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Academic Employment

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

Faculty-in-Residence for Pre-Law Advising, 2019-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, Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Concentration

Metaethics, Applied Ethics, Decision Theory, Political Philosophy

Publications

Books

Violinists and Ponds: An Intro to Applied Ethics (with Dustin Crummett, Tyron Goldschmidt, and Liz Jackson), with *Hackett* (forthcoming).

Articles

“Punishing the Wrong Person”, *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 34(2): 124-141 (2020).

“Transformed by Faith”, *Faith and Philosophy*, 36.1:4-32 (2019).

“Moral Indulgences: When Offsetting is Wrong” (with Dustin Crummett), *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, 9: 68-95 (2019).

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

Contributions to Edited Volumes

“Reviving the Modal Account of Essence”, *The Epistemology of Modality and Philosophical Methodology*, ed. by Anand Vaidya, forthcoming.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Metaphysics and Theology”, *T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Theology*, forthcoming.

Reviews

Review of *Ethics and Chronic Illness* by Tom Walker (with Jordan Liz), *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, 4/18/2020.

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

Works in Progress

Under Review

“The Compatibility of Freedom, Eternalism, and Foreknowledge” (with Mark Balaguer)

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

“Ethics-first Metaphysics”

In Progress

“Religious Experience”, in *The Cambridge Handbook of Religious Epistemology*, ed. by Jonathan Fuqua, John Greco, and Tyler McNabb (under contract).

“Transformative Experience”, in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Review of *Becoming Someone New: Essays on Transformative Experience, Choice, and Change*, ed. by Enoch Lambert and Jonathan Schwenkler, in *Faith and Philosophy*.

“Identity and ‘Identifying As’”

“Choosing Our Selves: A Neo-Sartrean Account of Freedom”

“The Problem of Self-Transformation”

Selected Presentations and Talks (*Invited)

“Professional (Dis)Honesty” (with Jordan Liz)

Association for Practical and Professional Ethics 30th Annual International Conference, February 2021

TBA

Workshop on Ethics, Risk, and Belief, Canberra, August 2020* (cancelled due to pandemic)

“The (Alleged) Necessity of Canonical Texts”

Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, February 2020

“Punishing the Wrong Person”

Blame, Punishment, and Health Workshop, Philadelphia, April 2019

Workshop on Agency in the Mountains, Summit County, February 2019*

“Is Faith Good for *Me*?”

Erasmus Lecture, Westmont College, February 2019*

“Choosing Our Selves: A Neo-Sartrean Account of Freedom”

Invited talk, UMass Amherst, October 2018*

“Moral Indulgences” (coauthored with Dustin Crummett)

Society of Christian Philosophers 40th Anniversary Conference, Grand Rapids, September 2018

Theistic Ethics Workshop, Williamsburg, October 2017

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

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

“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 Kristin Seemuth Whaley’s “Material Problems for Immaterialism”

American Philosophical Association Central Division, February 2019

On Felix Koch’s “Skepticism about Special Obligations”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, August 2017

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.

Summer Seminars (*Competitively Selected)

Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Workshop, 2019*

NEH Summer Institute, Philosophy as a Way of Life, 2018*

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*

Teaching Experience

at San José State University

Advanced Seminar in Philosophy of Law: Race (Spring 2021)

Intro to Philosophy (Spring 2021, Summer 2020, Spring 2019)

Professional and Business Ethics (Winter 2021, Summer 2019)

Graduate Proseminar (with Carlos Sanchez) (Fall 2020)

Graduate Seminar on Faith (with Carlos Sanchez) (Fall 2020)

Metaphysics and Epistemology (Spring 2020)

Philosophy of Law (Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017)

Philosophy of the Person (Fall 2018)

Critical Reasoning (Spring 2018)

Graduate Seminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology (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)

Teaching Certificates

SJSU Teach Online Summer Certificate Program (Summer 2020)

Advising

Faculty-in-Residence for Pre-Law Advising (2019-Present)

M.A. Advising

Travis Darnold (M.A., 2021)

Patricio Munoz-Hernandez (M.A., 2019)

Placement: University of Santa Clara Law School

Kevin McKevitt (M.A., 2019)

Placement: Marquette, Department of Philosophy, PhD Program

Student Club Advising

SJSU Mock Trial Team (2019-Present)

Pre-Law Justice Association (2019-Present)

Pre-law Student Association (2019-Present)

Service

To the Profession

Pacific APA-SCP Committee Member, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2020-2022

Program Committee Member, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, 2019-2022

Membership Committee Member, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2020

Co-Organizer, Junior Workshop in Philosophy of Religion, 2018, 2020

Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Fellow, 2019

American Philosophical Association's Committee on Philosophy and Law Member, 2018-2020

Referee: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Ethical Perspectives*, *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, *Res Philosophica*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*

To SJSU

Departmental-level Service

Graduate Teaching Mentor, 2019-Present

Executive Member, Center for Comparative Philosophy, 2019-Present

Chair Review Committee, 2019

Search Committee, History of Philosophy, 2018-19

Search Committee, Philosophy of Technology, 2018-19

Search Committee, Philosophy of Race, 2017-18

College-level Service

H&A College Curriculum Committee, 2020-21

H&A Research Committee, 2019-20

University-level Service

Faculty-in-Residence for Pre-Law Advising, 2019-Present

University Pre-Law Advisor, 2017-2018

Past Service

Climate Committee Member, University of Notre Dame, 2016-2017

Graduate Representative, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2016-2017

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

Public Philosophy Talks

“Anti-Black Racism and the Model Minority Myth”

Anti-Racist Christianity Series, Scottsdale, October 2020

“Stoicism: Past and Present”

Salon San Jose, San Jose, November 2019

“Time Travel, Transporters, and the Terran Universe: Philosophy and Star Trek” (with Beth Seacord and Kenny Boyce)

Star Trek Convention, Las Vegas, August 2019

“Overthinking Ethics” (with Jordan Liz)

Downtown Dialogues, San Jose, March 2019

Awards and Fellowships

Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Fellow, 2019

Dean’s Professional Development Grant, 2018

UNIV 101 Professional Development Grant, 2017

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 in Criminal Law, 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

References

Available upon request.