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EDUCATION

B.A., Trinity College, Hartford
J.D., University of Connecticut School of Law

BIOGRAPHICAL

Brian M. O'Connell teaches courses in computer ethics, jurisprudence & professional responsibility as well as in programming & robotics. He holds a dual appointment in the Departments of Computer Science & Philosophy at Central Connecticut State University. Prior to academic life, he practiced constitutional law & worked as a systems programmer & network designer.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Jurisprudence of new technologies; Developmental dynamics of professional ethics in engineering & computing; Ethical, legal & social implications of robotics, autonomous agents & safety critical systems.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

B. O'Connell & J. Herkert, *Engineering Ethics & Computer Ethics: Twins Separated at Birth?*, **Techné: Research in Philosophy & Technology**, in publication; B. O'Connell & G. Engel (Eds.), Special Issue on Ethical and Social Issues Criteria in Academic Accreditation, **IEEE Technology & Society Magazine**, Fall 2002; B. O'Connell, *Ethics, Law, and Information Technology: The Transformative Role of Rhetoric*, in D. Garson, (Ed.), **Social Dimensions of Information Technology: Issues for the New Millennium**, Idea Group Publishing, 2000.

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Australian Institute of Computer Ethics; Carnegie Bosch Institute; Delft Institute of Technology; Technion-Israel Institute of Technology

TEACHING

Ethical, Legal, Social & Economic Issues in Computing
Medical Informatics: Legal & Policy Issues
Computing & Culture
Advanced Topics Seminar: Robotics
Writing & Research (undergraduate honors program)
Philosophy of Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

2005 - Board of Governors, *IEEE Computer Society*
2004 - President, *IEEE Society on Social Implications of Technology*
2003 - Connecticut Academy of Arts & Sciences
1999 - Franklyn S. Haiman Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Freedom of Expression