

Curriculum Vitae
RICHARD H. DEES

Department

Department of Philosophy
University of Rochester
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Current position

Associate Professor of Philosophy,
Neurology, and Medical Humanities
Chair, Interdisciplinary Cluster in Health and Human
Values
University of Rochester

Areas of Specialization

Social and Political Philosophy
Medical Ethics
Public Health Ethics
History of Moral and Political Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Ethics
Feminist Philosophy
History of Modern Philosophy

Publications

Book

Trust and Toleration (London: Routledge, 2004).

Articles

1. "Moral Philosophy and Moral Enhancements." *American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience*, forthcoming.
2. with Ronnie Guillet, "Will My Baby Walk?: The Predictive Value of Cranial Imaging," *Neurology* 76 (2011): 2048-49.
3. "Rawlsian 'Neutrality' and Enhancement Technologies," *American Journal of Bioethics: Neuroscience* 1, no. 2 (2010): 54-55.
4. with Jennifer Kwon, "Pediatric Screening and the Public Good." *Cerebrum* 2009, ed. Dan Gordon (New York: Dana Press, 2009), pp. 121-29. See <http://www.dana.org/news/cerebrum/detail.aspx?id=14300>
5. with Eric Singer, "KidneyMatch.com: The Ethics of Solicited Organ Donations," *Journal of Clinical Ethics* 19 (2008): 141-49. Winner of the 2008 Library Award

- from the Rochester Academy of Medicine for the best essay in ethics or the history of medicine.
6. "‘One of the Finest and Most Subtle Inventions’: Hume’s Theory of Government,” in *Blackwell Companion to Hume*, ed. Elizabeth Radcliffe (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2008), 388-405.
 7. "Soldiers as Agents,” *American Journal of Bioethics* 8 no. 2 (2008): 46-47.
 8. "Of Socinians and Homosexuals: Trust and the Limits of Toleration,” in *Toleration on Trial*, ed. Ingrid Creppell, Russell Hardin, and Stephen Macedo (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008), 85-109.
 9. "Better Brains, Better Selves?: The Ethics of Neuroenhancements,” *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 17 (2007): 375-99.
 10. "The Bond of Friendship and Trust: Liberal Societies in the Face of Evil,” *The Modern Schoolman* 85 (2007): 71-87.
 11. "Health Care Literacy and Autonomy,” *American Journal of Bioethics* 7 no. 11 (2007): 22-23.
 12. "The Warm Courage of National Unity,” *The Philosopher’s Magazine* 34 (2006): 65-68.
 13. "‘The Paradoxical Principle and Salutary Practice’: Hume on Toleration,” *Hume Studies* 31 (2005): 145-64.
 14. "Moral Ambiguity in a Black-and-White Universe,” in *Star Wars and Philosophy: More Powerful Than You Can Possibly Imagine*, ed. Kevin Decker and Jason Eberl (Indianapolis: Open Court Press, 2005), 39-53.
 15. "Slippery Slopes, Wonder Drugs, and Cosmetic Neurology: The Neuroethics of Enhancement,” *Neurology* 63 (2004): 951-52. See also "Correspondence,” *Neurology* 64 (2005): 1321.
 16. "Morality above Metaphysics: Friendship and Philo's Stance in *Dialogue XII*,” *Hume Studies* 28 (2002): 131-47.
 17. "Keeping Hope Alive (A Commentary on Elshstain),” *The Modern Schoolman* 78 (2001): 179-87.
 18. "Establishing Toleration,” *Political Theory* 27 (1999): 667-93.
 19. "Philosophy and Modern Science: The Legacy of Richard Blackwell,” *The Modern Schoolman* 76 (1999): 99-106.
 20. "Trust and the Rationality of Toleration,” *Noûs* 32 (1998): 82-98.
 21. "Hume on the Characters of Virtue,” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 35 (1997): 45-64.
 - Reprinted in *Hume: Moral and Political Philosophy. International Library of Critical Essays in the History of Philosophy*, ed. Rachel Cohon (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2001).
 22. "Moral Conversions,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 56 (1996): 531-50.
 23. "The Justification of Tolerance,” in *Values and Public Life*, ed. Gerard Magill and Marie Hoff (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1995), 29-56.
 - Reprinted as "The Justification of Toleration,” in *Philosophy, Religion, and the Question of Intolerance*, ed. Mehdi Amin Razavi and David Ambuel (Albany: SUNY Press, 1997), 134-56.
 24. "Living with Contextualism,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 24 (1994): 243-60.

25. "Details, Details: *Ulysses*, Politics, and the Contexts of Meaning," *The Modern Schoolman* 70 (1993): 289-304.
26. "Liberalism in Context," *Polity* 25 (1993): 565-82.
27. "Hume and the Contexts of Politics," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 30 (1992): 219-42.
 - Reprinted in *Hume: Great Political Thinkers 10*, ed. J.M. Dunn and Ian Harris, 2 volumes (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 1997).
 - Reprinted in *David Hume*, ed. Knud Haakonssen and Richard Whatmore (London: Ashgate, forthcoming 2012).

Grants

Co-principal investigator, Teaching the Science and Ethics of Stem Cells. New York Embryonic Stem Cell Commission, 2010-12. \$272,000.

Work in progress

- “Bioethics and Authenticity.” An attempt to understand what role authenticity plays in decisions in medical ethics and how best to understand what it means.
- with Jennifer Kwon, “Ethical Considerations in Newborn Screening.” A look at the complex ethical considerations that surround the decision to include a disease for newborn screening, using the New York Krabbe experience as a central example.
- “Babes in the Therapeutic Woods: Ethical Issues in the Treatment of Neonates.” An examination of the use of time-limited trials of therapy in marginally-viable premature infants. Under review.

Edited publications

- "Philosophy and Modern Science." Special issue of *The Modern Schoolman* 76, nos. 2-3 (January/March 1999).
- with William Rehg, "Deliberative Democracy." Special issue of *The Modern Schoolman* 74, no. 4 (May 1997).

Presentations

1. “Ethical Paradigms in Genetic Screening: Conflicts in Krabbe Newborn Screening.” Exploring the ELSI Universe Conference. University of North Carolina. April 2011.
 - Also presented with Jennifer Kwon to Interdisciplinary Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds. University of Rochester Medical School, Rochester, NY. November 2010.
2. Moderator and organizer, Phi Beta Kappa Panel: “The Promise and Peril of Distance Learning.” University of Rochester, Rochester, NY. March 2011.
3. “Thinking about Brain Death.” Neuroscience Pathways Reading Group, University of Rochester Medical School. May 2010.
4. “Ethics of Stem Cell Research.” Stem Cell Research Awareness Week, University of Rochester. April 2010.

5. "I Want to Leave This World the Way I Came In: Capacity Questions about Homeless Man's Right to Refuse Life-Saving Surgery." Panel discussion for Schwartz Rounds, University of Rochester Medical School. February 2010.
6. "Hume on Religion and Justice: Comments on Bowditch." 106th meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. New York City. December 2009.
7. "Risks and Institutions: Comments on Caplan." Mellon Workshop on Translational Research. Rochester, NY. October 2009.
8. "The Ethics of Mandatory Immunizations." Interdisciplinary Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds. University of Rochester Medical School. October 2009.
9. "The Ethics of Genetic Testing." Invited talk to Biomedical Science Graduate Program, University of Rochester Medical School. May 2009.
10. "Better Philosophy (Through Chemistry)." Invited talk to the Department of Philosophy, SUNY-Geneseo. Geneseo, NY. May 2009.
 - Also presented as "Making Better Doctors (Through Chemistry)" to Rochester Early Medical Scholars program. University of Rochester. April 2009.
 - Also presented to the Neuroscience Pathways Reading Group. University of Rochester Medical School. May 2009.
 - Also presented to the Conference on Bioethics, sponsored by the Charles Drew Pre-Health Society. University of Rochester. November 2009.
11. "Babes in the Therapeutic Woods: Ethical Issues in the Treatment of Neonates." Neurology Grand Rounds, University of Rochester Medical Center. August 2008.
 - Also presented to Interdisciplinary Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds. University of Rochester Medical Center. September 2008.
 - Also presented to the Charles Drew Pre-Health Professions Society. University of Rochester. September 2008.
12. "The Place of Doubt in Modern Society." Panel discussion of *Doubt* by John Patrick Shanley. Geva Theater, Rochester. October 2007.
13. "Brown and Cohon on Humean Sentimentalism." 34th International Hume Conference. Boston. August 2007.
14. "Better Brains, Better Selves?: The Ethics of Neuroenhancements." 81st meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. San Francisco. April 2007.
 - Also presented to Neurology Grand Rounds, University of Rochester Medical School. May 2007.
 - Also presented to Neurosurgery Grand Rounds, University of Rochester Medical School. June 2007.
15. "The New Beautiful Me: The Ethics of Cosmetic Enhancements." Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds, University of Rochester Medical School. March 2007.
16. with Eric Singer, David Hoffberg, and Bernie Todd Smith, "KidneyMatch.com: The Ethics of Solicited Organ Donations." Interdisciplinary Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds, University of Rochester Medical School. September 2006.
 - Also presented to Grand Rounds, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Rochester Medical School. December 2006.
 - Also presented to Ethics Grand Rounds, Rochester General Hospital. Rochester, NY. January 2007.
17. "Ethics of Stem Cell Research." Informational Program on Stem Cell Research. Jewish Community Center. Rochester, NY. November 2005.

- Also presented at the Perinton Presbyterian Church. Perinton, NY. May 2006.
- 18. "New and Improved! Enhanced Brains!" Interdisciplinary Clinical Ethics Grand Rounds. University of Rochester Medical School. October 2005.
- 19. "The Neuroethics of Enhancement." Bioethics Reading Group, University of Rochester Medical School. December 2004.
- 20. "'The Paradoxical Principle and Salutory Practice': Hume on Toleration." Invited panel on Toleration in Early Modern Philosophy. 78th meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association. Pasadena, California. March 2004.
- 21. "The Paradox of Toleration." Saint Louis University Philosophy Club. April 2002.
- 22. "Public Trust, Public Reason." Invited talk to the Department of Philosophy, University of Rochester. Rochester, NY. March 2002.
- 23. "The Problem of Toleration." Invited talk to the Department of Philosophy, Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY. March 2002.
- 24. "Morality above Metaphysics: Friendship and Philo's Stance in *Dialogue XII*." Hume Society meetings held in conjunction with the meetings of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Atlanta. December 2001.
- 25. "Of Socinians and Homosexuals: Trust and the Limits of Toleration." Conference on Toleration and Identity Conflict. George Washington University. Washington, DC. March 2001.
- 26. "Consequentialism." Ethics Across the Curriculum Workshop. Saint Louis University. May 2000.
- 27. "Keeping Hope Alive: Comments on Elshstain." Fourth Henle Conference in the History of Philosophy on "Religious Commitment and Public Life." Saint Louis University. April 2000.
- 28. with Leamon Bazil, "Responsibility and Natural Inequalities: Effort and Desert." Philosophical Collaborations Conference. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. March 2000.
- 29. "Practices of Trust, Practices of Toleration." Department of Philosophy, Saint Louis University. St. Louis. March 1999.
- 30. "Establishing Toleration." Presented in a panel on "Toleration, Reason, and Justice." 94th meeting of the American Political Science Association. Boston. September 1998.
- 31. "The Dynamics of Toleration." Invited lecture to the Department of Philosophy, Rice University. Houston. March 1998.
- 32. "Comments on 'The Correlation Between Empiricism and Social Theory in Humean Philosophy' by Tetsu Sakurai." 24th Hume Conference. Monterey, California. August 1997.
- 33. "Trust and Tolerance." 93rd meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association. Chicago. April 1995.
 - Also presented to the Department of Philosophy, Saint Louis University. November 1994.
 - Also presented to the Ethics Reading Group at Washington University in St. Louis. January 1995.
- 34. "Comments on 'Elements of a Humean Theory of Constitutionalism' by James King." Conference on Hume and Eighteenth-Century America. College of William and Mary. Williamsburg, Virginia. April 1995.

35. "Comments on 'I Will Do So Only If Others Join' by Saul Smilansky." 90th meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Atlanta. December 1993.
36. "The Justification of Toleration." Conference on Intolerance and Toleration. Mary Washington College. Fredericksburg, Virginia. November 1993.
37. "Comments on 'Hume and Reid on the Possibility of a Relational Moral Ontology' by William Davis and 'How Does the Humean Sense of Duty Motivate?' by Elizabeth Radcliffe." 20th Hume Conference. Université d'Ottawa. Ottawa, Canada. July 1993.
38. "Living with Contextualism." 89th meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. Washington, D.C. December 1992.
39. "A Defense of Context." 19th Hume Conference. Université de Nantes. Nantes, France. June 1992.
40. "Hume's Political Contextualism." 18th Hume Conference. University of Oregon. Eugene, Oregon. August 1991.
41. "Rules for Revolution." 16th Hume Conference. University of Lancaster. Lancaster, England. August 1989.

Reviews

1. "Review of *Essays in the History of Ethics* by Michael Slote." *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2010.07.08 . See <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=20407>.
2. "Review of *Brain Fiction* by William Hirstein," *Neurology* 70 (2008): 1368-69.
3. "Review of *Toleration as Recognition* by Anna Elisabetta Galeotti," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2002.11.09. See <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1065>.
4. "Review of *Cognition and Commitment in Hume's Philosophy* by Don Garrett," *The Modern Schoolman* 76 (1998): 92-94.
5. "Book note on *Reconstructing Political Pluralism* by Avigail Eisenberg," *Ethics* 107 (1997): 390.
6. "Review of *The Fate of Eloquence in the Age of Hume* by Adam Potkay," *The Modern Schoolman* 73 (1996): 191-93.
7. "Book note on *In Search of a Political Philosophy: Ideologies at the Close of the Twentieth Century* by W.J. Stankiewicz," *Ethics* 106 (1996): 487.
8. "Review of *Character* by Joel Kupperman," *The Modern Schoolman* 71 (1994): 252-54.
9. "Review of *Essays on Henry Sidgwick*, edited by Bart Schultz," *History of European Ideas* 18 (1994): 119-20.
10. "Review of *The Suasive Art of David Hume* by M..A. Box," *The Modern Schoolman* 69 (1992): 154-56.
11. "Review of *Liberty in Hume's 'History of England,'* edited by Nicholas Capaldi and Donald Livingston," *Bulletin of the Hume Society* 21 (Spring 1992): 4-5.
12. "Review of *A Progress of Sentiments* by Annette Baier," *The Modern Schoolman* 69 (1991): 59-60.

Media

1. "Sex selection technologies." *Beth and Chet and WHAM Morning News*. WHAM-AM Radio 1180, Rochester. August 2011.

2. Interview with WHEC-TV in Rochester on laws punishing more severely crimes against police officers. January 2011.
3. "Neuroenhancements." *1370 Connection with Bob Smith*. WXXI Radio, Rochester. August 2008.
4. Quoted in "This is Your Brain on Smart Drugs" by Lara Crigger. *Escapist* magazine. http://www.escapistmagazine.com/articles/view/issues/issue_141/3027-This-Is-Your-Brain-on-Smart-Drugs. March 2008.
5. "Cosmetic Neurology." Interview with John Hamilton on *All Things Considered*, National Public Radio. September 2004.
6. "Toleration in Society." Interview by Nana Wyatt on *Newsmakers* talk show, KMOX-AM radio, St. Louis. March 1998.

Education

University of Rochester Medical School, 2010
Fellowship in Clinical Ethics

University of Michigan, 1983-90

Ph.D. philosophy, 1990

Dissertation: "A Context for Liberalism: A Humean Account of Political Justification"

Committee: Stephen Darwall (chair), Elizabeth Anderson, Allan Gibbard, Peter Railton, Don Herzog (political science)

Honors:

Charlotte Newcombe Foundation Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, 1988-89

Research Fellowship Grant, University of Michigan, 1989-90

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan (declined), 1988-89

Rice University, 1978-82

B.A. philosophy, 1982, conferred *magna cum laude*

Honors:

Phi Beta Kappa

National Merit Scholarship, 1978-79

Teaching Experience

University of Rochester

Associate Professor, 2003-present.

Undergraduate courses

Philosophical Foundations of the American Revolution

Rousseau to Revolution

Social and Political Philosophy

Ethical Decisions in Medicine

Public Health Ethics

Science and Ethics of Stem Cells (team-taught with Shaw-Ree Chen, Environmental Medicine)

Graduate course

Liberalism and its Critics

Graduate reading courses

Medical Ethics

Philosophy and the American Revolution

Neuroethics

Medical Humanities seminars

Brains and Other Ethical Maladies

The Ethics of Enhancements

Medical Ethics at War

Neuroethics

Problems in Public Health Ethics

Doctors' Dilemmas: Medical Ethics in Literature

Dissertation committees

Imran Punekar, "Impulsivity in Parkinson's Disease" (ongoing)

Margie Shaw, "An Account of Coaching as a Component of Medical Ethics Education" (2011)

Jacqueline Augustine, "Kant and the Moral Necessity of Civic Society" (2009)

Saint Louis University

Associate professor (tenured), 1996-2004.

Assistant professor, 1990-96.

Introductory courses

Historical Introduction to Philosophy (emphasizes the Greek influences on philosophical thought)

Introductory Ethics.

Upper-level undergraduate courses

Rousseau to Revolution: Political Philosophy in the Eighteenth Century.

Feminist Philosophy.

Classic and Enlightenment French Philosophy (Montaigne to Voltaire).

Liberty and Authority: Philosophical Literature in the Eighteenth Century (team-taught with Duane Smith, Department of English).

Contemporary American Political Thought.

Authority, Legitimacy, and the French Revolution (team-taught with Annie Smart, Department of French)

Philosophy and the American Revolution

Graduate seminars

Feminist Philosophy (team-taught with Eleonore Stump).

Birth of the Modern: Montaigne, Descartes, and Hobbes.

Liberalism and its Critics.

Hobbes to Locke.

Philosophy of David Hume.

Graduate reading courses

Contemporary Liberalism

Descartes's Ethics

Hume's Epistemology

Hobbes on Religion
Philosophical Foundations of the American Revolution

Dissertation committees

- Kevin Decker, "Naturalistic and Aesthetic Individuality in John Dewey's Political Philosophy" (2004)
David Loy, "From Greek *Polis* to Modern State: Hegel's Critique of Ancient Greek Ethical Life" (2003)
Brad Frazier, "Between Rorty and MacIntyre" (2003)
Terrence Kelly, "Rationality, Reflexivity, and Agency in Critique of Everyday Life" (1998)
Tai Ha Lee, "Hume's Religion" (1992)

Dissertations directed

- Tina Baceski, "The 'Art Critic' and the 'True Philosopher': Hume on Philosophy" (2007)
Donna J. Werner, "Masters of Our Passions: Descartes's Ethics and Elizabeth's Challenge" (2004)
James M. Preston, "Perfectionist Liberalism: A Role for Human Flourishing in Rawlsian Justice" (1998)

University of Michigan

Graduate student instructor, teaching assistant, and writing instructor, 1984-88.
Taught Introductory Philosophy and assisted courses in Problems in Philosophy, History of Ancient Philosophy, History of Modern Philosophy, and Social and Political Philosophy.

Service

Public

Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee for the State of Connecticut, 2009-present

Professional

American Philosophical Association Committee on Philosophy and Medicine, 2008-present
Lyon Daughters Lecture in Bioethics Committee, 2009-present
Conference director, 3rd Henle Conference in the History of Philosophy: "Philosophy and Modern Science: Lectures for Professor Richard J. Blackwell." Saint Louis University. April 1998.
Conference program committees:
American Society of Bioethics and Humanities philosophy program committee, 2009
2nd Henle Conference: "Deliberative Democracy" (1995-96)
4th Henle Conference: "Religious Commitment and Public Life" (1999-2000)
22nd Hume Conference (1994-95)
25th Hume Conference (1997-98)
26th Hume Conference (1998-99)
33rd Hume Conference (2005-06)
34th Hume Conference (2006-07)

35th Hume Conference (2007-08)
 Consultant for presses, journals, and grants:
AJOB: Neuroscience (2010, 2011)
American Journal of Political Science (1999, 2000, 2001)
American Political Science Review (2007)
Canadian Journal of Philosophy (2008, 2009)
Hume Studies (1993, 1995, 1996, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010)
Journal of the History of Ideas (2006)
Journal of the History of Philosophy (1992)
Journal of Moral Philosophy (2010)
Neurology (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010)
Noûs (1995)
 Oxford University Press (2009, 2011)
Political Studies (2010)
Political Theory (2000, 2004)
Polity (1994, 2000)
 Routledge Press (2001)
Social Theory and Practice (2001)
 SUNY Press (1992, 1997)
 The Wellcome Trust (UK) (2006, 2008, 2011)
 Promotion review, Yale Divinity School (2011)
 Associate editor, *The Modern Schoolman*, 1993-2003
 Publisher, *St. Louis Philosophical Calendar*, 1993-2003
 Professional memberships:
 American Philosophical Association, 1985-present
 Hume Society, 1989-present
 American Society of Bioethics and Humanities, 2004-present
 Neuroethics Society, 2007-present
 American Political Science Association, 1998-99

University

University of Rochester

Phi Beta Kappa Iota of New York Executive Board, 2003-present (Treasurer, 2004-present; Delegate to the Triennial Council, 2009)
 University of Rochester Medical Center Ethics Committee, 2005-present
 Advisory committee, Ethics Consultation Service, 2005-present
 Embryonic Stem Cell Research Oversight Committee, 2005-present
 Creative Excellence in Human Values in Medicine Awards Committee, 2009-present
 Medical Humanities and Bioethics Pathways Advisory Committee, 2010-present
 Ethics consultant, Batten Disease Research Group, 2010-present
 Ethics consultant, Living Kidney Donor Advocacy Team, 2010-present
 Ethics consultant, Living Liver Donor Advocacy Team, 2011-present
 Ethics consultant, Liver Transplant Team, 2011-present
 Admissions program lecturer, 2009
 Dean's task force on public health majors, 2007

Saint Louis University

University Senate Grievance Committee, 1994-2003
Dean's Ad Hoc Committee on Junior Sabbaticals, 1995
Phi Beta Kappa Gamma of Missouri Executive Board, 1995-98 (Vice president,
1995-96; President, 1996-97; Book Award Committee, 1996, 1998, 2000)
Graduate School Research Committee, 1998-2001
Mellon Award Committee, 2002-03

Departmental

University of Rochester

Steering Committee, Program in Public Health-Related Majors, 2009-present
Undergraduate bioethics advisor, 2009-present
Philosophy graduate teaching director, 2006-present
Advisory committee, Program in Health and Society, 2005-11
Undergraduate philosophy advisor, 2004-06

Saint Louis University

Director of Graduate Teaching, 1996-2003
Speakers coordinator, 1991-2003
Chair, Ethics hiring committee, 2001-02
Member, Early modern hiring committee, 2000-01