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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame
Ph.D. in Philosophy (Apr 2017)

Texas A&M University
M.A. in Philosophy (May 2011)

Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
B.A. in Philosophy (May 2008), *summa cum laude*

AREAS OF INTEREST

AOS Ethics, Philosophy of Mind, Action Theory (including Free Will)

AOC Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

PUBLICATIONS

“Freedom and (Theoretical) Reason,” *Synthese* (2015) 192: 25-41.

PRESENTATIONS

“Epistemic Luck vs. Shared Epistemic Credit,” IV Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, Bogota, Colombia (Feb 2016)

“Discretion in Acting, Intending and Believing,” Women in Philosophy in the Chicago Area (Oct 2015)

“Voluntarist Reasons and Religious Experience as Transformative Experience,” comments presented at Annual Logos Conference, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame (May 2015)

“Reconceiving Reasons-Responsiveness,” Women in Philosophy in the Chicago Area (Apr 2015)

“Freedom and (Theoretical) Reason,” USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy (Feb 2014)

- Society of Christian Philosophers satellite session at the Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Indianapolis, IN (Nov 2013)
- “Value Ladenness and Receptivity are Compatible: An Examination of Debates in Feminist Philosophy of Science,” InterAmerican Society of Philosophers, Salvador, Brazil (Oct 2013)
- “Rational Activity and Doxastic Control,” Epistemology Brown Bag Series, Northwestern University (Jan 2013)
- “Epistemic Agency and Luck,” comments presented at 3rd Annual Northwestern-Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference (Apr 2012).
- “Justifying Moral Judgments: The (Non?) Threat of Jesse Prinz’s Moral Relativism,” North Texas Philosophical Association Annual Conference (Apr 2011)
- “Mental Agency and Attributionist (or ‘Real Self’) Accounts of Moral Responsibility,” Texas A&M University Graduate Colloquium Series (Nov 2010)
- “Ethics of Belief,” invited talk for Intro to Philosophy course, professor Robert Garcia Texas A&M University (Sept 2010)

TEACHING

University of Notre Dame

- Introduction to Philosophy (teaching, assistant, including discussion session instruction and maintenance of course website), *fall 2016*
- Introduction to Philosophy (lead instructor), *spring 2016*
- Introduction to Philosophy (teaching assistant, including discussion session instruction), *fall 2014*

Texas A&M University

- Introduction to Formal Logic (teaching assistant, including discussion session instruction), *spring 2011*
- Introduction to Formal Logic (teaching assistant, including discussion session instruction), *fall 2010;*
- Engineering Ethics (teaching assistant, including discussion session instruction), *spring 2010*
- Engineering Ethics (teaching assistant, including discussion session instruction), *fall 2009*

PROFESSIONAL WORK

University of Notre Dame

- Alternative Career Placement Assistant (spring 2017-fall 2017)
 - Took initiative to design and implement role aimed at developing alternative, non-academic job placement among Philosophy graduate students. Responsibilities include collecting non-academic placement data among Notre Dame Philosophy PhD alumni going back 20 years; building relationships with alumni working

outside academia and establishing panel of alumni willing to serve as mentors for current students seeking non-academic employment; generating detailed list of transferable skills to be used as reference by current and future students; filling gaps in existing career counseling services provided by the University and connecting current Philosophy graduate students seeking non-academic employment with opportunities of interest; generating list of interdisciplinary course bundles to be used as reference by current and future students entering the program to design course of study amenable to dual academic and non-academic employment upon graduation; and coordinating alternative skills training opportunities for current students seeking non-academic employment.

- Graduate Assistant, *Introduction to Philosophy: God and the Good Life* (summer 2016-fall 2016)
 - Hired by Professor Meghan Sullivan to assist in development of new undergraduate Intro course involving significant web platform. In addition to serving as TA for the course, was hired to do additional work developing course website, including constructing web pages and contributing blog posts relaying course content to a public audience. During semester was responsible for organizing and operating audiovisual equipment to film course lectures as well as assisting in strategizing public dissemination of course content via social media.
- Graduate Assistant, *The Problem of Evil and Contemporary Moral Theory* (fall 2013 – spring 2014)
 - One of two graduate students hired by Professor James Sterba to participate in year-long John Templeton Foundation grant-funded research on the problem of evil and contemporary moral theory. Work included participating in a weekly reading group; planning, publicizing, and coordinating two academic conferences; and contributing one original paper
- Graduate Assistant and On-site Coordinator, *Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics* (January 2013 – September 2013)
 - Sole graduate student hired by Professor Meghan Sullivan to plan, publicize and coordinate the 2nd Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics (MAWM) held at Notre Dame September 14-15, 2013.
- Graduate Assistant, *Center for Philosophy of Religion* (fall 2012 – spring 2013)
 - Worked for Center directors, Professors Michael Rea and Samuel Newlands, managing responsibilities, including: planning and coordinating weekly Center events; serving as editor of the Center's annual newsletter; coordinating and performing research-related tasks for the Center's fifteen visiting fellows; helping strategize, develop, and coordinate Center's media (web and video) content; and serving as one of main organizers for Center's annual Logos conference

HONORS & AWARDS

Notebaert Professional Development Award, University of Notre Dame (\$2,243)

University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion Graduate Student Fellowship (2011-2016)

Presidential Merit Scholar (highest scholarship awarded at Saint Mary's College, 2004–2008)

Alcoa Foundation Scholarship (academic merit scholarship, 2004-2008)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Lumen Christi fully-funded Ethics seminar, directed by Professor Mark Murphy, selected participant (Jun 2011)

Princeton fully-funded Thomistic seminar, selected participant (Aug 2010)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

- Department Climate Committee, Graduate Student Representative (fall 2014 –spring 2015)
- Referee Notre Dame Northwestern Graduate Student Epistemology Conference (spring 2015)
- Initiated and organized Undergraduate Women's Philosophy Event (fall 2013)
- External Review Committee, Graduate Student Representative (spring 2012)
- Graduate Student Coordinator, Prospective Students Visit (spring 2012)
- Graduate Student Representative to the Notre Dame Philosophy Department (fall 2011 – spring 2012)

REFERENCES

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