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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. Rice University, 1994** (Philosophy)

Dissertation: "A Philosophical Analysis of Filial Obligations"

Director: Baruch A. Brody, Ph.D.

Second Reader: H. Tristram Engelhardt, M.D., Ph.D.

**M.A. Rice University** (Philosophy)

**Rice University**

**Baylor College of Medicine, 1988-1994**

A joint program specializing in clinical medical ethics.

**B.A. *cum laude*, Mount Holyoke College, 1986** (Philosophy, Science, and Public Policy)

**Yale University, 1984-1985**

Special Student Program to pursue undergraduate studies in philosophy, medical ethics and biology.

**AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS**

**Visiting Research Fellow, Princeton University, 2006-2007**

**The Ethics of Embryo Adoption and the Catholic Tradition, 2006,**

funded by *Summer Research Grant and Research Support Grant Program, Villanova University*, \$12,500 (co-applicant, Darlene Weaver).

**Faculty Development Workshop in Ethics and Social Responsibility, 2004,**

for faculty in College of Commerce and Finance,

funded by *Villanova Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL) Mini Grant Program*, \$4966 (co-applicant, Mark Doorley).

**Presidential Fellow, Rice University, 1986-1988**

**Student Fellow, The Hastings Center, 1986**

**Student Fellow, Kennedy Institute for Ethics, Georgetown University, 1984**

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, 2006 to present.  
Visiting Fellow, Department of Politics, Princeton University, 2006-2007.  
Founding Director - The Ethics Program, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, 1999 to 2004.  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, 1993 to 2006.  
Knight Visiting Professor of Applied Ethics - Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, Spring 1993.  
Instructor - European Intensive Bioethics Course - Catholic University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, 1992.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Collaborative Research Program Grants, Philosophy and Science Review Panel, Washington, D.C., February 7, 2008.  
Reviewer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), 93.007 Public Awareness Campaigns on Embryo Adoption Review Panel, Washington, D.C., June 2007 (unable to serve).  
Ethics Consultant - The Devereux Foundation (Nationwide, 1995 to present).  
Chair, Devereux's National Ethics Committee (1999 to present).  
Chair, Devereux's Case Consultation Subcommittee (1999 to present).  
Ethics Consultant – The National Catholic Bioethics Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, (1998 to present).  
Ethics Consultant - Allegheny Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1994-1998).  
Founder of Ethics Committee and Ethics Consultant - Laurens County Health Care System, Clinton, South Carolina (1993).  
Ethics Consultant and member of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee - The Veterans Affairs Hospital, Houston, Texas (1989-1992).  
Ethics Consultant - Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas (1989-1992).  
Voting Member, Animal Protocol Review Committee.  
Voting Member, Animal Research Committee.  
Voting Member, Animal Research Issues Committee.  
Research Assistant to Director - The Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, (1989 to 1992).

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book:

*The Ethics of Embryo Adoption and the Catholic Tradition.* Edited with Darlene F. Weaver. (Dordrecht: Springer Publishers, 2007).

**Journal Articles:**

- “Natural Embryo Loss and the Moral Status of the Human Fetus.” *The American Journal of Bioethics* vol. 8, no. 7 (July 2008): 22-23.
- “Adoption, ART, and a Re-conception of the Maternal Body: Toward Embodied Maternity.” *Hypatia* vol. 21, no. 1 (Winter 2006): 54-73. (with Sally J. Scholz)
- “Dialogue: The Politics of Embryo Transfer.” *The Lahey Clinic Medical Ethics Journal* vol. 12, Issue 3, Fall 2005: 10-11.
- “Ethics and Embryo Adoption.” *The Lahey Clinic Medical Ethics Journal* Spring 2005: 1-2.
- “Open Adoption and the Ethics of Disclosure to Children.” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*, 10, 1, (Spring-Summer 2003):61-67.
- “Debate: Disclosure to Children Conceived With Donor Gametes.” *Human Reproduction* 2001 October;16(10):2033-6 (with Glenn McGee and Andrea Gurmankin).
- “Resistance and Refusal.” *Hastings Center Report* 1999, 29, no. 1:22-23.
- "The Case of the Golden Years: An Ethicist's Perspective." *Bioethics Bulletin*, 4, no. 3, (1996): 4-5.
- "Do Parents Owe their Children a Legacy?" *Generations*, 20, no. 3, (Fall 1996): 21-25.
- "Adult Daughter Caregivers." *Hastings Center Report* 24, no. 5 (1994): 26-28.
- "Schaarse medische zorg en procedurele rechtvaardigheid: het Oregon experiment." (Scarce medical resources and procedural justice: the Oregon experiment) *Tijdschrift voor Geneeskunde en Ethiek*, 1991; 3: 66-71. (with Ruud H.J. ter Meulen)
- "Het Oregon Health Care Program: Een voorbeeld voor Nederland?" (The Oregon Health Care Program: An example for The Netherlands?) *Medisch Contact* 1991; 46(18): 559-561. (with Ruud H.J. ter Meulen)

**Book Chapters:**

- “Real Mothers and Good Stewards: The Ethics of Embryo Adoption.” in *The Ethics of Embryo Adoption and the Catholic Tradition*. Eds. Sarah-Vaughan Brakman and Darlene Fozard Weaver. (Dordrecht: Springer Publishers, 2007): 119-138.
- “Introduction: The Ethics of Embryo Adoption and the Catholic Tradition.” in *The Ethics of Embryo Adoption and the Catholic Tradition*. Eds. Sarah-Vaughan Brakman and Darlene Fozard Weaver. (Dordrecht: Springer Publishers, 2007): 3-23. (with Darlene F. Weaver)
- “Paradigms, Practices and Politics: Ethics and the Language of Human Embryo Transfer/Donation/Rescue/Adoption.” in *Pluralistic Casuistry: Moral Arguments, Economic Realities, and Political Theory, Essays in Honor of Baruch A. Brody*. Eds. Mark J. Cherry and Ana Smith Iltis (Dordrecht: Springer Publishers, 2007): 191-210.
- “Embryo Adoption.” in *Biomedical Ethics: A multidisciplinary Approach to Moral Issues in Medicine and Biology*, ed. David Steinberg (Hanover and London: University Press of New England, 2007): 70-74; 77-78 (reprinted from *The Lahey Clinic Medical Ethics Journal*, Spring 2005 and Fall 2005 – see above).
- "Essential Moral Principles in Health Care in the Thought of John Paul II," in *Live the Truth: The Moral Legacy of John Paul II in Catholic Health Care /the Twentieth NCBC Workshop for Bishops*, ed. Edward J. Furton (Boston, MA: National Catholic Bioethics Center, 2006): 69-94.

- “To Feed or Not to Feed: An Ethicist’s Analysis.” in *Moral Dilemmas in Community Health Care* ed. Becky Cox White and Joel A. Zimbelman (New York: Pearson Longman, 2005): 333-336.
- “Bioethics’ Coming of Age: Bioethics, Feminism and Christianity.” in *Ethical Dilemmas in the New Millennium* ed. Francis A. Eigo (Villanova, Pennsylvania: The Villanova University Press, 2001): 91-129.
- “Ethical Issues in Marriage and the Family.” in *Visions and Values: Ethical Issues in the Christian Tradition* ed. J. Dwyer (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1999): 129-147.
- "Adult Daughter Caregivers: Philosophical Analysis and Implications for Health Care Policy." in *A World Growing Old: The Coming Health Care Challenges*. Ed. Daniel Callahan, Ruud H.J. ter Meulen and Eva Topinkova. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1995, pp. 117-126.
- "Filial Responsibility and Long-Term Care Decision Making." in *Long-Term Care Decisions: Ethical and Conceptual Dimensions*. Ed. L.B. McCullough and N.L. Wilson. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1995, pp. 181-196.

#### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

- “Embryo Adoption and Catholic Moral Tradition: Enlarging the Debate.” (Panel presentation with Darlene F. Weaver and Jason Eberl). Notre Dame University, South Bend: IN, *The Family: Searching for the Fairest Love*, November 7, 2008.
- “Religious Perspectives on Embryo Adoption.” (Panel presentation with Paul Lauritzen and Jason Eberl). Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, February 23, 2008 (unable to participate).
- “The Ethics of Embryo Adoption: Connecting Christian and Jewish Analyses.” (Panel presentation with Mary Mahowald, Darlene F. Weaver and Kenneth Richman). American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, October 19, 2007.
- “Stewards of Each Other: The Ethics of Embryo Adoption.” James Madison Program Visiting Fellow Midday Seminar, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., April 26, 2007.
- “Essential Moral Principles in Health Care in the Thought of John Paul II.” The Twentieth Workshop for Bishops, presented by The National Catholic Bioethics Center, Dallas, Texas, January 26, 2005.
- “Adoption and the Common Good.” (Panel presentation with Lisa S. Cahill, Maura Ryan and Darlene F. Weaver). The Society for Christian Ethics, January 7, 2005 (unable to participate).
- “Ethics and Embryo ‘Adoption.’” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, October 31, 2004.
- “Race, Class, and the Ethics of Adoption.” Annual Meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics, February 28, 2003.
- “Bioethics’ Coming of Age: Bioethics, Feminism and Christianity. Theology Institute, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, June 21, 2000.
- "Ethical Traditions and Contemporary Life" A joint presentation with James J. McCartney and Sally J. Scholz. A National Conference on Ethics and Popular Culture, presented by

- The Ethics Center, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Florida, April 19, 1996.
- "Adult Daughter Caregivers: Why are so Few Bearing So Much Responsibility?" Center for Peace and Justice Studies Lecture Series, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1994.
- "Ethics Consultation and Pastoral Care" Workshop with James McCartney, Ph.D. and John Foglio, DMin. 1994 Annual Meeting of the Society for Health and Human Values, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1994.
- "Adult Daughter Caregivers: Ethical Obligations and Social Policy Implications" Presentation for international conference, "What Do We Owe the Elderly? Allocating Social and Health Care Resources" co-sponsored by The Hastings Center, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., USA and The Institute for Bioethics, Maastricht, The Netherlands, in Maastricht, The Netherlands, September, 16-17, 1994.
- "Filial Obligations, the Experience of Adult Daughters in Caring for Elderly Parents, and Implications for Health Policy" Presentation for the working group, Care for the Elderly: Goals and Priorities, a joint international research group of The Hastings Center, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., USA and The Institute for Bioethics, Maastricht, The Netherlands, in Maastricht, The Netherlands, September, 10-11, 1993.
- "What Do Children Owe Parents in Old Age?" Working conference, Ethical and Conceptual Dimensions of Long-Term Care Decision Making, Baylor College of Medicine and Huffington Center on Aging, Houston, Texas, April 3, 1993.
- "Adolescent Medicine and Ethics." Medical Ethics Seminar Series at Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina, March 30, 1993.
- "Filial Obligations and Intergenerational Justice: Health Care for the Aged and Familial Responsibility." IX Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Health Care. Budapest, Hungary, August, 12 - 14, 1992.

### **GRAND ROUNDS AND INVITED CLINICAL LECTURES**

- "The Ethics of Embryo Adoption." Jack W. Provonsha Lecture Series, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda, California, March 7, 2008.
- "Decision-Making and the Mentally Disabled." Holy Redeemer Health Care System, October 11, 2001.
- "What Are the Obligations of Children to their Aging Parents? A Conceptual and Practical Framework for Helping Families" Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1999.
- "Ethics and Alternative Medicine." Chester County Hospital, Westchester, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1999.
- Physician-Assisted Suicide: Reviving an Ancient Discussion in a (Post)modern World." Presentation to the Ethics Committee of the Paoli Memorial Hospital, Paoli, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1996.
- "Intergenerational Responsibilities in Families: Who Owes What to Whom?" Luncheon Lecture Series, The Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1996.
- Moderator - Bioethics Symposium, "Ethical Issues in Scientific Research." The Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 20, 1996.

- "Filial Responsibilities and Gender: Who Owes What to Whom?" Humanities Grand Rounds, Medical Humanities Division, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1995.
- "Intergenerational Responsibilities in Families: Who Owes What to Whom?" Grand Rounds of the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 14, 1995.
- "Ethical Dilemmas for Caregivers of the Severely Demented Elderly" Geriatric Psychiatry Rounds, Geriatric Psychiatry Unit of Thomas Jefferson University, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1994.
- Panelist - Bioethics Symposium, "Health Care Reform and Managed Care: an Ethical Perspective." The Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 15, 1994.

### CLINICAL ETHICS TEACHING AND CONSULTING

- Lecturer – "Ethics and Service Provision: Is Justice Really Fair?" Sixteenth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 9, 2010.
- Lecturer – "Ethics 10.1: Ethical Challenges and Information and Communication Technology (ICT)." Fifteenth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 2009.
- Lecturer – "Ethics and Culture: Diversity, Sensitivity, and Competence." Fourteenth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 3, 2008.
- Lecturer – "The Ethical Foundations of Devereux's Philosophy of Care." Twelfth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 5, 2006.
- Lecturer – "Look Both Ways Before Crossing the Line: Ethical Issues Raised by Dual Relationships." Eleventh Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 5, 2005.
- Lecturer – "Ethical Issues Raised by the Adolescent Experience: Resolving Your Cases." Tenth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 13, 2004.
- Lecturer – "Ethics in the Trenches: Resolving Your Cases" Ninth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 8, 2003.
- Lecturer – "Ethics and Client Sexual Conduct" Eighth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 9, 2002.
- Lecturer – "Business as Usual? Client Rights and Professional Responsibility" Seventh Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 10, 2001.
- Lecturer – "Resolving Dilemmas" Sixth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, April 11, 2000.
- Lecturer – "Got a Dilemma?" Fifth Annual Helena T. Devereux Ethics Symposium, The

- Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1999.
- Lecturer - "What Are the Obligations of Children to their Aging Parents? A Conceptual and Practical Framework for Helping Families", Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1999.
- Panel Participant - "The Mind" panel on the Aging Unafraid Symposium, sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and the Department of Health and Human Services, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1999.
- Lecturer - "Ethical Dilemmas and the Medical Student", Louis Pasteur Medical Student Society, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1998.
- Lecturer - "Ethical Issues in Surgery", Third year medical student rotation, Division of Colorectal Surgery, Department of Surgery, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1996.
- Ethics Consultant and Chair, National Ethics Committee, The Devereux Foundation, Villanova, Pennsylvania, January 1995 to present.
- Ethics Consultant, Ethics Committee, The Graduate Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 1994 to 1998.
- Ethics Consultant - established and coordinated the Ethics Committee for Laurens County Health Care System, Clinton, South Carolina, January 1993 to May 1993.
- Presenter and Founder, Medical Intensive Care Unit Weekly Ethics Rounds, Laurens County Hospital, February 1993 to May 1993.
- Voting Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, The Veteran's Affairs Hospital, Houston, Texas, July 1989 to December 1992.
- Voting Member, Animal Protocol Review Committee, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, July 1989 to December 1992.
- Lecturer in Pediatric Core Curriculum, "Ethical and Legal Issues in Adolescent Medicine," Baylor College of Medicine, January 1990 to July 1992.
- Lecturer in Pediatric Core Curriculum, "Ethical and Legal Issues in Neonatal Intensive Care," Baylor College of Medicine, January 1990 to July 1992.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1. American Philosophical Association
2. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities
3. Association for Practical and Professional Ethics
4. The James Madison Society, Princeton University