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Overview

I am an associate professor of philosophy at the University of New Hampshire. Previously a litigator at a major New York law firm and a judicial clerk for the United States Court of Appeals, I teach and write on issues in law, politics, and society. I published *I Was Wrong: The Meanings of Apologies* with Cambridge University Press in 2008. I am currently working on the follow-up book, tentatively titled *Apologies in Law* and also under contract with Cambridge University Press. *Apologies in Law* will apply the framework for the ethical meanings of apologies from *I Was Wrong* to acts of contrition in civil and criminal law. These pages contain information regarding my teaching, research, and advising, including interviews on Diane Rehm, Philosophy Talk, BBC, CBC, CNN, and others. Visit my web pages at <http://pubpages.unh.edu/~nicks/> for additional materials.

Current and Recent Employment

Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of New Hampshire, 2008-current

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of New Hampshire, 2002-2008

Litigation Associate, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, New York, 2001-2002 and Summer 1997

Judicial Clerk, The Honorable R.L. Nygaard, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2000-2001

Education

Vanderbilt University Department of Philosophy, Ph.D., 2002

Dissertation: *Non-Identity Politics: Commodification and Commensuration in Contemporary Jurisprudence* (directed by J.M. Bernstein)

State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law, J.D., 1997, *magna cum laude*

Vassar College, B.A., Philosophy, 1994

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Law, Politics, and Society
Apologies and Forgiveness
Critical Theory

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics (especially Bioethics and Public Health Ethics)
Aesthetics
19th Century Philosophy

Awards, Honors, and Funding

UNH Whitcomb Professor, 2009-2012

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2009

UNH Hood House Professorship, 2008-2010

UNH Roland H. O'Neal Professorship, 2006-2009

UNH Graduate School Summer Faculty Fellowship, 2006

UNH Junior Faculty Research Fellowship, Spring 2005

UNH University Teaching Excellence Award, 2004 ([Award Publicity](#))

UNH Liberal Arts Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, 2004

UNH Summer Research Grant, 2003

Vanderbilt University Full Fellowship, 1997-2000

Vanderbilt University Master Teaching Fellowship, 1999-2000

Vanderbilt University Outstanding TA Award for "recognition of outstanding undergraduate teaching by a graduate teaching assistant in the College of Arts and Science," 2000

Vanderbilt University Department of Philosophy Franklin J. Matchette Teaching Award for "recognition of exceptional skill in and devotion to the teaching of philosophy to undergraduates," 2000

SUNY at Buffalo School of Law Gilbert Moore Fellowship for Law and Social Policy, 1994-1997

SUNY at Buffalo School of Law Faculty Award for “extraordinary legal and philosophical scholarship,” 1997

Vassar College Philosophy Departmental Honors, 1994

Vassar College Harry Ordan Memorial for Excellence in Philosophy, 1994

Publications

Books

I Was Wrong: The Meanings of Apologies (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008).

Reviewed in [Journal of Value Inquiry](#), [Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews](#), [Choice](#), and [Management Today](#). Review forthcoming in *Social Theory and Practice*. See below for links to various interviews.

Apologies in Law (draft in progress and under contract with Cambridge University Press) (applying the frameworks from *I Was Wrong* to civil and criminal law).

Edited Volumes

Guest Editor, Special Issue of “Continental Philosophy of Law,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 42/1 (2009), includes articles by Simon Critchley, Kelly Oliver, Pierre Schlag, Gordon Hull, and Nick Smith.

Book Chapters

“Questions for a Reluctant Jurisprudence of Alterity,” *Essays on Levinas and Law: A Mosaic*, ed. Desmond Manderson (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008).

Articles

“Commodification in Law: Ideologies, Intractabilities, and Hyperboles,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 42/1 (2009): TBD.

“The Penitent and the Penitentiary: Questions Regarding Apologies in Criminal Law,” *Criminal Justice Ethics*, Summer/Fall (2008): 2, 82-85.

“Adorno vs. Levinas: Evaluating Points of Contention,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 40/3 (2007): 275-306.

“The Categorical Apology,” *The Journal of Social Philosophy* 36/4 (2005): 473-496.

“The Splinter in Your Ear: Noise as the Semblance of Critique,” *Culture, Theory &*

Critique 46/1 (2005): 43-59.

“Why Hardcore Goes Soft: Adorno, Japanese Noise, and the Extirpation of Dissonance,” *Cultural Logic* 4-3 (2002). Translated into Spanish and Basque and reprinted in *Noise and Capitalism*.

“Framed: Utilitarianism and Punishment of the Innocent,” *Rutgers Law Journal* 32 (2000): 115-224 (co-authored with Guyora Binder) (reproduced, in part, in *Criminal Law: Cases and Materials*, 5th Edition, eds. John Kaplan, Robert Weisberg, and Guyora Binder (New York: Aspen, 2004)).

“Incommensurability and Alterity in Contemporary Jurisprudence,” *Buffalo Law Review* 45 (1997): 503-553.

“When Selling your Soul Isn’t Enough,” *Social Theory and Practice* 30/4 (2004): 599-612 (review essay).

“Making Adorno’s Ethics and Politics Explicit,” *Social Theory and Practice* 29/3 (2003): 487-498 (review essay).

Reviews/Encyclopedia Entries/Other

“Punishment,” in *Criminal Justice Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Gerstenfeld (Pasadena: Salem Press, 2005): 894-900.

“Rehabilitation,” in *Criminal Justice Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Gerstenfeld (Pasadena: Salem Press, 2005): 926-928.

“Incommensurability,” in *Ethics, Revised Edition*, ed. John Roth (Pasadena: Salem Press, 2004): 728-729.

Review of Giovanna Borradori’s *Philosophy in a Time of Terror: Dialogues with Jürgen Habermas and Jacques Derrida*, *Continental Philosophy Review* 36/3 (2003): 335-343. Translated into Russian and reprinted in *Khora*.

“Introduction to Special Issue on Contemporary Continental Philosophy of Law,” *Continental Philosophy Review* 42/1 (2009): TBD.

“Critical Thinking, Enlightenment, and Pedagogy,” *2 Teaching Forum* 3 (1999).

Work in Progress

Framing Utilitarian Punishment (co-authored with Guyora Binder) (converting the above *Rutgers Law Journal* article into a monograph by extending the argument to cover post-Bentham utilitarians).

Commodification in Law (revising manuscript for review).

“Contrasting Analytic and Continental Theories of Incommensurability” (revising

manuscript for review).

“Commodification and the Impoverishment of Ethical Discourse in Law” (revising manuscript for review).

Presentations and Papers Read

“Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and the Law,” Case Western Reserve Law School, April 2008

“Should Punishments be Reduced for Apologetic Convicts?” John Jay College Department of Philosophy, November 2008. Also presented at Wayne State University Law School, March 2008.

“Humiliation as Punishment: Evaluating the Justifications for Court Ordered Apologies in Criminal Law,” St. John’s University Department of Philosophy, November 2008. Also presented at John Jay College Department of Philosophy, February 2009.

“The Penitent and the Penitentiary: The Role of Apologies in Criminal Sentencing,” Connecticut College Department of Philosophy, November 2008.

“Apologies and Remorse in the Federal Sentencing Guidelines,” National Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Montreal, June 2008.

“Humiliation will Compensate for the Offense: Kant and the Retributive Features of Court-ordered Apologies,” Northern New England Philosophy Conference, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, October 2007.

“The Meanings of Apologizing to Animals, Infants, Machines, the Deceased, and Yourself,” Northern New England Philosophy Conference, Bates College, October 2006.

“Fragile, Violent, and Better: Responses to Five Obstacles Facing the Politicization of Adorno or Levinas,” National Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Philadelphia, October 2006.

“Questioning the Possibility and Desirability of a Levinasian Legal Theory,” Centennial Conference on Levinas and Law, McGill University, September 2006.

“Cultivating Meaningful Apologies in Law: Practical Suggestions for Reform,” National Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Baltimore, July 2006.

“The Meanings of Collective Apologies,” University of New Hampshire Center for Humanities Junior Faculty Fellowship Lecture, November 2005.

“Why Bentham Could Not Justify Framing the Innocent,” National Meeting of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Dartmouth College, August 2005.

“The Degradation of Apologies in Criminal Law,” National Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Las Vegas, June 2005.

“When Selling Your Soul Isn’t Enough,” Northern New England Philosophy Conference, Dartmouth College, November 2004.

“Reconsidering Adorno’s and Levinas’ Political Abstinence,” National Meeting of the Radical Philosophy Association, Washington D.C., November 2004.

“Adorno vs. Levinas: Evaluating Points of Contention,” National Meeting of the Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Memphis, October 2004.

“How Errors in Theories of Commensurability Lead to Universal Commodification in Law,” National Meeting of the Society of Social and Political Philosophy, Memphis, October 2004.

“Why Institutional Apologies Usually Fail,” National Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, May 2004.

“Why Hardcore Goes Soft: Noise and the Culture Industry,” NOISE THEORY NOISE #1 Conference, Middlesex University, London, March 2004.

“The Subversion of Authentic Apologies in Law,” University of New Hampshire Department of Philosophy, October 2003.

“The Elements of an Authentic Apology,” Northern New England Philosophy Conference, October 2003.

“The \$8,000,000,000 Question: Was the Destruction of the World Trade Center Complex One or Two Occurrences under New York Insurance Law,” University of New Hampshire Pre-Law Program, February 2003.

“Commodification and the End of Ethical Discourse in Law,” Bryn Mawr College Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, February 2002.

“Incommensurability and the Critique of Universal Commodification in the Law,” University of New Hampshire Department of Philosophy, January 2002.

“A Response to Denials of Value Incommensurability,” Worcester Polytechnic Institute Department of Humanities, January 2002.

“Framed: Utilitarianism and Punishment of the Innocent,” The 29th Conference on Value Inquiry, April 2001 (co-authored with Guyora Binder).

“Is Musical Dissonance Still Possible?” American Society of Aesthetics National Meeting, October 2000.

“Trying to Understand Japanese Noise: Adorno and Dissonance in Contemporary Music,” Conference on Aesthetics and the Continental Tradition, University of Essex, U.K., March 2000.

“The Dialogical Classroom: Preparing, Encouraging, and Guiding Meaningful Conversations,” Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching, January 2000.

“What is Critical Thinking?” Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching, August 1999.

“Metadiscussion: Institutional and Argumentative Authority in the Classroom,” Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching, August 1999.

“*Oleanna*: The Momentum of Normative Institutions,” Film and Pedagogy Series, Vanderbilt University, October 1999.

“*The Matrix*: Teaching the One,” Film and Pedagogy Series, Vanderbilt University, December 1999.

Teaching Experience (Teaching Portfolio Available)

Assistant Professor, University of New Hampshire Department of Philosophy

Graduate Seminar in Public Health Ethics, Fall 2008

Graduate Seminar in Theories of Justice, August 2008

Seminar: Marx and his Critics, Spring 2008 (Overall Rating: 4.81)

Law, Medicine, and Morals, Spring 2008 (Overall Rating: 4.93)

Philosophy of Art, Fall 2007 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)

Honors Philosophy of Art, Fall 2007 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)

Graduate Seminar in Public Health Ethics, Fall 2007 (Overall Rating: 4.5/5.0)

Graduate Seminar in Theories of Justice, August 2007 (Overall Rating: 4.88/5.0)

20th Century European Philosophy, Spring 2007 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)

Law, Medicine, and Morals, Spring 2007 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)

Graduate Seminar in Public Health Ethics, Fall 2006 (Overall Rating: 4.93/5.0)

20th Century European Philosophy, Spring 2006 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
Law, Medicine and Morals, Spring 2006 (Overall Rating: 4.92/5.0)
Honors Philosophy of Art, Fall 2005 (Overall Rating: 4.93/5.0)
Philosophy of Art, Fall 2005 (Overall Rating: 4.92/5.0)
Graduate Seminar in Punishment Theory, Summer 2005 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
Society and Morals, Summer 2005 (Overall Rating: 4.93/5.0)
Seminar: Commodification in Law, Fall 2004 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
20th Century European Philosophy, Fall 2004 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
Law, Medicine and Morals, Spring 2004 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
Philosophy of Art, Spring 2004 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
Honors Philosophy of Art, Spring 2004 (Overall Rating: 4.94/5.0)
Seminar: Money and Justice, Fall 2003 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
Society and Morals, Fall 2003 (Overall Rating: 4.93/5.0)
Philosophy of Law, Spring 2003 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
Honors Philosophy of Art, Spring 2003 (Overall Rating: 4.91/5.0)
Society and Morals, Fall 2002 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)
Law, Medicine and Morals, Fall 2002 (Overall Rating: 4.97/5.0)

Individual Student Supervision at UNH

Director: Jamie Langhoff, "A Marxian Critique of Death within Capitalism,"
Senior thesis in progress

Director: Lex Joy, "Bostrom, Kurzweil, and Futurism," Research Experience and
Apprenticeship Program, 2008

Director: Woon Chul Fisher, "Conceptual Problems Regarding Forgiveness
Between Nations," Justice Studies MA Thesis in progress

Director: Chris Wells, "Three Views of Adorno's Ethics," Senior Thesis,
defended May 2008

Director: Lisa Green, "Nietzsche on Capitalism," Senior Thesis, defended May
2008

Director: Jennifer Bulcock, "How Kant Would Choose to Die: The Appropriate
Definition and Function of Kant's Autonomy in the Euthanasia Debate," Justice
Studies MA Thesis, defended Fall 2006

Director: Jacob Skinner, "Power and Punishment in Nietzsche," Justice Studies
MA Thesis, defended Fall 2006

Director: Ryan Abbott, "Habermas' Critique of Adorno," Undergraduate
Research Fellowship, Spring 2006

Director: Julian Torres, "Marx's Humanism and its Limits," Justice Studies MA

Thesis, defended Spring 2006

Director: Jennifer Bulcock, "An Ethical Analysis of Monetary Compensation for Civilian Casualties in Iraq," Undergraduate Research Fellowship and Senior Thesis, defended Spring 2004

Director: Greg Bergeron, "Between Freedom and Safety: A Philosophical Analysis of the USA Patriot Act," Undergraduate Research Fellowship and Senior Thesis, Summer 2003

Director: Jacob Skinner, "Critical Theory at a Crossroads: Marcuse and Adorno on 1960s Social Movements," Undergraduate Research Award and Senior Thesis, defended Spring 2003

Several Students, Nietzsche Independent Study, Summer 2003

Reader, Jack Harden, "Specters of Marx," Senior Thesis, defended Fall 2008

Reader, Derek Bowen, "Patterns of Skinhead Violence," Sociology Ph.D. dissertation, defended July 2008

Reader, Sarah Drucker, "Justice in Public School Codes of Conduct," defended July 2008

Reader: Marc Sklar, "Nietzsche's Development in Light of *Twilight of the Idols IV*," Senior Thesis, defended May 2008

Reader: Dan Jasinski, "The True Cause for Compulsory Education in England and France," Senior Thesis, defended May 2008

Reader: Marty Rowley, "Arendt and Foucault on Privacy," Justice Studies MA Thesis, defended August 2007

Reader: Hannah Varn, "Regulative Ideals: A Practical Approach to Global Warming," Senior Thesis, defended Spring 2007

Reader: James Cavan, "Habermasian Social Ecology," Senior Thesis, defended Spring 2004

UNH Pre-College Program

Philosophical Films, Summer 2004

Is it all Relative?, Summer 2003

Master Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching

Designed and led intensive three-day orientation seminars for humanities

Teaching assistants. Conducted periodic workshops on teaching critical thinking

and leading class discussions. Founded Film and Pedagogy discussion series. Provided support and resources for university faculty throughout the year. Confidentially consulted with teaching assistants after viewing video of their teaching. Interviewed teaching assistants' students and privately discussed feedback with teaching assistants. Held weekly office hours for discussing teaching-related issues. (1999-2000)

Instructor, Vanderbilt University Department of Philosophy

Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2000 (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2000 (Overall Rating: 4.8/5.0)

Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University Department of Philosophy

Ethics with John Lachs (Spring 1999) (Overall Rating: 5.0/5.0)

Ethics with John Lachs (Spring 1999) (Overall Rating: 4.79/5.0)

Ethics with Henry Teloh (Fall 1998) (Overall Rating: 4.4/5.0)

Ethics with Henry Teloh (Fall 1998) (Overall Rating: 4.4/5.0)

Legal Experience

Litigation Associate, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, L.L.P., New York

Entered firm as fourth-year associate specializing in federal appellate litigation. Intensively researched and constructed arguments regarding whether the destruction of the World Trade Center would be ruled one or two "occurrences" for insurance purposes. (2001-2002 and Summer 1997)

Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Richard Lowell Nygaard, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware), Chambers in Philadelphia and Erie, Pennsylvania

Analyzed briefs and provided Judge with bench memoranda recommending determinations prior to oral arguments. Attended oral arguments, wrote post-argument memoranda, and drafted thirteen published opinions. *See, for example, United States v. Hammer*, 239 F.3d 302 (3d Cir. 2001) (dissenting) (arguing that the Court becomes an accomplice to suicide when it allows non-capital inmate who purposefully strangled his cellmate in order to be the first person executed under the new federal death penalty to waive his appeals); *Nordhoff Investments v. Zenith Electronics Corp.*, 258 F.3d 180 (3d Cir. 2001) (approving Zenith's bankruptcy and restructuring plan against challenges from investors); *Doe v. Delie*, 257 F.3d 309 (3d Cir. 2001) (establishing that prisoners have a constitutionally protected right to maintain privacy in their medical information unless that interest conflicts with a legitimate and narrowly tailored penological interest. Prison officials had been informing guards and other inmates that Doe was HIV-positive.); *Fahy v. Horn*, 240 F.3d 249 (3d Cir. 2001) (exercising equitable tolling to allow capital inmate to pursue his habeas corpus appeals despite missing a deadline because recent amendments to filing requirements were "inhibitively opaque"); *Allied Erecting and Dismantling Co., Inc. v. USX*,

249 F.3d 191 (3d Cir. 2001) (reversing District Court and allowing Allied to try \$85 million claim alleging U.S. Steel failed to compensate Allied for environmental remediation performed at a U.S. Steel plant). (2000-2001)

Research Assistant, Professor Guyora Binder, SUNY at Buffalo School of Law
Researched and prepared materials published in John Kaplan, Robert Weisberg and Guyora Binder, *Criminal Law Cases and Materials*, 3d ed. (New York: Little, Brown, 1996) and Guyora Binder and Robert Weisberg, *Literary Criticism of Law* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000). (1995-1997)

Summer Associate, United States Surgical Corporation, Norwalk, Connecticut
Conducted extensive research into the industrial espionage and unlawful development practices of a competitor and prepared memoranda on corporate and patent issues. (Summer 1996)

Law Clerk, Collins, Collins & Kantor, P.C., Buffalo, New York
Drafted motions, affidavits, and memoranda regarding complaints filed under the Federal Employers' Liability Act. (1996)

Judicial Clerk, The Honorable William E. Straub, New York State Division of Human Rights
Researched and drafted opinions on Title VII employment discrimination. (Summer 1995)

Intern to Head Investigator, Public Defender's Office, Poughkeepsie, New York
Assisted in felony investigations and interviewed defendants. (Fall 1993)

Intern, Public Defender's Office, Rochester, New York
Conducted pre-arraignment intake interviews. (Summer 1992)

Professional Service

University of New Hampshire

Franklin Pierce Law Center/UNH Merger Working Group, 2008-Current
PLC/UNH Merger, Chair, Academic Affairs Subcommittee, 2008-Current
PLC/UNH Merger, Finances Subcommittee, Current
Hood House Professor, 2008-10
Discovery Author on the theme of Poverty, 2008-09
Welcome Lunch for New Faculty, February 2009
Panel Member on Tenure Mentoring, April 2009
Coordinator, University Inclusive Teaching Fellows, 2008-09
Discovery Author on the theme of Democracy, 2007-08
University Inclusive Teaching Fellow, 2007-08
Justice Studies Core Faculty, 2002-current
Justice Studies Undergraduate Committee, 2004-current

Justice Studies Pre-Law Advisor, 2006-current
University Pre-Law Advisory Committee, 2002-current
Conduct yearly “Everything You Want to Know about Law School” session
Rhodes and Marshall Scholarship Review Committee, 2006-current
Faculty Senate, Spring 2003, Fall 2004
Academic Affairs Committee, Spring 2003, Fall 2004
Conducted a teach-in on the morality of the sanctions against Iraq, 2003

Department of Philosophy, University of New Hampshire

Undergraduate Program Director, 2004-current

My duties as U.P.D. include coordinating all advising, welcoming and initially advising all new and transfer majors, chairing the Department curriculum committee, drafting the Department teaching schedule with the Chair, overseeing efforts to attract and retain majors (particularly women and students of color), coordinating and advising the *Socratic Society* weekly student discussion group, coordinating and advising *The Dialectic* undergraduate student journal, coordinating and advising the *Undergraduate Research Conference*, coordinating and conducting the “Dinner and a Movie Philosophical Film Discussion Series,” chairing the student awards committee, serving as Honors Program Liaison, and serving as Undergraduate Research Opportunity Fellowship Liaison. I receive a yearly course release for this work.

Department Pre-Law Advisor, 2002-current

Barlow Prize Committee, 2003-current

Dusek Prize Committee, 2003-current

Teaching Committee, Philosophy Department Self-Study: 2004-05

Presented “Philosophy of Love” to the *Socratic Society* on Valentine’s Day 2006

Guest Speakers Committee, 2002-04

Guest Lectures include sessions for Jen Armstrong, Philosophy Workshop, Fall 2007, on Kant’s “What is Enlightenment?”; Charlie Putnam, Introduction to Justice Studies, Fall 2007, on Theories of Justice; Jen Armstrong, Philosophy Workshop, Fall 2006, on Kant’s “What is Enlightenment?”; Jim Tucker, Justice Studies Proseminar, Fall 2006, on my research and legal experience; Charlotte Witt, Philosophy Workshop, Fall 2005, on the Analytic/Continental Distinction; Bill de Vries, Society and Morals, Summer 2005, on Capital Punishment; Jim Tucker, Justice Studies Proseminar, Fall 2005, on my research and legal experience; Charlie Putnam, Introduction to Justice Studies, Fall 2005, on Universalism vs. Relativism

Journals

Guest Editor for *Continental Philosophy Review*’s special issue on “Contemporary Continental Philosophy of Law”

Manuscript Reviewer for Palgrave Macmillan

Manuscript Reviewer for SUNY Press

Reviewer for *The Monist*

Reviewer for the *Journal of Social Philosophy*

Reviewer for *Continental Philosophy Review*

Reviewer for *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*

Reviewer for *J_spot: Journal of Social and Political Theory*

Articles Editor, *Buffalo Law Review*, 1996-97

Articles Editor and Founding Member, *Buffalo Criminal Law Review*, 1996-97

Other Service

“Marx’s Legacy,” Durham Active Retirement Association, March 2009
On-Air Host and Advisor, “[The Socrates Exchange](#),” New Hampshire Public Radio, current
Organizer and Chair, Annual Undergraduate Session of the Northern New England Philosophy Conference, October 2006-2008
Standard Setter for Ethics Program, Excelsior College, December 2006
Standard Setter for Bioethics Program, Excelsior College, February 2006

Professional Memberships

American Association of University Professors
American Philosophical Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
American Society for Aesthetics
Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Society for Social and Political Philosophy

Media Coverage

I host regular sessions of New Hampshire Public Radio’s *Socrates Exchange*. You can listen to past shows here: <http://www.nhpr.org/node/15201>

“[Apologies in the Public Sphere](#),” BBC World Service, *The World Today*, February 14, 2009.

“[Commentary on British Bankers’ Public Apology for Financial Crisis](#),” BBC Radio 4, *World Tonight*, February 10, 2009.

“[Who’s Sorry Now](#),” *The Scotsman*: Scotland’s National Newspaper, February 9, 2009.

“[I Was Wrong: The Meanings of Apologies](#),” *The Diane Rehm Show*, National Public Radio, originally airing March 18, 2008 (an hour-long radio discussion of *I Was Wrong* with Diane Rehm).

“[A Very Public Apology](#),” *CBC News Sunday*, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, March 16, 2008 (expert on 15 minute national news television program).

“[Apologizing](#),” on *Philosophy Talk* from the Stanford University Department of Philosophy, originally airing KALW San Francisco, March 30, 2008 (an hour-long radio discussion of *I Was Wrong* with Stanford University philosophy professors Ken Taylor and John Perry).

[“The Art of the Apology,”](#) *The Exchange*, New Hampshire Public Radio, April 9, 2008 (an hour-long radio discussion of *I Was Wrong* with host Laura Knoy).

[“I’m Sorry for My Bad Apology,”](#) *CNN.com*, June 25, 2008.

[“The Power of Apology,”](#) *UB Law Forum*, Fall 2008.

Interviewed by *Women’s Health Magazine*, Fall 2008.

[“The Power of Confession,”](#) *Today’s Pentecostal Evangel*, September 2008.

“Word of Mouth,” *BBC 4*, July 15, 2008 (interview with Michael Rosen on the linguistic history of apologies).

“Apology Accepted,” *The Philadelphia Bulletin*, April 28, 2008.

[“The Art of Apologizing,”](#) *Management Today* (UK), April 1, 2008.

“Many Hidden Messages in a Simple I’m Sorry,” *Union Leader*, March 23, 2008.

[“Nick Smith’s *I Was Wrong*,”](#) *Campaign for the American Reader*, March 28, 2008

Paul Greenburg, “The Lost Art of Apology,” *Tribune Media Services*, March 17, 2008.

“On Apologies” WOKQ Radio, TBA (a 25 minute radio discussion of *I Was Wrong* with host Sam Adams).

[“Ethical Investing, Sure, but How about a Definition?”](#) *The Union Leader*, April 1, 2007 (on “socially responsible” investing).

“The Touchy Politics of Saying Sorry,” *The Toronto Star*, January 16, 2006 (on the role of apologies in the 2006 Canadian elections).

[“Fans Have to Face the Music,”](#) *Portsmouth Herald*, June 28, 2003 (on the ethics of file sharing).

[“9/11 Insurance at Stake,”](#) *Foster’s Daily Democrat*, February 24, 2003 (on my research regarding whether the destruction of the World Trade Center was one or two “occurrences” under New York law).

[“The Morality of the War in Iraq,”](#) *NH Outlook*, NHPTV, March 26, 2003 (with two of my Philosophy of Law students to debate the issues).

Personal Information

I was born on January 14, 1972 in Rochester, New York.

I am married to Nicole Acarino, a dedicated, gifted, and beloved third grade teacher at Little Harbor School in Portsmouth, N.H. We live in Newmarket, N.H. with our son Ulysses and our mutt, The Honorable E. Grady Jolly.

Together we belong to New Roots Community Supported Agriculture, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the Sierra Club, New Hampshire Public Radio, and the American Museum Association.

References

Robert Scharff
Professor
Department of Philosophy
University of New Hampshire

David Hiley
Professor
Department of Philosophy
University of New Hampshire

Jay M. Bernstein
Distinguished Professor
Department of Philosophy
New School for Social Research

Guyora Binder
Distinguished Professor
SUNY at Buffalo School of Law

Gregg Horowitz
Associate Professor
Department of Philosophy
Vanderbilt University

The Honorable Richard L. Nygaard
Circuit Judge
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit