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Education

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill 2015 – 2021

PhD, Philosophy (2021)

Dissertation: “Immanent Structuralism: A Neo-Aristotelian Account of Mathematics”

MA, Philosophy (2017)

Thesis: “Essence and Counterfactuals”

University of California, Los Angeles 2012 – 2014

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy

San Bernardino Valley College 2008 – 2011

Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts

Research Areas

Areas of Specialization:

Political Philosophy

Philosophy of Science and Mathematics

Ancient Philosophy

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

Medieval Philosophy

Employment History

- Duke Department of Philosophy | Assistant Research Professor
Fall 2023 – Present
- Transformative Ideas Program at Duke | Executive Director
Fall 2023 – Present
- Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University | Postdoctoral Fellow
Fall 2021 – Summer 2023

- Duke University | Summer Teaching Fellow
Summer 2017 – Summer 2020
- UNC Department of Philosophy | Teaching Fellow
Fall 2016 – Spring 2021
- UCLA Department of Philosophy | Teaching Assistant
Fall 2014 – Spring 2015
- CSU San Bernardino Department of Philosophy | Logic Lab Tutor
Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

Teaching Experience

Primary Instructor:

- PHIL 213/NEUROSCI 233 – Exploring Science and Religion
Fall 2023 – Duke University
- POLSCI 337/CLST 277 – How to Rule the World
Spring 2023, Fall 2023 – Duke University
- ECON 225S/POLSCI 247S – Liberalism and Its Critics (co-taught w/ Bruce Caldwell)
Fall 2022 – Duke University
- POLSCI 256/CLST 276S – Contemporary Nationalism and Classical Political Theory
Spring 2022 – Duke University
- PHIL 160 – Introduction to Ethics
Spring 2021 – UNC Chapel Hill
- PHIL 215 – Medieval Philosophy
Spring 2019 – UNC Chapel Hill
- PHIL 110 – Introduction to Philosophy via Great Works
Spring 2018 – UNC Chapel Hill
- POLSCI 175 – Introduction to Political Philosophy
Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2020 – Duke University
- ECON 361 – Prisoner's Dilemma and Distributive Justice (Intro to PPE)
Summer 2017 – Duke University

Teaching Assistant:

- PHIL 160 – Introduction to Ethics
Spring 2017 – UNC Chapel Hill

- PHIL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 2017, Fall 2018 – UNC Chapel Hill
- PPE 384 – Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)
Fall 2016 – UNC Chapel Hill/Duke University
- Philos 100B – History of Medieval Philosophy
Winter 2015 – UCLA
- Philos 7 – Introduction to Philosophy of Mind
Fall 2014, Spring 2015 – UCLA

Logic Tutoring:

- Philos 31 – First Course in Logic, UCLA
- Philos 132 – Second Course in Logic, UCLA
- Philos 135 – Metalogic, UCLA
- Phil 200 – Propositional Logic, CSUSB
- Phil 300 – Predicate Logic, CSUSB

Research and Publishing

- “Empire as a Regulative Ideal” (Work in Progress)
- “Kallipolis in Motion: Plato on Strategy” (Work in Progress)
- “Explaining *De Re* Mathematical Necessities” (Work in Progress)

Conference and Workshop Presentations

- “Public Choice and Elite Theory: Friends or Foes?” February 2022
33rd Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference – Cincinnati, Ohio
- “Bitcoin, Monetary Policy, and Justice,” October 2023
2023 Mercatus Center Markets & Society Conference – George Mason University
- “Empire as a Regulative Ideal,” October 2022
Duke Political Theory Workshop (Zoom)
- “Some Questions for Epistocracy,” April 2022
Barry Fellows Spring 2022 Paper Workshop (Zoom)

- “Aquinas and Locke on Property,” August 2019
Classical Liberals in the Carolinas 2019 Annual Conference – Wake Forest University
- “Some Questions for Epistocracy,” July 2019
Duke PPE Symposium: Buchanan Camp – Park City, Utah
- “Mathematical Reduction, Treating-as, and Abstraction,” October 2017
Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Conference – Houston Baptist University
- “Mathematical Reduction, Treating-as, and Abstraction,” February 2017
2017 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society – UNC Wilmington
- “Mathematical Reduction, Treating-as, and Abstraction,” June 2016
14th Annual Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics and Physics Conference – University of Western Ontario
- “Heavyweight Realism in Metaphysical Disputes: A Defense,” February 2014
2014 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society – UNC Chapel Hill

Fellowships and Awarded Grants

- John and Daria Barry Fellow (Fall 2021 – Summer 2023)
The Barry Center, Morningside Institute
- Adam Smith Fellowship (Fall 2018 – Spring 2021)
Mercatus Center, George Mason University
- Graduate Student Fellowship (Fall 2018 – Summer 2019)
Classical Liberals in the Carolinas

Service and Advising

- Organizer: Arete Summer Seminar on Philosophy, Ethics and Religion (2022)
- Co-Organizer: Duke Civil Discourse Undergraduate Fellowship
- Co-Organizer: Arete Faculty Roundtables (x2)
- Grant Author/Co-Author: 7 grants
- Faculty Advisor: Duke Iterate CS Club