

## CURRICULUM VITAE: L. WAYNE SUMNER

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### EDUCATION

1965 Ph.D., Philosophy, Princeton University  
Thesis title: *Normative Ethics and Metaethics*  
Supervisors: Stuart Hampshire, Joel Feinberg  
1964 M.A., Philosophy, Princeton University  
1962 B.A., Philosophy and English, University of Toronto

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2008- University Professor Emeritus, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto  
2002-08 University Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto  
1965-2008 Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

### VISITING APPOINTMENTS

2015 Visiting Fellow, Hebrew University, Jerusalem  
2011 H.L.A. Hart Visiting Fellowship, University College, Oxford  
1998 Visiting Professor, Uppsala University  
1986 Distinguished Visiting Professor, Bowling Green State University

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

2009 Molson Prize in Social Sciences and Humanities, Canada Council for the Arts  
2006 C.B. Macpherson Prize for books in political theory (for *The Hateful and the Obscene*)  
2005 Shortlisted for the 2004 Donner Book Prize for books on Canadian public policy  
(for *The Hateful and the Obscene*)  
1997 Northrop Frye Award, University of Toronto  
1990 Elected Fellow, Royal Society of Canada

### TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethical theory; applied ethics (esp. bioethics and environmental ethics); political philosophy; philosophy of law

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books (Author)

2017 *Physician-Assisted Death: What Everyone Needs to Know*. New York: Oxford University Press  
2011 *Assisted Death: A Study in Ethics and Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press  
Oxford Scholarship Online. Oxford University Press. September 2011  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199607983.001.0001>  
Winner of the 2013 Canadian Philosophical Association Biennial Book Prize  
Swedish translation, Fri Tanke förlag (tr. Anna Holmqvist), 2012

- 2004 *The Hateful and the Obscene: Studies in the Limits of Free Expression*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press  
Shortlisted for the 2004 Donner Prize for books on Canadian public policy.  
Winner of the 2006 C.B. Macpherson Prize in Political Theory.
- 1996 *Welfare, Happiness, and Ethics*. Oxford: Clarendon Press [paper edition, 1999]
- 1987 *The Moral Foundation of Rights*. Oxford: Clarendon Press [paper edition, 1989]  
Chinese translation, China Renmin University Press (tr. Li Maosen), 2010
- 1981 *Abortion and Moral Theory*. Princeton: Princeton University Press

### Books (Editor)

- 1996 *Philosophical Perspectives on Bioethics*. Toronto Studies in Philosophy. Toronto: University of Toronto Press [co-editor: Joseph Boyle]
- 1986 *Values and Moral Standing*. Bowling Green Studies in Applied Philosophy, Volume 8. Bowling Green, Ohio: Bowling Green State University [co-editors: Donald Callen and Thomas Attig]
- 1981 *Pragmatism and Purpose: Essays Presented to Thomas A. Goudge*. Toronto, Buffalo, London: University of Toronto Press [co-editors: John G. Slater and Fred Wilson]
- 1969 *Necessary Truth: A Book of Readings*. New York: Random House [co-editor: John Woods]

### Reports

- 2020 *End-of-Life Decision Making: Policy and Statutory Progress (2011-2020)*. Royal Society of Canada. [co-authors: Jocelyn Downie, Mona Gupta, Joshua Wales]

### Refereed Articles and Chapters in Books

- 2021 ‘Utility and Capability: J.S. Mill and Amartya Sen’, in Enrica Chiappero-Martinetti, Siddiqur Osmani, and Mozaffar Qizilbash, eds., *The Cambridge Handbook of the Capability Approach* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 59-75
- 2020 ‘Conscientious Refusal to Provide Medically-Assisted Dying’, *University of Toronto Law Journal* 71, 1 (Winter), 1-31  
‘The Worst Things in Life’, *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 97, 419-432
- 2019 ‘Institutional Refusal to Offer Assisted Dying: a Response to Shadd and Shadd’, *Bioethics* 33, 970-972
- 2018 ‘Death, Disability, and Self-determination’, in Christopher Riddle, ed., *From Disability Theory to Practice: Essays in Honor of Jerome E. Bickenbach* (Lanham: Lexington Books), 101-119  
‘Dignity Through Thick and Thin’, in Sebastian Muders, ed., *Human Dignity and Assisted Death* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 49-67
- 2015 ‘Reply to Williams’, *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 9,2 (June), 331-5. DOI 10.1007/s11572-013-9264-3
- 2013 ‘Welfare, Welfarism’, in James E. Crimmins, ed. *The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Utilitarianism* (London & New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2013), 567-569  
‘Pleasure’, in Hugh LaFollette, ed., *International Encyclopedia of Ethics* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Ltd.), 3903–3910. DOI: 10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee306  
‘Rights’, in Hugh LaFollette and Ingmar Persson, eds., *Blackwell Guide to Ethical Theory, Second Edition* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Ltd.), 354-372
- 2011 ‘Criminalizing Expression: Hate Speech and Obscenity’, in John Deigh and David Dolinko, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Criminal Law* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 17-36
- 2009 ‘Incitement and the Regulation of Hate Speech in Canada: A Philosophical Analysis’, in Ivan C. Hare and James Weinstein, eds., *Extreme Speech and Democracy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 204-220  
Greek translation: *Isopoliteia* 12-13 (2008-09), 19-49
- 2007 ‘Wayne Sumner’, in Thomas S. Peterson and Jesper Ryberg, eds., *Normative Ethics: Five Questions* (New York: Automatic Press/VIP), 153-163
- 2006 ‘Feldman’s Hedonism’, in Kris McDaniel et al., eds., *The Good, the Right, Life, and Death* (Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing), 83-100  
‘Utility and Capability’, *Utilitas* 18, 1 (March), 1-19  
‘Mill’s Theory of Rights’, in Henry West, ed., *The Blackwell Guide to Mill’s Utilitarianism* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing), 184-198

- 2005 'Happiness', in Donald Borchert, ed. *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2nd edition (Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA)
- 2003 'Hate Crimes, Literature, and Speech', in R.G. Frey and Christopher Heath Wellman, eds., *A Companion to Applied Ethics* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing), 142-153
- 2002 'Happiness Now and Then', in Lawrence J. Jost and Roger A. Shiner, eds., *Eudaimonia and Well-Being: Ancient and Modern Conceptions* (Kelowna, BC: Academic Printing and Publishing), 21-39
- 2001 'Hate Speech and the Law: A Canadian Perspective', in Arend Soeteman, ed., *Pluralism and Law* (Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers), 37-53
- 2000 'Rights, Interests, and Free Speech', in Marilyn Friedman, Larry May, et al., eds., *Rights and Reason: Essays in Honor of Carl Wellman* (Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers), 23-43
- 'Should Hate Speech be Free Speech? John Stuart Mill and the Limits of Tolerance', in Raphael Cohen-Almagor, ed., *Liberal Democracy and the Limits of Tolerance: Essays in Honor and Memory of Yitzhak Rabin* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press), 133-150
- 'Rights', in Hugh LaFollette, ed., *The Blackwell Guide to Ethical Theory* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers Ltd.), 288-305
- 'Something in Between', in Roger Crisp and Brad Hooker, eds., *Well-Being and Morality: Essays in Honour of James Griffin* (Oxford: Clarendon Press), 1-19
- 1999 'Utilitarianism', in Christopher B. Gray, ed., *The Philosophy of Law: An Encyclopedia* (New York and London: Garland Publishing, Inc.), 880-882
- 1998 'Is Virtue its Own Reward?', *Social Philosophy and Policy* 15, 1 (Winter), 18-36
- 1997 'Moderate Views of Abortion', in Rem B. Edwards, ed., *New Essays on Abortion and Bioethics* (Greenwich, Connecticut: JAI Press Inc.), 203-226
- 'A Third Way', in Joel Feinberg and Susan Dwyer, eds., *The Problem of Abortion*, 3rd ed. (Belmont, CA: Wadsworth Publishing)
- 1996 'Why the Numbers Count', *Dialogue* 35, 2 (Spring), 375-385
- 'Introduction', in L.W. Sumner and Joseph Boyle, eds., *Philosophical Perspectives on Bioethics* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press), 3-8 [co-author: Joseph Boyle]
- 1995 'The Subjectivity of Welfare', *Ethics* 105, 4 (July), 764-790
- 1994 'Hate Propaganda and Charter Rights', in W.J. Waluchow, ed., *Free Expression: Essays in Law and Philosophy* (Oxford: Clarendon Press), 153-174
- 1993 'The Evolution of Utility: A Philosophical Journey', in Brad Hooker, ed., *Rationality, Rules, and Utility* (Boulder: Westview Press), 97-114
- 'Welfare, Preference, and Rationality', in R.G. Frey and Christopher W. Morris, eds., *Value, Welfare, and Morality* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press), 74-92
- 1992 'Welfare, Happiness, and Pleasure', *Utilitas* 4, 2 (November), 199-223
- 'Two Theories of the Good', *Social Philosophy and Policy* 9, 2 (Summer), 1-14
- 1991 'Abortion and the Moral Status of the Fetus', in David J. Roy et al., eds., *Medicine, Ethics, and Law: Canadian and Polish Perspectives* (Montreal: Center for Bioethics), 189-196
- 1989 'Reply to Hurka and Copp', *Dialogue* 28, 1 (Spring), 149-155
- 1988 'Animal Welfare and Animal Rights', *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* 13,2 (May), 159-175
- 'Utilitarian Goals and Kantian Constraints (or: Always True to You, Darling, in My Fashion)' and 'Reply to Ruddick and Reiman', in Baruch A. Brody, ed., *Moral Theory and Moral Judgments in Medical Ethics* (Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers), 15-31, 53-54
- 1987 'Positive Sexism', *Social Philosophy and Policy* 5, 1 (Autumn), 204-222
- 'Abortion', in Donald VanDeVeer and Tom Regan, eds., *Health Care Ethics* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press), 162-183
- 1986 'Subjectivity and Moral Standing' and 'A Response to Morris', in L.W. Sumner et al., eds., *Values and Moral Standing* (Bowling Green, Ohio: Bowling Green State University), 1-15 and 22-23
- Italian translation of 'Subjectivity and Moral Standing', *Etica & Animali* 5, 1-2 (1992), 3-11
- 'Welfare, Sentience, and Moral Standing', in Philip P. Hanson, ed., *Environmental Ethics: Philosophical and Policy Perspectives* (Burnaby, B.C.: Institute for the Humanities/SFU Publications), 125-128
- 'Moral Theory and Moral Standing: A Reply to Woods and Soles', *Dialogue* 24, 4 (Winter), 691-699
- 1985 'Abortion Policies: The View from the Middle', in Paul Sachdev, ed., *Perspectives on Abortion* (Metuchen, N.J.: Scarecrow Press), 59-69

- 1984 'Rights Denaturalized', in R.G. Frey, ed., *Utility and Rights* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press and Oxford: Blackwell), 20-41
- 1983 'The Canadian Harp Seal Hunt: A Moral Assessment', *International Journal for the Study of Animal Problems* 4, 2 (April-June), 108-116
- 1979 'The Good and the Right', in Wesley E. Cooper et al., eds., *New Essays on John Stuart Mill and Utilitarianism* (Guelph: Canadian Association for Publishing in Philosophy), 99-114
- 1978 'Classical Utilitarianism and the Population Optimum', in R.I. Sikora and Brian Barry, eds., *Obligations to Future Generations* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press), 91-111
- 1977 'Rawls and the Contract Theory of Civil Disobedience', in Kai Nielsen and Roger A. Shiner, eds., *New Essays on Contract Theory* (Guelph: Canadian Association for Publishing in Philosophy), 1-48
- 1976 'A Matter of Life and Death', *Nous* 10, 2 (May), 145-171
- 1974 'More Light on the Later Mill', *Philosophical Review* 83, 4 (October), 504-527
- 'Toward a Credible View of Abortion', *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 4, 1 (September), 163-181  
Swedish translation in Thomas Anderberg and Ingmar Persson, eds., *Abortetik* (Lund: Doxa, 1987), 92-114
- 1971 'Cooperation, Fairness and Utility', *Journal of Value Inquiry* 5, 2 (Spring), 105-119
- 1968 'Value Judgments and Action', *Mind* 77, 307 (July), 383-399
- 1967 'Hare's Arguments Against Ethical Naturalism', *Journal of Philosophy* 64, 23 (December 7), 779-791
- 'Normative Ethics and Metaethics', *Ethics* 77, 2 (January), 95-106

#### Non-Refereed Articles

- 2018 'How We Are (Still) Dying' [with Sandra Martin], *Literary Review of Canada* 25, 10 (January), 2-3
- 2014 'And When I Die: The Pro-life Case for Assisted Suicide', *The Walrus* (November), 19-20
- 2013 'The Ethical Bases of Medical Aid in Dying', *Impact Ethics*  
<http://impactethics.ca/2014/01/21/the-ethical-bases-of-medical-aid-in-dying-2/#more-1106>  
[co-authors: Jean Mercier, Daniel Weinstock]
- 2011 'The Morgentaler Effect: Legalizing Assisted Suicide', *The Walrus* (January-February), 44-50  
Honourable Mention, 2012 National Magazine Awards
- 2010 'Looking for Options at the End of the Day', *Canadian Medical Association Journal* 182, 9 (June 15), 1004
- 2006 'An Ethics Forum on Free Speech', *idea&s* 3:2, 7-15 [with Joseph Carens, Anver Emon, David Novak, and Melissa Williams]
- 1995 'How to Do Applied Ethics', *The Science of Mind* 34 (November), 1-12
- 1989 'Employment Equity: The Next Step', *University of Toronto Bulletin*, 17 April, 16
- 1988 'Abortion: Getting the Balance Right', *University of Toronto Bulletin*, 21 March, 12
- 'Abortion: Not Why But When', *The Globe and Mail*, 3 March, 7
- 1987 'Sex Discrimination and Employment Equity', *University of Toronto Bulletin*, 13 October, 15
- 1985 'The Canadian Harp Seal Hunt: A Moral Issue', *Alternatives* 12, 2 (Winter), 15-22
- 1984 'Animals in Research: Two Views', *Animals Canada* (Autumn), 4-5
- 1978 'Mill and the Death Penalty: Some Addenda', *The Mill News Letter* 13, 2 (Summer), 13-19
- 1976 'Mill and the Death Penalty', *The Mill News Letter* 11, 1 (Winter), 2-7

#### Critical Notices

- 2008 'Politicians, Judges, and the Charter' [W.J. Waluchow, *A Common Law Theory of Judicial Review: The Living Tree*], *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*, 21, 1 (January), 227-238
- 2005 Roger A. Shiner, *Freedom of Commercial Expression*. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 35, 4 (December), 623-640
- 1987 'Justice Contracted' [David Gauthier, *Morals by Agreement*], *Dialogue* 26, 3 (Autumn), 523-548
- 1986 Michael Tooley, *Abortion and Infanticide*. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 16, 3 (September), 527-543
- 1984 'The Carnivore Strikes Back' [R.G. Frey, *Rights, Killing, and Suffering*], *Dialogue* 23, 4 (December), 661-668
- 'Deliberating on Death' [Eike-Henner W. Kluge, *The Ethics of Deliberate Death*], *Dialogue* 23, 3

- (September), 503-508
- 1982 'Utilitarianism Reformed' [Donald H. Regan, *Utilitarianism and Co-operation*], *Michigan Law Review* 80, 4 (March), 701-714
- 1979 Alan Donagan, *The Theory of Morality*. *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 9, 1 (March), 185-194
- 1975 'Catching Up With Castaneda' [Hector-Neri Castaneda, *The Structure of Morality*], *Dialogue* 14, 4 (December), 671-685
- 1969 'Consequences of Utilitarianism' [D.H. Hodgson, *Consequences of Utilitarianism*], *Dialogue* 7, 4 (March), 639-642

## Reviews

- 2020 Daniel Sperling, *Suicide Tourism*. *Bioethics* 34, 8 (October), 872-3.
- 2013 Ishani Maitra and Mary Kate McGowan, eds., *Speech and Harm: Controversies over Free Speech*. *Social Theory and Practice* 39, 4, 710-718
- Janet Radcliffe Richards, *The Ethics of Transplants: Why Careless Thought Costs Lives*. *London Review of Books* 35, 13 (4 July), 27-28
- Jeremy Waldron, *The Harm in Hate Speech*. *Law and Philosophy* 32, 2, 377-383  
DOI: 10.1007/s10982-013-9178-1
- 2006 Torbjörn Tännsjö, *Understanding Ethics: An Introduction to Moral Theory*. *Theoria* 72,1 (Part I), 87-90
- 2003 Stan Persky and John Dixon, *Kiddie Porn: Sexual Representation, Free Speech and the Robin Sharpe Case*. *University of Toronto Quarterly* 73, 1 (Winter), 362-364
- Susan M. Turner, *Something to Cry About: An Argument Against Corporal Punishment of Children in Canada*. *University of Toronto Quarterly* 73, 1 (Winter), 131-133
- 1998 Fred Feldman, *Utilitarianism, Hedonism, and Desert*. *Ethics* 109, 1 (October), 176-179
- 1996 Owen M. Fiss, *The Irony of Free Speech*. *The Globe & Mail* 5 October, D13
- 1995 Thomas Hurka, *Perfectionism*. *Philosophical Review* 104,1 (January), 151-153
- Frances Myrna Kamm, *Creation and Abortion*. *Ethics* 105, 2 (January), 426-428
- 1993 Conrad Johnson, *Moral Legislation*. *Utilitas* 5, 1 (May), 122-124
- 1991 Newton Garver and Peter H. Hare, eds., *Naturalism and Rationality*. *Nous* 25, 5 (December), 736-738
- 1989 Loren E. Lomasky, *Persons, Rights, and the Moral Community*. *Ethics* 99, 3 (April), 640-641
- 1988 Joseph Raz, *The Morality of Freedom*. *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* 8, 4 (April), 149-152
- Rosalind Hursthouse, *Beginning Lives*. *Times Literary Supplement* 4 March, 256
- 1986 Tom Regan, *The Case for Animal Rights*. *Nous* 20, 3 (September), 425-434
- Robin Attfield, *The Ethics of Environmental Concern*. *Environmental Ethics* 8, 1 (Spring), 77-82
- 1985 Derek Parfit, *Reasons and Persons*. *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* 5, 7 (September), 310-313
- Fred R. Berger, *Happiness, Justice, and Freedom*. *The Mill News Letter* 20, 1 (Winter), 24-28
- 1983 R.G. Frey, *Interests and Rights: The Case Against Animals*. *Philosophical Review* 92, 3 (July), 447-450
- 1982 'Does Medical Ethics Have Its Own Theory?' [Robert M. Veatch, *A Theory of Medical Ethics*], *Hastings Center Report* 12, 4 (August), 38-39
- 'Ethics for the Underdog' [Bernard E. Rollin, *Animal Rights and Human Morality*], *Times Literary Supplement* 4114 (5 February), 126
- 1981 C.L. Ten, *Mill on Liberty*. *Canadian Philosophical Reviews* 1, 5 (October), 229-232
- Ted Honderich, *Violence for Equality*. *Queen's Quarterly* 88, 3 (Autumn)
- 1980 Freeman Dyson, *Disturbing the Universe*. *Books in Canada* 9, 3 (March), 19
- 1979 Peter Singer, *Animal Liberation* and Tom Regan and Peter Singer, eds., *Animal Rights and Human Obligations*. *Environmental Ethics* 1, 4 (Winter), 365-370
- J.B. Schneewind, *Sidgwick's Ethics and Victorian Moral Philosophy*. *The Mill News Letter* 14, 1 (Winter), 22-25
- 1978 *Ethics: Report of the Consultative Group on Ethics*. *Dialogue* 17, 3 (September), 575-581
- Stephen R.L. Clark, *The Moral Status of Animals*. *Dialogue* 17, 3 (September), 570-575
- 1977 Joseph Margolis, *Negativities: The Limits of Life*. *Dialogue* 16, 2 (June), 348-352
- 1968 Jan Narveson, *Morality and Utility*. *Dialogue* 7, 2 (September), 302-305
- 1967 George Kerner, *The Revolution in Ethical Theory*. *Dialogue* 5, 4 (March), 649-652

**RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

‘“Half in love with easeful Death”: Rational Suicide and the Elderly’ (forthcoming in *The Ethics of Ageing*, ed. Christopher Wareham)

‘University Governance and Campus Speech’ (for *Conversations on Ethical Leadership: Lessons Learned from University Governance*, ed. Ingrid Stefanovic)

‘Advance Requests for Medically-Assisted Dying’