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RESEARCH AREAS

SPECIALIZATIONS

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

COMPETENCES

- Social/Political Philosophy (esp. Epistemology), Public Policy, Feminist Philosophy

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026-27	Research and Design Studio Postdoctoral Fellow in Civil Discourse HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Edmond & Lily Safra Center for Ethics
2025-26	Postdoctoral Research Associate UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Center for Philosophy of Religion

EDUCATION

PhD 2025	Philosophy	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
PhD —	Public Policy: Social Justice (coursework complete)	
MA 2020	Philosophy + Sustainability (add'l graduate certificate)	
MA 2012	Philosophy of Religion	DENVER SEMINARY
BA 2009	Anthropology	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

PUBLICATIONS

SELECTED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026	“Emotional Outsourcing” w/ Kelly Weirich	<i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i>	(LINK)
	“Context Collapse”	<i>Philosophy Compass</i>	(LINK)
2025	“Slurring Silences”	<i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i>	(LINK)
2024	“Two Distinctions About Eating Animals”	<i>Between the Species</i>	(LINK)
2021	“‘Teach Me to Do What’s Right’: Faith, Hope, and Love as Postreligious Virtues”	<i>Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory</i>	(LINK)
2020	“Is Heaven a Zoopolis?”	<i>Faith and Philosophy</i>	(LINK)
2018	“Divine Energies: The Consuming Fire and the Beatific Vision”	<i>Theologica</i>	(LINK)
2016	“The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism”	<i>Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics</i>	(LINK)

BOOK CHAPTERS

2025	"AI Romance and Misogyny: A Speech Act Analysis"	<i>Oxford Inters'cts: AI & Society with Kelly Weirich</i>	Oxford Academic	(LINK)
2017	"The Agony of the Infinite: Heaven as Phenomenological Hell"	<i>Heaven and Philosophy</i>	Lexington Press	(LINK)
2016	"Speciesistic Veganism: An Anthropocentric Argument"	<i>Critical Perspectives on Veganism and Meat Consumption</i>	Palgrave	(LINK)

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

2019	"Hell and Universalism"	<i>1000-Word Philosophy</i>		(LINK)
2018	"Chronological Snobbery" and "Complex Question"	<i>Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy</i>	Wiley-Blackwell	(LINK)

SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS

2024	<i>Nasty, Brutish, and Short: Adventures in Philosophy with My Kids</i>	Scott Hershovitz	<i>Precollege Philosophy and Public Practice</i>	(LINK)
2021	<i>Subhuman: The Moral Psychology of Human Attitudes to Animals</i>	T.J. Kasperbauer	<i>Journal of Moral Philosophy</i>	(LINK)

DRAFTS IN PROGRESS

• On the nature and norms of heretical speech acts – 10k word article complete; book manuscript in draft	<i>under review</i>
• A defense of Lovelace on A.I. against Turing's oft-cited misreading	<i>under review</i>
• On the threat of chatbot speech to overall illocutionary accountability	<i>revising</i>
• Algorithmic curation's risk to interpersonal virtues (e.g., earnestness, vulnerability)	<i>revising</i>
• Two papers on implausible deniability and speech act genres (esp. group prayers)	<i>revising</i>
• A normative analysis of conversational exit moves	<i>drafting</i>

INVITED TALKS

2026 Apr	Western Michigan U. (School of Medicine)	"Emotional Outsourcing: What AI Can't Do in the Clinic"	<i>Grand Rounds</i>
	Wayne State University	"How to Speak in Bad Faith: Open Secrets and the Color of Prayer"	<i>Dept. Colloquium</i>
2024 Nov	Saint Louis University	"Faith in Nonhumanity"	<i>Of Christ and Creatures: Animals in Christian Theology Workshop</i>
2019 Mar	DePauw University and the Prindle Institute for Ethics		<i>Ethics Writing Retreat</i>

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE TALKS

2026	Oct	Society of Christian Philosophers (Midwest)	Baylor Univ.	<i>"Algorithmic Curation, the Imago Dei, and the Virtue of Reverence"</i>
	Apr	Midwest Ethics Symposium	DePauw University & the Prindle Institute	<i>"The Actual Lovelace Objection: On Deskillling, Epistemic Trash, and AI Surrogates"</i>
		Science & Tech in the Anthropocene	U. of Cincinnati	<i>"The Actual Lovelace Objection: On Epistemic Trash and AI Surrogates"</i>
	Mar	Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable	Virginia Tech	<i>"Herding Spherical Cows: Policy Dialogues and the Metaproblem of Partisan Idealization"</i>
2025	Nov	Society of Christian Philosophers (Midwest)	Asbury Seminary	<i>"An Illocutionary Puzzle for Divine Threats of Hell"</i>
	Oct	Faith, Film, and Philosophy Seminar	Gonzaga University	<i>"The Real Punk Rock: Love, Vulnerability, and the Metamodern Superman"</i>
	Jul	North American Society for Social Philosophy	U. of Texas (El Paso) & U. Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez	<i>"Emotional Outsourcing" with Kelly Weirich</i>
	Apr	APA: Pacific COLLOQUIUM:		<i>"Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-Pragmatics of Heresy"</i>
	Feb	APA: Central COLLOQUIUM:		<i>"Agency, Authorship, and Algorithmic Adversaries: Two Distinctions in Context Collapse"</i>
2024	Sep	MINT-Yale Law NPC Workshop	Yale Law School	<i>"Parrots, Penguins, and Putnam's Ants: Chatbots and the Illocutionary Backstop 🦜"</i>
	Sep	USU Ethics and AI Conference	Utah State University	<i>"Parrots, Penguins, and Putnam's Ants: Chatbots and the Illocutionary Backstop 🦜"</i>
	Jul	North American Society for Social Philosophy	Creighton U.	<i>"Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-Pragmatics of Heresy"</i>
	Jun	ISOS Social Ontology	Duke University	<i>"Baptizing Penguins: The Socio-Pragmatics of Heresy"</i>
2023	Oct	HaPoC-7	Warsaw U. of Tech.	<i>"Agentic and Algorithmic Context Collapse"</i>
	Sep	MANCEPT Workshop, "Governing AI"	U. of Manchester	<i>"Cruel Optimism and AI Governance: Democratization as a Magic Concept"</i>
	May	Narrative Policy Framework Workshop	U. of Speyer	<i>"Narrative Arenas of Power: A Dynamistic Policy Typology"</i>
	Apr	Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)		<i>"Examining the Roles of Influence in Organizational Decision-Making and Perceived Value Congruence on Trust in Information Regarding COVID-19" with Creed Tumblison</i>
	Mar	Philosophy, AI, and Society Doctoral Colloquium	Oxford University	<i>"Agentic and Algorithmic Context Collapse"</i>
	Feb	APA: Central SYMPOSIUM:		<i>"Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care"</i>
2022	Aug	ISOS Social Ontology		<i>"Illocuting Identity: Prayer, Pornography, and Behabitive Speech Acts"</i>

	Jul	North American Society for Social Philosophy	Neumann University	<i>"Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care"</i>
	May	Canadian Philosophical Association Congress		<i>"On Useless Wights: An Aristotelian Critique of Fake News"</i>
	May	Machine Wisdom Workshop (II)	U. of Pittsburgh	<i>"Consider the Lobster: Speciesism, Algorithmic Bias, and the Ethics of Care"</i>
	Apr	Great Lakes Philosophy Conference	Siena Heights U.	<i>"Illocuting Identity: Prayer, Pornography, and Behabitive Speech Acts"</i>
	Jan	APA: Eastern COLLOQUIUM:		<i>"On the Epistemic Threats of Counterfeit Memorials"</i>
2021	Oct	The Cogweirdo Workshop	(Online)	<i>"The Rights and Wrongs of Eating People (and Their Pets)"</i>
	Oct	Concerned Philosophers for Peace Conference	(Online/COVID)	<i>"Malpractice on Human Souls: The Violence of Fake News" with Jacob Warren</i>
	Oct	Public Philosophy Network Conference	(Online/COVID)	<i>"On Useless Wights: An Aristotelian Critique of Fake News"</i>
	Aug	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XIV	U. of Colorado (Online/COVID)	<i>"On Deepfakes and Confederate Monuments: The Epistemic Threat of Counterfeit Memorials"</i>
	May	Society of Christian Philosophers (Mtn.-Pac.)	(Online/COVID)	<i>"Christian Nationalism, QAnon, and COVID-19: On the Epistemology of Heresy"</i>
2020	Nov	ASA Workshop on the Philosophy of Games	(Online/COVID)	<i>"'Roll Initiative': Make-Believe, Striving Games, and Cognitive Perspectivalism"</i>
	Feb	APA: Central POSTER:		<i>"'Observation Reconsidered' Reconsidered: Theory-Ladenness, Epistemic Charge, and Norm-Sensitive Aliefs"</i>
	Feb	APA: Central AFF'L. COLLOQUIUM:		<i>"'Teach Me to Do What's Right': Faith, Hope, and Love as Post-Religious Virtues"</i>
2019	Oct	Theistic Ethics Workshop	Georgetown U.	<i>"'The Sin that Dwells in Me': Theistic Ethics and Belief-Discordant Aliefs"</i>
	Aug	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XII	U. of Colorado	<i>"Diathetic Injustice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief"</i>
	Apr	Gettysburg Philosophy and Film Seminar	Gettysburg College	<i>"Why a Storyteller Can't Change the Past: Contextualism, the Semantics/Pragmatics Divide, and Repetition in the Art of Time Travel Narratives"</i>
	Mar	Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop	U. of Memphis	LIGHTNING TALK: <i>"Diathetic Injustice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief"</i>
2018	Apr	The Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture	Baylor University	<i>"'And Also Much Cattle': Theological Reflections of the Zoopolis"</i>
2017	Nov	Evangelical Philosophical Society		<i>"He Descended into... Heaven?: Obdurationism and the Descent of Christ"</i>
2016	Oct	Faith, Film, and Philosophy Seminar	Gonzaga University	<i>"Shantih Shantih Shantih: The Aporia of Solicitude in Children of Men"</i>
2015	Oct	Northwest Philosophy Conference	North Idaho College	<i>"The Pig's Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism"</i>
	Aug	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress VIII	U. of Colorado	<i>"The Pig's Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism"</i>

2014	Nov	Northwest Philosophy Conference	Cent. Washington U.	<i>“Embodied Magic: Phenomenology of Fantasy Inside Batman’s Arkham Asylum”</i>
	Apr	Society of Christian Philosophers (Mtn.-Pac.)	Carroll University	<i>“All Animals are Equal: Dominion, Deontology, and De Facto Vegetarianism”</i>
2013	Apr	Faith, Film, and Philosophy Seminar	Gonzaga University	<i>“Superheroes: What Would Tolkien Think of Batman?”</i>

COMMENTS DELIVERED

2026	Apr	APA: Pacific	<i>“The Social Life of Language: Conventionalism, Language Change, and Social Values”</i>	Seungtaek Lee (UCLA)
	Jan	APA: Eastern	<i>“Silent Complicity”</i>	Yasha Sapir (USC)
2025	Aug	Midwest Early-Career Soc. Phil. of Tech. Wkshp	<i>“Speakerless Speech in LLMs”</i>	Gretchen Ellefson (Southern Utah)
2024	Oct	Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference	<i>“Commitment Normativism—How a Normativist about Belief Can Embrace Output-side Requirements without Giving Up the Connection to Truth”</i>	Aliosha Barranco Lopez (Bowdoin)
	Mar	2nd Penn-Georgetown Digital Ethics Workshop	<i>“The Right to Explain”</i>	Chelsea Rosenthal (Simon Fraser)
	Mar	APA: Pacific Symposium: Philosophy of Content Moderation	<i>“Should YouTube Make Recommendations for the Climate?”</i> <i>“Something AI Should Tell You: The Case for Labeling Synthetic Content”</i> <i>“The (Normative) Case for Bridging-Based Ranking”</i>	Martin Gibert et al. (Montreal) Sarah Fisher (UC London) Luke Thorburn (KCL)
2023	Aug	Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress XVI	<i>“The Implications of Understanding Moral Principles as Generics”</i>	Ravi Thakral (Nevada-Reno)
2022	Apr	Central States Philosophical Association	<i>“In Defense of Negativity: Why Echo Chambers Should Not Be Neutral”</i>	Cassie Finley (Iowa)
2021	Oct	Southwestern Philosophical Society	<i>“Is Annihilationism More Severe than Eternal Conscious Torment?”</i>	Eric Reitan (Oklahoma State)
	Feb	APA: Central	<i>“Kant on Whether Plants Represent”</i>	Tyke Nunez (U. of South Carolina)
	Jan	The Cogtweeto Workshop	<i>“Mono no Aware as Humane Action”</i>	Johnathan Flowers (American U.)
2020	Feb	APA: Central	<i>“Pains as Objects of Perception”</i>	Jessie Wilson (USC)
2019	Aug	Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals	<i>“Temperance, Meat-Eating, and Virtue Ethics”</i>	Raja Halwani (Art Inst. of Chicago)

COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS

2018–22	<i>The Prindle Post</i>	Regular magazine-style articles as a News Analyst
2014–23	<i>Popular Culture and Philosophy</i>	Chapters in 8 volumes (Open Court/Carus, R&L, Wiley-Blackwell) e.g. <i>Supernatural</i> , <i>Mr. Rogers</i> , <i>Doctor Who</i> , <i>Jane Austen</i> , <i>Star Wars</i>

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	J. Hillman Yowell Award for Excellence in Teaching	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
2023–24	Doctoral Research Affiliate in the <i>Machine Intelligence and Normative Theory (MINT) Lab</i>	AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
2023	Vernon Teaching Award (Dept. of Philosophy)	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
2022	The GPSC Leadership Award	Grad-Prof. Student Congress UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
2022	Graduate Student Essay Prize	CANADIAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOC.
2021–24	Affiliated Graduate Fellowship with the <i>Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project</i>	U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
2021	Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award	(3rd) CONCERNED PHILOSOPHERS FOR PEACE
2021	Scientifically Engaged Lecture Grant	\$2000 THE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHERS
2021	The SEC Emerging Scholars List	THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE
2020–24	Doctoral Academy Fellowship	\$48,000 UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
2020	The Alex Marino Service Award	Grad-Prof. Student Congress UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
2019	Phillip S. Bashor Graduate Philosophy Scholarship	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
2018	PhD Application Fee Waiver Grant	\$250 INST. FOR HUMANE STUDIES

TEACHING

I have served as the Instructor of Record for each of the following classes, listed by institution.

*** = more than one semester

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

- Introduction to Ethics***
- Introduction to Philosophy***
- Critical Reasoning
- Human Nature and the Meaning of Life

MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

- Ethics and Contemporary Moral Issues
- Introduction to Philosophy***
- Biomedical Ethics

COLORADO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

- Introduction to Ethics***
- Contemporary Ethics in Action
- Ethics for Professionals***

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022–25	Operations Director, and Project Manager	Good Impressions Media	
2023	Policy Analyst	Ozark Regional Transit “Towards Promoting Ridership Attitudes: A Policy Analysis” City of Fayetteville, AR “Review: The Community Compost & Food Waste Reduction Program”	
2020–21	Research Assistant	University of Arkansas	<i>The Reasoning in the Digital Age Project</i>

SERVICE

2026–27	Co-Creator	The Philosophy of Dialogue Conference w/ Cassie Finley and Matt Willis	HARVARD / E&L SAFRA CTR.
2025–28	Board Member	The Academic Philosophy Data and Analysis (APDA) Project	
2024–27	Co-Creator	The Social Philosophy Workshop w/ Holly Longair and Kelly Weirich	NASSP
2024	Organizer	“Philosophy Education Beyond the Academy”	APA LIVE w/ PLATO
2023	Organizer	“Contemporary Trans Philosophy”	APA: PAC. w/ TRANS PHIL. PROJ.
2023	Organizer	“Teaching Philosophy with Art and Literature”	APA LIVE
2022–26	Editorial Assistant	<i>Faith and Philosophy</i>	SOC. OF CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHERS
2022	Co-Creator	The Philosophy in the Ozarks Graduate Conference w/ Tori Cotton	U. OF ARKANSAS
2021–26	Reviewer (Sel., A→Z)	ACM FAccT, <i>Analysis, Between the Species</i> , Cogtweeto, <i>Episteme</i> , <i>IJPR</i> , <i>JAPA</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Social Epistemology</i> , W.W. Norton & Company	
2021	Organizer	Panel: “The Inhumanity of Fake News” w/ Jennifer Foster, Megan Fritts, and Seth Goldwasser	PUBLIC PHIL. NETWORK CONF.

ELECTED SERVICE

2022–24	Representative	(2 yrs)	Graduate Student Council AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION
2018–22	President Pro Tempore	(1 yr)	Graduate and Professional Student Congress
	Executive Secretary	(1 yr)	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
	Committee Chair	(2 yrs)	
2018–24	President	(1 yr)	Graduate Student Philosophical Society
	GPSC Representative	(2 yrs)	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

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