

“Philosophy is not about what men have thought, but how the truth of things stands.”—Aquinas



Dr. Douglas B. Rasmussen is Professor of Philosophy at St. John's University, New York City. He received his B.A. in Philosophy and Economics from the University of Iowa and his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Marquette University. He has been awarded grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Earhart Foundation and was Visiting Research Scholar at the Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University, Ohio in the spring of 2001 and the summer of 2008.

His areas of research interest are epistemology, ontology, ethics, and political philosophy. He has authored numerous articles in such journals as *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *International Philosophical Quarterly*, *The New Scholasticism*, *The Personalist*, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, *The Review of Metaphysics*, and *The Thomist*, and in many scholarly anthologies. He guest edited TELEOLOGY & THE FOUNDATION OF VALUE—the January 1992 (Volume 75, No. 1) issue of *The Monist*. He is coauthor (with Douglas J. Den Uyl) of *Liberty and Nature: An Aristotelian Defense of Liberal Order* (1991); *Liberalism Defended: The Challenge of Post-Modernity* (1997); and *Norms of Liberty: A Perfectionist Basis for Non-Perfectionist Politics* (2005). Rasmussen also (with Den Uyl) edited *The Philosophic Thought of Ayn Rand* (1984).

He has served on the Steering Committee of the Ayn Rand Society and is a member of the Executive Council of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. Recently, *Norms of Liberty* was the subject of a new book, *Reading Rasmussen and Den Uyl: Critical Essays on Norms of Liberty* (2008), edited by Aeon J. Skoble.

Curriculum Vitae

Douglas B. Rasmussen
Professor of Philosophy
St. John's University
Jamaica, NY 11439
dbrlogos@earthlink.net

Education:

Ph.D., 1980, Marquette University, Philosophy (Doctoral Dissertation: "Logical Possibility and Necessary Truth: The Viewpoint from an Intentional Logic")

B.A., 1971, University of Iowa (Majors: Philosophy, Economics)

Teaching Experience:

September 1981 - present

St. John's University, Assistant Professor
1981-1984; awarded tenure and promoted
to Associate Professor 1984; promoted to
Professor 1990

September 1978 - May 1981

Our Lady of the Lake University, San
Antonio, Texas, Assistant Professor

Part-time College Teaching Experience:

September 1973 - May 1974

Teaching Assistant, Marquette University

September 1974 - May 1978

Instructor, Mt. Mary College, Milwaukee

Summer 1975

Instructor, Marquette University

September 1977 - Jan. '78

Lecturer, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Areas of Specialization: Political Philosophy, Ethics, Epistemology, Ontology

Areas of Competence: History of Modern Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Language,
Business Ethics and Political Economy

Publications:

Books:

Norms of Liberty: A Perfectionist Basis for Non-Perfectionist Politics (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2005), xviii + 358 pp., coauthored

Liberalism Defended: The Challenge of Post-Modernity (Edward Elgar, 1997), viii + 85 pp., coauthored

Liberty for the Twenty-First Century: Contemporary Libertarian Thought (Rowman & Littlefield, 1995), xiii + 387 pp. I author essays as well as co-edit this book

Liberty and Nature: An Aristotelian Defense of Liberal Order (Open Court, 1991), xvi + 268 pp., coauthored

The Catholic Bishops and the Economy: A Debate (Social Philosophy and Policy Center and Transaction Books, 1987), xiv + 118 pp., coauthored

The Philosophic Thought of Ayn Rand (University of Illinois Press, 1984), xii + 235 pp. I co-author three essays as well as co-edit this book. A paperback edition of this book was published in 1986.

Journal:

Guest editor for TELEOLOGY & THE FOUNDATION OF VALUE - the January 1992 (Volume 75, No. 1) issue of *The Monist*.

Articles:

"Making Room for Business Ethics: Rights as Metanorms for Market and Moral Values," *The Journal of Private Enterprise* (forthcoming 2009), 27-page typescript, co-authored.

"Rights and Capabilities," *Proceedings of the 23rd World IVR Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy* (August 1-6, 2007, Krakow), forthcoming 2009, 20-page typescript, co-authored.

"Liberalism in Retreat," *The Review of Metaphysics* 62.4 (June 2009), 48-page typescript, co-authored.

"Retreat from Liberalism: Human Capabilities and Public Reasoning," *Journal des économistes et des études humaines* (forthcoming 2009), 31-page typescript, to be published in English, co-authored.

"Retreat from Liberalism: The Human Capabilities Approach," *The Polyhedron of Libertarianism*, ed. Susumu Morimura (forthcoming, Tokyo: Keisoshobo, 2009), 27-page typescript to be published in Japanese translation, co-authored.

"In Search of Universal Political Principles: Avoiding Some of Modernity's Pitfalls and Discovering the Importance of Liberal Political Order," *Seeking Common Principles of Justice: The*

Prospects, Challenges, and Risks of Universalism in a Divided World, ed. Stephen Elkin and Stephen Simon (forthcoming Pennsylvania State University Press, 2009), 45-page typescript, co-authored.

"Norms of Liberty: Challenges and Prospects," *Reading Rasmussen and Den Uyl: Critical Essays on Norms of Liberty*, ed. Aeon Skoble (Lexington Books, 2008), pp. 177-244, co-authored.

"Theories of Rights," *The Encyclopedia of Libertarianism* (2008), 436-438.

"The Importance of Metaphysical Realism for Ethical Knowledge," *Objectivism, Subjectivism, and Relativism in Ethics*, ed. Ellen Paul, Fred D. Miller, and Jeffrey Paul (Cambridge University Press, 2008), pp. 56-99.

"The Importance of Metaphysical Realism for Ethical Knowledge," *Social Philosophy & Policy* 25.1 (Winter 2008): 56-99.

"Aristotelian Significance of Sections Titles of *Atlas Shrugged*: A Brief Considerations of Rand's View of Logic and Reality," *Ayn Rand's Atlas Shrugged: A Philosophical and Literary Companion*, ed. Edward M. Younkins (Ashgate, 2007), pp. 33-45.

"Rand's Metaethics: Rejoinder to Hartford," *The Journal of Ayn Rand Studies* 8, no. 2 (Spring 2007): 307-316.

"Visible and Invisible Hands," *The Freeman: Ideas on Liberty* (April 2007): 37-40, co-authored.

"The Myth of Atomism," *The Review of Metaphysics* 59 (June 2006): 843-870, co-authored.

"Regarding Choice and the Foundation of Morality: Reflections on Rand's Ethics," Vol. 7, no. 2 *The Journal of Ayn Rand Studies* (Spring 2006): 309-328.

"The Moral and Cultural Climate of Entrepreneurship," *The Freeman: Ideas on Liberty* (March 2006): 11-13.

"Rand on Obligation and Value," reprinted in Edward M. Younkins, ed., *Philosophers of Capitalism* (Lexington Books, 2005), pp. 173-185.

"Aristotelism handel och det systemet" ["Aristotelianism, Commerce, and the Liberal Order"] Aganderattens konsekvenser och grunder [*The Consequences and Foundations of Property Rights*], ed. Niclas Berggren and Nils Karlson (Stockholm: Ratio, 2005), pp. 216-255, co-authored. [Swedish publication of chapter from *Aristotle and Modern Politics* (University of Notre Dame, 2002)]

"Self-Ownership," *The Good Society*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (2003): 50-57, co-authored.

Ten-page preface and nine-page annotated bibliography for Henry B. Veatch's *Rational Man: A Modern Interpretation of Aristotelian Ethics* (Liberty Fund Press, 2003).

"Rand on Obligation and Value," *The Journal of Ayn Rand Studies* 4, no. 1 (Fall 2002): 69-86.

"Individui, Legge Naturale E Diritti Naturali," *Teoria* (2002): 43-72, co-authored. [Reprint of "Ethical Individualism, Natural Law, and the Primacy of Natural Rights," *Natural Law and Modern Moral Philosophy*]

"Aristotelianism, Commerce, and the Liberal Order," *Aristotle and Modern Politics*, ed., Aristide Tessitore (University of Notre Dame Press, 2002), pp. 278-304, co-authored.

"Natural Law and Natural Rights: Bastiat Vindicated," *Journal des économistes et des études humaines* 11.2/3 (June/September 2001): 337-352.

"The Right to Liberty and the Good Society," *Fordham Law Review* 69 (April 2001): 1603-1615, co-authored.

"Ethical Individualism, Natural Law, and the Primacy of Natural Rights," *Natural Law and Modern Moral Philosophy*, ed. Ellen Paul, Fred D. Miller, and Jeffrey Paul (Cambridge University Press, 2001), pp. 43-69, co-authored.

"Why Individual Rights?" *Individual Rights Reconsidered*, ed. Tibor R. Machan (Stanford: Hoover Institution Press, 2001), pp. 113-136.

"Ethical Individualism, Natural Law, and the Primacy of Natural Rights," *Social Philosophy & Policy* 18 (Winter 2001): 34-69, co-authored.

"Human Flourishing and the Appeal to Human Nature," *Human Flourishing*, ed. Ellen Paul, Fred D. Miller, and Jeffrey Paul (Cambridge University Press, 1999), pp. 1-43.

"Human Flourishing and the Appeal to Human Nature," *Social Philosophy & Policy* 16 (Winter 1999): 1-43.

"Perfectionism," *Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics*, Vol. III (Academic Press, 1997), pp. 473-480.

"Ayn Rand on Rights and Capitalism," *The Libertarian Reader*, ed. David Boaz (The Free Press, 1997), pp. 169-180, coauthored. [Reprint of essay entitled "Capitalism" from *The Philosophic Thought of Ayn Rand*.]

"Two Insights for Business Ethics," *The Freeman* (May 1995): 307-309.

"Political Legitimacy and Discourse Ethics," *Liberty for the 21st Century* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1995), pp. 351-374. This is a slightly revised version of article that first appeared in the *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 1992.

"Community versus Liberty?" *Liberty for the 21st Century* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1995), pp. 259-287.

"Rights as Meta-Normative Principles," *Liberty for the 21st Century* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1995), pp. 59-75, coauthored.

"The Significance for Cognitive Realism of the Thought of John Poinsett," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 68 (Summer 1994): 409-424. (This journal was formerly titled *The New Scholasticism*.)

"Reclaiming Liberalism," *The Thomist* 58 (January 1994): 109-119.

"Reply to Critics," *Reason Papers* 18 (Fall 1993): 115-132, coauthored, taken from paper given at symposium on *Liberty and Nature* at APA (Eastern 1992) meeting.

"Realism, Intentionality, and the Nature of Logical Relations," *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 66 (1992):267-277.

"Capitalism and Morality: The Role of Practical Reason," in Robert McGee's *Business Ethics* (Quorum Books, 1992), pp. 31-44.

"Political Legitimacy and Discourse Ethics," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 32 (March 1992): 17-34.

"Rights, Law, and Morality," *The Freeman* 40 (September 1990): 350-352. Reprinted in Norwegian in *Ideer om Frihet* 13 (April 1992): 12-14. [Translated by Erick Just Olsen.]

"Natural Rights, Philosophical Realism, and Hume's Theory of Common Life." *Reason Papers* 15 (Summer 1990): 118-136.

"Et aristotelisk forsvar for en liberal orden," *Ideer om Frihet* 11, no. 3-4 (1990): 6-7. [Translated by Jan O. Guldbrandsen.]

"Liberalism and Natural End Ethics," *American Philosophical Quarterly* 27 (April 1990): 153-161.

"Morality and Modernity: A Critique of Jürgen Habermas's Neo-Marxist Theory of Justice," *The Heritage Lectures* #230 [December 1990], pp. 1-10.

"The Right to Project Pursuit and the Human *Telos*," *Reason Papers* 14 (Spring 1989): 98-109.

"Individual Rights and Human Flourishing," *Public Affairs Quarterly* 3 (January 1989): 89-103.

"Veatch and Natural Rights: A Critical Review," *Vera Lex* 8 (1988): 2-3.

"Arguing and Y-ing," *Liberty* (November 1988): 50-52. A contribution to a symposium on "argumentation ethics."

"John Hospers and the Activity of Philosophy: An Appreciation," *Reason Papers* (Spring 1988): 3-7.

"Managerial Ethics," in Tibor R. Machan's (ed.) *Commerce and Ethics* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1988), pp. 22-40.

"Wittgenstein and the Search for Meanings," in John Deely and Jonathan Evans's (eds.) *Semiotics 1982* (University Press of America, 1987), pp. 577-590.

"Ideology, Objectivity, and Political Theory" in Roth and Whittlemore's (eds.) *Ideology and the American Experience* (Washington Institute for Values in Public Policy, 1986), pp. 45-71.

"Liberalism, Contractarianism, and the Choice of Liberties: A Response to Gray," in Attig, Cullen, and Gray's (eds.) *The Restraint of Liberty: Bowling Green Studies in Applied Philosophy* Vol. 7 (1985): 26-36.

"Capitalism," *The Philosophic Thought of Ayn Rand* (University of Illinois Press, 1984), pp. 165-182, coauthored.

"Life, Teleology, and Eudaimonia in the Ethics of Ayn Rand," *The Philosophic Thought of Ayn Rand* (University of Illinois Press, 1984), pp. 63-80, coauthored.

"Ayn Rand's Realism," *The Philosophic Thought of Ayn Rand* (University of Illinois Press, 1984), pp. 3-20, coauthored.

"Conceptions of the Common Good and the Natural Right to Liberty," in Rocco Porreco's *The Georgetown Symposium On Ethics: Essays in Honor of Henry B. Veatch* (University Press of America, 1984), pp. 185-193.

"Quine and Aristotelian Essentialism," *The New Scholasticism* 58 (Summer 1984): 316-335.

"Rorty, Wittgenstein, and the Nature of Intentionality," *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 57 (1983): 152-162.

"Logical Possibility: An Aristotelian Essentialist Critique," *The Thomist* 47 (October 1983): 513-540.

"In Defense of Natural End Ethics: A Rejoinder to O'Neil and Osterfeld," *The Journal of Libertarian Studies* 7 (Spring 1983): 115-125, coauthored.

"A Review Essay of Roger Trigg's *Reality At Risk*," *Reason Papers* 9 (Winter 1983): 85-90.

"The Philosophical Importance of Ayn Rand," *Modern Age* 27 (Winter 1983): 67-69, coauthored

"The Open-Question Argument and the Issue of Conceivability," *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 56 (1982): 162-172.

"Necessary Truth, the Game Analogy, and the Meaning-Is-Use Thesis," *The Thomist* 46 (July 1982): 423-440.

"Essentialism, Values and Rights," in Tibor R. Machan's (ed.) *The Libertarian Reader* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1982), pp. 39-52.

"Ethics and the Free Market," *Listening* 17 (Winter 1982): 65-76.

"Nozick On the Randian Argument," in Jeffrey Paul's (ed.) *Reading Nozick* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1981), pp. 232-269; reprint of the article that first appeared in *The Personalist*, 1978.

"Deely, Wittgenstein, and Mental Events," *The New Scholasticism* 54 (Winter 1980): 60-67

"A Groundwork for Rights: Man's Natural End," *Journal of Libertarian Studies* 4 (Winter 1980): 65-76.

"Nozick On the Randian Argument," *The Personalist* 59 (April 1978): 184-205, coauthored.

"Logical Possibility, Iron Bars, and Necessary Truth," *The New Scholasticism* 51 (Winter 1977): 117-122.

"A Critical Review of Roger Trigg's *Reason and Commitment*," *Reason Papers* 2 (Fall 1975): 115-125.

"Austin and Wittgenstein on 'Doubt' and 'Knowledge'," *Reason Papers* 1 (Fall 1974): 51-60.

"A Critique of Rawls' Theory of Justice," *The Personalist* 55 (Summer 1974): 303-318.

"Aristotle and the Defense of the Law of Contradiction," *The Personalist* 54 (Spring 1973): 149-162.

Editorial:

"The Bishops vs. the Bourgeoisie," *Reason* 18 (December 1986): 66. This editorial was also carried in various newspapers throughout the country.

Book Reviews:

Review of *Ayn Rand and Business, Ideas on Liberty* (March 2003): 58-59.

"Liberalism versus Community?" [A review of Amitai Etzioni's *The Essential Communitarian Reader*] *Religion & Liberty* (January-February 1999): 11-13.

Review of Michael Novak's *The Catholic Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 68 (Autumn 1994): 558-562.

"Objective Value, Rights, and Individualism," a review of Loren E. Lomasky's *Persons, Rights, and the Moral Community, Liberty* (September 1988): 64-67.

Review of Jack Meiland's and Michael Krauz's *Relativism: Cognitive and Moral*, *The Thomist* 50 (1986): 309-318.

"Libertarianism On Trial," a review of Stephen L. Newman's *Liberalism At Wit's End*, *Reason* 17 (August 1985): 55-57.

"The Road to Conservative Serfdom," a review of George F. Will's *Statecraft as Soulcraft*, *Reason* 15 (December 1983): 47-48.

Review of Michael Novak's *The American Vision: An Essay On Future of Democratic Capitalism*, *Reason* 12 (May 1980): 47.

"A Rationale for Freedom," a book review of Tibor R. Machan's *Human Rights and Human Liberties*, *Modern Age* 20 (Summer 1976): 336-338; longer version in *Law and Liberty* 3 (Summer 1976): 1-7.

Review of Henry B. Veatch's *Aristotle: A Contemporary Appreciation*, *The Libertarian Scholar* (1974): 32-33.

Academic Awards and Honors:

Visiting Research Scholar, Summer 2008, Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, for purposes of writing "The Perfectionist Turn: From Metanorms to Metaphysics." May 5-July 11, 2008.

Awarded Research Leave from SJU for Spring Semester 2008 to begin work on "The Perfectionist Turn: From Metanorms to Metaphysics."

Senior Research Fellow for the National Center for Business Ethics, College of Business Administration, Loyola University New Orleans (2008-2010).

Elected to the Executive Council of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, April 1, 2007.

Awarded a Visiting Professorship in order to give six lectures on "Human Flourishing and the Right to Liberty: A Perfectionist Basis for Non-Perfectionist Politics" at the Université Pantheon – Assas Paris II, May 22 – July 22, 2002.

Awarded Research Leave from SJU for Fall Semester 2001 to continue work on *Norms of Liberty: A Perfectionist Basis for Non-Perfectionist Politics*.

Visiting Research Scholar, Spring 2001, Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, for purposes of writing *Norms of Liberty: A Perfectionist Basis for Non-Perfectionist Politics*.

Earhart Foundation Fellowship for summer of 2000 for research on and writing of *Norms of Liberty: A Perfectionist Basis for Non-Perfectionist Politics*.

Visiting Scholar at Liberty Fund, Indianapolis, for 1998-1999 academic year; granted professional leave of absence by St. John's University.

Earhart Foundation Fellowship for summer of 1997 for research on and writing of "Human Flourishing and the Appeal to Human Nature."

Presented Medal for Outstanding Faculty Achievement by St. John's University, Honors Convocation, June, 1994.

Awarded Research Leave for Fall semester 1994 to finish work on *Liberty for the 21st Century*.

Awarded Reduction in Teaching Load in order to pursue research: 1982-84, 1986-2000, 2001-2009.

Research Grant for Summer 1991, 1996 and 1998 from St. John's University

Merit Awards from St. John's University: 1989-94, 1996-97, 1999, and 2001. Faculty Recognition Awards from St. John's University: 2003-07.

Bradley Foundation Fellowship, Spring 1989 to continue research on "Capitalism, Habermas, and the Problem of Legitimation" and lecture on natural end ethics and natural rights at Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC. Granted professional leave of absence by SJU for Spring semester 1989.

Earhart Foundation Fellowship for Summer 1988 for research on "Capitalism, Habermas, and the Problem of Legitimation."

Research Leave Awarded for Spring semester 1988 by St. John's University (SJU) to finish work on *Liberty and Nature* and begin research on "Capitalism, Habermas, and the Problem of Legitimation."

Selected as Reviewer for Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Committee (Philosophy), 1986.

Earhart Foundation Fellowship for summer 1985 to support research for *Liberty and Nature: An Aristotelian Defense of Liberal Order*.

Matchette Award from the American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA) for outstanding paper by a younger scholar at the 1983 annual meeting of the ACPA, award presented April 10, 1984 in Pittsburgh, PA at 1984 ACPA annual meeting. This marked the first time that someone had won this award twice.

Mises Fellowship from the Center for Libertarian Studies in order to pursue research in writing *Liberty and Nature: An Aristotelian Defense of Liberal Order*. Fellowship supported research for the summers of 1983 and 1984.

Matchette Award from the American Catholic Philosophical Association (ACPA) for outstanding paper by a younger scholar at the 1982 annual meeting of the ACPA, award presented April 9, 1983, in New York City at 1983 ACPA annual meeting.

Institute for Humane Studies Summer Seminar Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, Menlo Park, California, June 20-August 20, 1982.

National Endowment to the Humanities (NEH) Summer Seminar Fellowship, "Leibniz Among the Rationalists," University of Massachusetts at Amherst, June 22-August 20, 1981

Mellon Workshop Award for Seminar on "Objectivity and Realism in Ethics and Science," Rice University, May 17-29, 1981 and February 12-13, 1982.

Institute for Humane Studies Summer Seminar Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, Menlo Park, California, June 15-August 15, 1980.

Reason Foundation Summer Seminar Fellowship, Reason Foundation, Santa Barbara, California, June 15-August 15, 1979.

Richard M. Weaver Fellowship, Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Sept. '77-May '78.

Arthur J. Schmitt Fellowship, Marquette University, Sept. '74-May '75.

Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Marquette University, Sept. '73-May '74.

Research Assistant Fellowship, Marquette University, Sept. '71-May '73.