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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION & COMPETENCE

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AOS: Early Modern Philosophy; AOC: Philosophy of Religion; Ethical Theory; Existentialism

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Loyola University Chicago**, Assistant Professor (August 2014 – Present)

**Biola University**, Assistant Professor (August 2009 – July 2014)

**University of California, San Diego**, Instructor (March 2006 – December 2008)

## EDUCATION

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**University of California, San Diego**

Ph.D. (2010), M.A. (2005), philosophy (Chair: Donald Rutherford)

**Hillsdale College**

B.A. *magna cum laude* (2001), philosophy, history, French (minor)

## PUBLICATIONS (asterisk denotes peer review)

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\*“Enabling Ivan Karamazov: Responding to Mark Murphy’s *God’s Own Ethics: Norms of Divine Agency and the Argument from Evil*”, *Religious Studies* 53:4 (November 2017), 557-563.

“Les implications du scepticisme modéré académique de Bayle pour la connaissance morale,” in *Libertinage et philosophie au XVIIe siècle* 14 (eds. Pierre-François Moreau & Antony McKenna; Classiques Garnier, 2017), 127-146.

“The Implications of Bayle’s Qualified Academic Skepticism for Moral Knowledge,” in *Academic Scepticism in Early Modern Philosophy* (eds. Plínio J. Smith & Sébastien Charles; Springer 2016), 275-292.

\*“Pierre Bayle” in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ISSN 2161-0002, <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>

“Family & the Academy”(2 posts), *Blog of the APA: The Official Blog of the American Philosophical Association* 16 & 23 February 2016, <http://blog.apaonline.org/2016/02/16/family-and-the-academy/>

\*“Reason in Bayle and Leibniz,” in *Leibniz et Bayle: Confrontation et Dialogue – Studia Leibnitiana, Sonderhefte* Band 43 (Steiner Verlag 2015), 289-301.

\*“Which ‘Reason’? Bayle on the Intractability of Evil,” in *New Essays on Leibniz’s Theodicy*, eds. Larry Jorgensen & Samuel Newlands (OUP 2014), 43-54.

\*“Bayle on the (Ir)rationality of Religious Belief,” *Philosophy Compass* 8:6 (2013), 560-569.

\*“Amyraut on Reason & Religious Belief,” *The Modern Schoolman* LXXXVIII: 3-4 (2011), 191-200.

“La foi et la croyance chez Pierre Bayle,” in *Doxa: Études sur les formes et la construction de la croyance*, ed. Pascale Hummel (Philologicum 2010), 151-166.

“Le rejet de la position ‘conciliatrice’ dans les *Éclaircissements* de Bayle,” in *Les Éclaircissements de Pierre Bayle: Édition des “Éclaircissements” du Dictionnaire historique et critique et études recueillies*, eds. Hubert Bost and Antony McKenna (Champion 2010), 347-356.

“La philosophie comme méthodologie: la conception sceptico-rationaliste de la raison chez Bayle,” *Kriterion: Revista de Filosofia* L:120 (2009), 363-376.

### *Under Contract/Forthcoming*

\*“Locke’s Philosophical Theology,” in *Christian Theology and the Modern Philosophers*, eds. Gregory Ganssle & Benjamin Arbour (Zondervan, forthcoming)

“Locke’s Philosophy of Religion” in *The Lockean Mind*, eds. Shelley Weinberg & Jessica Gordon-Roth (Routledge, under contract)

**“Bayle’s Polyphony as Integrity: Thomas Lennon on Reading Bayle”** in *Sceptical Doubt and Disbelief in Modern European Thought: A New Pan-American Dialogue*, eds. Plinio J. Smith & Vicente Raga (Springer, under contract)

### ***In Progress***

Book review of Victor Nuovo, *John Locke: The Philosopher as Christian Virtuoso* (OUP 2017) for *Faith & Philosophy*  
*The Bayle Enigma: A Systematic Reading*. 80-100k word research monograph. Submission: April 2019.

### ***Book Reviews***

Mara van der Lugt, *Pierre Bayle, Jurieu, and the Dictionnaire historique et critique* (OUP 2016), in *Journal for the History of Philosophy* 55:3 (July 2017), 547-548.

J.C. Laursen & Gianni Paganini (eds.), *Skepticism and Political Thought in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries* (University of Toronto Press 2015), in *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* (2017)

Mogens Lærke, *Les Lumières de Leibniz: Controverses avec Huet, Bayle, Régis et More* (Classiques Garnier 2015), in *Journal for the History of Philosophy* 54:2 (April 2016), 338-339

Nicholas Wolterstorff, *The Mighty and the Almighty* (Cambridge UP 2012), in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (January 2014)

*Le Rayonnement de Bayle*, eds. Philippe de Robert, Claudine Pailhès, and Hubert Bost (OUP 2010), in *Modern Language Review* 106:4 (2011), 1157-1159.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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### **The Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage**

\$17,000 grant (2018-2019) for *Francisco Suárez: Predecessors and Successors* (co-PI: Peter Hartman)

### **SSHRC of Canada/Simon Fraser University**

2018 Intensive Seminar on Teaching New Narratives in Early Modern Philosophy

Directors: Lisa Shapiro (SFU) and Marcy Lascano (CSU-Long Beach)

### **Loyola University Chicago**

Probationary Faculty Research Leave Award (Fall 2017)

Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshmen (2015-2016)

### **National Endowment for the Humanities**

2015 Summer Institute Participant: “Between Medieval & Modern: Philosophy from 1300-1700”

Director: Robert Pasnau (University of Colorado, Boulder)

### **Biola University**

Research & Development Course Release for “Locke’s Philosophical Theology”

in *Christian Theology and the Modern Philosophers* (Fall 2013)

Faculty Integration Seminar Fellow (Summer 2011)

### **The Mentoring Project for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy**

Directors: Louise Antony (UMass-Amherst) & Ann Cudd (Kansas); Mentee, Summer 2013

### **Council of Christian Colleges and Universities**

Women’s Leadership Development Institute Fellow (Summer 2012)

### **University of California, San Diego**

*Center for the Humanities* Graduate Student Research Award (2008-2009)

*Center for the Humanities* Dissertation Fellowship (Spring 2007)

*UC Paris Study Center* Appointment, Graduate Student Instructor (Fall 2005)

*Philosophy Department* Graduate Student Essay of the Year (2004-2005)

## Hillsdale College

Alvin B. Jordan Scholarship for Studies in Philosophy (2000-2001)

### PRESENTATIONS (asterisk denotes peer review of abstract or full paper)

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- “Why Atheists Can Know They Are Moral – and Why Theists Ought to Think So”**  
Keynote Speaker, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Theistic Ethics Workshop (Wake Forest)      October 2018
- “Future Directions in Christian Philosophy”**  
Society of Christian Philosophers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference (Calvin)      September 2018
- “The Role of Moral Knowledge in Pierre Bayle’s Skepticism”**  
\*Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association      March 2018  
Chicago Modern Philosophy Roundtable      March 2018
- “Right Reason and Conscience: The Double Foundation of Religious Toleration in Bayle”**  
Philosophy Department Colloquium (Wheaton College (IL))      February 2018  
Loyola History of Philosophy Roundtable      December 2017  
*Bayle et Les Libertins* (ENS-Lyon, France)      November 2017  
*Scepticisme, rhétorique et politique à l’âge classique* (UQTR, Trois-Rivières, QC)      October 2017
- “Pierre Bayle on Skepticism”**  
Invited Speaker, “Skepticism” Doctoral Seminar (UIUC)      October 2017
- “Epistemic Authority & Divine Testimony in Locke, Leibniz, and Bayle”**  
Philosophy Department Colloquium (Marquette University)      May 2017  
*Authority and Testimony in Early Modern Philosophy* (St. Norbert College)      April 2017
- “Enabling Ivan Karamazov: Responding to Mark Murphy’s *God’s Own Ethics: Divine Agency and the Argument from Evil*”**  
Society of Christian Philosophers Author-Meets-Critics (Eastern APA)      January 2017
- \*“The Role of Moral Knowledge in Bayle’s Arguments for Toleration”**  
Quebec Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (Trois-Rivières, QC)      October 2016
- “Being the Best ‘You’: Soft Skills of Professionalization in Philosophy”**  
UCSD Philosophy Alumni Conference (UCSD)      October 2016
- “Skeptical Hope: Responding to Dan Speak’s ‘Hiddenness, Hope, and Relationship’ ”**  
Society of Christian Philosophers Group Meeting (Pacific APA)      April 2016
- \*“Religious Toleration, Then and Now”**  
Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Meeting (Univ. of San Diego)      March 2016
- “Pierre Bayle on Faith and Belief”**  
“Faith & Doubt Symposium” (Tyndale University College (via Skype))      March 2016
- “Bayle on Religious Toleration: Whence and Why?”**  
\*Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association      January 2016  
Department Colloquium (Hillsdale College (MI))      September 2015
- “Heretics, Indifference, and Universalism: Leibniz on the Grounds for Religious Toleration”**  
Department Colloquium (SIU-Edwardsville)      November 2015  
\*Leibniz Society of North America 2015 Annual Meeting (Ohio State)      October 2015
- \*“Locke’s Empiricist Epistemology of Religion in the *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*”**  
*Scientiae* (Victoria College, University of Toronto)      May 2015

<b>“The Implications of Bayle’s Qualified Academic Skepticism for Moral Knowledge”</b>	
Northwestern Epistemology Brown Bag	June 2016
Loyola History of Philosophy Roundtable	April 2015
American Society for 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Studies Annual Meeting	March 2015
<b>“Avoiding Intolerance or Embracing Tolerance? Locke and Bayle on Religious Toleration”</b>	
Loyola University Chicago	January 2014
Carleton College (MN)	January 2014
<b>“Locke and Bayle on Religious (In)tolerance: A Rereading”</b>	
The Early Modern Circle (CalTech)	December 2013
UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable	December 2013
*South Central Seminar in Early Modern (Texas A&M)	September 2013
<b>“Reason in Bayle &amp; Leibniz”</b>	
*Mentoring Workshop (UMass-Amherst)	June 2013
Cal State Long Beach Philosophy Day	May 2013
UC Irvine Scientia Workshop	November 2012
*“Leibniz et Bayle” Colloquium (Université de Montréal, Québec)	October 2012
<b>*“Which ‘Reason’? Bayle on the Intractability of Evil”</b>	
“Pierre Bayle & the Problem of Evil” Workshop, Notre Dame	September 2010
<b>*“Reason &amp; Faith in Bayle’s Doctrine of the Erring Conscience”</b>	
Philosophy of Religion Group Meeting, Pacific Division APA	March 2010
<b>“Epistemic Authority &amp; Certainty in Bayle’s Conception of Religious Belief”</b>	
Natural Religion Group Meeting, Pacific Division APA	March 2010
<b>*“Bayle’s Qualified Academic Skepticism”</b>	
Southern California Philosophy Conference	November 2009
<b>“La philosophie comme méthodologie: la conception sceptico-rationaliste de raison chez Bayle”</b>	
Biola University	April 2009
Eastern Illinois University	January 2009
<i>Pierre Bayle : historien et critique de la philosophie</i> (Belo Horizonte, Brazil)	October 2008
UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable	October 2008
<b>“Corrosive Reason &amp; Epistemic Immunity: Pierre Bayle on Reason &amp; the Mysteries”</b>	
UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable	November 2007
<b>“Le rejet de la position ‘conciliatrice’ dans les <i>Éclaircissements</i> de Bayle”</b>	
<i>Colloque de l’Association Pierre Bayle</i> (Paris, France)	November 2006
<b>“Pierre Bayle’s Rejection of Accommodationism”</b>	
3rd Biennial Margaret Dauber Wilson Conference	June 2006
<b>“Bayle seulement <i>philosophe</i>? Challenging Gianluca Mori’s Interpretation of Bayle”</b>	
*University of South Florida Early Modern Philosophy Conference (Abridged Version of Paper)	January 2006
UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable	May 2005
<b>“‘True’ Kantian Pluralism”</b>	
*Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting	November 2004
Talbot School of Theology Philosophy Club	May 2004

*Midsouth Philosophy Conference	February 2003
UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable	February 2003
<b>“Definimagism: Kant’s Synthesizing Account of Concepts”</b>	
UCSD Graduate Philosophy Roundtable	April 2004
<b>“Heidegger’s Transcendental Phenomenology”</b>	
*Southern California Philosophy Conference	October 2003
UCSD History of Philosophy Roundtable	October 2003

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## TEACHING AND RESEARCH

### Graduate Student Supervision

- Peter Rosa, “A Mereological Reading of Spinoza’s *Ethics*” (PhD thesis supervisor)
- Clinton Neptune, “A Defense of the Concept ‘God as Rescuer’ ” (PhD committee member)
- David Bunkenhofer, “The Relevance to Moral Knowledge If God Existed” (PhD committee member)
- Jacob Andrews, “William of Auxerre on Faith and Reason” (PhD committee member)
- Randolph Carlson, “Towards an Epistemology of Political Disagreement” (PhD committee member)

### Courses Taught as Primary Instructor

#### Graduate

- Philosophy 416 (Loyola) – Moral & Religious Belief in Pierre Bayle (Spring 2018)
- Philosophy 416 (Loyola) – 17<sup>th</sup> Century Arguments for Religious Toleration (Fall 2016)
- Philosophy 416 (Loyola) – 17<sup>th</sup> Century Conceptions of Reason (Spring 2015)

#### Upper Division

- Philosophy 309 (Loyola) – Classical Modern Philosophy (Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
- Philosophy 415 (Biola) – Advanced Studies: Existentialism (Fall 2010 & 2012)
- Philosophy 413 [renumbered 308] (Biola) – Ethical Theory (Spring 2010, 2012, 2014)
- Philosophy 350 (Biola) – Seminar for Majors: Marilyn McCord Adams’ *Horrendous Evils & the Goodness of God* (Fall 2011)
- Philosophy 350 (Biola) – Seminar for Majors: Bernard Williams’ *Truth & Truthfulness* (Fall 2009)
- Philosophy 303 (Biola) – Modern Philosophy (Fall 2011)
- Philosophy 104 (UCSD) – The Rationalists (Fall 2008)
- Philosophy 185 (UCSD) – Philosophy of Religion (Summer 2008)
- Philosophy 181 (UCSD) – Existentialism (Summer 2006 & 2007)

#### Lower Division

- Philosophy 130 (Loyola) – Philosophy & Persons (every semester since Fall 2014)
- Philosophy 215 (Biola) – Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014)
- Philosophy 214 (Biola) – Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012)
- Philosophy 33 (UCSD) – Philosophy in the Enlightenment: Berkeley, Hume, and Kant (Spring 2006)

### Visiting Lecturer

- Loyola Chicago CCIH Ignatian Faculty Seminar – “Reason, Science, and Faith” (March 2017)
- Baylor University PHI 3312 – “Leibniz, Substance, and Optimism” (November 2015)
- UCSD Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – “Philosophy in the Age of Enlightenment” and “Spinoza, Leibniz, & Voltaire” (Spring 2008)

UCSD Humanities 5 – “Simone de Beauvoir: Existentialism and Gender”

(Summer 2006, 2007, & 2008)

UCSD Philosophy 185 – “Kierkegaard and Robert Adams” (Winter 2007)

### **Research Experience**

Scholar-in-Residence, The Newberry Library (2017-2018)

Reader, The Huntington Library (2012-2013)

Biola Faculty Dean’s Research Release: “Female Faculty & the Family” (Fall 2010)

Reader, Bibliothèque Nationale de France (Fall 2005)

Research Assistant to Donald Rutherford:

Summer 2005 Editorial assistant for *The Cambridge Companion to Early Modern Philosophy* (2006)

Summer 2004 Partial translation of Pierre Charron’s *De La Sagesse*

## **INSTITUTIONAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **Loyola University Chicago**

Co-Principal Investigator, *Francisco Suárez: Predecessors and Successors* (Loyola, April 2019)

Founder & Co-Organizer, Loyola History of Philosophy Roundtable (Spring 2015-present)

Evaluator, St. Ignatius Faculty Teaching Award (2017-2018)

Evaluator, Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshmen (2016-2017)

Faculty Search Committee (2016-2017)

Strategic Plan Committee (2016-2017)

First-Year Text Post-Convocation Discussion Leader (Fall 2016)

Crown Fellowship in the Humanities Selection Committee (2015-present)

Graduate Student Teaching Mentor (2016-present)

Graduate Admissions & Awards Committee (2015-2016)

Department Diversity Committee (2015-present)

Graduate Placement Committee (2014-present); Graduate Placement Director (2015-present)

First-Year Graduate Student Faculty Mentor (2014-present)

Guest Speaker on Professionalization for Graduate Students:

Philosophy Department Teaching Seminar (May 2016)

Loyola Teaching Effectiveness Seminar for Graduate Students (April 2015; March 2017)

Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy (October 2014)

Undergraduate Program Committee (2014-2015)

Assessment Committee (2014-2015)

### **Biola University**

New & Transfer Student Liaison, Philosophy Department (2013-2014)

Task Force on University Childcare, University Committee for Women Faculty (2012-2013)

Faculty Steering Committee, School of Arts and Sciences (2010-2013)

Humanities & Social Sciences Divisional Representative (2010-2013); Chair (2012-2013)

First-Year Faculty Mentor (Fall 2010)

Task Force on Maternity Benefit Policies, Committee for Women Faculty (2010-2011)

### **University of California, San Diego**

Graduate Student Representative to Philosophy Faculty (2002-2003)

## American Philosophical Association

2019 Central Division Program Committee  
2013-2016 Pacific Division Program Committee  
2018 Central Meeting: Chair, “Wagering With & Without Pascal”  
2016 Pacific Meeting: Organizer & Chair, “Women in the History of Philosophy of Religion”  
2016 Central Meeting: Chair, “Reid vs. Hume on the Objects of Belief”  
2015 Pacific Meeting: Organizer & Chair, “Contemporary Moral Theory & the Problem of Evil”  
2014 Pacific Meeting: Chair, “The Philosophy of Mary Astell”  
2012 Pacific Meeting: Commentator, “Addressing the Dearth of Women in Philosophy of Religion”  
2011 Pacific Meeting: Chair, “Context & Skeptical Theism”  
2005 Pacific Meeting: Chair, “Against a Psychologistic Reading of Descartes”  
2004 Pacific Meeting: Chair, “Origins of Otherness: A Juxtaposition of de Beauvoir and Lévinas”

## Other Service to the Profession

Diversity Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers (2018-present)  
Executive Committee, Evangelical Philosophical Society (2018-present)  
Co-founder & co-organizer, Chicago Modern Philosophy Roundtable (Fall 2015-present)  
Organizer, *Hume and the Enlightenment: A Conference of the David Hume Forum* (Loyola, April 2017)  
Commentator, “Having Faith for Social Justice” (*The Virtue of Faith*, Bellingham, September 2016)  
Mentor, The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy (Fall 2015-present)  
Chair, *Faith & Reason: Themes from Swinburne* (Purdue, September 2014)  
Co-host, Southwest Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (Cal Poly Pomona, February 2013)

## Editorial Work

Philosophy Editor, *Christian Scholar's Review* (October 2014-present)

## Referee

Journals: *Res Philosophica*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*,  
*British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Locke Studies*, *Philosophers' Imprint*  
Presses: Blackwell, Brill

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association; Society of Christian Philosophers;  
Society for Women in Philosophy; Evangelical Philosophical Society

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## MEDIA

*Blog of the APA Early Career Research Spotlight* interview:  
<http://blog.apaonline.org/2016/08/24/early-career-research-spotlight-kristen-irwin/>

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## LANGUAGES

French: reading, writing, speaking (fluent); German: reading; Latin: reading

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## REFERENCES

Donald Rutherford	University of California, San Diego
Hubert Bost	École Pratique des Hautes Etudes, La Sorbonne (Paris IV)
Thomas Lennon	University of Western Ontario
Alison Simmons	Harvard University