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SELECTED CURRICULUM VITAE | AUGUST 2026

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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Webster University	2002-present
Professor of Philosophy	2002-present
Dean Emeritus	2015-present
Senior Advisor to the University	2015-2019
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences	2002-2015
Webster Vienna Private University	2022-present
Permanent Visiting Professor	
University of California, Los Angeles	1987-2002
Associate Provost, College of Letters and Science	2000-2002
Assistant Dean, Humanities Division	1994-2000
Vice Chair, Department of Philosophy	1987-1994

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy. University of California, Los Angeles, 1986; Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellow

MA, Philosophy. University of California, Los Angeles, 1982

MA, Philosophy. University of Illinois Chicago, 1978

BA, Classical Greek. University of Georgia, magna cum laude, 1973

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Morality in Plain Sight: The Surprisingly Ordinary Case for Morality (London: Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming).

A Guide to Good Reasoning: Cultivating Intellectual Virtues, 2nd ed. (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Libraries Publishing, 2020). Open access.

A Guide to Good Reasoning (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1999).

Forthcoming Chapter

"Leadership as a Managerial Practice," *Handbook of Philosophy of Management*, 2nd ed. (Springer Nature, forthcoming).

Scholarly Articles

"The Philosophy of Leadership: Foundations and Frontiers," with Jacqueline Boaks. *Philosophy of Management* 25, no. 2 (2026): 187-192.

"The Hitler Problem, the Follower Problem, and the Concept of Leadership," *Philosophy of Management* 25, no. 2 (2026): 321-330.

"Leadership Takes Aim," *Philosophy of Management* 25, no. 2 (2026): 303-316.

"The Philosophy of Management Today," *Philosophy of Management* 22, no. 4 (2023): 493-503.

"Defining Leadership," *Philosophy of Management* 22, no. 1 (2023): 99-128.

"Management, Political Philosophy, and Social Justice," with Marian Eabrasu. *Philosophy of Management* 21, no. 3 (2022): 281-287.

"The Leading Edge of Leadership Studies," *Philosophy of Management* 17, no. 4 (2018): 373-378.

"Leadership, Management, & the History of Ideas," *Philosophy of Management* 16, no. 2 (2017): 183-189.

Scholarly Articles (continued)

"Functionalism and Moral Personhood: One View Considered," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 44, no. 4 (1984): 521-529.

Book Review

Review of *At the Origins of Modern Atheism*, by Michael J. Buckley. *The Journal of Religion* 71, no. 3 (1991): 440-442.

EDITORIAL AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Executive Editorial Board and Associate Editor. *Philosophy of Management*, 2012-present.

Co-editor. "Rethinking Leadership," special issue of *Philosophy of Management*, June 2026.

Co-editor. "The Philosophy of Project Management," special collection for the *International Journal of Project Management*, forthcoming.

Co-editor. "Management and Political Philosophy," special issue of *Philosophy of Management*, September 2022.

Co-organizer. Annual Philosophy of Management Conference, 2012-present.

Co-organizer. Annual Vienna Workshop on the Philosophy of Leadership, 2025-present.

SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS

"Leadership as a Managerial Practice," Vienna Workshop on the Philosophy of Leadership, Vienna, July 2026.

"Defining Leadership Development," Philosophy of Management Conference, Paris, July 2026.

"Leadership as Responsibility," Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, St. Louis, March 2026.

"What Gives You the Right?" Vienna Workshop on the Philosophy of Leadership, Vienna, July 2025.

"Disembedded Leadership," Philosophy of Management Conference, Oxford, June 2025.

"Leadership as Responsibilities and Rights," Philosophy of Management Conference, Oxford, June 2024.

PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis. Commissioner, 2019-present, appointed by the St. Louis County Executive; current Chair, Public Art Committee.

Selected arts and cultural board service. Tennessee Williams St. Louis; Upstream Theater; Missouri Arts Council; Missouri Humanities Council; Cinema St. Louis.

Other selected board service. American Council on Education Council of Fellows; Academy of Science-St. Louis; Missouri Biotechnology Association; St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute; HateBrakers.

Public writing and programming. General readership essays for *Free Inquiry*, *LSE Business Review*, *The Vienna Review*, and the *St. Louis Beacon*; presentations and productions for OASIS and HEC-TV; philosophy of theater essays for various productions by Upstream Theater and Tennessee Williams St. Louis.

FELLOWSHIPS

American Council on Education Fellow. 1999-2000.

Focus St. Louis Fellow. 2003-2004.

SELECTED SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Recent subjects include John Rawls, Alasdair MacIntyre, the philosophy of leadership and management, political philosophy, moral philosophy, corporate social responsibility, and Machiavelli. Other subjects include epistemology, logic and critical reasoning, the history of philosophy, existentialism, and the philosophies of religion, language, and science.