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Research Interests

AOS: metaphysics; philosophy of religion

AOC: normative ethics; bioethics; Eastern philosophy

Education

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

Dissertation: *All Sortal Changes are Phase Sortal Changes*

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

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

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

Philosophy non-degree graduate program, Loyola University Chicago (2014)

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

Publications

“Becoming a Statue.” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).

“Probing the Mind of God: Divine Beliefs and Credences.” (with Elizabeth Jackson)
Religious Studies (forthcoming)

“Multilocation Without Time Travel.” *Erkenntnis* (forthcoming)

“An Episodic Account of Divine Personhood.” *Religious Studies* (forthcoming)

“Self-Colocation: A Colocation Puzzle for Endurantists.” *Synthese* 198(6): 5297-5309 (2021).

- "How God Knows Counterfactuals of Freedom." *Faith and Philosophy* 37(2): 220-229 (2020)
- "How to Solve the Problem of Evil: A Deontological Strategy." *Faith and Philosophy* 36(4): 442-462 (2019)
- "From a Cosmic Fine-Tuner to a Perfect Being." *Analysis* 79(3): 449-452 (2019)
- "Divine Intentions and the Problem of Evil." *Religious Studies* 55(2): 215-234 (2018)
- "The Possibility of Resurrection by Reassembly." *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 84(3): 273-288 (2018)
- "Multilocation and Parsimony." *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 7(3): 153-160 (2018)
- "Does Molinism Reconcile Freedom and Foreknowledge?" *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 10(2): 131-148 (2018)
- "A New Logical Problem for the Doctrine of the Trinity." *Religious Studies* 54(1): 1-13 (2018).
- "Is the Problem of Evil a Deontological Problem?" *Analysis* 77(1): 79-87 (2017)
- "Best Feasible Worlds: Divine Freedom and Leibniz's Lapse." *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 77: 219-229 (2015)

Selected Presentations

- "Probing the Mind of God: Divine Beliefs and Credences" (with Liz Jackson)
Goethe University Frankfurt, July 6, 2021 (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 (invited)
- "On a Deontological Problem of Evil"
Remote presentation for the graduate students at Biola University, January 22, 2021 (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:

Medical Ethics (Fall 2021, UMass)

Death and the Meaning of Life (Summer 2021, UMass)

Eastern Philosophy (Spring 2021, UMass)

Practical Reasoning (i.e., Critical Thinking) (Fall 2020, UMass)

Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2020, UMass)

Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2016, UWM)

As teaching assistant:

Medical Ethics (Fall 2019, UMass, S. Horowitz)

Existentialism (Spring 2019, UMass, E. Garcia)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018, UMass, N. Markosian)

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2016, UWM, L. Ferrero)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2015, UWM, E. Hinchman)

Introduction to Logic (Spring 2015, TIU, C. Firestone)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2015, TIU, C. Firestone)

Selected Honors and awards

Robison Prize for Teaching Excellence (2021)

UMass First Year Fellowship (2017)

Richard Peltz Award for Excellence in Philosophy (2016)

Nominated for UWM Distinguished Graduate Student Scholarship (2016)

Leadership & Service

Referee work:

Review of Metaphysics
Cambridge Elements
Thought: A Journal of Philosophy
Analytic Philosophy
European Journal for Philosophy of Religion
Ratio
Inquiry
Journal of Philosophical Research
Faith and Philosophy
Theoria
Religious Studies
Theologica

Departmental service:

Organizer and presenter, departmental publishing workshop, Fall 2020

Publishing Mentor, departmental graduate student role, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Officer, Philosophy Graduate Students Organization, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Co-organizer, graduate student-organized colloquium at UMass, April 2018

Resources Manager for PiPS (Philosophy in Public Schools), Spring 2018

Organizer, UWM philosophy of religion reading group, 2016-2017

Professional References

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