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Education

2002, Ph.D., philosophy, University of Notre Dame
1998, M.A., philosophy, University of Notre Dame
1995, A.B., philosophy, political science, University of Missouri at Columbia

Research & Teaching

Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Moral Psychology
Areas of Competence: Ancient Greek Philosophy, Feminism, Philosophy of Race

Academic Appointments

2013- Northern Illinois University, associate professor of philosophy
2007- 2013 Northern Illinois University, assistant professor of philosophy
2006-2007 University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion, postdoctoral fellow
2002-2006 Saint Louis University, assistant professor of philosophy
2001-2002 Saint Louis University, instructor of philosophy
2000-2001 University of Notre Dame, graduate fellow
1995-1999 University of Notre Dame, Presidential Fellow

Publications

Forthcoming. "Logical and Theological Fatalism," *A Companion to Free Will*. Ed. Joe Campbell. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

2017. "Revisiting the Mind Argument," *Being, Freedom, and Method: Themes from van Inwagen*. Ed. John A. Keller. Oxford: Oxford UP. 118-139.

2017. "Logical Fatalism," *The Routledge Companion to Free Will*. Eds. Kevin Timpe, Meghan Griffith, and Neil Levy. New York: Routledge. 191-202.

2015. "Ockhamism," *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online*. New York: Routledge.

2013. "Against Libertarianism," *Philosophical Studies* 166: 475-93.

2013. "On Behalf of the Consequence Argument: Time, Modality, and the Nature of Free Action," *Philosophical Studies* 163: 151-70.

2011. "Experimental Philosophy and the Concept of Moral Responsibility," *The Modern Schoolman* 88: 145-60.

2008. "Presentism and Ockham's Way Out" (with Michael C. Rea), *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 1. Ed. Jonathan Kvanvig. Oxford: Oxford UP. 1-17. Reprinted in *Freedom, Fatalism, and Foreknowledge*. Eds. John Martin Fischer and Patrick Todd. Oxford: Oxford UP. 2015.

1999. "Fatalism: Logical and Theological" (with Ted A. Warfield). *Faith and Philosophy* 16: 233-8.

1998. "The Mind Argument and Libertarianism" (with Ted A. Warfield). *Mind* 107: 515-28.

Work in Progress

"Culpability and Modality: The Metaphysics of the Principle of Alternative Possibilities"
Monograph, philosophical exploration of the development of the notion of *blameworthiness* from Aristotle to the present

Book Reviews

2018. John Martin Fischer's *Our Fate: Essays on God and Free Will, Faith and Philosophy* 35: 497-502.
2003. Bas van Fraassen's *The Empirical Stance, American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 77: 302-7.

Presentations

- "Modality and the Metaphysics of Blame," Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 4 May 2019
- Comments on Helen de Cruz's "Intersectionality in the philosophy of religion: A theoretical analysis and focus group study," Annual Logos Workshop, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 26 May 2018
- "How to Conduct the Free Will Debate: Some Modest Proposals," Keynote Address, Meeting of the Minnesota Philosophical Society, St. Cloud, MN, 4 November 2017
- "Being Precise About What We Are (and Aren't) Morally Responsible For," Philosophy Department Colloquium, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN, 3 November
- "No Choice about the Present: Response to Campbell on the Consequence Argument," Meeting of the Illinois Philosophical Association, Dekalb, IL, 22 October 2017
- "Kapitan on Free Will," Kapitan Memorial Conference, Dekalb, IL 20 October 2017
- Comments on Anne Baril's "The Role of Intellectual Humility in the Realization of Basic Human Goods," 11th *Episteme* Conference, Phuket, Thailand, 13 June 2015
- "Moral Responsibility, Determinism, and Doing What One Ought Not to Do," The Randomness and Foreknowledge Conference, Dallas, TX, 25 October 2014
- "Moral Responsibility, Heaven, and Hell," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, 28 February 2014
- "Moral Responsibility, Sin, and the History of the Free Will Debate," XXIII World Congress of Philosophy, Athens, Greece, 5 August 2013
- Comments on Mike Popejoy's "Self-Representation & Good Determination," Meeting of the Illinois Philosophical Association, Urbana, IL, 2 November 2012
- "A Challenge for Event Causal Libertarianism," Meeting of the Illinois Philosophical Association, Dekalb, IL, 18 November 2011
- Comments on Derk Pereboom's "A Deterministic Conception of Divine Providence," Annual Logos Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, 13 May 2010
- Comments on James Cain's "Fischer and the Flicker of Freedom," Meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association, Dekalb, IL, 9 October 2009
- "Freedom of the Will and Christian Parenthood," The Family: 9th Annual Fall Conference of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame, IN, 6-8 November 2008
- "Practical Wisdom, *Eudaimonia*, and Surrender: A Philosophical Account," Defining Wisdom Symposium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 21-22 August 2008
- Comments on Allen Gehring's "Essentialism Versus Essentialism," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, 18-20 April 2008
- Comments on Michael Hartsock's "Omissions as Causes," Meeting of the Central States Philosophical Association, Des Moines, IA, 5 October 2007
- "Freedom and Incompatibilism: Does the One Preclude the Other?" University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion, February 2007
- Comments on Chris Tucker's "Agent Causation and the Alleged Impossibility of Rational Free Action," American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, 27-29 April 2006

Comments on Paul Anders's "Material Beings and the Survival of Death," Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Division Meeting, 16-18 February 2006

"Freedom and Incompatibilism," Cornell College, 13 February 2006

"Freedom and Incompatibilism: Does the One Preclude the Other?" University of St. Thomas, 8 February 2006

"Robust Freedom: Human and Divine," California State University, Long Beach, 26 January 2006

"Robust Freedom and Incompatibilism: Does the One Preclude the Other?" Assumption College, 23 January 2006

"Robust Freedom and Incompatibilism: Does the One Preclude the Other?" Northern Illinois University, 20 January 2006

"Robust Freedom and Incompatibilism: Does the One Preclude the Other?" Messiah College, 17 January 2006

"How to Be a Robust Libertarian," Philosophy Department Colloquium, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, 19 November 2004

"Restrictivism, Character Formation and Epistemic Conditions on Moral Responsibility," Wake Forest University, 18 November 2004

"How to Be a Libertarian", Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 17 September 2004

Comments on Matthew McGrath's "No Objects, No Problem? Nihilism and the Puzzles of Material Constitution," Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, 1-3 August 2004

Comments on Katherin Rogers's "A Prolegomenon to a Christian Analysis of Agent-causal Freedom," American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, 31 October 2003

"Agent Control and Undetermined Free Action," Society of Christian Philosophers, Central Division Meeting, Bloomington, IN, 12-14 September 2002

"Agent Control and Undetermined Free Action," Pew Workshop on the Metaphysics of Human Persons, Princeton, NJ, 5-8 September 2002

"Why Bother with Agent Causation?" Humans: A Workshop, sponsored by the CCCU and Calvin College, Calvin College, Grand Rapids Michigan, 9 March 2001

"Why Bother with Agent Causation?" Saint Louis University, 4 January 2001

"The Inadequacy of Existing Responses to the Argument for the Impossibility of Undetermined Free Action". Humans: A Conference, sponsored by the CCCU, Gordon College, Wenham, MA, 10 August 2000

Service to the Profession

Co-organizer and panelist, panel discussion, "Future Directions in Christian Philosophy," Society of Christian Philosophers 40th Anniversary Conference and Celebration, Grand Rapids, MI, 15 September 2018.

Chair, Diversity Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers, February 2014-August 2019

Member, Diversity Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers, August 2019-

Ombudsperson, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2016-August 2019

Book Review Editor, *Faith & Philosophy*, 2017-2019

Member, Executive Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2014-2016

Member, Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, 2016 Central Division Meeting

Referee for various journals, conferences, academic presses

Session chair at various conferences
External reviewer for various tenure and promotion cases

Professional Development

Participant in "Building a Culture of Non-Discrimination AND What Everyone Ought to Know About Title IX, But Were Afraid To Ask," workshop sponsored by Affirmative Action and Equity Compliance, Office of the Vice President and Provost, NIU, 8 March 2017

Honors and Awards

Finalist, Defining Wisdom Project, University of Chicago, January 2008

University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 2006-7

University of Notre Dame, Presidential Fellowship, 1995-1999

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Missouri at Columbia, inducted 1995

National Merit Scholarship, 1992-1995

Curators Scholarship, University of Missouri at Columbia, 1992-1995

Bright Flight Scholarship, University of Missouri at Columbia, 1992-1995