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curriculum vitae

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Yale Divinity School
409 Prospect St.
New Haven, CT 06511

Academic Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy of Religion (tenure track), Yale Divinity School; secondary appointment, Yale Department of Philosophy, July 2013 – present

Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion, Yale Divinity School, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013

Education

Yale University, Dept. of Philosophy and Dept. of Religious Studies

Ph.D., 2013

Dissertation: *Disagreement, Rationality, and Religious Belief*

Committee: Keith DeRose, John Hare, Tamar Gendler, and David Christensen

M.Phil. and M.A., 2010

Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div., 2005

Harvard University, A.B. *cum laude*, Economics, 2000

Areas

Areas of Specialization: Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence: Metaphysics, Ethics, Early Modern Philosophy

Publications

“Disagreement, Reliability, and Resilience,” forthcoming in *Synthese*

“Evil and God’s Toxin Puzzle,” forthcoming in *Noûs*

“Metanormative Contextualism and Normative Uncertainty” (with Alex Worsnip), forthcoming in *Mind*

“Religious Disagreement,” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ISSN 2161-0002, <http://www.iep.utm.edu/rel-disa/>

“Resolute Conciliationism,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 65 (2015): 442-63.

“When Beauties Disagree: Why ‘Halfers’ Should Affirm Robust Perspectivalism,” *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*, Vol. 5 (2015).

“Conciliationism and Religious Disagreement,” in *Challenges to Moral and Religious Belief: Disagreement and Evolution*, edited by Michael Bergmann and Patrick Kain, Oxford University Press (2014).

Presentations

Refereed talks:

“Evil and God’s Toxin Puzzle,” Pacific meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, March/April 2016

“Evil and God’s Toxin Puzzle,” Eastern meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Messiah College, September 2015

“Evil and God’s Toxin Puzzle,” and “Two Very Different Reasons to Believe in Multiple Universes,” Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Prindle Institute for Ethics and DePauw University Philosophy Department, September 2015. (Selection based on blind review of “Evil and God’s Toxin Puzzle.”) Videos available at www.youngphilosophers.org

“Evil and the Norms of Hope,” Eastern meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Niagara University, November 2014

“Fundamental Disagreements and Defeat,” Defeat and Religious Epistemology Workshop (part of the New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology project), Oxford University, March 2014

“Conciliationism and Religious Disagreement,” Killeen Chair Conference on Religious Disagreement, St. Norbert College, April 2012

“Resolute Conciliationism,” 2nd Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference, April 2011

“Faith and the Requirements of Epistemic Humility,” Columbia University Religion Department Annual Graduate Student Conference, April 2011

Invited talks:

“Evil and God’s Toxin Puzzle,” NYC Workshops in Philosophy of Religion, Fordham University, November 2015

“Disagreement, Fallibility, and Faith,” presentation at the Research Retreat on Moral Epistemology and Moral Psychology at The Prindle Institute for Ethics, DePauw University, July 2015

“Fundamental Commitments and Religious Disputes,” presentation in The Epistemology of Religious Disagreement Symposium at the 2015 Canadian Philosophical Association congress, Ottawa, June 2015

“Religious Disagreement, Religious Identity, and Violent Conflict,” presentation as panel participant at Preventing Intra-State Conflict and Promoting a Vision for Respect and Inclusiveness, a seminar for senior diplomats organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, New York City, June 2014

“Can the Church Give Disagreement its Due?” Society of Vineyard Scholars Conference, April 2014

Commentary:

Invited contributor to online symposium on Gabriel Citron’s “Dreams, Nightmares, and a Defense Against Arguments from Evil,” hosted by the Association for the Philosophy of Judaism, May 2016
<http://www.theapj.com/08-15-may-gabriel-citrons-dreams-nightmares-and-a-defense-against-arguments-from-evil/>

Comments on “Foundations of the Fine-Tuning Argument” by Hans Halvorson, International Conference on New Insights in Religious Epistemology, Oxford, June 2015
<http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/foundations-fine-tuning-argument>

Comments on “The Stump-Aquinas-Dawkins Thesis” by Daniel Howard-Snyder, The Nature and Value of Faith Conference, St. Louis, November 2014

Comments on “First Principles for Cultivating American Pluralism” by George Marsden, Pluralism workshop hosted by First Things, New York City, May 2014

Comments on “Moral Disagreement among Philosophers” by Ralph Wedgwood, Challenges to Religious and Moral Belief: Disagreement and Evolution, Purdue University, September 2012

Comments on “Why Believe the Truth” by Daniel Singer, Yale & UConn 2012 Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2012

Comments on “Cognitive Science of Religion, Epistemic Circularity, and Religious Disagreement” by Andrew Moon, Killeen Chair Conference on Religious Disagreement, St. Norbert College, April 2012

Comments on “Counter-closure” by Federico Luzzi, Yale/UConn Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, April 2009

Comments on “Maximal Existence and the Existence of God: The Ontological Argument Reconsidered” by Vince Vitale, Rutgers Graduate Student Philosophy of Religion Conference, January 2007

Teaching

Problem of Evil (with Keith DeRose). Yale Department of Philosophy/Yale Divinity School, Spring 2015

Disagreement, Fallibility, and Faith. Yale Divinity School, Spring 2015

Directed Studies. Yale College, Fall 2014

Theological Predication and Divine Attributes. Yale Divinity School, Fall 2014

Science and Religion. Yale Divinity School, Spring 2014

Philosophy of Religion. Yale Department of Philosophy, Spring 2014

Faith and the Will. Yale Divinity School, Fall 2013

Epistemology of Disagreement. Yale Department of Philosophy, Fall 2013

Theological Predication and Divine Attributes. Yale Divinity School, Spring 2013

Rationality and Christian Belief. Yale Divinity School, Spring 2013

Does God Exist? Classical and Contemporary Arguments. Yale Divinity School, Fall 2012

As Teaching Fellow (with responsibilities for discussion sections and grading):

Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant. For Keith DeRose, Yale, Spring 2011

Introduction to Christian Ethics I. For Frederick Simmons, Yale Divinity School, Fall 2010

Introduction to Ethics. For Shelly Kagan, Yale, Spring 2009

Philosophy of Religion. For Greg Ganssle, Yale, Fall 2008

Honors, Fellowships, Special Seminars, Etc.

Funded participant, Summer Research Retreat on Moral Epistemology and Moral Psychology, Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePauw University, July 2015

Funded participant, 2014 St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, University of St. Thomas (selective and fully-funded seminar)

Funded participant, 2011 Purdue Summer Seminar on Perceptual, Moral, and Religious Skepticism (selective and fully-funded seminar)

University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University, Spring 2010 and Spring 2012

Graduate Student Fellowship, Yale University, 2006-2009, 2010-2011

Fellowship in Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2005 (awarded to best thesis in the area of theology)

Archibald Alexander Hodge Prize in Systematic Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2004 (awarded to top 2nd-year theology student)

Presidential Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2002-2005

Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard, 2000

Detur Book Prize, Harvard, 1997

Academic Service

Refereed papers for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Episteme**, *Erkenntnis**, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophers' Imprint**, *Philosophical Studies**, *Synthese**, *Res Philosophica*, and *Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology**

* Indicates multiple assignments.

Committees at Yale Divinity School: Ad hoc disciplinary committee (May, 2015); Admissions Committee (2014/2015); Curriculum Committee (2013/2014)

Service to Yale University: Panelist on the "New Faculty Panel" for the Yale Academic Job Search Series (October, 2015)

Organized the Philosophy of Religion Colloquium at Yale, Fall 2011 to Spring 2012

Refereed papers for the Yale & UConn Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2009 and 2012