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Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, San José State University, 2017-present

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2017

Dissertation: *Making Metaphysics Matter: Essays on Reasons and Persons*

Committee: Michael Rea (director), Christopher Shields, Meghan Sullivan, Peter van Inwagen,
L.A. Paul

M.A., Philosophy, University of Colorado—Boulder, Department of Philosophy, 2011

J.D., University of Colorado Law School 2010

B.A., Philosophy and Religion, *Magna Cum Laude* and with Distinction, Boston University, 2007

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Metaethics

Areas of Concentration

Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Religion, Decision Theory, Epistemology

Publications

Articles

“Religious Experience, Voluntarist Reasons, and the Transformative Experience Puzzle”, *Res Philosophica*, 93.1: 269-287 (2016).

Reviews

Review of *The Errors of Atheism* by J. Angelo Corlett, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, 3/3/2011,
coauthored with Bradley Monton.

Selected Presentations and Talks (*Refereed)

“What’s Wrong with Telling Someone Else’s Story?”

Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, February 2018*

“Moral Indulgences” (coauthored with Dustin Crummett)

Theistic Ethics Workshop, Williamsburg, October 2017*

“The Problem of Self-Transformation”

Themes in Transformative Experience Pre-conference of the 2017 Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle, April 2017*

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, August 2016*

Pacific Regional Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, San Diego, March 2016*

“Transformed by Faith”

Eastern Regional Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Rutgers, October 2016*

“Revising the Modal Account of Essence”

Graduate Women in Metaphysics Workshop, May 2016*

“Transformation, Faith, and Rational Commitment”

The Value and Evaluation of Faith Conference, San Antonio, January 2016

“Sport’s Problem of Evil” (coauthored with Jason Hanschmann)

Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, November 2015*

“Epistemic Reasons, Truth Conditions, and Truth Makers”

Poster Presentation, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, August 2015*

“Reasons! Weighing in on the Belief Independence Debate”

Formal Epistemology Workshop, St. Louis, May 2015*

Arizona State University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Tempe, February 2015*

Canadian Society for Epistemology, Sherbrooke, November 2014*

“Religious Experience and Voluntarist Reasons: Shedding Light on the Transformative Experience Puzzle”

Logos 2015 Workshop: “Religious Experience”, Notre Dame, May 2015*

Midwest Regional Conference of the Society for Christian Philosophers, Mobile, April 2015*

“An Argument from Vagueness for Grounding Skepticism”

Women in Metaphysics Workshop, Rochester, May 2013

Commentaries

On Brian Ballard’s “The Rationality of Faith and the Benefits of Religion”

The Virtue of Faith Conference, Bellingham, September 2016

On Kathleen Howe’s “Thinking Parts and Human Animals”

American Philosophical Association Central Division, March 2016

On Brian Talbot’s “Collective Action and Conflicting Obligation”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, August 2015

On Joshua Anderson’s “Communitarians, Liberals, and What Do We Want in a Community?”

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Vancouver, April 2015

On Ryan Doody’s “A Guide to Gambling (For the Indecisive)”

Arizona State University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Tempe, February 2015

- On Eyal Tal's "A Problem for Peer Averaging"
Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, Boulder, April 2014
- On Travis Dumsday's "Monasticism and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness"
Western Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Boulder, March 2013
- On Matthew Lee's "Are Credences Reducible to Probabilistic Beliefs?"
Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, Boulder, April 2012
- On Daniel Murphy's "Individuation, Relations, and the Identity of Indiscernibles"
Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, Boulder, April 2011
- On Jeff Steele's "Duns Scotus on Eudaimonism, Moral Motivation, and the Two Affections of the Will"
Western Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Durango, October 2009
- On Alain Ducharme's "Mean Sensibles and Hearing Loss: Change and Perception in Aristotle"
Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, Boulder, March 2009.

Teaching Experience

at San José State University

Advanced Seminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology (Fall 2017)
Philosophy of Law (Fall 2017)

at University of Notre Dame

Groups: What they are and what they can do (co-taught with Peter Finocchiaro), Fall 2016
Rationality and Action, Spring 2016

at University of Colorado, Boulder

Philosophy of Law (Summer 2014, Fall 2013)
Major Social Theories (Spring 2013)
Intro to Modern Philosophy (Spring 2013)

Non-Philosophy Teaching Experience

Western Culture II, at Pepperdine University (Summer 2017)
Criminal Law, as Teaching Fellow at Colorado Law School for Mirianne Wesson (Spring 2010)

Summer Seminars (*Competitively Selected)

CEU Summer University Program on Ontology and Metaontology, 2017*
4th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, 2017
Summer Seminar on the Virtue of Faith, 2016*
Summer Seminar on the Value and Evaluation of Faith, 2015*
Animals and the Kingdom of God Workshop, 2015
St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, 2014*
Metaphysical Mayhem, 2014*

Awards and Fellowships

Best Graduate Student Paper Prize, Eastern Regional Conference of the Society for Christian Philosophers, 2016

Best Graduate Student Paper Prize, Midwest Regional Conference of the Society for Christian Philosophers, 2015
Visiting Graduate Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, Notre Dame, 2014
Rothgerber Teaching Fellow, University of Colorado Law School, 2010
Faegre & Benson Scholarship, University of Colorado Law School, 2009
Class of 1994 Seumsap Ly Memorial Scholarship, University of Colorado Law School, 2009
School of Law Full Tuition Scholarship, University of Colorado Law School, 2007
Phi Beta Kappa, Boston University, 2007
University Scholar, Boston University, 2004-07
Dean's List, Boston University, 2004-06
National Society of Collegiate Scholars Membership, 2005

Service

Climate Committee Member, University of Notre Dame, 2016-2017
Graduate Representative, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2016-2017
Referee, *Res Philosophica* 2016
Referee, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 2015-2016
Co-President, Graduate Philosophy Society, University of Colorado, 2013-2014
Instructor, Philosophy Outreach Program of Colorado, 2013
Co-Organizer, 15th Annual Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, 2013
Graduate Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, 2012-2013
Co-Organizer, 4th Annual Fall Faculty Symposium, 2010
President, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association, University of Colorado Law School, 2009-2010

References

Available upon request.