

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal

Name: Christian J Piller

Born: 19/01/63

Nationality: Austria

Education

University of Graz, Austria: Magister philosophiae (June 1987)
Thesis on Bayesian Epistemology (advisor: A Schramm)

Princeton University, USA: M.A. in Philosophy (June 1994)

Princeton University, USA: Ph.D. (September 1997)
Thesis 'Defending Humeanism' (Advisors: G Harman, M Johnston; Examiners: R Jeffrey, H Frankfurt)

Areas of Specialization: Moral Philosophy, Theories of Practical Reason.

Areas of Competence: Austrian Philosophy (Brentano, Meinong, Vienna Circle), Free Will and Moral Responsibility, History of Moral Philosophy, Epistemology, Logic, Philosophical Logic, Political Philosophy, Decision Theory, Game Theory and Social Choice Theory, Philosophy of Mind and Action.

Employment

1987-1989: Research Fellow at the University of Graz, Austria, Department of Philosophy of Law

1989-1991: University Assistant at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, Department of Philosophy

1991-1995: Graduate Student and Teaching Assistant at Princeton University, USA

1996-present: Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of York, UK

Teaching

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Philosophy

Theories of Rational Action

The Meaning of Life

Moral Realism

Rationality, Morality and Economics

Introduction to Ethics

Moral Relativism

Free Will and Moral Responsibility;

Meta-ethics

The Structure of the Good

Ethics and Theories of Practical Reason

Consequentialism, Deontology, and Contractarianism

Tutorials

Knowledge, Metaphysics and Perception
Philosophy of Mind
Ethics
Logic
Free Will

Graduate Teaching

Ethics (Module for Philosophy MA)
Course Convenor 'Practical Ethics: Life, Law and Environment' (since 10/06)
Ethical Thinking
Environmental Ethics
Ph.D. Supervisor: McDowell's Moral Philosophy; Values and Emotions; Moral Motivation
Supervisor for several MA theses and various other graduate papers in moral philosophy and the free will debate

Research

Books

- (1) J Brandl, W Gombocz, C Piller, eds, *Metamind, The Philosophy of Keith Lehrer*, Amsterdam: Rodopi, 1991
- (2) *Defending Humeanism* (Ph.D. Thesis), UMI: Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1997, (order number 9809173).

Articles in Refereed Journals

- (3) 'Das Vindizierungsargument - seine Wichtigkeit, seine Wirksamkeit, seine Widerlegung', *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 29, 1987, 35-58.
- (4) 'On Keith Lehrer's Belief in Acceptance', *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 40, 1991, 37-62.
- (5) 'Über Wünsche, Lust und Rationalität, Eine Auseinandersetzung mit der Gleichgewichtstheorie von Anna Kusser', *Conceptus* 26, 1992, 69-95.
- (6) 'Vann Mc Gee's Counterexample to *Modus Ponens*', *Philosophical Studies* 82, 1996, 27-54.
- (7) 'Critical Notice: Michael Smith, The Moral Problem', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 74, 1996, 347-367.
- (8) 'Doing What is Best', *Philosophical Quarterly* 50, 2000, 208-226.
- (9) 'Normative Practical Reasoning', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Suppl. Vol. 75, 2001, 195-216.
- (10) 'Ways of Being Good', *Acta Analytica* 16, 2001, 153-167.
- (11) 'Critical Notice: Jonathan Dancy, Practical Reality', *Philosophy* 78, 2003, 414-425.
- (12) 'Two Accounts of Objective Reasons', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 67, 2003, 444-451.
- (13) 'Schwierige Metaethik', *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 70, 2005, 241-252.
- (14) 'Content-Related and Attitude-Related Reasons for Preferences', *Philosophy*, Supplement Volume 59, 2006, 155-181.
- (15) 'Particularism and the Structure of Reasons', *Acta Analytica* 21:2, 2006, 87-102.

- (16) 'Morality's Place: Kierkegaard and Frankfurt', forthcoming in *Revista Portuguesa Filosofia* 2007.
- (17) 'Ewing's Problem', forthcoming in *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 3, 2007

Invited Contributions

- (18) 'Humeanism and Prudence', in K Lehrer & J Marek, eds, *Austrian Philosophy: Past and Present*, Kluwer: Dordrecht, Boston: 1997, 189-202.
- (19) 'Normative and Motivating Reasons', in: J Mittelstraß, ed, *Die Zukunft des Wissens*, Universitätsverlag Konstanz 1999, 161-169.
- (20) 'The New Realism in Ethics', in: T Baldwin, ed, *The Cambridge History of Philosophy 1870-1945*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge: 2003, 277-288.
- (21) 'Die Stimme des Gewissens', in: A Fruhwirth, M Reicher, P Wilhelmer, eds, *Markt – Wert – Gefühle*, Passagen Verlag, Wien: 2005, 99-116.
- (22) reprint of (13) in *Preferences and Well-Being*, ed. by S Olsaretti, Cambridge University Press, 2006, 155-181.
- (23) 'Kinds of Practical Reasons: Attitude-Related Reasons and Exclusionary Reasons', in: S Miguens, J A Pinto and C E Mauro, eds., *Analyses*, Porto: Porto University, 2006, 98-106.
- (24) 'Wahrheitsliebe und Rechthaberei: Warum man auf Chisholm (und James) hätte hören sollen', in: H Bohse, K Dreimann, S Walter, *GAP 6: Selected Papers*, Paderborn: Mentis, 2007, 193-201.
- (25) 'Desiring the Truth and Nothing but the Truth', forthcoming, A Haddock, A Millar, D Pritchard, eds., *Epistemic Value*, Oxford University Press, 2008.

Others (including substantial reviews)

- (26) Review of Michael D. Resnik, *Choices*, Minneapolis 1987, in *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 30, 1987, 197-207.
- (27) 'Antikritische Bemerkungen - eine Verteidigung des Angriffs auf das Vindizierungsargument', *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 32, 1988, 197-204.
- (28) 'On Keith Lehrer's and Vann Mc Gee's Solution to Newcomb's Problem', *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 40, 1991, 221-228.
- (29) Review of Frederic Schick, *Understanding Action, An Essay on Reason*, Cambridge, 1991, *Erkenntnis* 41, 1994, pp. 127-133.
- (30) 'Sollen wir das Wertvolle dem Wertlosen vorziehen?', in A Schramm, ed, *Philosophie in Österreich*, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien: 1996, 320-332.
- (31) 'A Puzzle About the Value of Truth', in P Weingartner, G Schurz & G Dorn, eds, *The Role of Pragmatics in Contemporary Philosophy*, Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Gesellschaft Vol. 11, 1997, 776-781.
- (32) 'Über Arten des Gutseins', in: W Löffler & E Runggaldier, eds, *Vielfalt und Konvergenz der Philosophie*, Hölder-Pichler-Tempsky, Wien: 1999, 427-431.
- (33) 'Belief and Expectation: A Problem of Practical Reason', in: B Brogaard, ed, *Rationality and Irrationality*, Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society, Kirchberg: 2000, pp. 79-83.

Invited Lectures and Conferences

- (1) University of Budapest, Foundations of Utility and Risk Conference, 'Why Evidential Decision Theory Founders on Newcomb's Problem' (discussed by H Sobel in a *Philosophy of Science* article), Spring 1988.

- (2) University of Maribor, 'Keith Lehrer's Belief in Acceptance', Spring 1990
- (3) University of Arizona, Tucson, 'Humeanism and Prudence', Autumn 1996
- (4) Cambridge University, Moral Science Club, 'Should We Prefer the Valuable to the Worthless?' Summer 1997
- (5) University of Texas, Austin, 'Brentano's Metaethics', Spring 1998
- (6) University of Florianopolis, Brazil, 'Practical Reasons and Epistemic Reasons', Autumn 1998
- (7) University of Konstanz, 'Normative and Motivating Reasons', Deutscher Kongress für Philosophie, Spring 1999
- (8) University of Graz, Lecture Series on 'The True and the Good', Autumn 1999
- (9) Bled, Slovenia, 'Ways of Being Good', Spring 2000
- (10) University of Valencia, 'Ewing's Problem', Spring 2001
- (11) University of York, Joint Session of the Mind Association and the Aristotelian Society, 'Normative Practical Reasoning', Summer 2001
- (12) University of Lund, 'Objective and Subjective Duties', ECAP IV, Summer 2001
- (13) Oxford University, 'Should We Always Do What We Believe We Ought to Do?' Spring 2002
- (14) University of Graz, 'Die Stimme des Gewissens', Autumn 2003
- (15) University College London, Contribution to a Conference on Scanlon's What We Owe to Each Other, Spring 2004
- (16) Cambridge University, Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference, 'Content-Related and Attitude-Related Reasons for Preferences', Summer 2004.
- (17) University of Porto, 'Kinds of Practical Reasons', Autumn 2004
- (18) Bled, Slovenia, 'Moral Particularism and the Structure of Reasons', Spring 2005
- (19) University of Braga, Portugal, 'Morality's Place: Kierkegaard and Frankfurt', Autumn 2005
- (20) University of Helsinki, 'Reflection, Reasons, and Rationality', Autumn 2005
- (21) University of Vienna, 'Probabilistic Goodness', Summer 2006
- (22) University of Lisbon, 'The Epistemic Goal', Summer 2006
- (23) University of Glasgow, 'The Normativity of Rationality', Summer 2006
- (24) University of Stirling, 'Desiring the Truth and Nothing But the Truth', Summer 2006
- (25) University of Berlin, 'The Epistemic Aim', GAP VI, Summer 2006
- (26) University of Siena, 'Self-Guidance and Instrumental Reasoning', Spring 2007
(Further lectures in Kirchberg, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Graz, Sheffield, Glasgow, Manchester, Sussex, York, and Durham)

Other Professional Activities

Referee for the following journals

Acta Analytica

Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Conceptus

Erkenntnis

Grazer Philosophische Studien

Mind

Philosophical Papers

Philosophical Quarterly

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research

Referee for publishers

Blackwell
Oxford University Press

Member of Editorial Board

Grazer Philosophische Studien

Translator of essays by Carl Gustav Hempel for his *Selected Philosophical Essays*, edited by Richard Jeffrey, Cambridge University Press: Cambridge 2000.

Advisor for the project *Philosophy Dictionary (English/German, German/English)*, edited by E Waibl & P Herdina, KG Saur and Routledge, Munich and London: 1997.

Administration

Course Coordinator: MA in Practical Ethics

Examinations Officer

Chair of the Combined Board of Studies Philosophy/Sociology

Secretary to the Board of Studies of the School for Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Organisation of York Philosophy Colloquia

Socrates/Erasmus Exchange Programme Co-ordinator

Acting Chair of the Board of Studies of the School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Public Lecture Series: Practical Ethics (Warnock, Persson, Harris, O'Neill, Deanne-Drummond)

Workshop on Values and Reasons (Raz, Velleman, Bagnoli, Everson)

Referees

Prof Thomas Baldwin (University of York)

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Prof Gilbert Harman (Princeton University)

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