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Curriculum Vitae

Research Areas

Specializations

Philosophy of Language (esp. Speech Act Theory),
Technology Ethics (esp. AI), Philosophy of Religion

Competences

Public Policy, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy,
Social/Political Epistemology

Academic Appointments

University of Notre Dame

2025–2026 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, *Center for Philosophy of Religion*

Education

Ph.D. — **Public Policy: Social Justice**

Coursework complete; Degree expected 2026

Ph.D. 2025 **Philosophy**

Dissertation: “How to Do Things with Little Talking Tubes: Nonideal Speech Acts in the Digital Age”

University of
Arkansas

M.A. 2020 **Philosophy + Sustainability (Add'l Graduate Certificate)**

Thesis: “[Perceptual Characterization: On Perceptual Learning & Perspectival Sedimentation](#)”

M.A. 2012 **Philosophy of Religion**

Denver Seminary

B.A. 2009 **Anthropology**

Colorado State Univ.

Selected Publications

Journal Articles

2025 “Slurring Silences,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 110, no. 2: 497–525.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/phpr.13114>

“AI Romance and Misogyny: A Speech Act Analysis,” w/ Kelly Weirich, **Oxford
Intersections: AI and Society**, edited by Philip Hacker (Oxford University Press).
<https://doi.org/10.1093/9780198945215.003.0074>

2024 “Two Distinctions About Eating Animals,” *Between the Species* 27, no. 1: Art. 3.
<https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/bts/vol27/iss1/3>

2022 “A Grammar in Two Dimensions: The Temporal Mechanics of Arrival and the
Semantics/Pragmatics Divide,” *Journal of Science Fiction and Philosophy* 5, no. 1.
<https://jsfphil.org/holdier-a-grammar-in-two-dimensions/>

- 2021 ““Teach Me to Do What’s Right”: Faith, Hope, and Love as Post-Religious Virtues,” *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 20, no. 3. <https://jcrt.org/archives/20.3/Holdier.pdf>
- 2020 “Is Heaven a Zoopolis?” *Faith and Philosophy* 37, no. 4: 475–499. <https://doi.org/10.37977/faithphil.2020.37.4.6>
- 2018 “Divine Energies: The Consuming Fire and the Beatific Vision,” *Theologica* 2, no. 2. <https://doi.org/10.14428/thl.v2i2.2233>
- 2016 “The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism,” *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 29, no. 4: 631–642. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10806-016-9624-9>

Edited Book Chapters

- 2017 “The Agony of the Infinite: Heaven as Phenomenological Hell,” in *Heaven and Philosophy*, edited by Simon Cushing (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press)
- 2016 “Speciesistic Veganism: An Anthropocentric Argument,” in *Critical Perspectives on Veganism and Meat Consumption*, edited by Jodey Castricano and Rasmus R. Simonsen (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan)

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2019 “Hell and Universalism,” *1000-Word Philosophy*. <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2019/10/18/hell-and-universalism/>
- 2018 “Chronological Snobbery,” and “Complex Question,” in *Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy*, edited by Robert Arp, Steven Barbone, and Michael Bruce (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell).

Book Reviews

- 2024 *Nasty, Brutish, and Short: Adventures in Philosophy with My Kids* by Scott Hershovitz, *Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice* 6 (Spring): 63–66. <https://doi.org/10.5840/p4202462>
- 2021 *Subhuman: The Moral Psychology of Human Attitudes to Animals* by T.J. Kasperbauer, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 18, no. 2: 206–209. <https://doi.org/10.1163/17455243-18020008>
- 2020 *Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to Other Animals* by Christine M. Korsgaard, *Between the Species* 23, no. 1. <https://digitalcommons.calpoly.edu/bts/vol23/iss1/>

Selected Conference Activity

Research Presentations

- 2025 Jul. North American Society for Social Philosophy “Emotional Outsourcing” w/ Kelly Weirich

	Apr.	APA: Pacific Division	Colloquium:	“Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-Pragmatics of Heresy”
	Feb.	APA: Central Division	Colloquium:	“Agency, Authorship, and Algorithmic Adversaries: Two Distinctions in Context Collapse”
2024	Sep.	MINT–Yale Law School NPC Workshop	“Parrots, Penguins, and Putnam’s Ants: Chatbots and the Illocutionary Backstop 🌀”	
	Sep.	USU Ethics and AI Conference	“Parrots, Penguins, and Putnam’s Ants: Chatbots and the Illocutionary Backstop 🌀”	
	Jul.	North American Society for Social Philosophy	“Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-pragmatics of Heresy”	
	Jun.	Social Ontology	“Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-pragmatics of Heresy”	
2023	Oct.	HaPoC-7	“Agentic and Algorithmic Context Collapse”	
	Sep.	MANCEPT Workshop, “Governing AI”	“Cruel Optimism and AI Governance: Democratization as a Magic Concept”	
	May	Narrative Policy Framework Workshop	“Narrative Arenas of Power: A Dynamistic Policy Typology”	
	Apr.	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	“‘You’re Lucky I’m Here’: Examining the Roles of Influence in Organizational Decision-Making and Perceived Value Congruence on Trust in Information Regarding COVID-19” w/ Creed Tumlison	
	Mar.	Philosophy, AI, & Society PhD Colloquium	“Agentic and Algorithmic Context Collapse”	
	Feb.	APA: Central Division	Symposium:	“Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care”
2022	Aug.	Social Ontology Society	“Illocuting Identity: Prayer, Pornography, and Behabitive Speech Acts”	
	Jul.	North American Society for Social Philosophy	“Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care”	
	May	Canadian Philosophical Association Congress	“On Useless Wights: An Aristotelian Critique of Fake News”	
	May	Machine Wisdom Workshop (II)	“Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care”	
	Apr.	Great Lakes Phil. Conf.	“Illocuting Identity: Prayer, Pornography, and Behabitive Speech Acts”	
	Jan.	APA: Eastern Division	Colloquium:	“On the Epistemic Threats of Counterfeit Memorials”
2021	Oct.	Cogweirdo Workshop	“The Rights and Wrongs of Eating People (and Their Pets)”	
	Oct.	Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference	“Malpractice on Human Souls: The Violence of Fake News” w/ Jacob Warren Grad. Student Outstanding Paper Award, 3rd place	
	Oct.	Public Philosophy Network Conference	“On Useless Wights: An Aristotelian Critique of Fake News”	
	Aug.	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XIV	“On Deepfakes and Confederate Monuments: The Epistemic Threat of Counterfeit Memorials”	
	May	Society of Christian Philosophers: Mtn.-Pac.	“Christian Nationalism, QAnon, and COVID-19: On the Epistemology of Heresy”	

2020	Nov.	ASA Workshop on the Philosophy of Games	“‘Roll Initiative’: Make-Believe, Striving Games, and Cognitive Perspectivalism”
	Feb.	APA: Central Division	Poster: “‘Observation Reconsidered’ Reconsidered: Theory-Ladenness, Epistemic Charge, and Norm-Sensitive Aliefs”
	Feb.	APA: Central Division	Affiliate Colloquium: “‘Teach Me to Do What’s Right’: Faith, Hope, and Love as Post-Religious Virtues”
2019	Oct.	Theistic Ethics Workshop	“‘The Sin that Dwells in Me’: Theistic Ethics and Belief-Discordant Aliefs”
	Aug.	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XII	“Diathetic Injustice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief”
	Apr.	Gettysburg Philosophy and Film Seminar	“‘Why a Storyteller Can’t Change the Past: Contextualism, the Semantics/Pragmatics Divide, and Repetition in the Art of Time Travel Narratives”
	Mar.	Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop	“Diathetic Injustice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief”
2018	Apr.	Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture	“‘And Also Much Cattle’: Theological Reflections of the Zoopolis”
2017	Nov.	Evangelical Philosophical Society	“He Descended into...Heaven?: Obdurationism and the Descent of Christ”
2016	Oct.	Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference	“Shantih Shantih Shantih: The Aporia of Solitude in <i>Children of Men</i> ”
2015	Oct.	Northwest Philosophy Conference	“The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism”
	Aug.	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VIII	“The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism”
2014	Nov.	Northwest Philosophy Conference	“Embodied Magic: Phenomenology of Fantasy Inside Batman’s Arkham Asylum”
	Apr.	Society of Christian Philosophers: Mtn.-Pac.	“All Animals are Equal: Dominion, Deontology, and De Facto Vegetarianism”
2013	Apr.	Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference	“Superheroes: What Would Tolkien Think of Batman?”

Comments Delivered

2025	Aug.	Midwest Early-Career Social Philosophy of Technology Workshop	Speakerless Speech in LLMs	Gretchen Ellefson (Southern Utah)
2024	Oct.	Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference	“Commitment Normativism—How a Normativist about Belief Can Embrace Output-side Requirements without Giving Up the Connection to Truth”	Aliosha Barranco Lopez (Bowdoin College)
	Mar.	2nd Penn-Georgetown Digital Ethics Workshop	“The Right to Explain”	Chelsea Rosenthal (Simon Fraser)

	Mar.	APA: Pacific Division	“Should YouTube Make Recommendations for the Climate?”	Martin Gibert et al. (Montreal)
		Symposium: Philosophy of Content Moderation	“Something AI Should Tell You: The Case for Labeling Synthetic Content”	Sarah Fisher (UC London)
			“The (Normative) Case for Bridging-Based Ranking”	Luke Thorburn (KCL)
2023	Aug.	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XVI	“The Implications of Understanding Moral Principles as Generics”	Ravi Thakral (Nevada-Reno)
2022	Apr.	Central States Philosophical Assoc.	“In Defense of Negativity: Why Echo Chambers Should Not Be Neutral”	Cassie Finley (Iowa)
2021	Oct.	Southwestern Philosophical Society	“Is Annihilationism More Severe than Eternal Conscious Torment?”	Eric Reitan (Oklahoma State)
	Feb.	APA: Central Division	“Kant on Whether Plants Represent”	Tyke Nunez (South Carolina)
	Jan.	Cogtweeto Workshop	“ <i>Mono no Aware</i> as Humane Action”	Johnathan Flowers (American)
2020	Feb.	APA: Central Division	“Pains as Objects of Perception”	Jessie Wilson (USC)
2019	Aug.	Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals	“Temperance, Meat-Eating, and Virtue Ethics”	Raja Halwani (Art Inst. of Chicago)

Invited Talks

2024	Nov.	Saint Louis University	Of Christ and Creatures: Animals in Christian Theology Workshop	“Faith in Nonhumanity”
2019	Mar.	Depauw University w/ the Prindle Institute for Ethics	Ethics Writing Retreat	

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record (2019–2025)

	U. of Arkansas	Missouri Valley	Colorado Tech. Univ.
Introduction to Ethics	11 sections		2 every two months
Introduction to Philosophy	7 sections	1 section	
Ethics and Contemporary Moral Issues		3 sections	
Biomedical Ethics		1 section	
Critical Reasoning	1 section		
Human Nature and the Meaning of Life	1 section		
Contemporary Ethics in Action			2 every two months
Ethics for Professionals			2 every two months

Professional/Nonacademic Experience

Duration	Position	Organization
2022–2025	Operations Director & Project Manager	Good Impressions Media
2023 Dec.	Policy Analyst	Ozark Regional Transit “Towards Promoting Ridership Attitudes: A Policy Analysis”
May		City of Fayetteville, AR “Review: The Community Compost & Food Waste Reduction Program”
2020–2021	Research Assistant	The Reasoning in the Digital Age Project (U. of Arkansas)

Leadership and Service

Organizer

2024 Oct.	[CO-CREATED]	The Social Philosophy Workshop w/ NASSP
Mar.	Webinar:	“Philosophy Education Beyond the Academy,” APA Live w/ PLATO
2023 Apr.	Panel (APA):	“Contemporary Trans Philosophy,” w/ the Trans Philosophy Project
Jan.	Webinar:	“Teaching Philosophy with Art and Literature,” APA Live
2022 Mar.	[CO-CREATED]	The Inaugural Philosophy in the Ozarks Graduate Conference
2021 Oct.	Panel (PPN):	“The Inhumanity of Fake News” w/ Jennifer Foster, Megan Fritts, and Seth Goldwasser

Editorial Assistant

2022–2026	Faith and Philosophy : Journal of the Society of Christian Philosophers	Copyeditor
2023	Not Giving Up On People: A Feminist Case for Prison Abolition (Bloomsbury)	Indexer
2022	Matter and Mathematics: An Essential Account of the Laws of Nature (CUP)	Indexer

Peer Reviewer

2025	ACM FAccT 2025, Central APA Teaching Hub
2024	<i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i>
2023	W. W. Norton & Company, <i>Essays in Philosophy</i>
2022	Lexington Press, <i>Between the Species</i> , Concerned Philosophers for Peace/Brill
2021	Southwestern Philosophical Society, Third Cogtweeto Workshop, GPSC Research Colloquium

Elected Service

2022–2024	Graduate Student Council	American Philosophical Association
	Liaison: Committee on Non-Academic Careers, Virtual Programming Committee	

2018–2022	<u>Graduate-Professional Student Congress</u>	University of Arkansas
	President Pro Tempore: Legislative Assembly (2021–2022); Secretary: Executive Cabinet (2020–2021); Chair: Academic and Teaching Committee (2018–2020)	
2018–2024	<u>Graduate Student Philosophical Society</u>	University of Arkansas
	President (2019–2020); GPSC Representative (2018–2020)	

Grants, Awards, and Recognition

Grants

2021	<u>Scientifically Engaged Lecture Grant</u>	Society of Christian Philosophers	\$2000
2018	PhD Application Fee Waiver Grant	Institute for Humane Studies	\$250

Fellowships

2023–2025	<u>Machine Intelligence and Normative Theory Lab Fellow</u>	Australian National University
2021–2024	<u>Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project Fellow</u>	University of Southern California
2020–2024	Doctoral Academy Fellowship	University of Arkansas

Awards and Scholarships

2024	<u>J. Hillman Yowell Award for Excellence in Teaching</u>	Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences (Arkansas)
2023	Vernon Teaching Award	Dept. of Philosophy (Arkansas)
2022	The GPSC Leadership Award	Graduate-Professional Student Congress (Arkansas)
2021	<u>SEC Emerging Scholars List</u>	The Southeastern Conference
2020	The Alex Marino Service Award	Graduate-Professional Student Congress (Arkansas)
2019	Phillip S. Bashor Graduate Philosophy Scholarship	Dept. of Philosophy (Arkansas)

Community Publications

2018–2022	Regular magazine-style articles for <u>The Prindle Post</u> as a News Analyst		
2014–2023	Chapters in eight (8) <i>Popular Culture and Philosophy</i> volumes:		
	Open Court/Carus Books	Six (6)	<i>Supernatural; Mr. Rogers; Superman v. Batman; Doctor Who; The Devil; Jurassic Park</i>
	Rowman & Littlefield	One (1)	<i>Jane Austen</i>
	Wiley Blackwell	One (1)	<i>Star Wars</i>

References

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