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- AOS** Ethics, Metaethics.
- AOC** Ancient Greek Philosophy, Business Ethics, Bioethics, Political Philosophy.
- Languages** Ancient Greek.
- Education** Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2000–present, Ph.D. expected May 2008.
- Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, 1998–2000, Post-baccalaureate study, part-time.
- The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, 1989–1993, B.S. Economics, *magna cum laude*, May 1993.
- Refereed Publications** “The Vanishing Argument from Queerness”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- Refereed Presentations** “Prisoner’s Dilemma: The Hard Problem”, Meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (main program), Portland, OR, March 2006.
- Dissertation** *The Reality Behind Moral Experience*.
Committee: Mark Timmons (chair), Tom Christiano, Terry Horgan.
Short Abstract: I argue that our subjective moral experience suggests the following: (1) there are objectively correct answers to moral questions; (2) these answers have normative authority over moral agents; and (3) these answers do not depend on what any moral agent thinks of them. On the basis of parallels with perceptual experience and logical reasoning, I further argue that we should take the suggestions of our moral experience seriously. Insofar as alternative views cannot accommodate the above, we thus have reason to accept a ‘non-naturalist’ form of moral realism. I argue that relativist, subjectivist, expressivist, quasi-realist, and nihilist views falter in accommodating the first of the above claims; that naturalist forms of moral realism falter in accommodating the second; and that constructivist views falter in accommodating the third. I close by addressing typical objections to non-naturalist realism: the arguments from disagreement, queerness, and ontological parsimony.

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**Invited
Presentations**

“Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist”, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Louisiana State University, January 2008.

“Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist”, Department of Philosophy, California State University, Fullerton, January 2008.

“Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist”, Department of Philosophy, University of Tennessee, January 2008.

“Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist”, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, November 2007.

“A Tale Told by Moral Experience”, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, April 2007.

Guest panelist on the role of an Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Veterinary Sciences 443/543: Research Animal Methods, University of Arizona, September 2006.

Comments on Charles Kahn, “The Myth of the *Statesman*”, Eleventh Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Tucson, AZ, February 2006.

Guest panelist on the ethics of animal research, Meeting of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, March 2005.

Guest panelist on the ethics of animal research, Speech & Hearing Sciences 649: Survival Skills & Ethics, University of Arizona, March 2005.

Comments on Thomas C. Brickhouse & Nicholas D. Smith, “Moral Psychology in Plato’s *Apology*”, Tenth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Tucson, AZ, February 2005.

Guest speaker on business ethics and career planning, Arizona Phi Beta Lambda Statewide Conference (academic business fraternity), University of Arizona, October 2004.

Comments on Michael L. Morgan, “Is There Madness in Plato’s Method?”, Ninth Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Tucson, AZ, February 2004.

**Fellowships
and Awards**

Graduate Teaching Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2003–2004 (co-recipient).

Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona, Fall 2000.

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Courses Taught As Primary Instructor	Logic and Critical Thinking (Phil 110), Fall 2007, Business Ethics (Phil 322), Summer 2007, Logic and Critical Thinking (Phil 110), Spring 2007, Logic and Critical Thinking (Phil 110), Spring 2006, Personal Morality (Indv 102), Fall 2005, Philosophy in Literature (Phil 238), Spring 2005, Philosophy of Religion (Phil 233), Fall 2004, Business Ethics (Phil 322), Summer 2004, Justice and Virtue (Trad 104), Spring 2004, Business Ethics (Phil 322), Fall 2003, Medical Ethics (Phil 321), Spring 2003, Medical Ethics (Phil 321), Fall 2002, Ancient Philosophy (Phil 260), Summer 2002, Medical Ethics (Phil 321), Spring 2002.
Service	Member, 2003–2006, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, University of Arizona. Provided oversight of research involving vertebrate animals. Member, 2003–2005, Primate Task Force, University of Arizona. Advised Vice President for Research on issues relating to the use of non-human primates in research. Colloquium Assistant, 2004–2005, Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy, Tucson, AZ. Provided logistical support to the colloquium.
Graduate Coursework	Moral and Political Philosophy Moral Phenomenology, Mark Timmons (Fall 2006),* Ethical Intuitionism, Mark Timmons (Spring 2006),* British Moralists, Michael Gill (Fall 2003), Kant’s Ethics, Mark Timmons (Spring 2003), Philosophy of Scanlon and Rawls, Tom Christiano (Fall 2002), Independent Study in Normative Ethics, David Schmitz (Fall 2002), Political Philosophy of Kant, Hegel, and Marx, Tom Christiano (Spring 2002), Theories of Justice, David Schmitz (Spring 2002). History of Moral Philosophy, Mary Coleman (Fall 2001), Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Keith Lehrer (Spring 2001), Moral Psychology, Michael Smith (Spring 2001). Ancient Greek Philosophy Readings in Greek Philosophy (in Greek), Julia Annas (Spring 2004), Plato, Julia Annas (Spring 2003), Aristotle’s Politics and Ethics, Julia Annas (Spring 2002), Stoic Ethics, Julia Annas (Fall 2001), Plato’s Middle Dialogues, Charles Kahn (Fall 1999).†

*Attended but not enrolled.

†At the University of Pennsylvania (enrolled as a post-baccalaureate student).

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**Graduate
Coursework
(continued)**

Other
Philosophy of Science, Jenann Ismael (Fall 2001),
Philosophy of Language, Marga Reimer (Fall 2000),
Philosophy and Cognitive Science, John Pollock (Fall 2000),
Rationalism and Empiricism, David Owen (Fall 2000),
Metaphysics, Jenann Ismael (Fall 2000).

**Work
In Progress**

“Confessions of an Anti-Naturalist”,
“The Protreptic Hedonist of *Protagoras*”,
“Prisoner’s Dilemma: The Hard Problem”.

**Prior
Professional
Experience**

Senior Programmer/Analyst, 1998–2000,
Information Systems and Computing, University of Pennsylvania.
Managed information technology for University Laboratory Animal
Resources.

Principal Consultant, 1998, Consultant, 1993–1998,
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Philadelphia, PA.
Formally taught colleagues and clients in a classroom setting. Led teams.
Designed, programmed, and implemented business software in the context of
large-scale systems implementation projects.

References

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Regents Professor
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Mark McPherran
Professor and Chair
Department of Philosophy
Simon Fraser University

J. Christopher Maloney (teaching reference)
Professor and Head
Department of Philosophy
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