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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

2020- Northern Illinois University, faculty associate, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality  
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. In J. Campbell, K. Mickelson & V. A. White (Eds.), *A Companion to Free Will*. Wiley-Blackwell.  
2022. An Argument for Theological Incompatibilism. In P. Furlong & L. Vicens (Eds.), *Theological Determinism: New Perspectives* (pp. 133-49). Cambridge University Press.  
2017. Revisiting the *Mind* Argument. In J. A. Keller (Ed.), *Being, Freedom, and Method: Themes from van Inwagen* (pp. 118-139). Oxford University Press.  
2017. Logical Fatalism. In K. Timpe, M. Griffith & N. Levy (Eds.), *The Routledge Companion to Free Will* (pp. 191-202). Routledge.  
2015. Ockhamism. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online*. 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 M. C. Rea). In J. Kvanvig (Ed.), *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion* (Vol. 1) (pp. 1-17). Oxford University Press. Reprinted in J. M. Fischer & P. Todd (Eds.), *Freedom, Fatalism, and Foreknowledge*. Oxford University Press.  
1999. Fatalism: Logical and Theological (with T. A. Warfield). *Faith and Philosophy* 16: 233-8.  
1998. The *Mind* Argument and Libertarianism (with T. A. Warfield). *Mind* 107: 515-28.

### Book Reviews

Forthcoming. Michelle Panchuk and Michael Rea (Eds.)'s *Voices from the Edge: Centering Marginalized Perspectives in Analytic Theology*. *Faith and Philosophy*.  
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," 11<sup>th</sup> *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: 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

Referee for various journals, conferences, academic presses

Session chair at various conferences

External reviewer for various tenure and promotion cases

Participant, Panel Discussion on Teaching, Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Conference, Bowling Green, OH, 11 November 2022

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

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

Ombudsperson, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2016-August 2019

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

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

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

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

### **Professional Development**

Participant, "Diversity is Just the Beginning: Removing Barriers to Student Success in the Classroom," Teaching Effectiveness Institute sponsored by the Faculty Development and Instructional Design Center and the Office of Academic Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, January 9, 2020.

Participant, “The Power of Active Learning: Engaging Students Through Intentional Use of Technology,” Teaching Effectiveness Institute hosted by the Faculty Development and Instructional Design Center, January 8, 2020.

Participant, “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

### **Departmental Service (Philosophy Department, NIU)**

Climate Officer<sup>1</sup>, Fall 2017-Spring 2021; Fall 2022-present

Member, Curriculum & Equity Committee, Fall 2018-Spring 2021; Fall 2022-present

Member, Personnel & Policy Committee, Fall 2022-present

Countless letters of recommendation for MA students applying to PhD programs, Fall 2007-present

Chair, Metaphysics Comprehensive Exam Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2021; Fall 2022-present

Chair, Personnel & Policy Committee, Fall 2018-Spring 2021

Faculty Advisor, Interfaith NIU, Fall 2018-Spring 2020

Chair, Chair Selection Advisory Committee, Fall 2019

Faculty Advisor, MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) Chapter, NIU, Spring 2019

Faculty Organizer and tutor, Tutoring Program at Illinois Youth Center, Spring 2019

Chair, Personnel Committee, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Rafelson Essay Selection Committee, Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2018

Member, Ad hoc Committee to Explore the Creation of a Climate Committee, Fall 2017

Chair, Ad hoc Climate Committee, Summer 2016-Spring 2017

Member, Personnel Committee, Fall 2013-Spring 2014; Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Member, Graduate Committee, Fall 2011-Spring 2016

Member, Policy & Curriculum Committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2009, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

Member, Metaphysics Comprehensive Exam Committee, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Member, Metaphysics & Epistemology Comprehensive Exam Committee, Spring 2011-Spring 2014

Chair, Policy & Curriculum Committee, Fall 2009-Spring 2011

Member, History of Philosophy Comprehensive Exam Committee, Spring 2008-Spring 2011

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Philosophy, NIU, Fall 2007-Spring 2009

Member, Ethics Comprehensive Exam Committee, Fall 2007

### **Honors and Awards**

Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award, NIU, 2020

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, NIU, 2020

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

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<sup>1</sup> In this capacity, I (i) meet with students (usually graduate students) who have questions or concerns about issues that pertain to whether the philosophy department’s climate is welcoming toward students who hold identities that are underrepresented within the discipline of philosophy; (ii) organize an annual series of three professionalization workshops for graduate students in which presenters introduce students to the academic profession, discuss academic writing, and interrogate various forms of bias within academia, and (iii) make a presentation on sexual harassment at the department’s annual graduate student orientation.

