

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN (Anticipated 5/2013)
Dissertation: On the Moral Relevance of Signification for an Ecological Ethic
Committee: Prof. Mark Bernstein (Chair – Purdue University), Associate Prof. Daniel Smith (Purdue University), Distinguished Prof. Bernard Rollin (Colorado State University)

B.A., Philosophy University of Maine, Orono, ME (5/2003)
Summa Cum Laude with Highest Honors
Honors Thesis: *Seduction as Postmodern Discourse: Notes from the Pineal Gland*

Areas of Specialization and Competence

Specialization: Applied Ethics (Animal, Environmental, Bioethic)

Competence: Moral Theory, History of Philosophy (Early Modern and Modern), 19th and 20th century Continental, Social and Political Philosophy, Existentialism, Eastern Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Semiotics, American Philosophy

Dissertation Abstract

In the current age of ecology, environmentalism is as important as and more relevant than it ever was. Yet, these theories of environmental value are inadequate for at least one of two reasons: either they fail to offer a sufficient scope, or they fail to offer metaethical justification sufficient for application in policy and practice. What sorts of strategies for justification exist? What sort of justificatory strategies are needed? This dissertation research attempts to work out a novel, immanent, and scientifically-grounded theory of environmental value that overcomes these two problems. This novel approach is built around a semiotic theory of meaning.

Publications

Published

- “Baudrillard’s Simulated Ecology.” *Sign Systems Studies*. 2013. Beever, Jonathan.
- “Violence, Terrorism, and the Symbolic Response.” *International Journal of Baudrillard Studies*. June 2012. Beever, Jonathan.
- “Symbolic Violence as Subtle Virulence: The Philosophy of Terrorism.” 2011. *Proceedings: Revisioning Terrorism*. Purdue University Press ePub. <<http://docs.lib.purdue.edu/revisioning/2011/910/18>>. Beever, Jonathan.
- “Meaning Matters: The Biosemiotic Basis of Bioethics.” August 2012. *Biosemiotics*, 5:2. Beever, Jonathan. (first published online 10.15.2011)
- “Conflict of Interest Policy: Lifespan’s Revised Model.” 2009. *Lifespan*. [internal document]. Snyder, Peter, Nicolae Morar and Jonathan Beever.
- “Ethics, Privacy, and the Future of Genetic Information in Healthcare Information Security.” 2010. *Information Assurance and Security Ethics in Complex Systems: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. IGI Global. Springer, Jon A., Jonathan Beever, Nicolae Morar, Jon E. Sprague, and Michael D. Kane.

- “On the Scope of Valuation in Peirce’s Teleology.” 2009. *Proceedings of the Semiotic Society of America*. Beever, Jonathan.
- “Toward a Semiotic Analysis of Nanoethics.” 2008. *Proceedings of the Semiotic Society of America*. Beever, Jonathan.

Under review

- *Perspectives in Bioethics, Science, and Public Policy*. 2013. Purdue University Press. ed. Beever, Jonathan and Nicolae Morar. (book under contract.)
- Expression v. Emergence: A Discussion on Mind Between C.S. Peirce, Spinoza, and Gilles Deleuze. *Biosemiotics (special edition)*. Beever, Jonathan and Vernon Cisney.
- An Ecological Turn in Native American Environmental Ethics. *Environmental Ethics*. Beever, Jonathan.

In Preparation

- The Way of Nature or the Way of Grace: Philosophical Themes in *The Tree of Life*. ed. Cisney, Vernon and Jonathan Beever.
- *Reflexive Principlism: Refocusing Ethics for the Engineer*. Beever, Jonathan and Andrew Brightman.
- “Jakob von Uexküll’s Darwin und die englische Moral”. Beever, Jonathan and Morten Tønnessen. Trans. Morten Tønnessen.
- *On the Possibilities of Love for the Existentialist: de Beauvoir and Sartre*. Beever, Jonathan.
- *From Simulacrum to Assemblage: Knowledge Claims in a Context of Immanence*. Beever, Jonathan.

Professional Appointments

Visiting Scholar at the Aldo Leopold Foundation Center (<http://www.aldoleopold.org/>) (5/2012-6/2012)

Baraboo, WI

- Invited research and educational position
- Participate in Foundation programming
- Research ethics and policy issues toward publication
- Lecture on issues in environmental ethics

Joyce and Edward E. Brewer Chair Graduate Research Assistant (8/2012 – 6/2013)

Purdue University, Department of Philosophy

- Assist Mark Bernstein with research needs
- Grade student assignments as needed
- Advise *Lectures in Ethics, Policy, and Science* facilitators

Lectures in Ethics, Policy, and Science Facilitator (9/2011 – 8/2012)

Graduate Assistantship, Purdue University

- transition the *Bioethics Seminar Series* to the *Lectures in Ethics, Policy, and Science*
- train future graduate student facilitators
- develop program for upcoming academic year
- secure and expand sponsorship

IAS Workshop Participant (compensated) (3/2010)

Purdue University, Department of Information Assurance and Security

- Review IAS textbook *Ethics, Privacy, and the Future of Genetic Information in Healthcare IAS*
- Developed study questions to be published with text
- Collaborate with cross-disciplinary faculty on research development

Joyce and Edward E. Brewer Chair Graduate Research Assistant (9/2009 – 6/2010)

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Purdue University, Department of Philosophy

- Assist Mark Bernstein with research needs
- Grade student assignments as needed
- Special assignment: grader for Religions of the East (Fall 2009)
- Special assignment: acting TA for Religions of the East (Spring 2010)

Advisor in development of pilot course Bioengineering Ethics (BME 595R) (4/2008)

Purdue University, The Graduate School

- Worked with BME faculty and industry representatives to design curriculum and course goals

Co-Developer and Facilitator of the Bioethics Seminar Series (www.purdue.edu/bioethics) (9/2006 – 8/2011)

Purdue University

- Secured sponsorship, Contacted and hosted guest speakers, Prepared schedules, Hosted events, and Networked with University administration for a highly successful seminar public seminar series
- Wrote successful funding proposal for two graduate student appointments in bioethics

Graduate Assistant for Professional Development (9/2006 – 8/2008)

Purdue University, The Graduate School

- Maintain workshop database and Professional Development website, Plan, Organize, and Carry-out workshop events, design reorganization of information structure, Develop and maintain digital environments

Research Assistant for Dr. Myrdene Anderson (9/2006 – 9/2008)

Purdue University, Department of Anthropology

- Assist in planning and coordination of the 2006 Semiotics Society of America international conference, Review and edit course syllabi, event programs, CVs, and other documents, Provide research assistance

Grant Writing and Proposal Funding

Purdue *Discovery, Engagement And Learning (DEAL) Grant* (2012-2013)

- Awarded \$2500 competitive grant awarded to fund interdisciplinary evaluation project around ethics education
- Interdisciplinary collaboration between philosophy and political science graduate students

NSF Ethics Education in Science and Engineering Proposal (2011-2012)

- Invited Advisory Board member
- Limited Submission competition winner
- NSF review pending

Purdue University Provost and GPRI Bioethics Funding (2011)

- Awarded \$72,000 three year support from Purdue Office of the Provost and Global Policy Research Institute (GPRI) supporting 0.75 FTE graduate student appointments for the Bioethics Seminar Series
- Awarded for unsolicited proposal for support, developed in collaboration with Nicolae Morar and supported by Departments of Philosophy and Political Science

Kaufmann Foundation Purdue Realization and Entrepreneurship Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Fellows (PREPP) Program Ph.D. Fellowship (2011-2012)

- Awarded \$10,000 to research commercialization potential of bioethics seminar series project
- collaborate with Office of Technology Commercialization and Purdue Research Foundation

McBride Graduate Student International Travel Grant (2011)

- Awarded \$1000 for conference travel to *Zoosemiotics and Animal Representation*, Tartu, Estonia

- competitive grant competition

NSF Ethics Education in Science and Engineering Proposal (2009-2010)

- 2nd round review consideration for NSF Ethics Education in Science and Engineering (EERE) proposal #0933540 *Ethical Publishing in Science and Engineering*
- Limited Submission competition winner

McBride Graduate Student International Travel Grant (2010)

- Awarded \$1000 for conference travel to *Brains in Dialogue on Genetic Testing*, Trieste, Italy
- competitive grant competition

Purdue Graduate Student Travel Grant (2009)

- Awarded \$300 for conference travel to *Brains in Dialogue on Genetic Testing*, Trieste, Italy
- competitive grant competition

Teaching Experience

Primary Instruction

Develop curriculum

Teach and grade thirty-five students per class

- Introduction to Ethics (Philosophy 111) – Instructor – Spring 2011 Supervisor: Chris Yeomans, Purdue University
- Introduction to Thesis Research (Honors 391) – Instructor – Spring 2003-Spring 2005 Supervisor: Charlie Slavin, University of Maine

Teaching Instruction and Professionalization

Assist in curricular and seminar development

Grade assignments for over seventy students per term

Facilitate seminars, lead discussions

Teach weekly recitation sections

- Biomedical Engineering Ethics (BME595) – Teaching Assistant – Summer 2011 Professor: Andrew Brightman, Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering, Purdue University
- Religions of the East (PHIL 330) – Teaching Assistant – Spring 2010 Professor: Don Mitchell, Purdue University
- Biomedical Ethics (PHIL 270) – Teaching Assistant – Spring 2009 Professor: Martin Curd, Purdue University
- Animal Ethics (PHIL 280) – Teaching Assistant – Fall 2008 Professor: Mark Bernstein, Purdue University
- Purdue Professional Development - Workshop Presenter – Fall 2007-Spring 2009 Supervisor: Cyndi Lynch, Purdue University
- Preparing Future Faculty I (GRAD 590B)– Teaching Assistant – Spring 2007-Fall 2007 Supervisor: Cyndi Lynch, Purdue University

Invited Lectures & Addresses

- *Ethics, Bioethics, and Moral Reasoning: How to Live Well in a Complex World*. Inaugural address to the Philosophy Club, Indiana University Kokomo, 4.18.12. (compensated)
- *Stakeholders of Today in Human Research: The Ongoing Legacy of Henrietta Lacks*. Panel discussion for the College of Health and Human Science, Purdue University, 3.21.12.
- *Bioethics and Public Policy at Purdue* – January 2012 - Purdue Global Policy and Research Institute Salon in Washington, D.C. (compensated)
- *Ethics, Bioethics, and Moral Reasoning* – Spring 2012 – inaugural address to the Purdue Undergraduate Bioethics Club
- Introduction of Dr. David Stocum – Fall 2011 – keynote address for the *Frankenstein* exhibit at Purdue Libraries

- Religions of the East (on Zen Buddhism) – Fall 2011 Professor: Donald Mitchell, Purdue University
- *Purdue Bioethics: Successful History, Continuing Growth, Promising Future* – as part of the Purdue Liberal Arts Lecture Series – Fall 2011 – University Place, West Lafayette, IN and Westminster Village, West Lafayette, IN
- *Bioethics at Purdue* – August 2011 – presentation at Biomedical Engineering new graduate student orientation
- Environmental Ethics (on Moral Pluralism) – Spring 2011 Visting Lecturer: Netty Provost, Indiana University, Kokomo
- Introduction to Ethics (on Epicurus) – Spring 2011 Instructor: Vernon Cisney, Purdue University
- Introduction to Ethics (on Animal Ethics) – Fall 2010 Instructor: Netty Provost, Indiana University, Kokomo
- Religions of the East (on Mencius) – Fall 2010 Professor: Donald Mitchell, Purdue University
- *On the Relationship Between Religion and Spirituality*– Spring 2009 – Unitarian Universalist Church of West Lafayette
- Introduction to Ethics (on Environmental Ethics) – Fall 2008 Instructor: Netty Provost, Indiana University, Kokomo
- Guest Lecturer at the Graduate level – Bioengineering Ethics (BME595R) on Cloning of Animals for Biomedical Devices – Summer 2008 Instructors: Dr. Mike Hales and Dr. Andrew Brightman, Purdue University
- Religions of the West – Summer 2008 – Instructor: Vernon Cisney, Purdue University
- Environmental Ethics (on Environmental Activism) – Spring 2008 Professor: Mark Bernstein, Purdue University
- Introduction to Ethics (on Animal Ethics) – Fall 2007 Instructor: Netty Provost, Indiana University, Kokomo
- Purdue Professional Development (on Speed Networking) – Fall 2007-Fall 2009 Supervisor: Cynthia Lynch, Purdue University

Conference Presentations

- *Bioethics at Purdue*
Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs Spring Reception (Purdue University, March 2012)
- *Violence, Terrorism, and the Symbolic Response*
Revisoning Terrorism (Purdue University, September 2011)
- *Toward a Biosemiotic Approach to Environmental Ethics*
11th Gathering in Biosemiotics (the Dactyl Foundation & the International Society for Biosemiotic Studies, New York, New York, June 2011)
- *On Zoosemiotics and Bridging the Value Gap*
Zoomsemiotics and Animal Representation (Tartu, Estonia, April 2011)
- *Symbolic Violence as Subtle Virulence: The Terrorism of Jean Baudrillard*
Radical Philosophers' Association Conference (Eugene 2010)
- *Baudrillard's Semiotic Analysis of Violence*
Semiotic Society of America (Cincinnati 2010 – paper accepted but unable to attend)
- *On the Scope of Valuation in Peirce's Teleology*
Semiotic Society of America (Cincinnati 2009)
- *Toward a Semiotic Analysis of Nanoethics*
Semiotic Society of America (Houston 2008)
- *Baudrillard, Simulated Ecology, and Recovering Reminders of the Real: The As is Through the As if*
Semiotic Society of America (New Orleans 2007)
- *Bringing Lectures into the Twenty-First Century*
National Collegiate Honors Council Conference (Chicago 2001)
- *Online Honors Program Theses Archive*
National Collegiate Honors Council Conference (Salt Lake City 2002)
- *Instant Credibility: Honors Associates Bridge the Gap*
National Collegiate Honors Council Conference (New Orleans 2004)
- *Minerva: A Publication of The Honors College*
National Collegiate Honors Council Conference (New Orleans 2004)
- *Digital Currents: Promise or Peril?*

- National Collegiate Honors Council Conference (New Orleans 2004)
- *Seduction as Postmodern Discourse: Notes from the Pineal Gland* (J. Beever, 2002-3)
Honors Symposium (2003)
- *An Existentialist View of Mahatma Gandhi's Concept of Self*
Undergraduate Creative Achievement Conference (2003)
- *Being Powerful*
Dorothy Clarke Wilson Peace Scholarship Gathering (2002)

Graduate Coursework

Moral Theory and Ethics

- Contemporary Ethical Theory – survey Patrick Kain
- Seminar in Contemporary Ethics – Virtue Ethics Mark Bernstein and Daniel Frank
- Seminar on Free Will Mark Bernstein and Matthias Steup
- Philosophy of Theism – Perfect Being Theology Paul Draper
- Principles Of Professionalism, Jurisprudence, And Ethics Mimi Arighi (Vet. Med.)

Themes in 19th and 20th century Continental

- Seminar in Recent Continental Philosophy – Deleuze Daniel Smith
- Heidegger's *Being and Time* Cal Schrag (Phil. emeritus)
- Existentialism – survey William McBride
- Critical Theory – from the Frankfurt School to Habermas Martin Matustik
- Guided Study – Jean Baudrillard and Semiotics Myrdene Anderson (Anth.)

History of Philosophy East and West

- Studies in Eastern Philosophy – Indian Philosophy Donald Mitchell
- Ancient Philosophy – Plato on the Soul Patricia Curd
- Seminar on Kant – Kant's Critique of Pure Reason Jacqueline Marina
- Continental Rationalism – Descartes and Malebranche Jan Cover
- Early Modern Philosophy – Philosophy & Science from Kepler to Newton Michael Jacovides
- Philosophy of the Natural Sciences – Scientific Realism Martin Curd
- Symbolic Logic Christopher Pincock

Professional Activities

Service to Profession

- Invited Attendance as Ambassador – *Quest for Research Excellence 2011* (Georgetown University, March 2012)
- Invited attendance – *BID: Brains in Dialogue on Genetic Testing*, SISSA (Trieste, Italy 2010)
- Peer reviewer for manuscript submissions to international journal *Biosemiotics* – August 2011
- Conference Session Chair – “*Perspectives in Zoosemiotics II*” - April 2011 University of Tartu, Estonia
- Conference Session Chair – *Semiotics and Marketing I: Contemporary Myths* – Semiotics Society of America 2008
- Conference Session Chair – *Violence, Memory, and Memorials* – Radical Philosophy Association 2011

Service of University

- Purdue Staff & Clerical Grievance Review Pool – Purdue University 2012-2014
- Conference Session Chair – *(Re)Visioning Terrorism* – Purdue University 2011
- Steering Committee Member – Purdue Cancer Center 5k Challenge 2011
- Volunteer Coordinator – Purdue Cancer Center 5k Challenge 2010
- Volunteer Coordinator – Purdue Cancer Center 5k Run/Walk 2009

- Volunteer – Purdue Cancer Center 5k Run/Walk 2008
- Manuscript editor – Dr. Vernard Foley, Department of History, 2010-2011

Service to Department

- Website designer – Foucault translation project – Summer 2012
- Private Tutor - Critical Thinking – Spring 2010
- Private Tutor - Introduction to Ethics – Fall 2009
- Website designer – Annual Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy and Literature – *Deleuze: Ethics and Politics*. 2009
- Graduate Representative: Purdue Department of Philosophy - Summer 2007-May 2009
 - *Acted as liaison between graduate student body and faculty in Philosophy. Elected to position by peers.*

Service to Community

- Volunteer –Boiler Green Initiative Arbor Day Planting 2010
- Volunteer – Detrash the Wabash environmental clean-up Fall 2008
- Volunteer – Detrash the Wabash environmental clean-up Spring 2009
- Volunteer – Uptown Jazz and Blues Festival 2007
- Invited Speaker – CityBus News Conference, summer 2010
- Advocate – Citybus transportation initiatives 2006-2008

Professional Memberships & Awards

- Student Innovator Award – Purdue University Discovery Park (2012)
- Best Interdisciplinary Project (external category) – Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs (2012)
- Radical Philosophers' Association (2010-present)
- American Philosophical Association (2009-present)
- Semiotics Society of America (2006-present)
- National Collegiate Honors Council (2000-2004)
- Phi Kappa Phi (2003-present)
- Phi Sigma Tau (2003-2006)
- Phi Beta Kappa – (2002-2003)
- Golden Key – (inducted 2003)
- Phi Kappa Phi – (inducted 2003)
- Eagle Scout (B.S.A.) – (1999)

References

Academic and Professional Letters available upon request

Dossier

Available upon request from Jonathan via *Interfolio.com*