# Social Philosophy — & Policy —

### Human Flourishing

#### **CONTENTS**

DOUGLAS B. RASMUSSEN	Human Flourishing and the Appeal to Human Nature	1
THOMAS HURKA	The Three Faces of Flourishing	44
LESTER H. HUNT	Flourishing Egoism	72
CHARLES LARMORE	The Idea of a Life Plan	96
RICHARD J. ARNESON	Human Flourishing versus Desire Satisfaction	113
THOMAS E. HILL, JR.	Happiness and Human Flourishing in Kant's Ethics	143
STEPHEN DARWALL	Valuing Activity	176
GEORGIOS ANAGNOSTOPOULOS	Ancient Perfectionism and Its Modern Critics	197
SARAH BROADIE	Aristotle's Elusive Summum Bonum	233
DAVID O. BRINK	Eudaimonism, Love and Friendship, and Political Community	252
JENNIFER ROBACK MORSE	No Families, No Freedom: Human Flourishing in a Free Society	290
RICHARD KRAUT	Politics, Neutrality, and the Good	315
THOMAS W. POGGE	Human Flourishing and Universal Justice	333



## Social Philosophy & Policy

ISSN 0265-0525

Editor: Ellen Frankel Paul
Associate Editors: Fred D. Miller, Jr., and Jeffrey Paul
Managing Editor: Harry Dolan

Social Philosophy and Policy Center

#### **Editorial Board**

David Braybrooke University of Texas, Austin Baruch Brody Rice University Allen Buchanan University of Arizona **James Buchanan** Buchanan Center for Political Economy, George Mason University Jules Coleman Yale University **Jack Douglas** University of California, San Diego Richard A. Epstein University of Chicago Law School James Fishkin

University of Texas, Austin

Antony G.N. Flew University of Reading (Emeritus) Martin Golding Duke University Iohn Grav London School of Economics and Political Science Gilbert Harman Princeton University Seymour Martin Lipset George Mason University and Hoover Institution, Stanford University Eric Mack Tulane University Harvey Mansfield, Jr. Harvard University

Wallace I. Matson University of California, Berkeley Jan Narveson University of Waterloo Robert Nozick Harvard University Nicholas Rescher University of Pittsburgh David Sidorsky Columbia University Hillel Steiner University of Manchester James Q. Wilson University of California, Los Angeles Leland B. Yeager Auburn University

Social Philosophy & Policy is an interdisciplinary journal with an emphasis on the philosophical underpinnings of enduring social policy debates. Each issue is dedicated to a particular theme chosen by the editors, with the advice of the editorial board, designed to appeal to both academic specialists and a broader scholarly audience. While not primarily a journal of policy prescriptions, several contributions to each issue will typically connect theory with practice. The editors encourage and actively pursue diversity of viewpoints of contributors. Diversity is also encouraged by selecting authors from among different disciplines, especially philosophy, economics, political science, and the law. Readers' suggestions for future themes are always welcome, as are inquiries about the topics of issues already planned.

Editorial Office: Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403, USA.

**Publishing, Subscription, and Advertising Information:** See inside back cover. Copyright © 1999 Social Philosophy and Policy Foundation

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, in any form or by any means, electronic, photocopying or otherwise, without permission in writing from Social Philosophy & Policy. Photocopying information for users in the USA: The Item-Fee Code for this publication (0265-0525/99 \$9.50) indicates that copying for internal or personal use beyond that permitted by Sec. 107 or 108 of the U.S. Copyright Law is authorized for users duly registered with the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) Transaction Reporting Service, provided that the appropriate remittance is paid directly to: CCC, 222 Rosewood Drive, Danvers, MA 01923. Specific written permission must be obtained from Social Philosophy & Policy for all other copying.

#### CONTRIBUTORS

Douglas B. Rasmussen is Professor of Philosophy at St. John's University in New York City. He is coauthor of *The Catholic Bishops and the Economy:* A Debate (1987), Liberty and Nature: An Aristotelian Defense of Liberal Order (1991), and Liberalism Defended: The Challenge of Post-Modernity (1997), and coeditor of Liberty for the Twenty-First Century (1995). He has published numerous articles on issues in epistemology, ethics, and political philosophy in various professional journals and books. He guest-edited the January 1992 issue of *The Monist* on the topic "Teleology and the Foundation of Value."

Thomas Hurka is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Calgary in Canada. He works in ethical theory, with a special interest in perfectionist theories of value and their implications for moral and political philosophy. He is the author of *Perfectionism* (1993) and of recent articles in *The Journal of Philosophy, Social Philosophy and Policy, Ethics,* and *The Journal of Political Philosophy*. He is currently completing a book entitled *Virtue and Vice: A Perfectionist Account,* which develops an account of the intrinsic goodness of virtue different from those promoted under the heading "virtue ethics."

**Lester H. Hunt** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has taught at Carnegie-Mellon University, the University of Pittsburgh, and Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of *Nietzsche and the Origin of Virtue* (1991) and *Character and Culture* (1997). He is currently working on a book on ethical, legal, and political ideas in American literature.

Charles Larmore is Professor of Political Science and Philosophy at the University of Chicago. His publications include Patterns of Moral Complexity (1987), Modernité et morale (1993), The Romantic Legacy (1996), and The Morals of Modernity (1996). He is currently at work on a new book on the nature of the self, entitled Les pratiques du moi.

**Richard J. Arneson** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of California at San Diego, where he was department chair from 1992 to 1996. He has held visiting appointments at California Institute of Technology, University of California at Davis, and Yale University. He is an associate editor of the journal *Ethics*. He writes mainly on social and political philosophy, with an emphasis on contemporary theories of justice.

#### CONTRIBUTORS

**Thomas E. Hill, Jr.** is Kenan Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has taught since 1984. He previously taught for sixteen years at the University of California, Los Angeles, and more briefly at Pomona College, at Johns Hopkins University, and (on visiting appointments) at Stanford University and the University of Minnesota. He is the author of *Dignity and Practical Reason in Kant's Moral Theory* (1992) and *Autonomy and Self-Respect* (1991). He is currently editing a collection of his more recent essays on Kantian ethics for Oxford University Press.

**Stephen Darwall** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Michigan, where he has taught since 1984. His work has concentrated on contemporary theorizing about the foundations of ethics and practical reason, on the history of fundamental moral philosophy, especially in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and on the connections between these. He is the author of *Impartial Reason* (1983), *The British Moralists and the Internal 'Ought': 1640–1740* (1995), and numerous articles in moral philosophy, moral psychology, and the history of ethics.

**Georgios Anagnostopoulos** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego. His major research interests are in ancient philosophy and ethics. He is the author of *Aristotle on the Goals and Exactness of Ethics* (1994) and of a number of articles in ancient philosophy.

Sarah Broadie is Professor of Philosophy at Princeton University. She was trained in Classics and Philosophy at Oxford, and has taught at Edinburgh University, the University of Texas at Austin, Yale University, and Rutgers University. She is the author of Ethics with Aristotle (1991) and (as Sarah Waterlow) of Nature, Change, and Agency (1982) and Passage and Possibility (1982).

**David O. Brink** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of California, San Diego. His research interests are in ethical theory, history of ethics, political philosophy, and constitutional jurisprudence. He is the author of *Moral Realism and the Foundations of Ethics* (1989) and is bringing out a new edition of T. H. Green's *Prolegomena to Ethics* with Clarendon Press. He is currently working on issues in ethical theory and the history of ethics about practical reason and moral demands, and on issues in constitutional jurisprudence involving judicial review and individual rights in a constitutional democracy.

**Jennifer Roback Morse** is a Research Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. She taught previously at Yale University and at George Mason University, where she was director of the Public Choice Outreach Program and the Diversity Studies Program. She was John M. Olin Vis-

#### **CONTRIBUTORS**

iting Scholar at the Cornell Law School in 1993, and lectured in Rome at the 1997 Acton Institute conference celebrating the anniversary of Centissimus Annus. She is the author of *A Matter of Choice: A Critique of Comparable Worth by a Skeptical Feminist* (1986) and of a forthcoming book entitled *The Family in a Free Society: An Economist Looks Beyond Economic Man*.

**Richard Kraut** is Professor of Philosophy at Northwestern University. He is the author of *Socrates and the State* (1984), *Aristotle on the Human Good* (1989), and *Aristotle's Politics, Books VII and VIII* (translation and commentary, 1997). He is also the editor of *The Cambridge Companion to Plato* (1992).

**Thomas W. Pogge** is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University. His research interests center on moral and political philosophy and Kant, with a special emphasis on issues in global justice, human rights, and contractualism. His recent publications include *Realizing Rawls* (1989) and numerous articles in journals such as *Ethics, The Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy and Public Affairs, Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, and *The Journal of Political Philosophy*.