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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)

Published and forthcoming Articles

1. “Karmic Theodicies.” *Faith and Philosophy* (forthcoming)
2. “Reincarnation for Everyone.” *Mind* (forthcoming)
3. “The Gap in the Evil God Challenge.” (with Perry Hendricks) *Analysis* (forthcoming)
4. “A Phasalist Approach to Coincidence Puzzles.” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 75(1): 147-166 (2025)
5. “The Matter of Coincidence.” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 105(1): 98-114 (2024)
6. “Ordinary Undetached Parts.” *Synthese* 202(4): article 120 (2023)

7. "A Diversified Approach to Fission Puzzles." *The Journal of Philosophy* 121(9): 481-500 (2024)
8. "Criteria of Identity Without Sortals." *Noûs* 57(3): 722-739 (2023)
9. "Becoming a Statue." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 101(1): 228-239 (2023)
10. "The Non-Consequentialist Argument from Evil." *Philosophical Studies* 179(12): 3599-3615 (2022)
11. "Probing the Mind of God: Divine Beliefs and Credences." (with Elizabeth Jackson) *Religious Studies* 58(S1): 68-75 (2022)
12. "An Episodic Account of Divine Personhood." *Religious Studies* 57(4): 654-668 (2021)
13. "Multilocation Without Time Travel." *Erkenntnis* 86(6): 1431-1444 (2021)
14. "Self-Colocation: A Colocation Puzzle for Endurantists." *Synthese* 198(6): 5297-5309 (2021)
15. "How God Knows Counterfactuals of Freedom." *Faith and Philosophy* 37(2): 220-229 (2020)
16. "How to Solve the Problem of Evil: A Deontological Strategy." *Faith and Philosophy* 36(4): 442-462 (2019)
17. "From a Cosmic Fine-Tuner to a Perfect Being." *Analysis* 79(3): 449-452 (2019)
18. "Divine Intentions and the Problem of Evil." *Religious Studies* 55(2): 215-234 (2018)
19. "The Possibility of Resurrection by Reassembly." *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 84(3): 273-288 (2018)
20. "Multilocation and Parsimony." *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 7(3): 153-160 (2018)
21. "Does Molinism Reconcile Freedom and Foreknowledge?" *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 10(2): 131-148 (2018)
22. "A New Logical Problem for the Doctrine of the Trinity." *Religious Studies* 54(1): 1-13 (2018).
23. "Is the Problem of Evil a Deontological Problem?" *Analysis* 77(1): 79-87 (2017)
24. "Best Feasible Worlds: Divine Freedom and Leibniz's Lapse." *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 77: 219-229 (2015)

Forthcoming Book

Phases of Objects, forthcoming with Oxford University Press

Selected Presentations

- "Commonsense Composition." Method, Theory, and Reality conference, UMass Amherst, May 4th, 2025 (invited)
- "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:

Indian Philosophy	Fall 2025	College of the Holy Cross
Philosophical Inquiries	Fall 2025	College of the Holy Cross

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:

2025: Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Ergo (twice), Noûs, Metaphilosophy, TheoLogica, Faith and Philosophy, Erkenntnis

2024: Disputatio, Religious Studies (twice), Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Research, American Philosophical Quarterly (twice), Res Philosophica, Ergo, Philosophical Studies (three times), Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Review of Symbolic Logic, Philosophical Papers, Synthese, Israel Science Foundation, Journal of Analytic Theology, Philosophical Quarterly, Mind, American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly
2023: Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Inquiries, Philosopher's Imprint, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Religious Studies, Religions, Philosophy Compass, Faith and Philosophy

Earlier: Religions, Sophia, Mind, Metaphysics, Religious Studies, Philosophia, Faith and Philosophy, TheoLogica (many times), Philosophia Christi, Review of Metaphysics, Cambridge Elements, Thought, Analytic Philosophy, European Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Ratio, Inquiry, Journal of Philosophical Research, Theoria

College service (Holy Cross):

Steering Committee for Faculty Governance Review (Fall 2025-present)

Departmental service (Holy Cross):

Managed the philosophy table at the Holy Cross Fall Open House, Fall 2025

Organizer, department speaker series, College of the Holy Cross, Fall 2025 - present

Departmental Graduate Studies Adviser, College of the Holy Cross, Fall 2025 - present

Departmental Study Abroad Advisor, College of the Holy Cross, Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

Departmental service (before Holy Cross):

Co-led a departmental publishing workshop for grad students, U of Alberta, Spring 2024

Led a "philosophy coffee" discussion, 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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