

Eric J. Scarffe

Curriculum Vitae

Florida International University
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AOS: Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Medical Ethics

AOC: Ethics, Human Rights, Gay Rights, Abortion Rights, Feminism

SELECT EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Florida International University (FIU)	2020-Present
President & Lead Negotiator, United Faculty of Florida (UFF)—FIU	2022-Present
Trade Policy Researcher, UNIFOR	2018
Financial Editor, Desjardins Capital markets	2015-16

EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, Boston University, Dissertation: "Moving Toward a Dignity-Based Approach to International Law." Committee: R. Powell (advisor); H. Baxter; A. Buchanan; D. Lyons.	2016-20
MA, Philosophy, York University	2014-15
BA Honors with Subsidiary, St. Francis Xavier University	2010-14

PUBLICATIONS

1. Forthcoming. "Justice Kennedy's Jurisprudence of Dignity: From Sovereign Immunity to Gay Rights," *The American Journal of Legal History*.
 2. Forthcoming. "The Trouble With Knowing You Were Trouble," *Taylor Swift and Philosophy*, Blackwell's Philosophy and Pop Culture Series, with K. Valde.
 3. 2022. "Toward a Dignity-Based Account of International Law," *Jus Cogens*. Doi: 10.1007/s42439-022-00063-8
 4. 2022. "Dignitary Harms and Abortion Law," *the American Journal of Bioethics* 22(8), pp. 85-87. Doi:10.1080/15265161.2022.2089273
 5. 2021. "Legal Positivism and Transnational Law," *Oxford Handbook of Transnational Law*, with M. Giudice.
 6. 2019. "Response to commentaries on Powell/Scarffe feature article," *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 45(9), p. 597-598, with R. Powell. Doi: 10.1136/medethics-2019-105745.
 7. 2019. "Rehabilitating 'Disease': Function, Value, and Objectivity in Medicine," *Philosophy of Science*, 86(5), p. 1-11, with R. Powell.
 8. 2019. "Rethinking 'Disease': A Fresh Diagnosis and a New Philosophical Treatment," *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 45(9), p. 579-588, with R. Powell. (Featured Article with 4 Replies) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/medethics-2019-105465>.
 9. 2016. "'A New Philosophy for International Law' and Dworkin's Political Realism," *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*, 29(1). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/cjlj.2016.7>.
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BOOK REVIEWS

10. Forthcoming. "Ruling Bodies: A Study of Coercion and Punishment in Plato's Republic, Laws, and Gorgias," *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.
 11. 2023. "Hessler's New Feminist Approach to Human Rights Theorizing," *Res Publica*.
 12. 2023. "Black Dignity: The Struggle Against Domination," *the Journal of Applied Philosophy*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/japp.12656>
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PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

1. Forthcoming. "Has Quantification Seduced Higher Ed?" *Academe*, (with K. Valde).
 2. 2022. "[Can the Data Save Us From Ourselves?: Epistemic Uncertainty and Data Driven Policy Making](#)," What to Do About Now, (with K. Valde).
 3. 2022. "[Overturning Roe v. Wade: The Court's New Jurisprudence of Doubt](#)," What To Do About Now? (A Political Philosophy Blog).
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SELECT PRESENTATIONS

1. 2023. Scholars Strategy Network. University of South Florida. Panellist on "Teaching on Eggshells II"*
2. 2023. "The Trouble With Knowing You Were Trouble." Converse College, with K. Valde.*
3. 2023. Quest for Peace, Miami Dade College. Panelist on "Who Gets to Decide What We Should Learn?"*
4. 2023. "The Trouble With Knowing You Were Trouble." South Carolina Annual Research Symposium.
5. 2023. "A Conception of Dignity." North Carolina Philosophical Society.
6. 2023. "Impartiality as a Misplaced Ideal." South Carolina Society for Philosophy.
7. 2023. "Dignitary Harms, Abortion Law, and A Jurisprudence of Dignity." North American Society for Social Philosophy.
8. 2022. Quest for Peace, Miami Dade College. Panelist on "Healthcare and Human Rights."*
9. 2022. "A New Concept of Dignity." South Carolina Annual Research Symposium.
10. 2022. "On Dignity and Abortion." Wofford College.*
11. 2022. "Toward a Dignity-Based Account of International Law." South Carolina Society for Philosophy.
12. 2022. "Epistemic Uncertainty and Data-Driven Policy." Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.

* Invited

13. 2022. "The Concept of Dignity." Florida Philosophical Association.
 14. 2021. Quest for Peace, Miami Dade College. Panelist on "To Defend or Defund the Police."*
 15. 2021. "The Paradox of State Sovereignty: A Call for Revision." Canadian Philosophical Association.
 16. 2021. "Toward a Dignity-Based Account of International Law." American Philosophical Association (Central Division).*
 17. 2021. "Impartiality isn't Impartial: Gender, Race, Law and Science." Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (with Katherine Valde).
 18. 2020. "The Paradox of State Sovereignty: A Call for Revision." Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.
 19. 2020. "A Dignity-Based Account of State Sovereignty: New Tools to Resolve the Paradox." Poster. American Philosophical Association (Central Division).
 20. 2020. "The Paradox of State Sovereignty: A Call for Revision." Colloquium Paper. American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division).
 21. 2019. "New Tools to Resolve the Paradox: A Dignity-Based Account of State Sovereignty," Northeastern Political Science Association.
 22. 2019. "Rethinking the Paradox of State Sovereignty with a Dignity-Based Account of International Law." Colloquium Paper. Canadian Philosophical Association.
 23. 2019. Three Minute Thesis Competition, Boston University.
 24. 2019. "Moving Toward a Dignity-Based Account of International Law." Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.
 25. 2019. "Moving Toward a Dignity-Based Account of International Law." Symposium paper. American Philosophical Association (Central Division).
 26. 2018. "Reflecting on a Legacy: Justice Kennedy's Jurisprudence of Dignity." Ethics and Political, Social and Legal Annual Conference.
 27. 2018. "Rehabilitating 'Disease': Function, Value, and Objectivity in Medicine." Philosophy of Science Association.
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WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. [A Book on the Jurisprudence of Dignity] (in prep).
 2. [A Paper on Abortion and Dobbs] (in prep).
 3. [A Paper on 303 Creative] (in prep).
 4. [A Paper on Impartiality in Science and Law] (in prep).
 5. [A Paper on Normative Dignity] (under review).
 6. [A Paper on the Language of International Law] (under review).
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COURSES TAUGHT AS AN INSTRUCTOR

Florida International University

Philosophy of Law (x4)

Biomedical Ethics (x3)

Introduction to Ethics (x6)

Senior Research Paper (x5)

Boston University

Philosophy, Law, and Society

Medical Ethics

Yukon College

Introduction to Political Theory (x2)

ONLINE/HYBRID COURSES DEVELOPED

Florida International University

Philosophy of Law

Submitted for HQ Certification

Biomedical Ethics

HQ Certified

Introduction to Ethics

Submitted for HQ Certification

Yukon College

Introduction to Political Theory

TEACHING CERTIFICATES AND TRAININGS

Certificates (FIU)

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| 1. Hybrid Instructor Certification | 2022 |
| 2. Online Live Certification | 2021 |
| 3. Fundamentals of Online Teaching | 2021 |

WORKSHOPS

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| 1. "Navigating Difficult Moments in Teaching Diversity and Social Justice,"
Faculty Reading Group | 2023 |
| 2. Inquiry Institute I & II | 2022-23 |
| 3. "What Inclusive Teachers Do," Faculty Reading Group | 2022 |
| 4. Calling in, Not Calling Out | 2022 |
| 5. Introduction to Feedback Box | 2021 |
| 6. Understanding the QM Rubric | 2021 |

SERVICE

To the University

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| 1. President, United Faculty of Florida (UFF)-FIU | Ongoing |
| 2. Lead Negotiator UFF-FIU | Ongoing |
| 3. Union Senator UFF-FIU | Ongoing |
| 4. Leadership, Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee Member (UFF) | Ongoing |
| 5. FEA Delegate | Ongoing |
| 6. Graduate Faculty Status | Ongoing |
| 7. Vice-President, UFF-FIU | 2021-2022 |
| 8. Bargaining Team Member UFF-FIU | 2021-2022 |

To the Department	
1. Advisor for Certificate in Law, Ethics, and Society	Ongoing
2. Ignite Rep FIU Philosophy Department	2020-2023
3. UCC Assessment Committee – FIU Philosophy Department	Ongoing
4. STRIDE Certified	2021
5. Giving talks to the Philosophy Club	Ongoing
To the Profession/Community	
1. Referee: Medicine, Health Care, and Philosophy; Dialogue; Journal of Medical Ethics; Florida Philosophical Society, Association for Practical and Professional Ethics	Ongoing
2. Session Chair: Philosophy of Science Association; Florida Philosophical Association; South Carolina Philosophical Association	2022
3. Judge, Ethics Bowl	2022-23

SELECT AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Doctoral Fellowship, <i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council</i>	2018-2020
Dissertation Fellowship, Boston University	2020
Best Formal Paper by a Graduate Student, <i>Association for Practical and Professional Ethics</i>	2019
3 Minute Thesis Competition Winner, Boston University	2019
Deans' Fellowship, <i>Boston University</i>	2016-2017
Graduate Entrance Scholarship in Philosophy, York University	2014-2015
Graduate Scholarship, York University	2014-2015
Travel Grants	
<i>Hayek Fund, Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2022
<i>Hayek Fund, Institute for Humane Studies</i>	2020
<i>American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division)</i>	2020
<i>American Philosophical Association (Central Division)</i>	2019
<i>Boston University Graduate Student Organization</i>	2019
<i>Boston University Philosophy Department</i>	2019
<i>Boston University Philosophy Department</i>	2018
<i>National Science Foundation</i>	2018

DISSERTATION SUMMARY

Since the end of World War II there has been a rapid proliferation of international law and international legal institutions. Once limited to issues in maritime and trade law, today the most recognizable examples of international law govern issues such as human rights, intellectual property, crimes against humanity and armed conflicts. In many ways, this proliferation has been a welcomed development. However, when coupled with international law's decentralized structure, this rapid proliferation has also posed problems for how we (and in particular judges) identify if, when, and where international law exists. This dissertation puts forward a novel,

dignity-based account for how we answer these questions. The upshot of my account is two-fold. First, it explains many features of international law that other theories leave unaccounted for or under-explained. And second, my dignity-based account provides for a mechanism through which the system can continue to be developed and improved.

LANGUAGES: French (intermediate reading; beginner speaking)

REFERENCES

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