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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor
Baylor University
2023-Present

Assistant Professor
Baylor University
2019-2023

Postdoctoral Research Associate
University of Southern California
2018-2019

Research Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2016-2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Philosophy: Princeton University, 2011-2016

M.Phil in Philosophical Theology: Oxford University, 2009-2011

MA in Divinity: The University of Chicago, 2007-2009

MA in Eastern Classics: St. John's College, 2006-2007

BA in the Liberal Arts: St. John's College, 2001-2005

INTERESTS

AOS: Decision Theory, Epistemology, PPE, Philosophy of Religion

AOC: Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics, Philosophy of AI, Eastern Philosophy

BOOKS

Killing and Other Dastardly Deeds: Hard Problems for Moral Theory (with John Hawthorne, Christina Dietz, and Vishnu Sridharan)
Princeton University Press, 2026. (Carl G. Hempel Lecture Series.)[1]

[1]The book consists of four co-authored chapters. Chapters 3 and 4—"Killing for Burgers: Challenges for Absolutism" and "Killing for Burgers: Some Absolutist Responses"—are co-authored by Hawthorne and Isaacs. The official authorship credit is "by John Hawthorne, with Christina Dietz, Vishnu Sridharan, and Yoaav Isaacs."

ARTICLES

Doomsday or Multiverse Bias
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 112 (3): 608-616 (2026).

Conditionals and KK (with John Hawthorne)
Noûs, 60 (2): 371-384 (2026).

Decision Theory Without Luminosity (with Benjamin Levinstein)
Mind, 133 (530): 346–376 (2024).

Evidential Decision Theory and the Ostrich (with Benjamin Levinstein)
Philosophers' Imprint, 24 (6): 1-11 (2024).

Infelicitous Conditionals and KK (with John Hawthorne)
Mind, 133 (529): 196–209 (2024).

Counting Your Chickens (with Adam Lerner and Jeffrey Sanford Russell)
Australasian Journal of Philosophy, 102 (3): 675-692 (2024).

Absolutism and its Limits (with John Hawthorne and Clayton Littlejohn)
Journal of Moral Philosophy, 20 (5): 170-189 (2023).

Updating Without Evidence (with Jeffrey Sanford Russell)
Noûs, 57 (3): 576-599 (2023).

Multiple Universes and Self-Locating Evidence (with John Hawthorne and Jeffrey Sanford Russell)
Philosophical Review, 131 (3): 241-294 (2022).
Selected for *The Philosopher's Annual* vol. 42. Honorable mention, Alvin Plantinga Prize.

A Probabilistic Analysis of Title IX Reforms (with Jason Iuliano)
Journal of Political Philosophy, 30 (1): 70-93 (2022).

Non-Measurability, Imprecise Credences, and Imprecise Chances (with Alan Hájek and John Hawthorne)
Mind, 131 (523):892-916 (2021).

The Rationality of Epistemic Akrasia (with John Hawthorne and Maria Lasonen-Aarnio)
Philosophical Perspectives, 35 (1): 206-228 (2021).

Statistical Evidence and Incentives in the Law (with John Hawthorne and Vishnu Sridharan)
Noûs-Supplement: Philosophical Issues, 31 (1): 128-145 (2021).

Solving a Paradox of Evidential Equivalence (with Cian Dorr and John Hawthorne)
Mind, 130 (520): 1159-1182 (2021).

Infinite Prospects (with Jeffrey Sanford Russell)
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 103 (1): 178-198 (2021).

The Fallacy of Calibrationism
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 102 (2): 247-260 (2021).

Permissivism, Margin-for-Error, and Dominance (with John Hawthorne)
Philosophical Studies, 178: 515-532 (2021).

The Problems of Transformative Experience
Philosophical Studies, 177 (4):1065-1084 (2020).

A Patchwork Epistemology of Disagreement?
Philosophical Studies, 176 (7):1873-1885 (2019).

Accounting for Intrinsic Values in the Federal Student Loan System (with Jason Iuliano)
in *The Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy* (ed. David Boonin), Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

Fine-Tuning Fine-Tuning (with John Hawthorne)
in *Knowledge, Belief, and God* (ed. Matthew Benton, John Hawthorne, and Dani Rabinowitz), Oxford University Press (2018).

Misapprehensions About the Fine-Tuning Argument (with John Hawthorne)
Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement 81:133-155 (2017).

Probabilities Cannot Be Rationally Neglected
Mind 125 (499):759-762 (2016).

Evil and Evidence (with John Hawthorne and Matthew Benton)
Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion 7:1-31 (2016).

Duty and Knowledge
Philosophical Perspectives 28 (1):95-110 (2014).

A New Prospect for Epistemic Aggregation (with Daniel Berntson)
Episteme 10 (3):269-281 (2013).

TALKS

The Zombie Trust: Capital, Consumption, and the Social Overhead Rate
University of Hong Kong, May 2026.

Counting Your Chickens
Chapman University, February 2025.
Notre Dame, April 2024.
UT Austin, April 2024.

Doomsday or Multiverse Bias
USC, January 2024.

Voting to Change the Outcome – in Real Life
PPE Society, November 2023.

Multiple Universes and Self-Locating Evidence
Fine-Tuning Summer School, Rutgers University, July 2023.

Rutgers University, March 2023.
Baylor Fine-Tuning Workshop, April 2022.

Updating Without Evidence
Johns Hopkins, April 2024.
APA Central, February 2024.
NYU, March 2023.
UT Austin, February 2023.

The Fallacy of Calibrationism
California Institute of Technology, November 2019.
Rutgers University, October 2018.
University of Southern California, September 2018.

Prospects for Prioritarianism
Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, August 2017.

Evil and Evidence
Central APA, March 2017.
Rutgers Religion on the Raritan, May 2014.

Duty and Knowledge
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, January 2017.
University of St. Andrews, December 2015.
ANU Philosophical Society, August 2014.
Princeton Dissertation Seminar, February 2014.

University Sexual Misconduct Policies: A Probabilistic Evaluation
Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, August 2016.

A Practical Guide to the St. Petersburg Paradox
ANU Philosophical Society, September 2015.

Faith and Reason Reconsidered
Seminar on the Value and Evaluation of Faith, July 2015.

Self-Confident Decision Theory
Society for Exact Philosophy, June 2014.
Princeton Philosophical Society, March 2013.

Comments on Safe Belief
Oxford New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology, June 2013.

A New Prospect for Epistemic Aggregation (with Daniel Berntson)
Rutgers Social Epistemology Workshop, April 2013.

Formal Issues in the Epistemology of Disagreement
Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, October 2012.

HONORS

The Philosopher's Annual, for *Multiple Universes and Self-Locating Evidence*
vol. 42, 2023.

Plantinga Prize, Honorable Mention, for *Multiple Universes and Self-Locating Evidence*
$5,000 award, 2023.

Research Grant for The Foundations of Fine-Tuning (with John Hawthorne and Aron Wall)
$234,800 grant for applying formal epistemology to particle physics, 2018-2022.

UNC Chapel Hill Junior Faculty Development Award
$7,500 grant for project on decision theory, 2016.

Research Grant from the Nature and Value of Faith Project
$4,000 grant for project on the relationship between faith and reason, 2015.

TEACHING

At Baylor University

Philosophy of Religion

Social Philosophy

Logic

Epistemology

Knowledge, Belief, and Degrees of Belief

Probability

Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology

At UNC Chapel Hill

Morality and Business

The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense

Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Bioethics

At Rutgers University

Logic, Reasoning, and Persuasion

SERVICE

Placement Director, Department of Philosophy, Baylor University, 2022-Present

Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Department of Philosophy, Baylor University, 2022-2025

Judge, Outstanding Graduate Student Research Awards, Baylor University, 2023

Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl, 2018.

Coordination Team, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society (UNC), 2017 and 2018.

Leader, UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Reading Group, 2016 and 2017.

REFERENCES

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Princeton University
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University of Southern California
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