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Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics; Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence

Ethics; Asian Philosophy (especially classical Indian philosophy)

Academic Employment

College of the Holy Cross, Assistant Professor (2024 – present)

University of Alberta, Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow (2023 - 2024)

Denison University, Visiting Assistant Professor (2022 - 2023)

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2022)

Dissertation: All Sortals are Phase Sortals

Committee: Ned Markosian (chair); Phil Bricker; Maya Eddon; Ana Arregui
(Linguistics)

M. A. in Philosophy, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee (2017)

M. A. in Philosophy of Religion, Trinity International University (2015)

B.F.A. in art and design, minor in writing, Grand Valley State University (2013)

Publications

1. “The Gap in the Evil God Challenge.” (with Perry Hendricks) *Analysis* (forthcoming)
2. “A Phasalist Approach to Coincidence Puzzles.” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 75(1): 147-166 (2025)
3. “The Matter of Coincidence.” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 105(1): 98-114 (2024)
4. “Ordinary Undetached Parts.” *Synthese* 202(4): article 120 (2023)
5. “A Diversified Approach to Fission Puzzles.” *The Journal of Philosophy* 121(9): 481-500 (2024)
6. “Criteria of Identity Without Sortals.” *Noûs* 57(3): 722-739 (2023)

7. "Becoming a Statue." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 101(1): 228-239 (2023)
8. "The Non-Consequentialist Argument from Evil." *Philosophical Studies* 179(12): 3599-3615 (2022)
9. "Probing the Mind of God: Divine Beliefs and Credences." (with Elizabeth Jackson) *Religious Studies* 58(S1): 68-75 (2022)
10. "An Episodic Account of Divine Personhood." *Religious Studies* 57(4): 654-668 (2021)
11. "Multilocation Without Time Travel." *Erkenntnis* 86(6): 1431-1444 (2021)
12. "Self-Colocation: A Colocation Puzzle for Endurantists." *Synthese* 198(6): 5297-5309 (2021)
13. "How God Knows Counterfactuals of Freedom." *Faith and Philosophy* 37(2): 220-229 (2020)
14. "How to Solve the Problem of Evil: A Deontological Strategy." *Faith and Philosophy* 36(4): 442-462 (2019)
15. "From a Cosmic Fine-Tuner to a Perfect Being." *Analysis* 79(3): 449-452 (2019)
16. "Divine Intentions and the Problem of Evil." *Religious Studies* 55(2): 215-234 (2018)
17. "The Possibility of Resurrection by Reassembly." *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 84(3): 273-288 (2018)
18. "Multilocation and Parsimony." *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 7(3): 153-160 (2018)
19. "Does Molinism Reconcile Freedom and Foreknowledge?" *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 10(2): 131-148 (2018)
20. "A New Logical Problem for the Doctrine of the Trinity." *Religious Studies* 54(1): 1-13 (2018).
21. "Is the Problem of Evil a Deontological Problem?" *Analysis* 77(1): 79-87 (2017)
22. "Best Feasible Worlds: Divine Freedom and Leibniz's Lapse." *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 77: 219-229 (2015)

Book manuscript

The Phases of Objects (provisional title), under contract with Oxford University Press

Selected Presentations

- "How Reincarnation Works." Denison University, Feb 14, 2024 (invited)
- "How to Solve Puzzles about Material Objects." College of the Holy Cross, Feb 2, 2024 (invited)
- "A Phasalist Approach to Material Coincidence Puzzles." University of Alberta, Oct 6, 2023 (invited)
- "The Gap in the Evil God Challenge." Society of Christian Philosophers 45th anniversary conference, Calvin University, Sept 29, 2023 (refereed)
- "Sortal Changes." Toronto Metropolitan University, Jan 17, 2023 (invited)

- “Risk-Free Gratuitous Evil.” Virginia Commonwealth University Philosophy of Religion Workshop, Oct 21, 2022 (invited)
- “Risk-Free Gratuitous Evil.” Toronto Metropolitan University, mini-conference on gratuitous evil, May 9, 2022 (remote, invited)
- “Becoming a Statue.” Hope College, April 11, 2022 (invited)
- “Criteria of Identity Without Sortals.” Chinese University of Hong Kong, March 17, 2022 (remote, invited)
- “The Non-Consequentialist Problem of Evil.” Virginia Commonwealth University philosophy of religion workshop, Nov 6, 2021 (invited)
- “Probing the Mind of God: Divine Beliefs and Credences” (with Liz Jackson). Remote. Goethe University Frankfurt, July 6, 2021 (remote, invited)
- “Probing the Mind of God: Divine Beliefs and Credences” (with Liz Jackson). Lancog seminar series, Center of Philosophy, University of Lisbon, June 25, 2021 (remote, invited)
- “On a Deontological Problem of Evil.” Presentation for the graduate students at Biola University, January 22, 2021 (remote, invited)
- “An Episodic Model of the Trinity.” Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Meeting, Sept 14, 2019 (refereed)
- “How to Solve the Problem of Evil: A Deontological Strategy” University of Hartford Philosophy Club. March 15, 2018 (invited)
- “Debunking Molinism: A ‘Debunking Argument’ against Middle Knowledge.” Wisconsin Philosophical Association annual conference, University of Wisconsin – Madison, April 2017 (refereed)
- “Molinism and the Mechanics of Divine Foreknowledge.” Wisconsin Philosophical Association annual conference, University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, April 9, 2016 (refereed)
- “The Problem of Evil and the Varieties of Defense.” 9th Annual Northern Graduate Philosophy Conference, Northern Illinois University, Nov. 20-21, 2015 (refereed)
- “The Place of Chance in a Molinist World.” Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting, Niagara University, Nov. 7-8, 2014 (refereed)

Teaching Experience

As instructor of record:

Metaphysics	Spring 2025	College of the Holy Cross
Philosophical Inquiries	Spring 2025	College of the Holy Cross
Philosophical Inquiries	Fall 2025	College of the Holy Cross
Philosophy of Religion	Spring 2022	Denison U
Writing 101	Spring 2022	Denison U

Social and Political Philosophy	Fall 2022	Denison U
Writing 101	Fall 2022	Denison U
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2022	UMass
Philosophy of Religion	Spring 2022	Mt Holyoke College
Medical Ethics	Fall 2021	UMass
Death and the Meaning of Life	Summer 2021	UMass
Eastern Philosophy	Spring 2021	UMass
Practical Reasoning	Fall 2020	UMass
Philosophy of Religion	Spring 2020	UMass
Philosophy of Religion	Fall 2016	UW - Milwaukee
As teaching assistant:		
Medical Ethics	Fall 2019	UMass
Existentialism	Spring 2019	UMass
Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2018	UMass
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2016	UW - Milwaukee
Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2015	UW - Milwaukee
Introduction to Logic	Spring 2015	Trinity Intl. U
Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2015	Trinity Intl. U

Selected Honors and Awards

Robison Prize for Teaching Excellence (2021)

(This is a departmental teaching award for graduate students)

Richard Peltz Award for Excellence in Philosophy (2016)

(This is a departmental essay award for graduate students)

Leadership and Service

Referee work:

Noûs	Philosophy Compass
Metaphilosophy	Metaphysics
Australasian Journal of Philosophy	Philosophia
Review of Symbolic Logic	Philosophia Christi
Philosophical Papers	Review of Metaphysics
American Philosophical Quarterly	Cambridge Elements
Journal of Analytic Theology	Thought: A Journal of Philosophy
Philosophical Quarterly	Analytic Philosophy

American Catholic Phil. Quarterly
Philosophical Studies
Philosophical Inquiries
Philosopher's Imprint
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Religions
Sophia
Mind

European Journal for Phil. of Religion
Ratio
Inquiry
Journal of Philosophical Research
Faith and Philosophy
Theoria
Religious Studies
Theologica

Departmental service:

Departmental Study Abroad Advisor, College of the Holy Cross
Co-led a departmental publishing workshop for graduate students, University of Alberta
Led a “philosophy coffee” discussion (and participated in others), Denison University, Spring 2023
Guest presenter, departmental teaching workshop, UMass, Spring 2022
Co-organizer, department publishing workshop, UMass, Spring 2022
Organizer and presenter, departmental publishing workshop, UMass, Fall 2021
Guest Presenter, departmental teaching workshop, UMass, Spring 2021
Publishing Mentor, departmental graduate student role, UMass, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021
Officer, Philosophy Grad Students Organization, UMass, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019
Co-organizer, graduate student-organized colloquium, UMass, April 2018
Resources Manager for PiPS (Philosophy in Public Schools), UMass, Spring 2018
Organizer, philosophy of religion reading group, UWM, 2016-2017

Professional References

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