com>

BGSU Philosophy Department Colloquium Committee
Chair

BGSU Philosophy Department Undergraduate Committee
Member

BGSU Workshop in Applied Philosophy 2011 on Manipulation	
Referee	
Peer Referee	
American Journal of Bioethics	
American Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics	
UW – Madison, Department of Philosophy TA Training Workshop	2010
Co-organizer and Co-instructor	
Philosophy of Biology at Madison Workshop	2010
Organizing Committee	
UW – Madison Department of Philosophy Governing Body	2009 - 2010
Co-President	
UW – Madison Philosophy of Science Reading Group	2009 - 2010
Founder and Organizer	
ISHPSSB Bi-Annual Meeting	2009
Assistant Conference Organizer	
UW – Madison Metaethics Workshop	2008 - 2011
Web designer and programmer	
Philosophy of Biology at Madison Workshop	2010
Web designer and programmer	
UW – Madison Department of Philosophy Newsletter	2008 - 2010
Designer	
Elliott Sober’s Homepage	2009
Web designer and programmer	

References

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Professor of Philosophy
UW – Madison
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