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Curriculum Vitae
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At-a-Glance Highlights:

Grants & leadership: Intellectual leadership on over \$12M USD in academic grants. PI on the pending “Virtues & Vices of Spiritual Yearning” project (\$2.6M USD, John Templeton Foundation; recently submitted to JTF’s Board for final approval) scheduled to start in 2026.

Research output: two monographs published, one under contract (CUP Elements), and a fourth underway; 30+ peer-reviewed articles/chapters. 800+ citations on Google Scholar, current h-index of 11.

Field visibility (PhilPapers, past 5 years): top 4% overall publication volume sitewide; in epistemology: top 2% for publication volume & for downloads; in philosophy of psychology: top 1% publication volume and top 4% for downloads.

Teaching effectiveness (student evaluations): 99.3% agree/strongly agree “The professor was highly effective in teaching this course”; 93% agree/strongly agree “Overall, I found this to be an excellent course.” Number of philosophy majors at current institution tripled within a few years of my hire (from 5 to 15, out of 1400 total students).

AREAS OF
SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Psychology

AREAS OF
COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science, Logic, Early Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Scholar, Oxford University (non-stipendiary)	2025 (Summer)
Director, The Arete Research Center for Philosophy, Science, and Society	2020-Present
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Hillsdale College	2022-Present
Visiting Scholar, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology (non-stipendiary)	2019 (Summer)
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hillsdale College	2018-2022
Visiting Scholar, University of St Andrews (non-stipendiary)	2018 (Summer)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hillsdale College	2016-2018
Research Fellow, University of Edinburgh	2015-2016
Research Fellow, Saint Louis University	2013-2015
<i>Provided intellectual leadership on the “Philosophy and Theology of Intellectual Humility” project, valued at \$3.2m USD.</i>	
Research Fellow, Fuller Graduate School of Psychology	2012-2015
<i>Provided intellectual leadership on the “Science of Intellectual Humility” project, valued at \$5.4m USD.</i>	

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, St Andrews-Stirling Joint Programme in Philosophy	2012
Thesis: <i>Virtue Epistemology and the Analysis of Knowledge</i>	
Committee: Patrick Greenough (primary), Philip Ebert, Stewart Cohen	
External Examiner: John Greco	
Internal Examiner: Katherine Hawley	

Visiting Scholar, Rutgers University Faculty Advisor: Ernest Sosa	2010
MLitt in Philosophy, St Andrews-Stirling Joint Programme in Philosophy Thesis: <i>Linda Zagzebski's Analysis of the Gettier Problem, Crispin Wright's Theory of Entitlement of Cognitive Project, and the Possibility of Gettier-Proof Basic Beliefs</i> Supervisor: Dylan Dodd	2008
BA in Philosophy and English, Ball State University	2005

ACADEMIC GRANTS

" <i>The Virtues and Vices of Spiritual Yearning</i> ." PI, the John Templeton Foundation (\$2,592,390 USD.) Pending final approval from the Board at JTF. Official decision expected in October of 2025.	2026-2028 (tentative)
"Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion." PI, The John Templeton Foundation (\$2,495,000 USD).	2021-2024
"Psychology and Virtue Lecture Proposal." The SCP Scientifically Engaged Lecture Initiative (\$2,000 USD).	2022
"The Problem of Evil and Experimental Philosophy of Religion." PI, The John Templeton Foundation (\$244,000 USD).	2018-2020
"Plantinga Reading Group." PI, SCP Plantinga Reading Groups (\$3,000 USD).	2017-2018
"Intellectual Humility Massive Open Online Course." Co-PI with Duncan Pritchard, The John Templeton Foundation (£400,000).	2015-2018
"The Development of a Theory of Virtue." Co-PI with Peter Samuelson, Thrive Seed Grant from the Thrive Centre for Human Development (\$1,000 (USD)).	2014
"Foundations for a Theory of Virtue." Co-PI with Emil Salem, Thrive Seed Grant from the Thrive Center for Human Development (\$3,000 USD).	2013
"Placement Workshop." PI, GRADskills Innovation Grant from the University of St Andrews (£1,000).	2011
"Graduate Reflectorium." Co-PI with André Grahle, GRADskills Innovation Grant from the University of St Andrews (£1,000)	2010

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

<i>Experimental Psychology and Philosophy of Religion</i> , Cambridge University Press (Elements Series)	<i>under contract</i>
<i>Virtue Epistemology and the Analysis of Knowledge</i> . Bloomsbury Academic.	2023
<i>Intellectual Humility: An Introduction to the Philosophy and Science</i> [co-authored with Peter L. Samuelson]. Bloomsbury Academic.	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 231 Citations on Google Scholar 	

Journal Articles / Book Chapters (n = 30)

- “Freud’s Critique of Religion.” An invited entry for the *Dictionary of Christian Apologists and Their Critics* (Wiley-Blackwell), edited by R. Douglas Geivett and Robert B. Stewart. *forthcoming*
- Over 1000 downloads on PhilPapers
- “Introduction: Experimental Philosophy of Religion.” For a special edition of *Religious Studies*. 2025
- “Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil,” [with Blake McAllister and James Spiegel]. For a special edition of *Religious Studies*. 2025
- “Data Over Dogma: A Brief Introduction to Experimental Philosophy of Religion.” *Philosophy Compass*. 2024
- “Empirical Challenges to the Evidential Problem of Evil” [with Blake McAllister, Paul Rezkalla, and Long Nguyen]. An article in the *Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy* series, edited by S. Nichols and J. Knobe. 2024
- Over 3600 downloads on PhilPapers
- “Experimental Philosophy of Religion.” An invited chapter for the *Compact Compendium of Experimental Philosophy* (Walter de Gruyter), edited by A.M. Bauer & S. Kornmesser. 2024
- Over 750 downloads on PhilPapers
- “Conceptual Engineering for Analytic Theology,” [with Jean Gové, and Patrick Greenough]. *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*. 2023
- “The Context of Suffering: Empirical Insights into the Problem of Evil” [with Isaac Warchol and Justin Barrett]. For a special edition of *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*, edited by Oliver Crisp and Kutter Callaway. 2021
- “Virtue Epistemology and the Gettier Dilemma.” *Metaphilosophy*. 2021
- Over 850 downloads on PhilPapers
- “Evil Intuitions? The Problem of Evil, Experimental Philosophy, and the need for Psychological Research” [with Rebecca Carlson and Justin Barrett]. *The Journal of Psychology and Theology*. 2020
- “Intellectual Humility, Testimony, and Epistemic Injustice.” An invited chapter for *The Philosophy of Humility* (Routledge), edited by Mark Alfano, Michael P Lynch, and Alessandra Tanesini. 2020
- Over 1000 downloads on PhilPapers
- “Humility in Positive and Personality Psychology” [with Peter Samuelson]. An invited chapter for *The Philosophy of Humility* (Routledge), edited by Mark Alfano, Michael P Lynch, and Alessandra Tanesini. 2020
- 1200 downloads on PhilPapers
- “Two Hurdles for Interdisciplinary Research.” An invited article for a special edition of the *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*. 2019

- “The Gettier Problem.” *The Routledge Handbook of Theories of Luck*, edited by Ian M. Church and Bob Hartman. 2019
- Over 2400 downloads on PhilPapers
- “Luck: An Introduction” [with Bob Hartman] *The Routledge Handbook on Theories of Luck*, edited by Ian M. Church and Bob Hartman. 2019
- “Intellectual Humility and Religious Belief.” *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, Vol. 46(4), pg 219-242. This is a series of articles I wrote as a part of a formal debate between myself and Don Davis and Joshua Hook. The following are the articles I wrote:
- “Is Intellectual Humility Compatible with Dogmatism?” 2018
- Over 550 downloads on PhilPapers
- “Virtuous Religious Dogmatism.” 2018
- “Trenches, Evidence, and Intellectual Humility.” 2018
- “Is God Hidden, Or Does God Simply Not Exist?” An invited chapter for *Philosophy, Science and Religion for Everyone* (Routledge), edited by Duncan Pritchard and Mark Harris. 2017
- Nearly 900 downloads on PhilPapers
- “The Limitations of the Limitations-Owning Account of Intellectual Humility.” *Philosophia*. 2017
- “Intellectual Humility” [with Justin Barrett]. An invited chapter for the *Routledge Handbook of Humility*, edited by Everett L. Worthington Jr., Don E. Davis, and Joshua N. Hook. 2016
- Nearly 1800 downloads on PhilPapers
- “On Epistemic Consequentialism and the Virtue Conflation Problem” [with J. Adam Carter]. *Thought*. 2016
- Over 1100 downloads on PhilPapers
- “A Doxastic Account of Intellectual Humility.” An invited contribution to a special edition of *Logos & Episteme* entitled “Virtue Epistemology, Epistemic Dependence, and Intellectual Humility”, edited by Duncan Pritchard, J. Kallestrup & J. Adam Carter. 2016
- Over 1450 downloads on PhilPapers, 62 Citations on Google Scholar
- “50 Years of Gettier: A New Direction in Religious Epistemology?” *The Journal of Analytic Theology*, Vol. 3, 147-171. 2015
- “Implicit Theories of Intellectual Virtues and Vices: A Focus on Intellectual Humility” [with Justin L. Barrett, Sam Hardy, Matthew Jarvinen, Thomas Paulus, and Peter L. Samuelson]. *The Journal of Positive Psychology*, Vol. 10 (5), 389-406. 2014
- 120 Citations on Google Scholar
- “When Cognition Turns Vicious: Heuristics and Biases in Light of Virtue Epistemology” [with Peter L. Samuelson]. *Philosophical Psychology*, Vol 28 (8), 1095-1113. 2014

- 95 Citations on Google Scholar
- “Should Cognitive Science of Religion give Atheists Epistemic Assurance? On Beer-Goggles, BFFs, and Skepticism Regarding Religious Beliefs” [with Justin L. Barrett]. *The Monist*, Vol. 96(3), 311–324. 2013
- Nearly 2000 Downloads on PhilPapers, 69 Citations on Google Scholar
- “Manifest Failure Failure: The Gettier Problem Revived.” *Philosophia*, Vol. 41(1), 171–177. 2013
- “Getting ‘Lucky’ with Gettier.” *The European Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 21(1), 37–49. 2013
- Over 400 Downloads on PhilPapers, 40 Citations on Google Scholar
- “Epistemic Contextualism, Epistemic Relativism, and Disagreement: Reply to Robin McKenna.” *Philosophical Writings, Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual British Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*, 100-103. 2012

Edited Volumes

- Special issue of *Religious Studies* on the theme, “Experimental Philosophy of Religion.” *forthcoming*
- The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy and Psychology of Luck*. [co-edited with Bob Hartman]. Routledge. 2019
- Special issue of *The Journal of Theology and Psychology* on the theme, “Intellectual Humility and Religious Commitments,” and prompted by my debate with Joshua Hook and Don Davis. 2018

Book Reviews

- “Knowledge of God by Alvin Plantinga and Michael Tooley.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 5(2), 169-172. 2013

Pop-Articles / Misc. Professional Blog Posts

- “Want to reverse declining church membership? Take Jesus seriously.” *Washington Examiner*. 2023
- Generated a Reddit discussion, with almost 400 comments
- “Political Power and the Paradox of Easter.” *Washington Examiner*. 2023
- “Don't vote for someone who will claim victory regardless of the result.” *Washington Examiner*. 2022
- “Questioning Our Beliefs in the Divine Can Heal Toxic Tribalism.” *Real Clear Religion*. 2022
- “Covid-19, the Problem of Evil, and the Need for Psychology.” *Real Clear Religion*. 2020

“Media, Science, and Evil: What can Psychology tell us about the Problem of Evil?” <i>Philosophy Now</i> .	2020
“Introduction to Logic.” <i>Syllabus Showcase</i> (The American Philosophical Association Blog).	2019
“Fake News, Online Education, and Intellectual Humility.” <i>Open for Debate Blog</i> (Cardiff University).	2018
“Intellectual Humility and the Liberal Arts” <i>Hillsdale Blog</i> (Hillsdale College).	2017
“What Could Change Your Mind? Intellectual Humility and the ‘Loyalty’ of Trump’s Supporters” <i>The Philosophers’ Magazine</i> .	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generated a discussion on Reddit, with almost 400 comments 	

MEDIA APPEARANCES/INTERVIEWS

“Advice on Interdisciplinary Research,” <i>Humility in Inquiry Interdisciplinary Publishing Workshop</i> at Arizona State University.	2024
<i>Integration Unraveled</i> series at Blueprint 1543	2024
<i>Stories of Your Success</i> series at Blueprint 1543	2024
“Empirical Evidence Against the Evidential Problem of Evil” [with Blake McAllister] on the Analytic Christian YouTube channel.	2022
“The Psychology of Suffering w/Dr. Ian Church” on the <i>That’ll Preach</i> podcast.	2022
“Dr. Ian Church on Experimental Philosophy of Religion” on the Hillsdale Interviews series on Radio Free Hillsdale.	2021
“Paul Rahe, Brian Christian, Michael Jordan, & Ian Church” on the Radio Free Hillsdale Hour. [NB: My portion of the interview, on my work on luck, begins at 35:49]	2021
“Bias Awareness and the Road to Truth with Ian Church” on the TheoPsych: Bringing Theology to Mind podcast with Blueprint 1543.	2021
“Intellectual Humility with Dr. Ian Church” on <i>Provocative Enlightenment</i> radio show with Eldon Taylor.	2018

WORK IN PROGRESS

Monograph

Data Over Dogma: An Introduction to Experimental Philosophy of Religion. In Progress.

Journal Articles

- “Testing Folk Perceptions of Draper’s Probabilistic Problem of Evil” (with Blake McAllister, Jim Spiegel, and Justin Barrett). Submitted, 7,000 words.
- “Divine Hiddenness and the Psychology of Nonresistant Non-Belief” (with Peter Samuelson). 7,400 words. *Re&R*.

“Why does Context Matter for the Problem of Evil?” In progress, 5,000 words.

“The Epistemology of Cultural Learning.” In progress, 5,000 words

“Generative AI and a Skeptical Challenge for Digital Testimony” *submitted*, 3000 words.

Grant Writing

The Philosophy of Anthropology, pilot project, [co-PI with Paul Rezkalla]. Projected request of \$230,000 USD. (submitted)

Experimental Theology, pilot project. Projected budget TBD. (write-up phase, the Templeton Religion Trust has already expressed interest in this project).

Global Experimental Philosophy of Religion. Projected request of \$5.2m USD. (write-up phase)

Democracy in Crisis: Diagnosing the Problem and Offering Solutions. Projected request of \$4.2m USD. (submitted)

COURSES TAUGHT

Hillsdale College

The Western Philosophical Tradition (taught almost every semester)

Intellectual Virtues and Society

Epistemology (2x)

Introduction to Logic (8x)

Philosophy of Language (2x)

Faith & Reason

Modern Philosophy (2x)

Philosophy of Science (3x)

Experimental Philosophy of Religion

Collegiate Scholars Seminars (1 credit courses)

- *Science and Religion*
- *Warranted Christian Belief*

Philosophy Capstone Course (2x, a 1 credit capstone course for majors)

Senior Thesis, (honors thesis supervision)

University of Edinburgh

Advanced Topics in Epistemology, (co-convener) postgraduate course

Intellectual Humility: Practice, Theory, Science, online MOOC, asynchronous

Saint Louis University

Introduction to Philosophy

University of St Andrews

Luck and Gettier Problems, honors-level, teaching-prize course on my graduate research

Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant, (tutor)

Reasoning and Knowledge, (tutor)

Ethical Controversies, (tutor)

Critical Thinking, (tutor), a single day outreach module designed to bring philosophy to high school students.

Taylor University

Contemporary Issues, online, asynchronous

Foundations of Christian Thought, (tutor)

Ball State University

Logic, (teaching assistant)

STUDENT MENTORING & PLACEMENTS

Long Nguyen — Research Assistant and Collaborator. Honors Thesis: “Telling, Communication, and Evidence.” Now a PhD student in Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh .	2023
Peter Harrigan — Research Assistant. Now a PhD student in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame .	2024
Rebecca Carlson — Research Assistant and Collaborator. Honors Thesis: “Conflicting Intuitions? Applying Bayesian Epistemology and Experimental Philosophy to the Problem of Evil.” Earned PhD in Philosophy, University of Southern California .	2019
Katrina Torsoe — Honors Thesis: “Kierkegaard as a Dialetheist: An Analysis of the Self.” PhD student in Philosophy, University of Miami .	2021
Collin Lehman — Honors Thesis: “Being, Thinking, Speaking: A Comparative Analysis of Wittgenstein and Heidegger on the Nature of Language.” PhD student in Neuroscience, at the University of Pittsburgh .	2021
Isaac Studebaker — Senior Thesis: “The Topography of the Soul and the Spirit of the Age.”	2022
Sarah Wright — Honors Thesis: “Bildung as Bestimmung: Examining Identity, Beauty, and Freedom in Die Bestimmung des Menschen.” JD student at the University of Iowa, College of Law	2020

TEACHING & SCHOLARLY AWARDS

Nominated for membership in Hillsdale's chapter of <i>Phi Kappa Phi</i>	2025
<p>"Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the [USA's] oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society. From its founding it has been dedicated to unifying college campuses in the common pursuit of excellence in both learning and virtue. As a faculty model of that which the Society aims to promote, you have been nominated by your division dean to be among this year's initiates. We only take one nomination each year from all of Division II, so it is a significant achievement to be recognized in this way."</p>	
Award attendee of <i>TheoPsych: Bringing Theology to Mind</i> —an invite-only, two-week seminar with the Office of Science, Theology and Religion Initiatives in Pasadena, CA	2019
Award attendee of <i>Intellectual Humility: Its Nature, Value, and Implications</i> —an invite-only, three-day seminar at the Fuller Guest Center in Pasadena, CA	2015
University of St Andrews PhD Teaching Prize (first place)	2011
University of St Andrews PhD Teaching Prize (second place)	2010
University of St Andrews/University of Stirling Graduate Funding	2008-2010
James Gregory Scholarship, The University of St Andrews	2009
Ball State Alumni Legacy Scholarship, Ball State University	2002-2004

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"The Epistemology of AI," part of an invited panel for the Center for Constructive Alternatives at Hillsdale College.	2025
"Paradigms Lost: Kuhn's SSR and Its Legacy," an invited lecture for the Collegiate Scholars Program's fall retreat.	2024
"The Existential Problem of Hiddenness," an all-campus lecture at Spring Arbor University. Spring Arbor, MI.	2024
"Intellectual Humility," an hour-long discussion with students in the honors program at Spring Arbor University. Spring Arbor, MI.	2024
"The Problems and Prospects of Experimental Philosophy of Religion," an invited panel discussion at the <i>Midwest Society of Christian Philosophers</i> . Oklahoma University. Norman, OK.	2024
"The Hallmarks of Indifference," <i>Midwest Society of Christian Philosophers</i> . Oklahoma University. Norman, OK.	2024
"The Problem of Evil and Research Grants," <i>Hillsdale Rotary Club</i> . Hillsdale, MI.	2024
"The Data Beyond Dogma: Hopes and Hurdles for Experimental Philosophy of Religion," <i>International Symposium of the Society of Christian Philosophers</i> . Madrid, Spain.	2023

“Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil,” a part of the Alcuin Study Center’s lecture series on the campus of Ball State University	2023
“Pain, Pleasure, and Experimental Philosophy: New Insights into the Problem of Evil,” 96th <i>Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association</i> . Birkbeck, University of London, UK.	2023
“The Problem of Divine Hiddenness,” <i>The Hillsdale College Philosophy Honors Society, Phi Sigma Tau</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2023
“Anthropology and Group Knowledge,” <i>Social Ontology and Collective Intentionality</i> . The University of Vienna. Vienna, Austria. (Virtual)	2022
“Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil,” <i>Midwest Society of Christian Philosophy Conference</i> . Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, Ohio.	2022
“Philosophy of Education,” part of a panel presentation at the <i>Midwest Society of Christian Philosophy Conference</i> . Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, Ohio.	2022
“An Anthropological Challenge for Internalism,” the 95th <i>Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association</i> . The University of St Andrews. St Andrews, United Kingdom.	2022
“You are what you practice.” 8 th grade commencement speech at Will Carleton Academy. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2022
“Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” Hope College. Holland, Michigan.	2022
“The Problem of Evil and Experimental Philosophy.” <i>The Hillsdale College Philosophy Honors Society, Phi Sigma Tau</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2022
“Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” Psychology Department at Loyola University of Chicago. Chicago, Illinois.	2021
“Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” <i>Our Faculty’s Ongoing Research Lecture Series</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2021
“Empirical Challenges to the Common Sense Problem of Evil” <i>Midwest Division meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers</i> . Baylor University. Waco, Texas.	2021
“Evil Intuitions? Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” <i>European Experimental Philosophy Conference</i> . Charles University. Prague, Czech Republic. (Virtual Conference)	2021
“Pointless Suffering? The Problem of Evil and Experimental Philosophy of Religion.” <i>Society for Philosophy and Psychology</i> , 47th Annual Meeting. (Virtual Conference)	2021
“Three Models of Non-Reductive Virtue Epistemology” The 95th <i>Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association</i> . The University of Hertfordshire. Hatfield, United Kingdom. (Virtual Conference)	2021
“Applying Experimental Philosophy to the Problem of Evil: A Case Study.” <i>Southwest ETS/EPS Regional Conference</i> . University of the Southwest. Hobbs, New Mexico. (Virtual Conference)	2021

“Evil Intuitions? Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” <i>The 94th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association</i> . The University of Kent. Canterbury, United Kingdom. (Virtual Conference)	2020
“Evil Intuitions? Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” <i>Mountain-Pacific Division meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers</i> . Trinity Western University. Langley, British Columbia, Canada. (POSTPONED due to COVID-19 concerns)	2020
“Evil Intuitions? Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” <i>Southwest Regional ETS/EPS Conference</i> . Dallas Theological Seminary. Dallas, Texas. (CANCELLED due to COVID-19 concerns)	2020
“Skepticism and Humility in Hume’s Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding.” <i>Doctoral Humanities seminar series</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, MI.	2020
“Experimental Philosophy of Religion: Some Results and Some Possibilities!” <i>Hillsdale Rotary Club</i> . Hillsdale, MI.	2020
“Evil Intuitions? Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” <i>Psi Chi Honors Society for Psychology</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, MI.	2019
“The Problem of Evil.” Part of a panel discussion organized by <i>Aletheia</i> , a student group at Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, MI.	2019
“Scottish Common-Sense Realism.” Collegiate Scholars Program. Hillsdale, College. Hillsdale, MI.	2019
“Experimental Philosophy of Religion and Some Future Possibilities.” <i>Hillsdale Rotary Club</i> . Hillsdale, MI.	2019
“Evil Intuitions? Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” <i>Tyndale Fellowship Conference 2019: Science and Theology</i> . Cambridge University. Cambridge, England.	2019
“Determinisms.” Part of a panel discussion organized by Collegiate Scholars Program at Hillsdale College	2019
“Are We Together?” Part of a panel discussion organized by <i>Aletheia</i> , a student group at Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, MI.	2018
“Online Learning, The Problem of Disagreement, and ‘Fake News.’” <i>Online Pedagogy Conference</i> . University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, Scotland.	2018
“Intellectual Humility and Religious Disagreement.” <i>Analytic Theology Speaker Series</i> . Fuller Theological Seminary. Pasadena, California.	2018
“Science and the Birth of Modern Philosophy.” Honors Program Annual Retreat. Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2017
“Giving up on Gettier.” <i>The 91st Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association</i> . The University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, United Kingdom.	2017
“Intellectual Humility.” Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2016
“Big Questions about Intellectual Humility.” <i>Intellectual Humility Capstone Conference</i> (opening plenary for the conference). Catalina Island, California.	2015

"Must we trust to be humble?: Character assessment and epistemic trust in children." <i>Intellectual Humility Capstone Conference</i> . Catalina Island, California.	2015
"Intellectual Humility: What You Ignorant Halfwits Need to Know." The 89th <i>Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association</i> . The University of Warwick. Warwick, United Kingdom.	2015
"What is Intellectual Humility?" <i>American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting</i> . Vancouver, British Columbia.	2015
"Implicit Theories of Virtues and Vices: A Focus on Intellectual Humility." <i>The 50th Anniversary of the Fuller Graduate School of Psychology Conference</i> . Pasadena, CA	2014
"What Folk Theories can Tell us about the Measurement of Intellectual Humility." <i>Biola University's Intellectual Humility Measurement Group Meeting</i> . Palm Springs, California.	2014
"Disagreement and Intellectual Humility." <i>The XXIII World Congress of Philosophy</i> . Athens, Greece.	2013
"Freedom, Responsibility, Science and Morality." <i>The XXIII World Congress of Philosophy</i> . Athens, Greece.	2013
"Axiology and Empirical Research." Roundtable Discussion. <i>The XXIII World Congress of Philosophy</i> . Athens, Greece.	2013
"Implicit Theories of Intellectual Humility: The Implications." <i>Virtues, Vices, and Teaching</i> . Calvin College. Grand Rapids, Michigan.	2013
"Implicit Theories of Intellectual Humility." <i>Educating for Intellectual Virtues</i> . Loyola Marymount University. Los Angeles, California.	2013
"Intellectual Humility and Disagreement." <i>The 39th Conference on Value Inquiry</i> . Western Kentucky University. Bowling Green, Kentucky.	2013
"Gettier and the Future of Religious Epistemology." <i>The Society of Christian Philosophers' Midwest Region Conference</i> . Georgetown College. Georgetown, Kentucky.	2013
"Does Cognitive Science of Religion Give Atheists Epistemic Assurance?" <i>The Society of Christian Philosophers' Mountain-Pacific Regional Conference</i> . The University of Colorado at Boulder. Boulder, Colorado.	2013
"Luck and Gettier Problems." The University of St Andrews Philosophy Society (honorary postgraduate speaker). St Andrews, Scotland.	2011
"Accidentally Apt Belief and Skepticism." <i>Edinburgh Epistemology Graduate Conference</i> . The University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, Scotland.	2011
"Getting 'Lucky' with Gettier." <i>The 13th Annual City University of New York Graduate Student Philosophy Conference</i> . The City University of New York. New York, New York.	2010
"Degrees of Luck and Gettier Problems Redux." The University of Edinburgh's Epistemology Research Group. Edinburgh, Scotland.	2010

“Christian Apologetics and Christian Epistemology: History, Context, and Methodology.” St Stephen’s Academy. Beaverton, Oregon.	2009
“Faith, Reason, and Gettier-Problems.” <i>The Grandeur of Reason: Religion, Tradition and Universalism</i> . University of Nottingham Centre of Theology and Philosophy. Rome, Italy.	2008
“Worldview Thinking as a Catalyst for Globalization and Interdisciplinary Dialogue.” <i>The 29th Annual Conference of the Society of Educators and Scholars</i> . Long Beach, California.	2006

OTHER PRESENTATIONS (*last 10 years*)

“Experimental Philosophy of Religion has Launched!” From the capstone conference of the <i>Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion</i> funding initiative.	2024
“Draper 1989: A Surprising Finding.” This presentation was a part of the <i>Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion</i> workshop series (Online) .	2023
“Data Over Dogma,” Midpoint Conference for Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion Project. University of Pittsburgh, PA.	2023
“Anthropology and Epistemology,” as part of the brown bag lunch lecture series at Northwestern University.	2023
“Epistemic Trespassing and the Liberal Arts.” Philosophy & Religion Departmental Retreat. Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2023
“Further Exploring the Context of Suffering.” This presentation was a part of the “Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion” workshop series.	2022
“Sentential Logic and the LSAT,” <i>The Hillsdale College Formal Logic Club</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2019
“What is Logic?” <i>The Hillsdale College Formal Logic Club</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2019
“Evil Intuitions? Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil.” <i>The 20th Anniversary Arche Conference</i> . The Arche Philosophical Research Centre for Logic, Language, Metaphysics, and Epistemology, the University of St Andrews. St Andrews, Scotland.	2019
“Why Formal Logic?” <i>The Hillsdale College Formal Logic Club</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2018
“Towards Experimental Theology?” The Logos Institute, University of St Andrews. St Andrews, Scotland.	2018
“Plantinga’s Advice to Christian Philosophers.” Philosophy & Religion Departmental Retreat. Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2018
“Should CSR Give Atheists Epistemic Assurance?” <i>The Hillsdale College Philosophy Honors Society, Phi Sigma Tau</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2017

“Disagreement and the Reformation.” <i>This Far by Faith: 500 Years of Protestant Reformation</i> . Hillsdale College. Hillsdale, Michigan.	2017
“Giving Up on Gettier.” The University of Edinburgh’s Epistemology Reading Group. Edinburgh, Scotland.	2016
“A Doxastic Account of Intellectual Humility.” The University of Edinburgh’s Epistemology Research Group. Edinburgh, Scotland.	2015
“Non-Reductive Virtue Epistemology.” Saint Louis University’s Epistemology Reading Group. St Louis, MO.	2015

DEPARTMENTAL/INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Member, committee for exploring how artificial intelligence might be incorporated within higher education, Hillsdale College	2025-2026
Member, Academic Honesty Review Board, Hillsdale College	2019-2020, 2025-2026
Chair, Institutional Review Board, Hillsdale College	2025-Present
Member, search committee for a tenure-track opening in the Mathematics Department, Hillsdale College	2024
Member, Institutional Review Board, Hillsdale College	2023-Present
Member, Educational Policies Committee, Hillsdale College	2023-2024
Chair, search committee for a postdoctoral research fellow in philosophy, Hillsdale College	2021, 2022
Committee member, search committee for a tenure-track position in theology, Hillsdale College	2021
Chair of a committee tasked with developing a vision for the Philosophy Department at Hillsdale College. ¹	2020
Faculty Advisor, Formal Logic Club student group, Hillsdale College	2018-Present
Ad Hoc Organizer of Lectures by Invited Speakers, Hillsdale College	2017-Present
Major Advisor, Hillsdale College	2017-Present
Core Advisor, Hillsdale College	2017-Present
Judge, All Campus Oratory Competition, Hillsdale College	2018, 2022
Member, Award Selection Committee for the \$1,500,000 <i>Philosophy and Theology of Intellectual Humility</i> funding initiative at Saint Louis University	2013-2014
Member, Award Selection Committee for the \$4,000,000 <i>Science of Intellectual Humility</i> funding initiative at the Fuller Graduate School of Psychology	2012-2013

¹ Our vision was approved by the administration and led to significant, positive changes to the philosophy major.

Representative, St Andrews-Stirling Joint Programme in Philosophy Graduate Student Committee	2009-2011
Research Student Representative, Staff-Student Consultative Committee in the Department of Philosophy at the University of St Andrews	2009-2011
University Accreditation (AQIP) Portfolio Project Assistant, Taylor University	2006-2007

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Nominated by the Advisory Board and Editors of the <i>Philosophical Gourmet Report</i> to participate in the 2024-25 evaluation of philosophy Ph.D. programs in the English-speaking world.	2024
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Ad Hoc Referee for 25+ Journals/Foundations

Acta Analytica; American Philosophical Quarterly; Analytic Philosophy; Analysis; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; British Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Dialectica; Erkenntnis; Faith and Philosophy; John Templeton Foundation; Journal of Analytic Theology; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Journal of the American Philosophical Association; Journal of Positive Psychology; Journal of Psychology and Theology; Mental Health, Religion & Culture; Mind; Oxford Bibliographies; Philosophia; Philosophical Papers; Praxis; Religious Studies; Science, Religion and Culture; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Southern Journal of Philosophy; Synthese; Social Epistemology; Journal of Philosophy.

Conference/Lecture Organizer:

Program Committee member, the <i>American Philosophical Association, Central Division</i> annual meeting (Virtual)	2025
<i>Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion Capstone Conference.</i> Hillsdale College Blake Center in Somers, CT.	2024
<i>Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion Mid-Point Conference.</i> University of Pittsburgh, as a part of the <i>Society of Philosophy and Psychology</i> annual meeting.	2023
<i>Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion Workshop Series.</i> Hillsdale College.	2022-Present
<i>Intellectual Humility Web-Based Workshop.</i> Fuller Graduate School of Psychology	2012
<i>Placement Workshop.</i> The University of St Andrews.	2011
<i>Graduate Reflectorium.</i> The University of St Andrews.	2010
<i>The James Gregory Lectures on Science and Religion.</i> The University of St Andrews.	2008-2009

PhilPapers Section Editor

Experimental Philosophy of Religion	2025-Present
Virtue Epistemology	2013-Present
The Gettier Problem	2011-Present
Religious Pluralism	2014-2015

Divine Hiddenness	2014-2015
Reformed Epistemology	2009-2013
Respondent:	
<i>The Nature and Value of Faith Conference.</i> Baylor University.	2014
<i>The XXIII World Congress of Philosophy.</i> The University of Athens.	2013
<i>The Society of Christian Philosophers' Mountain-Pacific Regional Conference.</i> The University of Colorado at Boulder.	2013
<i>The 15th British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Annual Conference.</i> The University of Reading.	2011
Committee Membership	
<i>American Philosophical Association, Virtual Central Division Planning Committee</i>	2023-2025
<i>Society of Christian Philosophers, Chair of the Nominating Committee</i>	2023-2025

MISC. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Judge for the “Mock Rock”, an all-campus song and dance competition	2025
Participant in the Faculty vs. Students Campus Rec. Event (Dodge Ball, Tug of War, Relay Races)	2025
Participant in the “Faculty Revue” talent show for the entire student body.	2022, 2024
Board Member, <i>Will Carleton Academy</i> , a K-12 public school in Hillsdale, Michigan.	2020-Present
- Vice President of the Board from 2021-2022.	
- President of the Board from 2022-2025.	
Judge, “Gingerbread Wars”, a gingerbread decorating competition organized by Hillsdale’s the Student Activities Board, Hillsdale College	2019
Member, President’s Ball Court Selection, Hillsdale College	2018
<p>“You have been selected to serve on the panel for selecting the President’s Ball king and queen for 2018! You have been chosen based on your passion, reputation and great character as a professor shown every day in the classroom. We find you to be the best fit to evaluate this year’s nominees by looking at their overall character, honor, leadership abilities and more.”</p>	

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Aristotelian Society

The Society of Philosophy and Psychology

Society of Christian Philosophers

The American Philosophical Association

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