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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Purdue University, Philosophy Department (2023 – present)

Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow, Rhodes College, Philosophy Department (2021 – 2023)

Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow, Georgetown Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, Georgetown University, McDonough School of Business (2020 - 2021)

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Philosophy	University of North Carolina	2020
M.A.	Philosophy	University of Wisconsin	2015
M.A.	Philosophy	Texas Tech University	2012
B.A.	Philosophy	University of Tennessee	2009

AOS Ethics, Epistemology

AOC PPE, Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Effective Altruism, Disaster Prevention, and the Possibility of Hell: A Dilemma for Secular Longtermists
   Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion, vol. 12 (forthcoming).

2. Moorean Arguments Against the Error Theory: A Defense
   Oxford Studies in Metaethics vol. 18 (2023): 191-217.

3. Do the Standards of Rationality Depend on Resource Context?
   Acta Analytica 38 (2022): 323–333.

4. What if Ideal Advice Conflicts? A Dilemma for Idealizing Accounts of Normative Practical Reasons
   Philosophical Studies 179 (2021): 1091–1111.

5. How Level-Splitting Beliefs Can Help You Rationally Respond to Moral Disagreement
   (with Margaret Greta Turnbull) in Michael Klenk (ed.), *Higher Order Evidence and Moral Epistemology*. New York: Routledge (2020): 239-55.

6. The Self-Undermining Arguments from Disagreement
   Oxford Studies in Metaethics vol. 14 (2019): 23-46.

7. Against Scanlon's Theory of the Strength of Practical Reasons
   Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy 3 (2015): 1-6.

8. On Believing the Error Theory (with Alexander Hyun)
   Journal of Philosophy 111 (2014): 631-640.

9. Parsimony and the Argument from Queerness (with Justin Morton)
   Res Philosophica 91 (2014): 609-627.

UNDER REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS

The Ethical Limits of Philosophical Inquiry (with Rebecca Tuvel)
Partisan Political Belief Clusters are Not Irrational
Ideally Coherent Plato: A Challenge to Metaethical Constructivism
Intellectual Courage in the Face of Normative Disagreement
The Semantic Insignificance of Fundamental Moral Disagreement

PRESENTATIONS

Ideally Coherent Plato: A Challenge to Metaethical Constructivism

- MadMeta: 23rd Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin (September 2026)
- FrankMeta8, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, Frankfurt, Germany (June 2026)
- Sixth Groningen Metaethics Workshop, University of Groningen (April 2026)

Creating Utility Monsters: A Dilemma for Humanity

- AI and Philosophy Conference, University of New Orleans (April 2026)

Partisan Belief Clusters are Not Irrational

- Central Texas Political Theory Workshop (February 2026)
- University of Vermont Colloquium (September 2025)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans, LA (November 2022)
- Bowling Green State Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy (April 2022)

What's Wrong with Gender-Critical Philosophy? (with Rebecca Tuvel)

- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, London, England (July 2026)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans, LA (November 2025)

The Ethical Limits of Philosophical Inquiry (with Rebecca Tuvel)

- Society for Applied Philosophy, Gdansk, Poland (June 2025)
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, New Orleans, LA (November 2023)

Arguments from Moral Knowledge: An Obituary

- Canadian Philosophical Association, Montreal, Quebec (June 2024)

Effective Altruism, Disaster Prevention, and the Possibility of Hell: A Dilemma for Secular Longtermists

- Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference (May 2021)
- Religious Perspectives on Effective Altruism, U of Fribourg, Switzerland (September 2019)

Moorean Arguments Against the Error Theory: A Defense

- MadMeta: 18th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin (September 2021)

Intellectual Courage in the Face of Intractable Normative Disagreement

- European Epistemology Network Conference, University of Glasgow (June 2021)
- Humboldt Normativity Conference, Berlin (December 2020)
- Tennessee Philosophical Association, Vanderbilt University (November 2019)

What if Ideal Advice Conflicts? A Dilemma for Idealizing Accounts of Normative Practical Reasons

- Chapel Hill Normativity Conference (March 2020)
- International Conference on Ethics, University of Porto, Portugal (June 2019)
- Cyprus Metaethics Conference, University of Cyprus (April 2019)

Can We Rationally Believe Conciliationism?

- 1st Annual Social Epistemology Networking Event, University of Oslo (May 2018)
- APA Central Division, Chicago (February 2018)
- Social Epistemology Summer School, University of Madrid (August 2017)
- IIFS-UNAM Philosophy Conference, Mexico City (February 2017)

The Self-Undermining Arguments from Disagreement

- MadMeta: 14th Annual Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin (September 2017)

What Good are Bioethicists if they Disagree so Much?

- Penn Bioethics Bootcamp, University of Pennsylvania (June 2017)

Group Conciliationism

- Workshop on Groups and Disagreement, University of Copenhagen (March 2017)

Why You Should Be Agnostic about Composite Objects (with Justin Morton)

- Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, CU-Boulder (April 2015)
- Western Michigan Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (December 2014)

Parsimony and the Argument from Queerness (with Justin Morton)

- 40th Conference on Value Inquiry: The Foundations of Morality (May 2014)

On Believing the Error Theory (with Alex Hyun)

- Wisconsin Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (April 2014)
- Arizona State University Philosophy Graduate Conference (April 2014)

COMMENTS

David Thorstad's "Level Separation in Epistemology"

- SLACRR, St. Louis Area Conference on Reasons and Rationality (May 2025)

Justin Koon's "Moral Reality as Sham and Illusion"

- APA Central (February 2025)

Weiwei Mo's "Selfhood and Meaning in Life"

- APA Eastern Division, New York City (January 2025)

Jacob Blitz's "Non-Ideal Expressive Ethics"

- Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College (April 2024)

Vinicius Carvalho's "Kant's Constitutivism and the Shmagency Objection."

- APA Eastern Division, New York City (January 2024)

Evan Williams's "An Actualist Argument for Scalar Consequentialism"

- APA Central Division, Chicago (March 2020)

Stan Husi's "Das Nichts Nichtet"

- RoME: Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2019)

Marc-Kevin Daoust's "Apparent Reasons and Second-Best Epistemology"

- SLACRR, St. Louis Area Conference on Reasons and Rationality (May 2019)

Invited Commentator-at-Large

- Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference (November 2018)

Susanne Mantel's "Levels of Reasonableness and Worldly Reasons"

- Rationality & Reasonableness Conference, University of Cologne (April 2018)

TEACHING

Metaethics Survey (graduate course)	Purdue	Fall 2026
Ethics of Data Science	Purdue	Fall 2024, 2025
Introduction to Ethics	Purdue	Fall 2024, 2025, 2026
Directed Reading: *The Moral Universe*	Purdue	Spring 2024
Directed Reading: *Academic Freedom*	Purdue	Fall 2023
Wisdom, Virtue, and the Good Life	Purdue	F 2023, S 2025, F 2026
The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence	Rhodes College	Spring 2023
Modern Political Philosophy	Rhodes College	Spring 2023
History of Western Political Thought	Rhodes College	Fall 2022
Money, Markets, and Morals	Rhodes College	Spring 2022
Ethics (x4)	Rhodes College	Fall 2021 – Fall 2022
Ethical Values in Business (business school)	Georgetown	Spring 2021
Business Ethics	Georgetown	Fall 2020

Business Ethics & the Legal Environment (x2)	George Washington U.	Fall 2020
Bioethics (x3)	North Carolina	Summer 2019, 2020
Political Philosophy	North Carolina	Spring 2019
The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense	North Carolina	Fall 2018
Philosophy of Western Religion	North Carolina	Summer 2018
PPE: Philosophy, Politics, & Economics	North Carolina	Fall 2017
Introduction to Philosophy	Texas Tech	F 2011, S 2012

SERVICE, ETC.

Referee: *Noûs*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), *Analysis*, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (x2), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Synthese* (x4), *Erkenntnis*, *Episteme*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (x2), *Journal of Moral Philosophy, The Journal of Ethics* (x2), *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Theoria*, *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*
Hiring Committee Member: Ethics and Ancient Philosophy Tenure-Track Line (2026)
Colloquium Committee Member: Purdue Philosophy Colloquium Committee (2024 – 2027)
Area Exam Committee Member: Jason Skelton's Ethics Area Exam (May - August 2025)
Prospectus Committee Member: Zoe Stein's "Recursive Commitments" (December 2025)
Faculty Advisor: Effective Altruism Purdue (2023 – 2026)
Debate Participant: Is Moral Realism True? (with David Enoch, Matt Lutz, and Don Loeb) (June 2024)
Fourth Reader: Josh Folk's Dissertation (May 2026)
Fourth Reader: Ben Elmore's Dissertation, *Scanlonian Contractualism and Animals* (May 2024)
Referee: PPE Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA (2024, 2025, 2026)
Faculty Panelist: "The Use and Ethics of AI in Entertainment" at Purdue University (2023)
Faculty Panelist: "Teaching in the age of Chat GPT" at Rhodes College (2023)
Organizer: "Who is Wronged by Wrongful Exploitation?" by Brian Berkey at Rhodes College (2022)
Co-organizer: "Pandemic Ethics: A Conversation with Peter Singer" at Rhodes College (2021)
PPE Reading Group Leader: Locke's *Second Treatise* and *A Letter Concerning Toleration*
PPE Advisor (2018-19)
Planning Committee Member: PPE Society Meeting in New Orleans (2019, 2020)
Judge: North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
Judge: National High School Ethics Bowl Championships (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)