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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Assistant Professor**

Baylor University  
2019–Present

**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, Normative Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

**AOC:** Applied Ethics, Eastern Philosophy

**PUBLICATIONS**

**The Fallacy of Calibrationism**

*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming.

**Permissivism, Margin-for-Error, and Dominance** (with John Hawthorne)

*Philosophical Studies*, forthcoming.

**The Problems of Transformative Experience**

*Philosophical Studies*, forthcoming.

**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)  
*Philosophy* 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).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- The Foundations of Fine-Tuning** (with John Hawthorne and Aron Wall, Monograph in progress)
- Prospects for Prioritarianism**
- Counting Your Chickens** (with Adam Lerner)
- A Measure-Theoretic Vindication of Imprecise Credence** (with Alan Hájek and John Hawthorne)
- An Impossibility Result for Self-Locating Belief**
- Decision Theory Without Luminosity**
- Infinite Prospects** (with Jeff Russell)
- Plenitude and Social Ontology** (with Christina Dietz)
- Multiple Universes and Indexical Evidence** (with John Hawthorne)
- A Probabilistic Analysis of Title IX Reforms** (with Jason Iuliano)
- Akrasia and Failing by Your Own Lights** (with John Hawthorne and Maria Lasonen-Aarnio)
- Resolving Builes's Paradox of Evidential Equivalence** (with Cian Dorr and John Hawthorne)

## TALKS

- The Logical Structure of Lying in Kant's *Groundwork***  
 Carnegie Mellon University, October 2018.
- Two Notions of Calibrationism**  
 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**

**Research Grant for The Foundations of Fine-Tuning (with John Hawthorne and Aron Wall)**

\$234,800 grant for applying formal epistemology to particle physics, 2018-2020.

**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.

**Charles W. Lummis Scholarship**

Competitive fellowship awarded by Princeton University, 2011–2016.

**TEACHING**

*AT UNC CHAPEL HILL* (Primary Instructor)

**Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics** – Spring 2018

**Morality and Business** – Spring 2018

**The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense** – Fall 2017

**Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics** (with Jeff Spinner-Halev) – Fall 2017

**Bioethics** – Spring 2017

**The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense** – Spring 2017

**Bioethics** (2 sections) – Fall 2016

*AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY* (Primary Instructor)

**Logic, Reasoning, and Persuasion** – Spring 2015

*AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY* (Assistant Instructor)

**Philosophical Analysis Using Argument Maps** – Fall 2014

**Nietzsche** (2 sections) – Spring 2014

**Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology** (2 sections) – Spring 2013

## SERVICE

**Judge**, National High School Ethics Bowl, 2018.

**Coordination Team**, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, 2017 and 2018.

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

**Referee**, *Philosophical Review*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis*, *Faith and Philosophy*.

**Referee**, Irvine-Pittsburgh-Princeton Conference on the Mathematical and Conceptual Foundations of Physics, 2013.

## BRIEF

### DISSERTATION SUMMARY

Decision theory is concerned with how agents should choose under uncertainty. In my dissertation I argue that standard decision theories overlook uncertainty about *oneself*—they offer inadequate guidance to agents who lack self-knowledge. I then develop alternative theories that do better. In the first main part, I develop a theory for agents who are uncertain about their own credences, utilities, available acts, and decision functions. In the second main part, I develop a theory for agents who are uncertain about their evidence.

**Dissertation Committee:** Adam Elga (chair), Thomas Kelly, Hans Halvorson, Desmond Hogan

## REFERENCES

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