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EDUCATION

PhD (Philosophy), University of Missouri, 2008
MA (Philosophy), University of Missouri, 2005
MA (Philosophy), University of Montana, 2003
BS (Interdisciplinary), Berry College, 1998, *cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethics (Applied and Meta), Philosophy of Religion, Epistemology, Logic

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Fort Lewis College, 2019-present (Assistant 2008-14, Associate 14-19)
Fulbright Visiting Scholar, University of Innsbruck, Austria 2016-17
Graduate Assistant, University of Missouri 2003-08
Graduate Assistant, University of Montana 2002-03

LEADERSHIP

Executive Director, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2017-present.
Chair, Departments of Philosophy & Political Science, Fort Lewis College, 2017-present.
Member, Board of Trustees, Fort Lewis College, 2014-16.
Member, Executive Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2015-2018.
Member, Vestry, Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 2012-15.
Chair of Mountain-Pacific Regional Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2009-14.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Tenure & Promotion Reviewer: Fort Lewis College, Santa Clara University

Referee: *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Behavioral & Brain Sciences*, Cambridge University Press, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Episteme*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethical Theory & Moral Practice*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Faith & Philosophy*, Fulbright US Scholar Program, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Journal of the APA*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Minds & Machines*, Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, *Oxford Bibliographies*, *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Religions*, *Religious Studies*, *Res Philosophica*, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), *Social Theory and Practice*, Society of Christian

Philosophers, *Sophia*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Springer, *Teaching Philosophy*, *TheoLogica*, and *Zygon*.

Organizer of the First Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference at the University of Missouri, January 27-28, 2006.

COLLEGE SERVICE

- ✧ Fulbright Liaison, Fort Lewis College (2018-present)
- ✧ Grievance Council, Fort Lewis College (2017-present)
- ✧ Faculty Senate, Fort Lewis College (senator 2012-17, Vice President 2013-14).
- ✧ First-year Experience Taskforce (chair), Fort Lewis College, 2012-2013.
- ✧ Strategic Planning Committee, Fort Lewis College, 2011.
- ✧ Academic Standards Committee, Fort Lewis College (member 2011-13; co-chair 2013-2016).
- ✧ Representative to state-wide curriculum forum, Fort Lewis College, October 13-15, 2011.
- ✧ Faculty Advisor for Philosophy Club, Fort Lewis College, 2011-2014, 2017-present.
- ✧ Coordinator for Religious Studies program, Fort Lewis College, 2009-2015.
- ✧ Honors Council, Fort Lewis College, 2009-2012.
- ✧ Faculty-in-Residence, Animas Hall, Fort Lewis College, 2009-2014.
- ✧ Search Committees, Fort Lewis College: Philosophy 2011 (chair), Art History 2011, Philosophy 2012 (chair), Art & Interactive Design 2013, Philosophy 2016, Philosophy 2019, Political Science 2019.
- ✧ Founder/Administrator of philosophy blog, University of Missouri 2005-2007.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- ✧ Featured Scholar Award, a university-wide recognition for excellence in scholarship, Fort Lewis College, 2018
- ✧ Explaining Religion Project (\$134,763) John Templeton Foundation, 2016-17 (<http://www.explainingreligion.com>)
- ✧ Fulbright Visiting Scholar (€16,800) University of Innsbruck, Austria, September 2016-February 2017.
- ✧ New Faculty Teaching Award (\$1,000), a university-wide recognition of excellence in teaching, Fort Lewis College, 2012.
- ✧ Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion (\$3,000) University of St. Thomas, June 17-July 6, 2012.
- ✧ Knowing in Religion & Morality (\$5,000) Purdue University, June 8-24, 2011.
- ✧ Faculty Development Grant (+/- \$1,500) Fort Lewis College 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.
- ✧ Graduate School's Superior Graduate Student Award (1 of 3 chosen University-wide), University of Missouri 2005-06.

MEMBERSHIPS

- ↗ American Philosophical Association (APA), 2003-present
- ↗ Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), 2002-present
- ↗ American Association of University Professors (AAUP), 2015-present
- ↗ Society for Philosophy of Religion (SPR), invitation only and limited to 100 members, 2015-present
- ↗ Heterodox Academy, 2017-present

WORK ON HIGHER EDUCATION

"Right of Free Expression & Right to a Safe Space," AAUP Annual Conference, June 16, 2017, Washington, DC.

"The Point of Teaching Professional Ethics," May 20, 2017, School of Business at Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado

PHILOSOPHY IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

"Varieties of Moral Relativism" The Emergence of Relativism Project, University of Vienna, 2018
(<https://emergenceofrelativism.weebly.com/blog/varieties-of-moral-relativism>)

"The Morality of Getting Divorced," *Philosophy Now*, June/July 2017
(https://philosophynow.org/issues/120/The_Morality_of_Getting_Divorced)

"Why Should the Line be Drawn at Chemical Weapons?" *The Denver Post*, April 10, 2017
(<http://www.denverpost.com/2017/04/10/why-should-the-line-be-drawn-at-chemical-weapons/>)

"Why Christians Must Reject Alternative Facts," *Dallas News*, February 1, 2017
(<http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2017/02/01/christians-must-reject-alternative-facts>)

"Africa & the Problem of Evil," *The Critique*, September/October 2016
(<http://www.thecritique.com/articles/africa-the-problem-of-evil/>)

"Guns on the Free Market," *Orlando Sentinel*, August 26, 2016
(<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-gun-sales-burden-of-proof--082416-20160825-story.html>)

"This Land is Your Land. Or is it?" *New York Times*, January 5, 2016
(<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/01/05/this-land-is-your-land-or-is-it/>)

"Why Our Children Don't Believe in Moral Facts," *New York Times*, March 2, 2015
(<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2015/03/02/why-our-children-dont-think-there-are-moral-facts>)
and re-printed in *Modern Ethics in 77 Arguments*, Catapano & Critchley (editors), Norton 2017.)

"Christianity, Homosexual Sex, and Sexism," *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 11:32, 2012 pp. 47-63.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

➤ BOOKS

Skeptical Theism: New Essays (with Trent Dougherty) Oxford University Press (2014).

Introducing Ethics: A Critical Thinking Approach with Readings (with Peter Markie)
Oxford University Press (2013).

A Companion to the Problem of Evil (with Daniel Howard-Snyder) Blackwell (2013).

➤ CHAPTERS

"The Epistemology of Genealogies," in *New Developments in the Cognitive Science of Religion: The Rationality of Religious Belief*, van Eyghen, Peels, and van den Brink (editors) Springer (2018), pp. 157-169.

"Skeptical Theism: An Historical View," *The History of Evil, Volume 6: Evil from the Mid-20th-Century to Today*, Meister & Taliaferro (series editors), Gellman (volume editor), Routledge (2018), pp. 45-61.

"Ignorance in the Religious Life," *The Epistemic Dimensions of Ignorance*, Peels & Blaauw (editors), Cambridge University Press (2016).

"Counterpart & Appreciation Theodicies," *A Companion to the Problem of Evil*, McBrayer & Howard-Snyder (editors), Blackwell (2013), pp. 192-204.

➤ REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

"A Phenomenal Defense of Reflective Equilibrium," (with Weston Ellis) *Journal of Philosophical Research* (forthcoming).

"A Value Argument Against Incompatibilism," *Philosophical Inquiry* 42:3-4, 2018, pp. 138-150.

"The Case for Preserving Bears Ears," (with Sarah Roberts-Cady) *Ethics, Policy, and Environment*, 21:1, 2018, pp. 48-51.

"The X-Claim Argument Against Religious Belief Offers Nothing New," (with Weston Ellis) *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 84:2, 2018, pp. 223-232.

"The Problem of Evil & Sceptical Theism," *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement* 81, 2017 pp. 1-10.

"What Quantum Mechanics Doesn't Show," (with Dugald Owen) *Teaching Philosophy* 39:2, 2016 pp.163-176.

"The Wager Renewed: Believing in God is Good for You," *Science, Religion & Culture* 1:3, 2014 pp. 130-140.

"Are Skeptical Theists Really Skeptics? Sometimes Yes and Sometimes No," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 72:1, 2012 pp. 3-16.

"Scepticism about the Argument from Divine Hiddenness," (with Philip Swenson) *Religious Studies* 48:2, 2012 pp. 129-150.

"Moral Perception and the Causal Objection," *Ratio* 23:3, 2010 pp. 291-307.

"A Limited Defense of Moral Perception," *Philosophical Studies* 149:3, 2010 pp. 305-320.

"Skeptical Theism," *Philosophy Compass* 5:7, 2010 pp. 611-623.

"CORNEA and Inductive Evidence," *Faith & Philosophy* 26:1, 2009 pp. 77-86.

"Rights, Indirect Harms, and the Non-identity Problem," *Bioethics* 22:6, 2008 pp. 299-306.

"Process Reliabilism, Virtue Reliabilism, and the Value of Knowledge," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* 45:2 June 2007 pp. 289-302.

"Foetal Personhood, Vagueness and Abortion," *Australian Journal of Professional & Applied Ethics* 9:1 June 2007 pp. 15-30.

"Perceiving God: Epistemic Direct Realism and Religious Belief," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 23:1 January 2007 pp. 17-26.

"On 'A Molinist-Style Response to Schellenberg,' by Michael Thune," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 22:2 July 2006 pp. 71-77.

"Evidential Arguments from Evil and the 'Seeability' of Compensating Goods," *Auslegung* 27:1 Winter/ Spring 2004 pp. 17-22.

➤ REFERENCE ENTRIES

"Explanations of Religion" *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*, Duncan Pritchard (editor) 2018.
(<http://oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195396577/obo-9780195396577-0358.xml>)

"Skeptical Theism," *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Tim Crane (editor) and Michael Rea (area editor) 2015.
(<https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/sceptical-theism>)

"A Posteriori Moral Knowledge," *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Wiley-Blackwell, Hugh LaFollette (editor) 2013.
(<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781444367072.wbiee255/abstract>)

"Skeptical Theism," *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, James Fieser (editor) 2010.
(ISSN 2161-0002, <http://www.iep.utm.edu/skept-th/>)

📖 BOOK REVIEWS

Challenges to Moral and Religious Belief: Disagreement and Evolution, edited by Michael Bergmann and Patrick Kain, reviewed (with Theresa O'Hare) in *Analysis* (2015).

Religious Faith and Intellectual Virtue, edited by Laura Frances Callahan and Timothy O'Connor, reviewed (with Douglas Moore) in *Religious Studies* (2014).

Pragmatic Encroachment, Religious Belief, and Practice by Aaron Rizzieri, reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2013)
(<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/47035-pragmatic-encroachment-religious-belief-and-practice/>)

What's Wrong with Homosexuality? by John Corvino, reviewed (with Caleb Ontiveros) in *Social Theory & Practice* 40:1 pp. 159-165 (2013).

PHILOSOPHY PRESENTATIONS

📖 REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

"Reliability, the Generality Problem, and Module Boundaries," The Evolution of Religion II, November 12-15, 2017, Santa Ana, New Mexico.

"Empirical Debunking Arguments and Second-Order Implications," Workshop on Explaining Religion. Cognitive Science of Religion and Naturalism, VU University, Netherlands; December 4-5, 2015.

"Evaluating Counterpart & Appreciation Theodicies," Society of Christian Philosophers Mountain-Pacific Conference, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA; January 13-14, 2012.

"Context & Skeptical Theism," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Diego, California; April 20-23, 2011.

"Moral Perception and the Causal Objection," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, British Columbia; April 8-12, 2009.

"Moral Responsibility, Coercion, and Guidance Control," American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, Illinois; April 17-19, 2008.

"Virtue Reliabilism and the Value of Knowledge," Central States Philosophical Society, Memphis, Tennessee; October 13-14, 2006.

"The Epistemic Role of Non-Experiential Looks," (with Michael Hartsock) 60th Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas; September 28-30, 2006.

“Why Religion Seems Irrelevant in Contemporary Academia,” International Institute of Christian Studies, Vision 2005 Conference, Kansas City, Missouri; July 13-15, 2005.

“Divine Hiddenness and Human Infallibility,” Divine Hiddenness Conference, University of Colorado Philosophy Department and the Theology Forum, Boulder, Colorado; October 21-23, 2004.

“Stewardship and Wilderness,” Stewardship: Caring for the Earth and its Inhabitants, A Joint Conference of Midwest Region Society of Christian Philosophers & Ethics Across the Disciplines, Viterbo University, La Crosse, Wisconsin; April 1-3, 2004.

➤ INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“What’s the Point of Free Will?” Department of Philosophy, University of Innsbruck, Austria; December 1, 2016.

“A Value Argument Against Incompatibilism,” Institute for Christian Philosophy, University of Innsbruck, Austria; November 16, 2016.

“Are Religion and Morality Tricks Evolution has Played on Us?” Berry College, Rome, Georgia; March 17, 2016.

“The Problem of Evil & Sceptical Theism,” Heythrop College, London, UK; June 20, 2015.

“Everybody Else is Thinking it, so Why Can’t We?” University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK; June 17, 2015.

“Why the Fact/Opinion Distinction is Confused and Harmful,” Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri; April 7, 2015.

“The Explanatory Objection to Moral Perception,” (author meets critics symposium) Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference (RoME), University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado; August 8-11, 2013.

“Divine Hiddenness & Theistic Defenses,” (plenary address) 8th Annual Intermountain West Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah; April 7-9, 2011.

“Emerging Confusion: The Emerging Church Movement,” and “Our Relationship to the Church,” Matter ’09: A Creative Theology Event, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas; September 17-19, 2009.

“Van Inwagen on the Problem of Evil: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly,” (with Kenny Boyce) Second Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; February 23-24, 2007.

“The Non-Identity Problem in Bioethics,” (keynote address with Peter Markie) Philosophical Collaborations: Value’s Facets, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois; March 2-3, 2006.

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Commentator on “The Politics of Ethical Expertise,” by Matt Stichter (Washington State), American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, Illinois; March 3-5, 2016.

Commentator on “Faith as Active Commitment,” by Daniel McKaughan (Boston College), The Nature of Faith Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, November 13-16, 2014.

Participant (1 of 20) in the Central European University Summer Program on Moral Intuitionism: Epistemological and Methodological Aspects (<http://www.summer.ceu.hu/intuitionism-2013>); Budapest, Hungary; July 22-31, 2013.

Participant (1 of 20) in the Templeton Foundation Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion, U of St. Thomas (<http://www.stthomas.edu/philosophy/templeton/project.html>); St. Paul, Minnesota; \$3K stipend, June 17-July 6, 2012.

Participant (1 of 10) in the Skeptical Theism and Explanatory Arguments from Evil workshop, University of Notre Dame; South Bend, Indiana; \$500 honorarium, March 30-31, 2012.

Participant (1 of 15) in the Templeton Foundation Knowing in Religion & Morality workshop led by Michael Bergmann (www.knowinginreligionandmorality.com); West Lafayette, Indiana; \$5k stipend, June 8-24, 2011.

Chair for Yasha Rohwer on “Lucky Understanding Without Knowledge,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Minneapolis, Minnesota; March 30-April 2, 2011.

Commentator on “Plantinga’s *de jure* Objection to Religious Belief: An Evidentialist Reply,” by Todd Long (California Polytechnic State University), Second Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, February 23-24, 2007.

Commentator (with Kenny Boyce) on “The Conditionals of Deliberation” by Keith DeRose (Yale University), First Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, January 27-28, 2006.

Commentator on “A Molinist-Style Response to Schellenberg” by Michael Thune (Purdue University), Southwestern Philosophical Society, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, November 11-13, 2005.

TEACHING

➤ PHILOSOPHY, LOWER-DIVISION

Introduction to Philosophy
Ethics
Introductory Bioethics
Logic
Business Ethics
History of Ancient Western Philosophy

➤ PHILOSOPHY, UPPER-DIVISION

Epistemology
Metaphysics
Philosophy of Religion
Science & Religion
History of Modern Philosophy
Advanced Logic
Modality & Ultimate Explanation

➤ HONORS

Utopia
The Thought of C.S. Lewis

➤ RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Islam & the West
Global Christianity
The Christian Atonement

➤ STUDY ABROAD

Philosophy in Italy
French Philosophy
Greek Philosophy
Environmental Ethics in Costa Rica

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

➤ COURSES TAUGHT

Evolutionary Ethics (University of Innsbruck, Austria 2016)
The Origin & Rationality of Religion (University of Innsbruck, Austria 2016)

➤ THESIS EVALUATION

Tyler Taber, "What can be known about God is Plain: A Reformed-Epistemological Response to the Problem of Divine Hiddenness," (VU Amsterdam 2018)