

Curriculum Vitae

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I. EDUCATION

University of Kentucky
Lexington, KYPhD in Philosophy of Law
and Human Rights, 2005M.A. in History of Philosophy,
2001Ohio University
Athens, OHM.A. in Philosophy of Science and
African Philosophy, 1998Pennsylvania State University
Harrisburg, PA

B.A. in Humanities, 1996

II. HONORARY DEGREE AND POST-DOC

Hellenic American University
Athens, GRCDoctorate of Humane Letters, 2023
(honorary)University of Massachusetts
Amherst, MAPost-Doctoral Research in
International Human Rights, 2006**III. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Western Oregon University
Monmouth, ORAssociate Dean of the College of
Liberal Arts and Sciences 2026 -
PresentThe Institute for Citizens and Scholars
104 Carnegie Center, Suite 301
Princeton, NJFaculty Institute Fellow
2026 - 2027Rollins College
Philosophy Department
Winter Park, FLProfessor of Philosophy 2021 - 2026
Present (Associate Professor
2012, Assistant Professor 2007)Florida State University
College of Medicine, Orlando Campus
Orlando, FLAdjunct Professor of Clinical Ethics
2015 - 2026

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Western Oregon University

Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

2026 - Present

Leadership of Academic Affairs

- Provided leadership on all matters related to academic program quality, including compliance with state and national accreditation standards
- Monitored, evaluated, and advised the Dean on processes, procedures and/or standards to ensure alignment with the CLAS's and WOU's mission, values, goals, and objectives, as well as all local, state, and federal laws and regulations
- Coordinated and oversaw ongoing work-load plan adjustments with appropriate department leadership
- Oversaw the curriculum and program approval processes in the CLAS.
- Oversaw the policy creation and revision in the CLAS
- Attended department and program meetings to support academic affairs projects and communication when needed.
- Led college and division assessment and accreditation process
- Provided leadership and support to chairs in professional development and onboarding for both full-time and adjunct faculty.
- Provided leadership to standing committees and task forces in CLAS
- Worked with faculty and the Office of the Registrar to ensure student friendly course scheduling

Leadership of Student Success

- Managed Undergraduate and Graduate student success focused work in the CLAS, including the tracking of retention, graduation and DFW rates.
- Served as a liaison to other WOU units by representing CLAS with respect to student services processes and procedures. e.g., Director of General Education, Office of Financial Aid, etc.
- Lead and implemented strategic planning process
- Collaborated with the Recruitment and Admissions team to support enrollment initiatives

Stockton University

American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow (Joe Bertolino)

2025 - 2026

- Attended ACE Leadership Retreats
- Attended ACE Council of Fellows Conference
- Mentored by President of Stockton University in executive leadership
- Mentored by CFO of Stockton University in budget management
- Mentored by Chief of Staff in strategic planning

- Trained in program assessment using Gray DI (an A.I. software for evaluating the efficiency, effectiveness, and profitability of academic programs)

Rollins College

Mellon Leadership Fellow / Special Assistant to Provost (Susan Singer) 2023 - 2025

- Attended Cabinet, Administrative Council, Alumni Board, and Executive Committee meetings to provide updates on strategic plan implementation
- Co-Chaired the Strategic Plan Leadership Team
- Co-Chaired the Quality Enhancement Plan Committee
- Consulted with the Director of the Intercultural Competency gen. ed. requirement about faculty training and program assessment
- Developed an affinity group database for faculty and staff job searches
- Established a policy for target of opportunity hiring
- Established faculty and staff ERGs
- Revised policies for evaluating faculty for tenure and promotion
- Revised policies for recognizing faculty and staff for awards
- Tracked retention and graduation rates among non-traditional students

President's Strategic Planning Taskforce (Grant Cornwell) 2021 - 2023

- Member of the taskforce that developed the strategic plan for Rollins College

Chair of the Philosophy Department 2021 - 2023

Chair of the Faculty Research and Development Committee 2021 - 2023

Director of the Ethics Competency in the Gen. Ed. Curriculum 2021 - 2023

- Reviewed and approved/rejected ECOMP course proposals
- Reviewed and assessed the ECOMP program
- Scheduled ECOMP courses
- Trained faculty to teach ECOMP courses

Chair of the Faculty Salary Equity Taskforce 2016 - 2017

Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee 2015 - 2017

Executive Committee "Plus" 2015 - 2016

- Member of the Executive Committee that was charged

with restructuring the College of Liberal Arts and
rewriting the college's bylaws to align with the new
structure

Chair of the Professional Standards Committee 2013 - 2015

*Chair of the External Program Review Committee for the Department
of Philosophy and Religion at Spelman College* 2014

Humanities Division Representative 2012 - 2014

Director of the Pre-Law Program 2012 - 2023

Director of the Forensics and Debate Team 2007 - 2023

American Civil Liberties Union, Florida

President of the Board of the ACLU-FL 2023 - 2025

- Attended monthly meetings for board presidents
- Attended weekly meetings with the Executive Director
- Attended periodic meetings with the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Operating Officer
- Conducted evaluations of the Executive Director
- Chaired the Executive Director Search Committee
- Chaired the Human Resource Officer Search Committee
- Communicated with the media regarding the ACLU-FL's positions on civil liberties issues in Florida
- Monitored budget
- Oversaw the unionization process (ongoing)
- Served as the registered agent for the ACLU-FL's PACs

Affiliate Equity Officer for the ACLU-FL 2012 - 2018

- Conducted equity review of salary increases
- Conducted oversight of the grievance process
- Conducted diversity and equity surveys and training
- Reviewed job descriptions
- Reviewed hiring process

American Civil Liberties Union, National

Florida Affiliate Representative to the ACLU, National 2018 - 2023

- Represented ACLU-FL at national board meetings
- Served on national board committees
- Voted on ACLU resolutions and policies

V. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Smaw, Eric, and Chaet, Mark. "God-Intoxicated Men and the Making of Miracles in Medicine," forthcoming in *Post-Truth's Assault on America's Schools and Colleges*, Ed. Joseph DeVitis, Emerald Publishing Limited, 2026.

McLaren, Margaret, Park, Shelley, and Smaw, Eric. "The Clocks are Striking Thirteen: The Orwellian State of Higher Education in Florida," forthcoming in *Interventions in Neoliberal Higher Education*, Ed. Brandon Absher, Bloomsbury Press, 2026.

Smaw, Eric. "The Black Scare" in *Liberal Constitutionalism and its Contemporary Challenges*, Eds. Gordon Babst, Renee Souris, and Joan McGregor. *AMINTAPHIL: The Philosophic Foundations of Law and Justice* 10, Springer International Publishing AG, part of Springer Nature, 2023.

Smaw, Eric. "Uterus Collectors: The Case for Reproductive Justice for African American, Native American, and Hispanic American Female Victims of America's Eugenics Programs." *Bioethics*, vol. 36, num. 9, January 9, 2021.

Smaw, Eric. "Janus-Faced Affirmative Action: Restorative Justice and the Transition to a Just Society" in *Democracy and Education*, Eds. Joan McGregor and M.C. Navin. *AMINTAPHIL: The Philosophic Foundations of Law and Justice* 10, Springer International Publishing AG, part of Springer Nature, 2020.

Smaw, Eric. "Something's Afoot: Conservative Populist Oppositionalism" in *Democracy, Populism, and Truth*, Eds. M.C. Navin, and Richard Nunan. *AMINTAPHIL: The Philosophic Foundations of Law and Justice* 9, Springer International Publishing AG, part of Springer Nature, 2020.

Smaw, Eric. "Between Death and Donation: Ethical Considerations in Pediatric Heart Transplantation" in *Bioethical Controversies in Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery*, Eds. Constantine Mavroudis, Thomas Cook, and Constantine D. Mavroudis. Springer Press, 2020.

Smaw, Eric. "Ethics, Justice, and the Province of American Medicine: A Discussion of the Politicalization of the Duty to Care for Pediatric Heart Transplant Patients Who Are in the Country Illegally" in *Bioethical Controversies in Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery*, Eds. Constantine Mavroudis, Thomas Cook, and Constantine D. Mavroudis. Springer Press, 2020.

Smaw, Eric. "Sins of the Founding Fathers." *Journal for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, vol. 103, num. 3, 2017.

Smaw, Eric. "African Philosophical Traditions" in *Philosophy: Sources, Perspectives, and Methodologies*, Ed. Donald M. Borchert. *Macmillan Interdisciplinary Handbooks: Philosophy Series*. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, a part of Gale,

Cengage Learning, 2016.

Smaw, Eric. "Law and the Human Cost of Social Development." *Beijing Law Review*, vol. 7, num. 2, June 2016.

Smaw, Eric. "Swaying in the Balance: Civil Liberties, Terrorism, and Justice in Times of Emergency." *Journal of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, vol. 97, num. 1, May 2011.

Smaw, Eric. "From Chaos to Contractarianism: Hobbes, Pojman, and the Case for World Government." *Essays in Philosophy*, vol. 9, num. 2, June 2008.

Essays and Reviews

Smaw, Eric. "Michael Ignatieff" in *Encyclopedia of Law and Social Philosophy*, Eds. M.N. S. Sellers, and Stephan Kirste. New York: Springer Press, 2019.

Smaw, Eric. "Isaiah Berlin" in *Encyclopedia of Law and Social Philosophy*, Eds. M.N. S. Sellers, and Stephan Kirste. New York: Springer Press, 2019.

Smaw, Eric. "A Review of Henry Ford's War on Jews and the Battle against Hate Speech." *Agricultural History*, vol. 89, num. 1, 2015.

Smaw, Eric. "Illegitimate States" in *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, Ed. D.K. Chatterjee. New York: Springer Press, 2012.

Smaw, Eric. "Unilateral Rights" in *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, Ed. D.K. Chatterjee. New York: Springer Press, 2012.

Smaw, Eric. "International Law" in *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, Ed. D.K. Chatterjee. New York: Springer Press, 2012.

Smaw, Eric. "War Crimes" in *Encyclopedia of Global Justice*, Ed. D.K. Chatterjee. New York: Springer Press, 2012.

Smaw, Eric. "A Review of Morsink's Inherent Human Rights." *Human Rights Review*, vol. 10, num. 4, 2009.

VI. SELECTED CONFERENCE AND MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

Smaw, Eric. "From Witches to Vaccines: Why People Believe Conspiracy Theories about Medicine," Presented at Florida State University, School of Medicine, Orlando Campus, Orlando, Florida. September 25, 2024.

Smaw, Eric. "Zombies are Real," Presented at the Hellenic American University, Athens, Greece. May 24, 2023.

Smaw, Eric. "Teaching Critical Race Theory in Times of Emergency," Presented at the American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., January 19 - 21, 2022.

Smaw, Eric. "Uterus Collectors: The Case for Reproductive Justice for African American, Native American, and Hispanic American Female Victims of America's Eugenics Programs," Presented at Florida State University, School of Medicine, Orlando Campus, Orlando, Florida. October 27, 2021.

Smaw, Eric. "Why We Must Talk about Explicit and Implicit Biases in Medicine," Presented at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. January 27, 2020.

Smaw, Eric. "Affirmative Action and the Controversy over Preferential Treatment in the College Admissions Process," Presented at AMINTAPHIL, Loyola University, Chicago, IL. October 22 - 24, 2020.

Media Presentations

TV Eyes, WMFE (Central Florida Public Media). "Crime and Punishment: The State Attorney's Role in Justice," August 2024.
<https://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=97b97c23-05ab-4fed-afa6-ed75b826d08c>.

WMFE (Central Florida Public Media). "Presidential Debating from an Award-Winning College Debate Coach," September 2023.
<https://www.cfpublic.org/podcast/engage/2024-09-10/how-to-win-a-debate-remembering-9-11-military-funeral-in-brevard-for-pow>.

CNBC News. "DeSantis is Taking Aim at 'Zombie Studies' on the Campaign Trail. It's a Real Thing," September 2023.
<https://www.cnn.com/2023/09/06/desantis-is-talking-about-zombie-studies-on-the-campaign-trail.html>

Spectrum News 13. "Martin Luther King's Legacy of Community Engagement," January 2021.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0QgTKJErYk>

National Public Radio (NPR), Weekend Edition with LuLu Garcia-Navarro. "Human Zombies," November 2020. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikxNLTL4L_Y

Sunrise CAS Television (Jamaican TV). "Debating and Empowerment," January 2019.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4A72tJAJxNk>

Sarasota Suncoast News (ABC 7). "Inside the Mind of Zombies," November 2018.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edcD6_1KsPk&t=26s

Good Day Orlando (Fox News 35). "Zombies 101," November 2018.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJOXpXnRP50>

VII. HONORS AND AWARDS

- Call to Courage Award, American Civil Liberties Union, 2025
- Lyman T. Johnson Alumni Association Excellence Award, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, 2023
- Guardian of the Mission Award, Office of the Dean, Florida State University, School of Medicine, Orlando Campus, 2021 - 2022
- Arthur Vining Davis Fellowship, Office of the Provost, Rollins College, 2017 - 2018
- President's Award for Diversity and Inclusion, Office of the President, Rollins College, 2016 - 2017
- Outstanding Faculty Award, Student Government Association, Rollins College, 2016 - 2017
- Professing Excellence in Teaching Award, Office of Residential Life, Rollins College, 2010 - 2011
- Lyman T. Johnson Alumni Association Excellence Award, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky, 2006

VIII. SERVICE AND TRAINING

Service to the College Community

- Member of the Search Committee for the Chair of the African and African American Studies Program, 2025
- Member of the Search Committee for the Dean of Religious Life, 2024
- Member of the Search Committee for the Dean of the Holt School, 2024
- Member of the Faculty Executive Committee "Plus," 2015 - 2016
- Member of the Search Committee for the Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing, 2015 - 2016
- Member of the Search Committee for the Dean of Religious Life, 2015 - 2016
- Member of the Professional Standards Committee, 2013 - 2015
- Advisor to the Student Honor Council, 2009 - 2014

Service to the Academic Community

- Representative of the 2025-26 ACE Fellows Cohort on the Council of Fellows, 2026 - Present
- Member of the American Philosophical Association, 2007 - 2023
- Member of the American Association of Professional and Practical Ethics, 2018 - 2025
- Referee for the Florida Philosophical Association, 2008 - 2015
- Referee for the Journal of Social Philosophy, 2008 - 2015
- Member of the American Section of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, 2010 - Present
- Referee for the Indiana Philosophical Association, 2010 - 2012

Academic Training

- Association of Colleges of the South: Department Chairs Training, 2025
- Association of Colleges of the South: FOC CONNECT - A Virtual Multi-Institutional Mentoring Program, 2022 - 2025

- CASE: Foundations of Fundraising, October 2025
- CASE: Modes of Alumni Engagement, June 2025
- Mellon: Academic Leadership Training, 2023 - 2025
- NACUBO: Strategic Higher Education Finance and Planning, June 2025
- NACUBO: Endowment Fundamentals, July 2025
- Pennsylvania State University Academy for Holistic Reimagining of the Recruitment, Retention, and Mentoring of Racially Minoritized Faculty, 2023
- Higher Education Resource Services (HERS): Your Equity-Minded Leadership, 2023

IX. COURSES TAUGHT

Rollins College

- Advanced Logic
- An Introduction to Critical Race Theory
- Business Ethics
- Human Rights and Education
- International Human Rights
- International Law
- International Business Law and Ethics
- Introduction to Logic
- Legal Ethics
- Philosophy of Law
- Politics and Poverty
- Medical Ethics
- Modal Logic
- Normative Ethics
- Set Theory
- Social and Political Philosophy
- What is Critical Race Theory?
- Zombies, Serial Killers, and Madmen

Florida State University, College of Medicine

- Clinical Ethics
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Lectures
- Patient Centered Ethics