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Current Appointments

Distinguished Professor of Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Rutgers University Camden, since 2023.

Founder and Co-Director, Childism Institute, Rutgers University Camden, since 2019.

Founder and Co-Director, Children's Voting Colloquium, since 2019.

Joint Appointment, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University Camden, since 2007.

Previous Appointments

Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Rutgers University, Fall 2010 to Spring 2021 and 2024-25.

Acting Associate Dean for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Graduate School and Research, Fall 2016.

Professor of Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Rutgers University, 2011 to 2024.

Associate Professor of Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Rutgers University, 2006 to 2011.

Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Rutgers University, 2000 to 2006.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University, 1999 to 2000.

Instructor at The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Chicago, Illinois, Winter 2000; The University of Chicago Divinity School, Spring 1999; McCormick Theological Seminary, Winter 1999; DePaul University, Department of Religious Studies, Spring and Fall 1998 and Winter 1999; The University of Chicago, Continuing Education Program, Winter 1996; The University of Chicago, College Writing Program, Winter and Spring 1994.

Education

Ph.D. Religious Ethics, The University of Chicago, Divinity School, 1999.

Dissertation: *Pluralism and Meaning: Paul Ricoeur and the Ethics of Interpretation*.

Co-Advisors: Don Browning and William Schweiker. Reader: David Tracy.

Doctoral Exams passed with Distinction, 1994.

M.A. Divinity, The University of Chicago, Divinity School, 1991.

B.A. Fundamentals: Issues and Texts, The University of Chicago, 1988.

Scholarship

Books

Handbook of Theories in Childhood Studies, chief co-editor with Sarada Balagopalan and Karen Wells (New York: Bloomsbury Academic Publishers, 2023).

Exploring Children's Suffrage: Interdisciplinary Explorations in Ageless Voting, ed. John Wall (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022).

Give Children the Vote: On Democratizing Democracy (New York: Bloomsbury Academic Publishers, 2022).

Children's Rights: Today's Global Challenge (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016).

Children and Armed Conflict, ed. Daniel Thomas Cook and John Wall (Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave Macmillan Publishing, 2011).

Ethics in Light of Childhood (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2010).

Moral Creativity: Paul Ricoeur and the Poetics of Possibility (New York: Oxford University Press and American Academy of Religion, 2005).

Paul Ricoeur and Contemporary Moral Thought, ed. John Wall, William Schweiker, and David Hall (New York: Routledge, 2002; paperback reprint 2016).

Marriage, Health, and the Professions: If Marriage is Good for You, What Does this Mean for Law, Medicine, Ministry, Therapy, and Business?, ed. John Wall, Don Browning, Stephen Post, and William Doherty (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2002).

Series co-editor, nine books constituting the "Religion, Marriage, and Family Series," ed. Don Browning and John Wall (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000 to 2002).

Books in Progress

Transsensus: On Political Theory. Monograph developing a childist theory of politics as poetic, in early stages of development.

The Art of Being. Work of philosophical fiction in complete draft form on creativity and meaning, in process of finding a publisher.

Refereed Journal Articles

35. "Infancismo y las Políticas de Empoderamiento Social" ["Childism and the Politics of Social Empowerment"], *Sociedad e Infancias*, (2024) 8(2):205-213.
34. Neena Modi, Anandini Dar, Lucia Rabello de Castro, Robin Chen, and John Wall, "The Health and Wellbeing Case for Children's Suffrage," *Lancet Child and Adolescent* 8(2024):251-252.
33. Tanu Biswas, John Wall, Hanne Warming, Ohad Zehavi, David Kennedy, Karin Murriss, Walter Kohan, Britta Saal, and Toby Rollo, "Childism and Philosophy: A Conceptual Co-Exploration," *Policy Futures in Education* (2023) 2(5):741-759.
32. "Adultism and Voting Age Discrimination," *Harvard Human Rights Journal* (2023) 36: 329-340.
31. Sonja Grover, John Wall, and Robin Chen, "The Legal Case for Children's Right to Vote in the United States," *International Journal of Children's Rights* 31(2023):791-810.
30. Anne Graham, Antonia Canosa, John Wall, and Nigel Patrick Thomas, "Child Safe Organizations and the Ethics of Empowered Inclusion," *Children & Society* (2023) 37(6):1719-1736.
30. Tanu Biswas and John Wall, "Childist Theory in the Humanities and Social Sciences," *Children & Society*, editorial in special Issue on "Childism," edited by Tanu Biswas and John Wall (2023) 37.4:1001-1004,
29. Co-Editor with Tanu Biswas, *Children & Society*, Special Issue on "Childism," (2023) 37.4, comprising the following six articles:
 - Tanu Biswas and John Wall, "Childist Theory in the Humanities and Social Sciences"
 - Tanu Biswas, "Becoming Good Ancestors: A Decolonial, Childist Approach to Global Intergenerational Sustainability"
 - Erica Burman, "Child as Method and/as Childism: Conceptual-Political Intersections and Tensions"
 - Justyna Deszcz-Tryhubczak and Macarena García González, "Thinking and Doing with Childism in Children's Literature Studies"
 - Britta Saal, "Enlightening through Children: Playing and Thinking Together in New Ways"
 - Julie Faith Parker, "Neglect is Not Benign: Why Childist Biblical Studies Matter and the Implications for Childism"
28. "Children's Rights and Voting Age Discrimination," *Harvard Human Rights Journal* (November 2022), online journal, <https://harvardhrj.com/online>.
27. "Childhoods as Normative Reconstructions," section in collective writing project edited by Marek Tesar on "Infantographies," *Educational Philosophy and Theory* (2021), 54.3: pp. 5-6.
26. "Empowered Inclusion: Theorizing Global Justice for Children and Youth," Jonathan Josefsson and John Wall. *Globalizations* (2020), 17:6, 1043-1060.
25. "From Childhood Studies to Childism: Reconstructing the Scholarly and Social Imaginations," *Children's Geographies*, special issue edited by Hanne Warming on Society and Social Changes through the Prism of Childhood (2019), 20(3):257-270.

- Reprinted in Hanne Warming, ed., *Society and Social Changes through the Prism of Childhood* (New York: Routledge, 2023).
24. "Theorizing Children's Global Citizenship: Reconstructionism and the Politics of Deep Interdependence," *Global Studies of Childhood* (March 2019) 9(1): 5-17.
 23. "Democratizing Democracy: The Road from Women's to Children's Suffrage," *International Journal of Human Rights*, Special Issue, edited by Sonja Grover (2014) 18.6: 646-659.
 22. "Why Children and Youth Should Have the Right to Vote: An Argument for Proxy-Claim Suffrage," *Children, Youth and Environments*, Vol. 24, No. 1 (2014), pp. 108-123.
 21. "Can Democracy Represent Children? Toward a Politics of Difference," *Childhood: A Journal of Global Child Research* 19.1 (February 2012), 19: 86-100.
 20. "Children's Political Representation: The Right to Make a Difference," primary author, with Anandini Dar, *International Journal of Children's Rights* 19.4 (December 2011), pp. 595-612.
 19. "'Aint I a Person?' Reimagining Human Rights in Response to Children," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 30.2 (Fall 2010), pp. 39-57.
 18. "Children and Political Representation: The Challenge of the Gift," *Journal of Childhood and Religion* 1.5 (July 2010), pp. 1-32.
 17. "Human Rights in Light of Childhood," *International Journal of Children's Rights* 16.4 (October 2008), pp. 523-543.
 16. "Human Rights in Light of Children: A Christian Childist Perspective," *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 17.1 (Spring 2007), pp. 54-67.
 15. "Response to Wilcox," in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75.1 (March 2007), pp. 85-86.
 14. "Fatherhood, Childism, and the Creation of Society," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75.1 (March 2007), pp. 52-76.
 13. "*Imitatio Creatoris*: The Hermeneutical Primordiality of Creativity in Moral Life," *Journal of Religion* 87.1 (January 2007), pp. 21-42.
 12. "Childhood Studies, Hermeneutics, and Theological Ethics," *Journal of Religion* 86.4 (October 2006), pp. 523-548.
 11. "Phronesis as Poetic: Moral Creativity in Contemporary Aristotelianism," *The Review of Metaphysics* 59.2 (December 2005), pp. 313-331.
 10. "The Creative Imperative: Ethics and the Formation of Life in Common," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 33.1 (Spring 2005), pp. 45-64.
 9. "Fallen Angels: A Contemporary Christian Ethical Ontology of Childhood," *International Journal of Practical Theology* 8.2 (Fall 2004), pp. 160-184.

8. "'Let the Little Children Come': Child Rearing as Challenge to Contemporary Christian Ethics," *Horizons* 31.1 (Spring 2004), pp. 64-87.
7. "The Christian Ethics of Children: Emerging Questions and Possibilities," *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 4.1 (January 2004), pp. 1-8.
6. "Phronesis, Poetics, and Moral Creativity," *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 6.3 (September 2003), pp. 317-341.
5. "Animals and Innocents: Theological Reflections on the Meaning and Purpose of Child-Rearing," *Theology Today* 59.4 (January 2003), pp. 559-582.
4. "The Marriage Education Movement: A Theological Analysis," *International Journal of Practical Theology* 6.1 (Spring 2002), pp. 85-104.
3. "Marital Therapy Caught Between Person and Public: A Conversation with Christian Traditions on Marriage," primary author, with Bonnie Miller-McLemore, *Pastoral Psychology* 50.4 (March 2002), pp. 259-280.
2. "The Economy of the Gift: Paul Ricoeur's Significance for Theological Ethics," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 29.2 (Summer 2001), pp. 235-260.
1. "The Ethics of Relationality: The Moral Views of Therapists Engaged in Marital and Family Therapy," primary author, with Don Browning, Thomas Needham, and Susan James, *Journal of Family Relations* 48.2 (April 1999), pp. 139-149.

Non-Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

42. "Adultism, Normative Power, and Voting Age Discrimination," in Aoife Daly, Pernilla Leviner, and Rebecca Thorburn Stern (eds.), *Treated Like a Child - Age Discrimination and Children's Rights* (Brill, forthcoming 2025).
41. "Children's Rights from a Childist Perspective: Theorizing Social Empowerment," in Valeria Llobet, Didier Reynaert, Afua Twum-Danso Imoh, and Wouter Vandenhoele (eds.), *Towards a Field of Critical Children's Rights Studies: A New Handbook* (Routledge, forthcoming 2025).
40. Tanu Biswas and John Wall, "Childism for the Very Young," in Sara Michael Luna, Brian L. Wright, and Marek Tesar (eds.), *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Critical Perspectives in Early Childhood* (Bloomsbury, forthcoming 2025).
39. "Forward," in Sonja C. Grover, *Judicial Oppression of Child Rights in Democratic States by International Human Rights Bodies: A Comparative Perspective* (Springer, 2024).
38. "From Childhood Studies to Childism," in Hanne Warming, ed., *Society and Social Changes through the Prism of Childhood* (London: Routledge, 2023) (reprint of 2019 article).
37. "Why Democracies Need Children's Suffrage," *The Loop*, European Consortium for Political Research's (ECPR's) Political Science Blog, May 2023.

36. "Interview with John Wall about his edited collection, *Exploring Children's Suffrage: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Ageless Voting*," The Childhood, Law & Policy Network (CLPN), Queen Mary University of London, 11 March 2023.
35. "Childism: Transforming Critical Theory in Response to Children." In Sarada Balagopalan, John Wall, and Karen Wells, eds., *Bloomsbury Handbook of Theories in Childhood Studies* (New York: Bloomsbury, 2023), 208-222.
34. "Introduction," Sarada Balagopalan, John Wall, and Karen Wells. In Sarada Balagopalan, John Wall, and Karen Wells, eds., *Bloomsbury Handbook of Theories in Childhood Studies* (New York: Bloomsbury, 2023).
33. "Childism." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Childhood Studies*, ed. Heather Montgomery (New York: Oxford University Press, February 2022), online, 15 pages.
32. "Introduction." In *Exploring Children's Suffrage: Interdisciplinary Explorations in Ageless Voting*, ed. John Wall (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022).
31. "The Case for Children's Voting." In *Exploring Children's Suffrage: Interdisciplinary Explorations in Ageless Voting*, ed. John Wall (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022).
30. "Adulthood." In *The Encyclopedia of Social Justice in Early Childhoods and Childhood Studies*, edited by Marek Tesar, Maisha T. Winn, and Lawrence T. Winn. (Bloomsbury, 2022).
29. "Ethics and Childism," blog post for Ethical Research Involving Children (ERIC) Project, University of New South Wales, Australia, at <https://childethics.com/blog>, June 2020.
28. "Empowering Children through Childism." *Montessori International* magazine, May 2020, pp. 34-37.
27. "The Global Human Rights of Modern Child Slaves." In Anna Mae Duane, ed., *Child Slavery before and after Emancipation: An Argument for Child-Centered Slavery Studies* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017), pp. 270-286.
26. "Children and the Future of Human Rights: From Child Saving to Child Empowerment." In Henric Benesch and Johnny Friberg, eds., *Growing with Design* (Gothenburg, Sweden: University of Gothenburg, 2016), pp. 10-33.
25. "Why Children's Rights Matter." In Catherine Bernard and John Shea, eds., *Giving Children a Voice: The Transforming Role of the Family* (Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2016), pp. 43-51.
24. Op-ed on UK Labour Minister Ed Miliband's proposal to lower the voting age to 16, *Democratic Audit UK*, <http://www.democraticaudit.com/?p=1536>, September 28, 2013 (1 page).
23. "Childism: The Challenge of Childhood to Ethics and the Humanities." In Anna Mae Duane, ed., *The Children's Table: Childhood Studies and the New Humanities* (Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2013), pp. 68-84.

22. "All the World's a Stage: Childhood and the Play of Being." In Emily Ryall, Wendy Russell, and Malcolm MacLean, eds., *The Philosophy of Play* (New York: Routledge, 2013), pp. 32-43.
21. "Votes at 16: What the UK Can Learn from Austria, Norway and the Crown Dependencies," John Wall, Sarah Birch, Stephen Williams, Eva Zeglovits, and Jo Saglie. *DemocraticAudit.com*, September 28, 2013, 1-3.
20. "Imagining Childism: How Childhood Should Transform Religious Ethics." In Marcia Bunge, ed., *Children, Adults and Shared Responsibilities: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2012), pp. 135-51.
19. Ethics in Light of Childhood, by John Wall. Response (to review of my book, *Ethics in Light of Childhood*), *Conversations in Religion and Theology* 9.2 (November 2011), pp. 200-12.
18. "Ricoeur, Poetics, and Religious Ethics." In *Paul Ricoeur: Honoring and Continuing the Work*, ed. Farhang Erfani (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, Rowman and Littlefield, 2011), pp. 47-60.
17. "Childism and the Ethics of Responsibility." In Annemie Dillen and Didier Pollefeyt, eds., *Children's Voices. Children's Perspectives in Ethics, Theology, and Religious Education* (Leuven, Belgium: BETL, Peeters-Publishing, 2010), pp. 237-265.
16. "Christianity," co-editor with Marcia Bunge, in *Children and Childhood in World Religions: Primary Sources and Texts*, ed. Don Browning and Marcia Bunge (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2009), pp. 83-149.
15. "Child: Religious and Philosophical Perspectives." In *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion*, ed. Richard A. Shweder (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2009), pp. 143-147.
14. "John Locke." In *The Child: An Encyclopedic Companion*, ed. Richard A. Shweder (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2009), p. 578.
13. "Paul Ricoeur." *Religion Past and Present: Encyclopedia of Theology and Religion*, Fourth Edition, Volume 7, ed. Hans Deiter Betz, Don S. Browning, and Eberhard Jungel (Boston: Brill, 2009). English version of *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart (RGG)*, Vol. 7 (Frankfurt, Germany: Mohr Siebeck, 2008). (1 page).
12. "Childhood Studies, Hermeneutics, and Theological Ethics." In John Witte, Jr., M. Christian Green, and Amy Wheeler, eds., *The Equal Regard Family and its Friendly Critics: Don Browning and the Practical Theological Ethics of the Family* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing, 2007), pp. 95-122.
11. "Rethinking Human Rights in Light of Children." In Trygve Wyller and Usha S. Nayar, eds., *The Given Child: The Religious Contribution to Children's Citizenship* (Göttingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2007), pp. 105-124.
10. "Practical Theology" subheading under heading of "Marriage and Divorce." In *Encyclopedia of Christianity* (and translated into German in *Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon*), Volume 3 (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2003), pp. 421-422.

9. "Cohabitation," "Marriage," "Divorce," and "Single Parents." In *New Dictionary of Pastoral Studies*, ed. Wesley Carr, Anton Obholzer, Rowan Williams, Robin Gill, Stephen Pattison, Ruth Page (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2002), pp. 58-59, 102, 209-10, and 341-342.
8. "Introduction: Human Capability and Contemporary Moral Thought." John Wall, William Schweiker, and W. David Hall. In *Paul Ricoeur and Contemporary Moral Thought*, ed. John Wall, William Schweiker, and David Hall (New York: Routledge, 2002), pp. 1-12.
7. "Moral Meaning: Beyond the Good and the Right?" In *Paul Ricoeur and Contemporary Moral Thought*, ed. John Wall, William Schweiker, and David Hall (New York: Routledge, 2002), pp. 47-63.
6. "Introduction." John Wall and Don Browning. In *Marriage, Health, and the Professions: The Implications of the Health Benefits of Marriage for the Professions of Law, Medicine, Ministry, Therapy, and Business*, ed. John Wall, Don Browning, William Doherty, and Stephen Post (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2002), pp. 1-10.
5. "Health, Christian Marriage Traditions, and the Ethics of Marital Therapy." John Wall and Bonnie Miller-McLemore. In *Marriage, Health, and the Professions: The Implications of the Health Benefits of Marriage for the Professions of Law, Medicine, Ministry, Therapy, and Business*, ed. John Wall, Don Browning, William Doherty, Stephen Post (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2002), pp. 186-207.
4. "The Marriage Education Movement: A Theological Analysis." In *Celebrating Christian Marriage*, ed. Adrian Thatcher (New York: T&T Clark, 2001), pp. 147-162.
3. "Marriage as Public Policy: The Labour Government Takes an Interest." With Don Browning and Carol Browning, *The Christian Century*, January 20, 1999, pp. 44-45.
2. "Ministry With Families Troubled By Abuse." In Herbert Anderson, et al., *The Family Handbook* (Westminster/John Knox Press, 1998), pp. 164-171.
1. "The New Middle Ground in the Family Debate." *Criterion* (Autumn 1994), pp. 24-31.

Book Reviews

8. Review of Anne Richards and Peter Privett, eds., *Through the Eyes of a Child: New Insights in Theology from a Child's Perspective* (London, UK: Church Publishing House, 2009). In *Religious Studies Review*, 37.1 (January 2011), p. 37.
7. Review of Jerome W. Berryman, *Children and the Theologians: Clearing the Way for Grace* (New York: Morehouse Publishing, 2009). In *Journal of Childhood and Religion*, online, July 2011, approximately 4 pages.
6. Review of O.M. Bakke, *When Children Became People: The Birth of Childhood in Early Christianity* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005). In *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 60.3 (July 2006), pp. 338-40.
5. Review of Richard A. Cohen and James L. Marsh, eds., *Ricoeur as Another* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2002). In *Journal of Religion* 83.2 (April 2003), pp. 311-312.

4. Review of Pamela D. Couture, *Seeing Children, Seeing God: A Practical Theology of Children and Poverty* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2000). In *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 55.2 (April 2001), p. 222.
3. "Marriage Today: Sacramental or Utilitarian?" Review of Adrian Thatcher, *Marriage After Modernity: Christian Marriage in Postmodern Times* (New York: New York University Press, 1999). In *The Christian Century* 117.30 (November 1, 2000), pp. 1120-1121.
2. Review of Mark Pestana, *Moral Virtue or Mental Health?* (New York: Peter Lang, 1998). In *Journal of Religion* 80.4 (October 2000), pp. 704-705.
1. Review of John Hanwell Riker, *Ethics and the Discovery of the Unconscious* (Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1997). In *Religious Studies Review* 25.2 (April 1999), p. 185.

Academic Conference Presentations

66. "Suffrage for Children." In "PARS Playwork Annual Conference," Common Threads, Norfolk, UK, October 19, 2024 (online).
65. "Children's Rights in Childist Perspective: Theorizing Normative Empowerment." In "Critical Childhoods: 100 Years of Children's Rights," School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool, July 3-5, 2024.
64. "Adulthood and Voting Age Discrimination." In "Treated Like a Child - Age Discrimination and Children's Rights," School of Law, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden, June 12-13, 2024.
63. "Adulthood and Its Discontents." In "PARS Playwork Annual Conference," Common Threads, Norfolk, UK, October 14, 2023 (online).
62. "Children's Rights and Voting Age Discrimination." In "Workshop on Discrimination on the Basis of Age," Human Rights Program, Harvard Law School, Harvard University, November 18, 2022 (online).
61. "Children's Right to Vote." In "Children's Right to Vote: Should the Voting Age be Lowered/Abolished?" The Childhood, Law, and Policy Network, Queen Mary University of London, November 2022 (online).
60. "Childism and Child Migration." In Search of the Migrant Child Research Network, Conference on "Not Mere Objects: Uncovering Children's Subjectivities in Migration," May 16, 2022 (online).
59. "Childism and the Play of Imagination." PARS Playwork Practice Conference, United Kingdom, November 2021 (online).
58. "The Proxy-Claim Vote: Toward a Childist Voting Technology." Childism and the Future of Democracy, Transnational Childism Colloquium, Childism Institute, Rutgers University Camden, May 2020 (online).
57. "Giving Children a Voice: Lessons from Women's and Other Suffrage Movements." Medical Women's Federation Autumn Conference, United Kingdom, November 2020 (online).
56. "Childism: Reconstructing Imaginations of Play." PARS Playwork Practice Conference, United Kingdom, October 2020 (online).

55. "The Childism Institute." Presentation at Linköping University, Sweden, and University of Stockholm, Sweden, April 2020 (planned to be in person but delivered online because of pandemic).
54. "From Childhood Studies to Childism." Presentation at Linköping University, Sweden, and University of Stockholm, Sweden, April 2020 (planned to be in person but delivered online because of pandemic).
53. "From Childhood Studies to Childism." Presentation at Roskilde University, Denmark, April 2020 (cancelled because of pandemic).
52. "The Concept of Childism." Exploring Childism Across Disciplines, Transnational Childism Colloquium, Childism Institute, Rutgers University Camden, January 2020 (online).
51. "From Childhood Studies to Childism," Symposium on "Capturing the Social Through the Prism of Childhood: Bridging Childhood Research and the Social Sciences," Roskilde University, November 2017.
50. "Response to Mayering and Helgren," Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY) Annual Meeting, Camden, NJ, June 2017.
49. "Empowering Citizens, Empowering Children: Human Rights in an Interdependent World." Keynote conclusion to conference, Sociology of Childhood Working Group of the European Sociological Association; before the Flemish Parliament; and by invitation of the Children's Rights Commissioner, Brussels, Belgium, May 27, 2016. (See also subsequent newspaper interview in Service below).
48. "Childism and the Future of Children's Rights." Presentation to the Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Gothenburg, Sweden, October 2015.
47. "Children and the Future of Human Rights." Main keynote presentation at a conference, Growing with Design, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, October 2015.
46. "Human Rights in Light of Childhood." Invited presentation at a conference, The Troublesome Children's Rights, Linköping University, Sweden, May 2014.
45. "Childism: The Challenge of Childhood to Ethics and the Humanities." The Children's Table Symposium, Texas A&M University, April 2013.
44. "Ain't I a Person? Childism and the International Movement for Children's Rights." Center for the Humanities, Washington University in Saint Louis. September 2012.
43. "Childism and Difference: Rethinking the Bases of Democracy." The Center for the Study of Childhood and Youth, Sheffield University, UK, "Celebrating Childhood Diversity" Conference, July 2012.
42. "Play and Being Human." Keynote, International Conference on Children's Play (ICCP), Tallin, Estonia, June 2012.
41. "Children and Democracy: The Right to Make a Difference." Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI), Global Summit on Childhood, March 2012.

40. "Childism in the Humanities." Keynote, Virginia Humanities Conference, Roanoke College, March 2012.
39. Breakfast with an Author on my *Ethics in Light of Childhood*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Washington, DC, January 2012.
38. "Religion and Spirituality in the Moral Lives of Children: A Response." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 2011.
37. Co-organizer, panel chair, and concluding spotlight panel moderator of international conference on "Multiple Childhoods/Multidisciplinary Perspectives: Interrogating Normativity in Childhood Studies." Rutgers University Department of Childhood Studies, May 2011.
36. "The Place of Children: Ethical, Theological, and Human Rights Considerations." Keynote address, "Childhood in Irish Society: An Interdisciplinary Conference," Mater Dei Institute of Education, Dublin City University, Dublin, Ireland, April 2011.
35. "All the World's a Stage: Childhood and the Play of Being." Keynote address, conference on "Philosophy at Play," University of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom, April 2011.
34. "The Church and Children's Rights." Conference on "Children, Youth, Church, and Culture." Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas, April 2010.
33. "'Ain't I Person?' Reimagining Human Rights in Light of Childhood." Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, San Jose, CA, January 2010.
32. "What's God Got to Do with It? Ricoeur's Unfinished Poetics." Society for Ricoeur Studies Annual Conference, Arlington, VA, October 2009.
31. Co-organizer and panel chair of international conference on "Children and War." Rutgers University Department of Childhood Studies, April 2009.
30. "'Ain't I a Person?' Rethinking Human Rights in Light of Childhood." Inaugural address for annual series in Philosophy at West Chester University, West Chester, PA, April 2009.
29. "Why Children's Rights Matter." Plenary address at the World Congress on Children and Families, Service and Research Foundation of Asia on Family and Children (SERFAC), New Delhi, India, January 2009.
28. "Children's Rights Globally." Presentation to Service and Research Foundation of Asia on Family and Children (SERFAC), London, UK, April 2008.
27. "Learning Ethical Creativity: Literature as Pedagogical Poetics." Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Atlanta, GA, January 2008.
26. "A Childist Christian Ethics of Responsibility." Keynote address at conference on "Children's Voices: Children's Perspectives in Ethics, Theology, and Religious Education." Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium, January 2007.

25. Breakfast with an Author on my book, *Moral Creativity: Paul Ricoeur and the Poetics of Possibility* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005). Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Phoenix, AZ, January 2007.
24. "A Childist Christian Ethics of Responsibility." Follow-up seminar on "The Child in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam," The Child in Religion and Ethics Project, Valparaiso University, held at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC, November 2006.
23. "Human Rights in Light of Children: A Christian Childist Perspective." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC, November 2006.
22. Lead co-organizer of conference titled "The Future of Childhood Studies in the United States," Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey, September 29 to October 1, 2006.
21. "A Childist Christian Ethics of Responsibility." Seminar on "The Child in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam," The Child in Religion and Ethics Project, Valparaiso University, held in Chicago, Illinois, March 2006.
20. "Fatherhood and the Creation of Society: A Christian Ethical Response to W. Bradford Wilcox's *Soft Patriarchs, New Men*." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2005.
19. "A New Social Ethics of Childhood in a Globalizing World." International Conference, "Childhoods 2005: Children and Youth in Emerging and Transforming Societies." University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, June to July 2005.
18. "Childhood and the Transformation of Christianity: A Response." Invited response paper to panel of four papers on "Children as Agents of Good and Evil." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.
17. "Phronesis and Poetics in Contemporary Moral Thought." Paper at conference on "La phronèsis: Aux sources pré-aristotéliennes et aristotéliennes." Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, May 2004.
16. "The Child in Christian Ethics." Presentation at conference on "Child Theology." Center for the Theology of Childhood, Houston, Texas, May 2004.
15. "On Moral Creativity: Difference, Dialogue, and the Image of God." Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, Illinois, January 2004.
14. Breakfast with an Author on my co-edited book, *Marriage, Health, and the Professions: If Marriage is Good for You, What Does This Mean for Law, Medicine, Ministry, Therapy, and Business?* Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, Illinois, January 2004.
13. Panelist in three-day "Marriage Symposium." Institute for the Study of Marriage, Law, and Culture, McGill University, Toronto, Canada, December 2003.
12. "In the Image of God: The Human Capability for Moral Creativity." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

11. "The Christian Ethics of Children: Emerging Questions and Possibilities." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.
10. "Moral Creativity: Norm and Description." Presentation at conference on "Norm and Description: A Conference in Honor of Don S. Browning." The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, Illinois, April 2003.
9. Breakfast with an Author on my co-edited book, *Paul Ricoeur and Contemporary Moral Thought*. Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, January 2003.
8. "Poetic Ethics: Paul Ricoeur and the Possibility for Moral Creativity." Writers Group presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, January 2003.
7. "Animals and Innocents: Theological Perspectives on the Meaning and Purpose of Child Rearing." Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, Illinois, January 2001.
6. "The Economy of the Gift: Toward a Critical Hermeneutical Christian Ethics." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, Tennessee, November 2000.
5. "The Marriage Education Movement: A Theological Analysis." The International Marriage Conference, Plymouth, England, June 2000.
4. "Moral Meaning in Physician-Patient Relationships: A Case in Physician-Assisted Suicide." Lecture Forum on "Science and Ethics," Northwestern University, Chicago, April 2000.
3. "Moral Meaning: Beyond the Good and the Right?" Paper at international conference, "Ethics and Meaning in Public Life: A Conference on Paul Ricoeur and Contemporary Moral Thought," The University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, Illinois, October 1999.
2. "Ethics and Identity in Paul Ricoeur and Erik Erikson." Midwest American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, May 1995.
1. "Ricoeur and Narrative Identity: Towards a Hermeneutic Moral Anthropology." Student Ethics Conference, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, May 1994.

Other Presentations

48. "World Children's Day 2024: Thinking Critically About Childhood at the Local, State, and National Level." Member of panel discussion at Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro's Office, Resilient PA, November 21, 2024, online.
47. "Childism." The University of Liverpool, and British Academy, series in "Children in Theory," June 2023, online.
46. "The Right to Vote." Talk at the Alternative Education Resource Organization (AERO) conference, June 27, 2022, online.
45. "Exploring Children's Suffrage," preliminary edited book talk, Children's Voting Colloquium, May 26, 2022, online.

44. "Children's Rights as Refugees at the Border." Part of panel that I also organized and chaired on "Children at the Border," Hostile Terrain 94, a week-long event on Southern US border deaths that I co-organized, April 14, 2022.
43. "The Value of Bringing Theory to Bear on Child-Related Research." Interviewed as the first part of a series on "Children in Theory: Theoretical Methods and Approaches for the Study of Childhood," series directed by Helen Stalford and Deborah Lawson, School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool, UK, February 2022.
42. "Coordinating Global Children's Voting Campaigns." National Youth Rights Association (NYRA) panel on "The #16ToVote Movement," October 2020, online.
41. "Children as Embodiments of Evil." Rutgers Camden Honors College panel on Historical and Cultural Perspectives on Halloween, October 30, 2019.
40. "Children's Rights: Today's Global Challenge." Cambridge Public Library, Cambridge, MA, September 2018.
39. "Child Migrant Rights at the Southern Border." Rutgers University Camden, Exploring Interdisciplinary Global Studies Project, September 2018.
38. "Children's Rights: Today's Global Challenge." Presentation at a class that had read my book of that title. Sara Kitchen, World Justice for Children, Chestnut Hill College. November 28, 2017.
37. "Children's Rights and International Law." Presentation before the Rutgers University School of Law, International Law Society, November 2, 2017.
36. Presentation on Arjun Appadurai's "Grassroots Globalization and the Research Imagination." "Defining Globalization Workshop," Exploring Interdisciplinary Global Studies Project, Rutgers University Camden, May 22, 2017.
35. Discussion of *Children's Rights: Today's Global Challenge*. Presentation at Ursinus College, Unicef Club, May 2, 2017.
34. Discussion of *Children's Rights: Today's Global Challenge*. Presentation before the Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University Camden, April 12, 2017.
33. "Children's Rights: Today's Global Challenge." Presentation before the Rutgers University Camden Alumni Association, April 4, 2017.
32. "Exploring Interdisciplinary Global Studies: Introduction." Presentation at the Global Studies Roundtable, sponsored by the Exploring Interdisciplinary Global Studies Project, Rutgers University Camden, February 20, 2017.
31. "The Future of Child and Youth Voting." Presentation at a Rutgers-Camden, Department of Childhood Studies conference on "The Youth Vote: Past, Present, and Future," October 13, 2016.

30. "Youth Rights and Voting." Presentation at a conference on "Involving Youth in Local Government Decision Making," Senator Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs, Rutgers University Camden, March 24, 2016.
29. "Childism and Children Voting." Interview on Swedish Radio, February 10, 2015, accessible via sverigesradio.se/sida/avschnitt/501211?programid=1272 (minutes 43:30-48:20).
28. "Should Humans Be Cloned?" Presentation before the American Medical Students Association, Rutgers-Camden, April 2013.
27. "Are Children's Rights Philosophically Viable?" Presentation before the Rutgers-Camden Philosophy Society, November 2012.
26. "The Ethics of Human Reproductive Cloning." Presentation before the Rutgers-Camden Philosophy Society, November 2011.
25. "Should Children Have the Right to Vote?" Presentation with graduate student Anandini Dar for the Department of Philosophy and Religion Symposium Series, November 2010.
24. "'Ain't I a Person?' Human Rights in Light of Childhood." Talk before the Children's Rights series, Rutgers University, February 2009.
23. "International Children's Rights." Talk before Introduction to Childhood Studies course, November 2008.
22. "Human Rights in Light of Childhood." Talk before Graduate Childhood Studies Proseminar, April 2008.
21. "Genesis 1-3: Myth and/or Reality." Graduate Liberal Studies Colloquium, Rutgers University, November 2007.
20. "Children without Childhoods." Presentation to 7th grade students at Haddonfield Middle School, November 2007.
19. "Ethical Perspectives on Childhood." Talk before Introduction to Childhood Studies course, November 2007.
18. "Love and the Ethics of Otherness." Undergraduate Liberal Studies Program, Rutgers University, March 2007.
17. "Celibacy, Marriage, and the Church." Co-presentation with student Jason Mell, Department of Philosophy and Religion, April 2006.
16. "Moral Creativity." Discussion of my book *Moral Creativity* before the Philosophy Society, Rutgers University, October 2005.
15. "Ethical Perspectives on What Children Are: A Critique of Rational Choice Theory." Center for Children and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, April 2004.
14. "What is Childhood?" Philosophy Society, Rutgers University, March 2004.

13. "Sin, Sinning, and the Symbolism of Evil." Graduate Liberal Studies Program, Rutgers University, first of series on "The Seven Deadly Sins," September 2003.
12. "Marriage: Just a Piece of Paper?" Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Haddonfield, NJ, March 2003.
11. "Ethics and Creativity." Philosophy Society, Rutgers University, December 2002.
10. "The Self: Does It Exist?" Philosophy Society, Rutgers University, February 2002.
9. "Marriage: Just a Piece of Paper?" Rutgers Cappuccino Academy, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, February 2002.
8. "Human Cloning: The Ethics of Identity." Presentation in the Rutgers University Graduate Liberal Studies Program Lecture and Colloquium Series, October 2001.
7. "Theology of Children." Invited class lecture and discussion for Introduction to Childhood Studies course, Rutgers University, Department of Childhood Studies, October 19, 2001; October 31, 2002; November 16, 2003; November 18, 2004; March 27, 2006.
6. Departmental Roundtable on "Philosophical and Religious Issues in Terrorism and Violence," Rutgers University, October 2001.
5. Panelist on Rutgers-Camden discussion of terrorism, Campus Center, September 2001.
4. "Animals and Innocents: Theological Perspectives on the Meaning and Purpose of Child Rearing." Workshop of the Center for Children and Childhood Studies, February 2001.
3. "The 'M' Word: Marriage in Religion and the Family Professions." Presentation before the Visiting Committee, The University of Chicago Divinity School, November 1998.
2. "Medical Ethics and the Family." Presentation at the Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics, Chicago, August 1997.
1. "Religion and the Family." Series of three Adult Education workshops at North Park Community Church, North Park, IL, April 1997.

Grants and Awards for Scholarship

Grant from the European Research Council for a 5-year cross-disciplinary project on "Youth Climate Justice" (€ 1,998, 868, or approx. \$ 2 million), January 2024 to December 2028. Member of the Advisory Board, PI Aoife Daly, Professor of Law, University of Cork, Ireland.

Grant from the Academy of Finland for a 4-year cross-disciplinary project on "Small Matters: An Intra-Generational Community Project about Death and Dying" (€ 346,783, or \$ 370,461), January 2023 to December 2027. Co-PI with 7 other co-PIs and PI Karin Murrus, University of Oulu, Finland.

Grant from the Rutgers University Camden Provost's Fund, Cross-Disciplinary Research Grant, for a two-year, interdisciplinary, cross-campus research project titled, "Startup Funding for Childism Institute" (\$12,000), January 2020 to December 2022. Principal Investigator (with three co-PIs).

Grant from the Rutgers University Internationalizing the Curriculum Grants, for "Global Studies Across the Curriculum at Rutgers-Camden" (\$10,000), July 2019 to June 2021. Co-PI with Carla Giaudrone and Jean-Louis Hippolyte.

Grant from the Rutgers University Camden Provost's Fund, Cross-Disciplinary Research Grant, for a two-year, interdisciplinary, cross-campus research project titled "Exploring Interdisciplinary Global Studies" (\$12,460), January 2017 to December 2018. Principal Investigator (with five co-PIs).

Board of Trustees Research Fellowship for Scholarly Excellence, award by Rutgers University for scholarly accomplishment leading to tenure (\$3,000), April 2006.

Grant from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Center for Children and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, for a 3-day conference on "The Future of Childhood Studies in the United States" (\$15,000), May 2005 to April 2006. Principal investigator.

Grant from the Research Council, Rutgers University for project titled "Philadelphia-Area Pastors' Religious Interpretations of Child-Rearing" (\$1,080), 2003-04. Principal investigator.

Grant from the Center for Children and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University for a project titled "Animals and Innocents: An Analysis of Western Theological Perspectives on the Meaning and Purpose of Child Rearing" (\$680), 2001-02. Principal investigator.

Grant from the Center for Children and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University for a project titled "Animals and Innocents: An Analysis of Western Theological Perspectives on the Meaning and Purpose of Child Rearing" (\$500), 2000-01. Principal investigator.

Grant from The University of Chicago Divinity School, D.R. Sharpe Lectureship Fund, for a conference titled "Ethics and Meaning in Public Life: Paul Ricoeur and Contemporary Moral Thought" (\$25,000), 1999. Co-principal investigator.

Grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. for a second phase of research for the Religion, Culture, and Family Project, The University of Chicago (\$2.1 million), 1997-2001. Assisted the principal investigator, Don Browning, in the grant's writing and implementation.

Junior Fellow, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago, support for dissertation research (\$13,000), 1998-99.

Teaching

Courses Taught

"Debating Ethical Issues across the Disciplines." New co-taught undergraduate course since Spring 2018.

"Children's Rights." Created as new graduate course. Since Fall 2012.

"Philosophical and Religious Perspectives on Childhood." Created as new undergraduate and graduate course. Since Spring 2008.

"Evil." Created as new undergraduate and graduate course. Since Fall 2004. Revised as an online course since 2018.

"Family Ethics." Created as new undergraduate course. Rutgers University. Fall 2001 to Spring 2004.

Annual lecture on "The Child in Ethical Thought" for required Childhood Studies Minor course "Introduction to Childhood Studies." Rutgers University. 2001-2008.

"Biomedical Ethics." Revised as cross-listed course in both Philosophy and Religion. Rutgers University. Since Spring 2001.

"Introduction to the Bible." Rutgers University. Since Spring 2001. Revised as an online course since 2018.

"Introduction to Religion and Contemporary Culture." Rutgers University. Since Fall 2000.

"Comparative Religious Ethics." Rutgers University. Fall 2000.

"Business Ethics." DePaul University, part time Spring 1998 to Winter 1999; full time Fall 1999 to Spring 2000.

"Business Ethics." The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, Winter 2000.

"Religious Ethics and Moral Psychology." The University of Chicago Divinity School, Spring 1999.

"Families in Theological Perspective." McCormick Theological Seminary, Winter 1999.

"Introduction to Ethical Theory." The University of Chicago, Continuing Education Program, Winter 1996.

"Academic and Professional Writing." The University of Chicago, The College, Winter and Spring 1994.

Theses and Independent Studies Supervision

Doctoral Dissertations

"Democratic Schooling in North America in the Late 20th and Early 21st Centuries." Chair, dissertation by Sebastian Barajas, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, started Spring 2022.

"Identifying Child Labor: A Historical Study of Bombay Textile Mills 1880-1920." Member, dissertation by Palak Vashist, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, started Spring 2022.

"Constructing Moral Babies: The Medical and Scientific Enterprise of Infancy in America, 1850s-1920s." Chair, dissertation by Elisabeth Yang, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, graduated January 2022.

"Children's Participation in Post-Conflict Peace-Building in Columbia." Member, dissertation by Diana Garcia, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, graduated May 2021.

"Making Space on the Digital Margin: Youth Fandom Communities on Tumblr as Spaces for Making the Self and Re-Making Society." Member, dissertation by Julian Burton, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, graduated Spring 2017.

"The Cradle of Community: Mormon and Oneida Childhoods in Nineteenth Century America." Member, dissertation by Matthew Prickett, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, graduated Spring 2018.

"Giving Voice and Choice to Children: Q Methodology as a Capability Measure." Chair, dissertation by Ines Meier, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, graduated Spring 2015.

"The Use of New Media in Urban African-American Churches' Work with Children and Youth." Chair, Ph.D. dissertation by Thomas Holmes, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, started Fall 2010, but student did not graduate.

"Immigrant Indian Experiences of Children in Families." Reader, dissertation by Dianne Fabii, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, graduated Spring 2015.

"Ethical Education in Public Schools." Chair, Ph.D. dissertation by Brian Gallagher, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, started Fall 2008, but did not graduate.

"The Influence of Hope on the Imagination in the Work of Paul Ricoeur." Outside advisor, Ph.D. Dissertation by Michael Young, Sydney College of Divinity, Australia, graduated Spring 2008.

Doctoral Exams

Chair, doctoral exam committee, Elisabeth Yang, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2017.

Member, doctoral exam committee, Diana Garcia, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2018.

Member, doctoral exam committee, Julian Burton, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Spring 2016.

Member, doctoral exam committee, Matthew Prickett, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2015.

Member, doctoral exam committee, Ines Meier, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2013.

Member, doctoral exam committee, Jane Mayer, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Spring 2013.

Member, doctoral exam committee, Dianne Fabii, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Spring 2012.

Masters Theses and Graduate Independent Studies

"The Ideology of Adultism as Epistemic Binary in Philosophy for Children." MA Thesis chair, Christine Eskander, Department of Childhood Studies, Fall 2023 to Spring 2024.

"Children's Rights in Literacy Learning Disabilities." M.A. Thesis member, Deborah Lynam, Department of Childhood Studies, Spring 2023.

"Freedom of Choice." M.A. Capstone Thesis chair, Luc Backe, Department of Liberal Studies, Spring 2022.

"Children's Rights to Alternative Education." Graduate Independent Study chair, Sebastian Barajas, Department of Childhood Studies, Spring 2021.

"Child Labor Rights in the Global South." Graduate Independent Study member, Palak Vashist, Department of Childhood Studies, Spring 2021.

"Privilege as a Theoretical Lens for Childhood Studies." M.A. Thesis chair, Department of Childhood Studies, Sebastian Barajas, Fall 2019 to Spring 2020.

"Understanding Child School Shooters." M.A. Capstone Thesis chair, Lynn Manuel, Department of Liberal Studies, Fall 2018.

"Philosophical and Theological Perspectives on Childhood." Graduate Independent Study chair, Elisabeth Yang, Department of Childhood Studies, Fall 2016.

"Nineteenth-Century American Theologies of Childhood." Graduate Independent Study chair, Matthew Prickett, Department of Childhood Studies, Spring 2012.

"Marketing as Profane, Sacred, and Secular." M.A. Capstone Thesis chair, Dariusz Malinowski, Department of Liberal Studies, Spring 2012.

"Transformations in Post-Vatican II Catholic Ritual." M.A. Capstone Thesis chair, Department of Liberal Studies, Rutgers University, Spring to Summer 2010.

"Rules of Engagement: What Teachers and Parents Should Know about the Importance of Emotional Context to Children's Educational Experiences." M.A. thesis chair, Denise Holmes, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2009 to Spring 2010.

"Ethical Agency in Childhood." Graduate Independent Study chair, Marla Wander, Department of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2009 to Spring 2010.

"Prophetic Non-Violence in the Civil Rights Movement," M.A. Capstone Thesis, chair Department of Liberal Studies, Rutgers University. Dana Forde, Spring 2009.

"Evil in Augustine and Early Christianity." M.A. Capstone Thesis chair, Lynda Hitchman, Fall 2006.

"The Problem of Homeless Families in the United States." M.A. Capstone Thesis, Regina Silliti chair, Graduate Liberal Studies Program, Fall 2005.

"The State of Our Unions: Bare-Backing, AIDS, and Gay Men in Contemporary Culture." M.A. Capstone Thesis chair, Kevin Cummines, Graduate Liberal Studies Program, Spring 2005. Won distinction.

Bachelors Theses and Independent Studies

"Evil in the Reformed Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr." Independent Study, Elijah Crouch, Fall 2019.

"Buddhism Perspectives on Childhood." Independent Study, Kahlia Sandoval, Fall 2019.

"The Social Contract in John Rawls: A Response to His Critics." Independent Study, John Paul Bourg, Fall 2019.

"Comparing Biblical and Ancient Middle Eastern Forms of Prophecy." Independent Study, Ashley Kenkelen, Spring 2018.

"Is God Necessary for Moral Objectivity." Independent Study, Ashley Kenkelen, Fall 2017.

"Globalization and Political Discourse." Independent Study, Michael Picardi, Fall 2017.

"The Ethics of Emmanuel Levinas." Independent Study, Ashley Lewis, Spring 2017.

"The Theology of Saint Augustine." Independent Study, Lynne Manuel, Fall 2015.

"Sources of the Sikh Genocide of 1984." Independent Study, Mansimran Singh Kahlon, Spring 2013.

"Christian and Muslim Perspectives on the Crusades." Independent Study, David Sullivan, Fall 2012.

"Coptic Christianity and the Emergence of Islam in Egypt." Independent Study, David Isshak, Fall 2011.

"The Gnostic Gospel of Truth." B.A. Honors Thesis, Samuel Lewis, Fall 2009.

"Bahai Marriage." Independent Study, Grace Keene, Spring 2008.

"The Concept of Evil in Buddhism." B.A. Honors Thesis, Christine Weiss, Fall 2007.

"Magic and Christianity: A Secret Romance." B.A. Honors Thesis, Grace Keene, Fall 2006. Won Dean's Undergraduate Research Award in 2007.

"Religion's Importance for Medicine." B.A. Honors Thesis, Britain Lewis, Fall 2006.

"Catholic Married Priests." B.A. Honors Thesis, Jason Mell, Spring 2006. Poster won Best Undergraduate Poster in the Humanities, Spring 2006.

"The Concept of Time in Ricoeur and Husserl," jointly supervised with Charles Jarrett. Honors Thesis, Daniel Reddy, Spring 2005.

"Ethical Egoism in Contemporary Political Ethics." Honors Thesis, Jared Peltzman, Fall 2004.

"Liberation Theology Today." Independent Study, Bruce Wood, Spring 2004.

"Children as Possessions in the Urban African-American Church." Independent Study, Toni Morton, Fall 2003.

"Philadelphia Area Pastors' Views of Child Rearing." B.A. Honors Thesis, Christine Evans, Spring 2003. Won Dean's Undergraduate Research Award in 2003.

"Arab Muslim views of the West." Independent Study, Colleen Begley, Fall 2002.

Academic Advisement

Acting Director, Graduate Liberal Studies Program, January 2009 to January 2010, and January to July 2021.

Departmental advising responsibility for 5-10 majors and minors at a time.

Advisor, Rutgers Camden Sikh Student Society, Spring 2016 to Spring 2019.

Advisor, Rutgers Camden Orthodox Christianity Society, Fall 2015 to Spring 2019.

Advisor, Bioethics Society, 2008 to 2018.

Co-Advisor, Rutgers-Camden Chapter of Amnesty International, 2008 to 2009.

Director, Ethics Minor, 2002 to Spring 2020.

Faculty Advisor, Walt Whitman Program in American Studies, Rutgers University, 2002 to 2006.

Faculty Advisor, Women's Studies Program, Rutgers University, 2002 to 2016.

Curricular Development

Member, Committee to create a new Joint B.A. program in Legal Studies, Rutgers University, to Spring 2018 to present.

Grant, "Internationalizing the Curriculum," Global Rutgers, co-recipient with Carla Giaudrone and Jean-Louis Hypolite, Global Studies, 2019-2021, \$10,000.

Member, Committee to create a new Joint B.A. program in Global Studies, Rutgers University, to Fall 2016 to Fall 2018.

Directed exploratory committee to create a new Ph.D. program in Global Studies, Rutgers University, Fall 2012 to Fall 2013.

Engaged Civic Learning Fellow, Rutgers University, Spring 2013.

Wrote "Objectives" and "Needs" sections of successful proposal for M.A. and Ph.D. program in Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, that began Fall 2006. This is the first Ph.D. program at Rutgers' Camden campus and the second doctoral program in Childhood Studies in the world.

Designed new departmental minor in Ethics, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Rutgers University, inaugurated Fall 2002.

Participated in three-day intensive Teaching Portfolio Workshop, Rutgers University, Fall 2002.

Participated in a series of Teaching Workshops connected with a new Freshman Seminar Program, Rutgers University, Spring 2002 to Spring 2005.

Awards for Teaching

Provost's Award for Teaching Excellence, Rutgers University. Campus-wide award for excellence in teaching and curricular development. 2004 to 2005.

Service

Contributions to Rutgers University

Interim Director, Masters in Liberal Studies Program (MALS), Spring 2021.

Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion, July 2010 to June 2021.

Chair, Department Ad Hoc Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2018 and 2020

Member, Department Ad Hoc Promotion Committee in History, 2020, and in Childhood Studies 2020.

Member, Academic Policy and Course of Study Committee, Fall 2016 to Spring 2019.

Inaugural Chair, Ad Hoc Chairs and Directors Council, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2015 to Spring 2016; and member, Fall 2017 to Spring 2020.

Member, Heritages and Civilizations Subcommittee, General Education Revision Committee, Fall 2013 to Spring 2018.

Acting Associate Dean for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Graduate School and Research, July to December 2016.

Member, Dean's Five-Year Review Committee, Fall 2015.

Chair, Exploratory Committee to Create a New Doctoral Program in Global Studies, Rutgers-Camden, Fall 2012 to Fall 2013.

Member, Strategic Planning Subcommittee on Research, Rutgers-Camden, Spring 2013.

Member, Appointments and Promotions Committee (appointed), College of Arts and Sciences, 2007 to 2010, 2012 to 2015, Fall 2018 (ad hoc), 2021 to 2023.

Member, Scholastic Standing Committee, July 2011 to June 2012.

Member, Diversity Faculty Search Committee, Department of Childhood Studies, Spring 2010 to Spring 2011.

Interim Director, Masters in Liberal Studies Program (MALS), January 2009 to January 2010.

Associate Director, Center for Children and Childhood Studies, Fall 2008.

Member, Academic Policy & Course of Study Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2007.

Member, Dean's Task Force on the Future of Rutgers-Camden (appointed), Spring to Fall 2006.

Member, committee to hire senior faculty in new Childhood Studies Department, Rutgers-Camden, 2005 to 2006, 2006 to 2007, 2007 to 2008, and 2008 to 2009.

Department Senator, Faculty Senate, College of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers-Camden, 2005 to 2006.

Member, Committee on Undergraduate Research, College of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers-Camden, 2005 to 2007.

Member, committee to create a graduate program in Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, 2004 to 2005.

Member, search committee for assistant professor in Asian Religions, Department of Philosophy and Religion, 2004 to 2005.

Member, committee to evaluate application proposals, "Rethinking Childhood in the Twenty-First Century Seminar 2004-05," Center for Children and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, 2004.

Member, search committee for Associate Director, Center for Children and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, 2004.

Member, committee to explore the creation of a graduate program in Childhood Studies, Rutgers University, 2003 to 2004.

Member, Admissions and Retention Committee (elected), Camden College of Arts and Sciences, Rutgers University, 2003 to 2006.

Contributions to the Profession

Advisory Board Member, "The Best Interests of the Child: Creating a Dialogue between Empirical Education Research and Philosophy." PI Marleena Mustola, University of Jyväskylä, Finland, funded by Research Council of Finland, 2025 to 2029.

Member, Critical Children's Rights Network, international network based in the UK, 2023 to present.

Advisory Board Member, "Youth Climate Justice: Child-friendly justice for the climate crisis – judgments, litigation, participation." PI Aoife Daly, University College Cork, Ireland; funded by the European Research Council, under the European Union's Horizon 2020 grant program, 2023-2028.

Online Masterclass, "Childism: Towards Child-Responsive Critical Theory," European Children's Rights Unit (ECRU), University of Liverpool, UK, videos of presentation and interview (with Tanu Biswas) plus resources, July 2023.

Advisory Board Member, "Children's Green Transition Citizenship" Project, chaired by Hanne Warming, Roskilde University, Denmark, approx. \$500,000, July 2023 to June 2026.

Mock Interviewer, European Research Council (ERC) Proposal by Aoife Daly, University College Cork School of Law, on "Child-Friendly Justice for the Climate Crisis: Judgments, Litigation, Participation," November 17, 2022.

Core Team Member, British Academy Funding Proposal, "Creating a 'Good City': Children and Young People's Rights and Activism in Creation of Just Environments," based at University of Edinburgh, UK, 2022 to 2023.

Lead Team Member, British Academy Funding Proposal, "From Text to Context: Towards a Reconfiguration of Global Children's Rights Frameworks through an International Multisectorial and Multidisciplinary Collaboration," based at University of Bristol, UK, 2022 to present.

Member, President's Project, British Medical Association (BMA), "Raising Health on the Agenda of the British Government," based at Queen's College London, 2022 to present.

International Advisory Board, Centre for Global Childhoods, The University of Auckland, New Zealand, 2021 to present.

Founder and Director, Childism Institute, international collaboration on childist research and practice, 2020 to present.

Co-Founder and Director, Children's Voting Colloquium, online international collaborations and listserv, 2019 to present.

Advisor, UK Amnesty International, on children's voting rights, 2019.

Faculty Advisor, Children's Voice Association, Helsinki, Finland, 2019 to present.

Advisory Board Member, Ethical Practice Involving Children (EPIC) Project, Center for Children and Young People, Southern Cross University, Australia, 2018 to present.

External Program Evaluator, Childhood and Social Institutions Program, Western University, Canada, February 2015.

Editorial Board, *Journal of Playwork Practice*, 2012 to present.

Editorial Board, *International Journal of Children's Rights*, 2010 to present.

Member, Steering Committee, Childhood Studies and Religion Group, American Academy of Religion, January 2014 to December 2015.

Chair, Childhood Studies and Religion Group, American Academy of Religion, January 2010 to December 2013.

Editorial Board (and founding member), *Journal of Childhood and Religion*, 2009 to 2012.

Book manuscript reviewer for numerous publishers, 2008 to present.

Member, International Think Tank of the Service and Research Foundation of Asia on Family and Children (SERFAC), Chennai, India, January 2008 to June 2009.

Member, Steering Committee, Consultation in Childhood Studies and Religion, American Academy of Religion, January 2008 to December 2010.

Article manuscript reviewer for *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*, *Childhood*, and *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*, and many others.

Consultant, Religion, Culture, and Family Project, University of Chicago Divinity School, 1999 to 2001.

Coordinator, Religion, Culture, and Family Project, University of Chicago Divinity School, 1995 to 1999.

Member, Society for Christian Ethics, 1996 to 2004.

Member, American Academy of Religion, 1995 to 2016.

Provided numerous letters of recommendation for tenure-track faculty positions and tenure and full professor promotion dossiers.

Public Activities

Television:

- September 19, 2018, interviewed on child separations at the U.S. southern border, Channel 4 Philadelphia.
- September 12, 2001, interview including live call-ins on 2-hour prime time talk show, "Jersey's Talking with Lee Leonard," News Channel 12, New Brunswick, on religion and terrorism.
- Co-originator and consultant for 1-hour PBS television documentary, "Marriage: Just a Piece of Paper?" aired nationally in February 2002.
- Co-originator and co-producer, 13-part documentary on "Families and Religion," Montreal TV, September 1998 to May 1999.

Radio: Interviewed 2 to 3 times a year. Examples:

- July 7, 2024 interview on children's rights with Moloud Soleimani on Radio Zamaneh, one of the largest Iranian exile radio stations, also translated online into Persian ([حقوق کودکان و تکامل عدالت \(radiozamaneh.com\)](http://radiozamaneh.com)).

- June 22, 2021 interview for 45 minutes on BBC Radio 4 (the United Kingdom's premiere radio station, similar to NPR), on forthcoming book, *Give Children the Vote*, airing November 2021.
- February 4, 2015 half hour interview on Swedish Public Radio on my concept of childism.
- March 26, 2013 on the Supreme Court's hearings on the Defense of Marriage Act.
- March 23, 2005 on WVPH Rutgers radio on Terri Shiavo euthanasia case.
- October 26, 2006 on New Jersey 101.5 FM about same-sex marriage.
- September 12, 2001 live radio news show on on "The Early Morning Show" by Lisa Leonard and Shawn Michael, WOBN Philadelphia on religion and terrorism.

Podcasts and blogs:

- "Why Democracies Need Children's Suffrage," blog, The Loop, ECPR's Political Science Blog, No. 94, May 2023.
- "Children's Rights to Vote," blog for the Museum of Childhood Ireland, <https://museumofchildhood.ie/>, February 2022.
- "The Concept of Childism," with Tanu Biswas, podcast for Critical Childhoods and Youth Studies Collective (CCYSC), Ambedkar University Delhi, India, <https://www.theccysc.com/podcast>, 2021.
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