

Curriculum Vitae
Allen Habib

Contact Information

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Areas of Specialization

Ethical Theory
Social and Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Law

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics
Contemporary Epistemology

Professional Experience

July 2007 - Present:	Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure track) The University of Calgary
August 2005 – May 2007:	Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure track) St Cloud State University
August 1999 – July 2005	Graduate Teaching Assistant The University of Arizona
August 1998 – July 1999	Graduate Teaching Assistant Syracuse University
August 1995 – July 1997	Graduate Teaching Assistant The University of Calgary

University Education

1999 – 2005: The University of Arizona, Department of Philosophy, Ph.D. student

Thesis Title: The Authority Theory of Promising

Thesis Advisor: Tom Christiano.

Thesis Committee: Houston Smit, David Schmitz

Ph.D. Granted January, 2007

1998 - 1999: Syracuse University, Department of Philosophy, Ph.D. Student

1995 - 1998: The University of Calgary, Department of Philosophy

Thesis title: Epistemic Reliabilism

Thesis Advisor-Ann Levey.

MA granted July, 1999

1993 - 1995: Concordia University, Department of Philosophy

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy with Distinction (*cum laude*)

1989 – 1993: Concordia University, Department of English

Bachelor of Arts in English Literature

Publications

Review of *Promises and Agreements: Philosophical Essays*, a collection by Oxford University Press (2010) forthcoming in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Sharing the Earth: Sustainability and Intergenerational Environmental Justice,
Under contract with Wilfred Laurier University Press, due Dec 2012

“Sharing the Earth: Sustainability and the Currency of Intergenerational Justice”
forthcoming (2011) in *Environmental Values*

Review of *Political Elaborations*, monograph by Charles Blattberg, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (Online at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=16425>) June 2009

“Promises to the Self” *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (39:4, 2009)

“Promises” Encyclopedia entry in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* June 2008
(online at <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/promises/>)

“Media Consolidation” in *Social Issues: An Encyclopedia of Controversies, History, and Debate*. James Ciment, ed. (M.E. Sharpe Publishing: 2006), 5, 000 words.

“Circularity and the Legitimization of Knowledge” (with Keith Lehrer) in *Sosa and His Critics* (Blackwell, 2004), pp. 106-112

Selected Presentations

Sharing the Earth: On the Currency of Intergenerational Justice – June 2011 – International Association for Environmental Philosophy/ International Society for Environmental Ethics Annual Joint Conference, Nijmegen, Netherlands

Promissory Obligation and Authority Interest – May 2010 – The Canadian Philosophical Association Annual General Assembly – Montreal, Quebec

Promissory Obligations and Authority Interest March 2010 – Colloquium series of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta

Finite Resources and Future Generations July 2009 – Association for Legal and Social Philosophy Annual general Conference – Edinburgh, Scotland

Finite Resources and Future Generations June 2009 – International Association for Environmental Philosophy/ International Society for Environmental Ethics Annual Joint Conference – Boulder, Colorado

Promises, Trust and Warrant April 2009 – Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association – Vancouver, British Columbia

Resource, Revenues and Future Generations November 2008 – Apeiron Society for the Practice of Philosophy – Calgary, Alberta

Promises, Expectations and Circularity June 2008 – Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association – Vancouver, British Columbia

Promises to the Self November 2007 – Presentation to the Ethics Reading Group of Boston University – Boston, Massachusetts

Symposium on Promising May 2006 - Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, participant and organizer – Toronto, Ontario.

Promises and the Is/Ought Gap – March 2006 colloquium series, St Cloud State Department of Philosophy – St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Are Wedding Vows Promises to the Spouse? – October 2005 annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association, the University of Manitoba-Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Promises to the Self– October 2004 meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association, the University of Iowa - Iowa City, Iowa.

You Can Have This Joke for a Song; Songs, Jokes, and the Market Argument for Copyright – October 2004 annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association, the University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia.

Promises to the Self – May 2004 Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

A Problem for Minimalism – May 2001 Annual Congress of the Society for Exact Philosophy, the University of Montreal - Montreal, Quebec.

Self-Reference and Disquotational Theories of Truth – March 2001 Graduate Student Conference at Syracuse University - Syracuse, New York.

Commentaries

Comments on a paper by Lauren Fleming (University of Puget Sound) entitled “The Possibility of Personal Commitments” April 2011 – The American Philosophical Association's Central Division annual meeting – Minneapolis, Minnesota

Comments on a paper by William Throop (Penn State University) entitled “Strengthening Social Sustainability Virtues” June 2010 – International Association for Environmental Philosophy/ International Society for Environmental Ethics Annual Joint Conference – Boulder, Colorado

Comments on a paper by Brooke Roberts (University of California at Davis) entitled “Desert versus Entitlement” – 2009 Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress – Edmonton, Alberta

Comments on a paper by Alistair MacCleod (Queens University) entitled “Justice and Conformity to Law” – 2008 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress – Vancouver, British Columbia

Comments on a paper by Jim Young (University of Victoria) entitled “Truth, Deflationism and Correspondence” – 2006 Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress – Victoria, British Columbia

Comments on a paper by Paul Viminiz (University of Lethbridge) entitled “Getting the

Baseline Right” – 2005 Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress – Lethbridge, Alberta

Comments on a paper by Mark Mercer (University of Manitoba, Brandon)
1997 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Honors, Awards and Fellowships

- Institute for Advanced Policy Research (IAPR) Fellowship Grant, The University of Calgary, 2007 – Research area: Natural resources and intergenerational justice
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Seminar fellowship, Georgia State University, 2007 – Topic: Democracy, Law and Human Rights
- Reisen Prize (best graduate student essay) The University of Arizona, 2003
Essay title: *Hart and Raz on Exclusionary Reasons*
- Graduate Research Fellowship, John Pollock, supervisor, 2002
- Incoming Graduate Fellowship, The University of Arizona, 1999
- BA in Philosophy with Distinction, Concordia University, 1995

Teaching Service

Courses Taught

Fall 2007 – Philosophy 249 Lec. 1 – Ethics

Course Description: This is an introductory survey course in ethical theory. We will read selections from the history of Western thought in ethical (moral) theory, from the ancient Greeks to contemporary authors. We will examine traditional answers to the central questions of moral theory: What is the good? What is a good life? What does justice demand? We will also cover the major moral theories in the Western canon: Virtue Theory, the Divine Command/Natural Law, Sentimentalism, Kantianism, and Utilitarianism.

Fall 2007 – Philosophy 249 Lec. 2 – Ethics

Winter 2008 – Philosophy 319 – Law and Philosophy

Course Description: This is a survey course in the philosophy of law. It will cover issues in the foundations of legal authority, the nature of the law, the relationship between law and morality, theories of jurisprudence more generally, theories of statutory interpretation, and theories of punishment.

Winter 2008 – Philosophy 549.19/649.19 – Seminar on Promissory Obligations

Course Description: This is a seminar in ethical theory. The central topic of the course is the voluntary moral obligations that attend promises. When we promise, we incur a new moral obligation (it seems) to do what we promise. How can this be so? We will survey answers to this and related questions across a wide range of periods and authors. A partial list includes Cicero, Aquinas, Hobbes, Hume, Smith, Austin, Rawls, and Scanlon.

Fall 2008 – Philosophy 249 Lec. 1– Ethics

Fall 2008 – Philosophy 249 Lec. 2 – Ethics

Winter 2009 – Philosophy 319 – Law and Philosophy

Winter 2009 – Philosophy 447 – Issues in Environmental Ethics

Course Description: The goal of the course is to introduce students to the philosophical issues concerning the environment. Basic ethical theories and concepts, as well as specific issues such as animal rights, human and global ecology, production, consumption and pollution will be covered in detail.

Winter 2009 – Philosophy 593.93 – Directed Reading (Environmental Ethics)

Fall 2009 – Philosophy 249 Lec. 1 – Morality, Virtue and Society (cf. Ethics)

Fall 2009 – Philosophy 249 Lec. 2 –Morality, Virtue and Society

Winter 2010 – Philosophy 325 – Law and Morality (cf. Phil 319)

Winter 2010 – Philosophy 553.1/653.1 – Advanced Topics in Political Philosophy – Private Property and Justice in Distribution

Course Description: The class is an upper level seminar in the theory of property, in particular private property. We will cover a number of figures in the history of property theory, e.g. Aquinas, Grotius, Pufendorf, Locke and Hume, in addition to

contemporary authors like Rawls, Dworkin and Pogge. We will survey and assess the answers they give to traditional questions about private property: How is private property ultimately justified? How is the appropriation of un-owned things justified? What are property rights, and what are their limits? What is the correct relationship between property rights and the law? What is the nature of the relationship between property rights and the state, or public policy?

Summer 2010 – Philosophy 595 Lec. 20 Topic 10 – Directed reading in Political Philosophy

Course Description: This is a directed reading course in contemporary political philosophy with four advanced undergraduate students. The central material is the work of Thomas Pogge and Charles Beitz. The topics covered include globalization, cosmopolitan justice and human rights.

Undergraduate Training

Honours Thesis Supervision

Quinn Gibson – Exam date – April 29, 2010

Mike Whittington – Exam date – April 27, 2010

Honours Thesis Exam Committees

Adil Kurji – Exam date- May 6, 2008

Tyler McGraw – Exam date May 8, 2008

Tyler Paget – Exam date May 8, 2008

Graduate Training

Preliminary exam committee

Michael Steiner – Exam date – September 9, 2009

Candidacy exam committee

Gillman Payette – Exam date – December 1, 2009

Master's thesis committee

Tyler McGraw – Exam date – August 5, 2010

Letters of Reference

I have written letters of reference, either for admission to graduate programs or for scholarship competitions, for the following UC students (graduate program/scholarship type in brackets): Breanne Campbell (Law), Simon Ford (Law), Kathleen Ganley (Law), Quinn Gibson (Philosophy), Shelley Hulbert (Philosophy), Sandra Ilic (Law), Scott Irvine (Optometry), Jeff Major-Hansard (Philosophy), Matt Murphy (Philosophy) Tina Strasbourg (Philosophy)

Professional Service - Internal

2009/10 – Departmental Scheduling Committee

2009/10 – Departmental Speakers Committee

2009/10 – Faculty Association departmental representative

2008/09 – Faculty Development Committee, University of Calgary

2008/09 – Departmental Speakers Committee, University of Calgary

2007/08 – Faculty Development Committee, University of Calgary

2007/08 – Departmental Speakers Committee, University of Calgary

2006/07 - Institutional Review Board for Research on Human Subjects, St Cloud State University

2006/07 – Philosophy undergraduate Club Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Department, St Cloud State University

2005/06 – Library Committee, Philosophy Department, St Cloud State University

2005/06 – Speakers Committee, Philosophy Department, St Cloud State University

2005/06 – Institutional Review Board for Research on Human Subjects, St Cloud State University

Summer 2004 – Coordinator, Arizona Summer Workshop in Philosophy

2003/2004 – University of Arizona Graduate Student Representative –
Department liaison

Professional Service – External

Refereeing – publications:

Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Oxford University Press
The Journal of Social Philosophy
Broadview Press
The Journal of Ethics, Place and Environment
Philosophy Papers (online resource: philpapers.org)

Refereeing – conferences:

The Canadian Philosophical Association 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
The American Philosophical Association 2008
The Western Canadian Philosophical Association 2007, 2008

Editorship

Editor of the ‘Promises’ section of the Philosophical Papers database