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Curriculum Vitae  
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EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Rochester, October 2016

- Dissertation: *Higher-Order Evidence: Its Nature and Epistemic Significance*
- Committee: Richard Feldman (advisor), Earl Conee, Edward Wierenga, and H. Allen Orr (chair)

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Rochester, March 2011

B.A. in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), University of Oklahoma, May 2007

- Honors Thesis: "On the Emergence of Time from Space"
- Advisor: James Hawthorne

B.S. in Mathematics (with distinction), University of Oklahoma, May 2007

- Minor in Religious Studies

Supplemental education:

- Carnegie Mellon Summer School in Logic and Formal Epistemology, June 2007
- Fundamentals of Online Teaching (4-week course at St. John Fisher College), May-June 2018
- Online Course Design and Teaching Workshop (2-day workshop at SUNY Geneseo), May 2018
- Student Conduct Committee Training (3-day workshop at St. John Fisher College), August 2018
- Open Educational Resources Workshop (2-day workshop at SUNY Geneseo), May 2018
- Safe Zone Training (3-hour workshop for LGBTQ allies at SUNY Geneseo), June 2018
- Introductory Core Workshop in Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (2-day workshop with Jonathan Lewis through the Positive Peace Warrior Network at the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence), May 2014
- Advanced Training in Kingian Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation (5-day workshop with Dr. Bernard Lafayette and Jonathan Lewis through the Positive Peace Warrior Network at the Rochester Institute of Technology), July–August 2014

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Epistemology  
Philosophy of Religion  
Philosophy of Nonviolence

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Eastern Philosophy  
Normative Ethics (theory and applied)

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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Adjunct Instructor, St. John Fisher College, Fall 2013–Present (Visiting Instructor during Spring 2013)

- Courses taught: Crimes & Corporations, Business Ethics, Bioethics (traditional format and online), Basic Logic, Introduction to Philosophy, Introductory Ethics

Adjunct Lecturer, State University of New York at Geneseo, Spring-Fall 2012, 2018–Present

- Courses taught: Chinese Philosophy, Eastern Philosophy, Introduction to Logic, Critical Thinking, Writing Seminar: Nature of Life & Death, Writing Seminar: Philosophy of Nonviolence

Graduate Instructor of Humanities, Eastman School of Music, Fall 2013

- Course taught: Writing Seminar: The Meaning of Life

Adjunct Lecturer, State University of New York at Brockport, Spring 2013

- Course taught: Epistemology

Instructor, University of Rochester, Summers 2010-2012

- Courses taught: Ethics, Contemporary Moral Problems

Teaching Assistant, University of Rochester, Fall 2008–Spring 2012

- Courses assisted: Morality and War (Robert Holmes), History of Ethics (Robert Holmes), Ethical Decisions in Medicine (William FitzPatrick), Contemporary Moral Problems (Todd Long, William FitzPatrick), The Meaning of Life (Earl Conee), Introductory Logic (Brett Sherman), Science and Reason (Brad Weslake)

Honors Research Assistant, University of Oklahoma Honors College, January–May 2007

- I assisted Prof. Neera Badhwar with her research on ethical situationism.

Mathematics Tutor, University of Arkansas Tutoring Center, May–June 2002

- I led regular individual and group tutoring sessions for College Algebra, Trigonometry, Statistics, and Calculus I.

## BOOKS

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*Epistemology* (Part 3 in the *Introduction to Philosophy Open Textbook*, series edited by Christina Hendricks), volume editor: May 2018-Present

*Higher-Order Evidence: Its Nature and Epistemic Significance* (Ph.D. dissertation)

## ARTICLES

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Invited chapter contribution (title TBD) to appear in *Higher-Order Evidence and Moral Epistemology*, edited by Michael Klenk (Routledge), in preparation

“The Analysis of Knowledge,” Chapter 1 in *Epistemology* (Part 3 of *Introduction to Philosophy Open Textbook*, series edited by Christina Hendricks), volume edited by Brian Barnett, in preparation

“A Probabilistic Defense of Proper *De Jure* Objections to Theism,” under revision for *Religious Studies*

“An Epistemic Assessment of the Modal Ontological Argument,” under revision

“Towards an Adequate Moral Justification of Absolute Nonviolence,” in preparation

## PRESENTATIONS

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Comments on David McElhoo's "The Disappearing Act: A Tragic Tale for Omni-Gods," Eastern Division APA Meeting, January 2019

"Peer Disagreement and the Ethics of Belief: A Stable Conciliatory Approach," Nazareth College Philosophy Department, 8 November 2018

"An Epistemic Assessment of the Modal Ontological Argument," Pacific Division APA Meeting, March-April 2018

Comments on Andrew Brenner's "Theism and Explanationist Defenses of Moral Realism," Pacific Division APA Meeting, 14 April 2017

Comments on Joshua Blanchard's "Moral Realism and Reliance on Moral Testimony," Eastern Division APA Meeting, 4 January 2017

"Peer Disagreement and Problems of Self-Defeat," SUNY Geneseo Philosophy Department, 28 October 2016

"Higher-Order Evidence: Its Nature and Epistemic Significance," University of Rochester Philosophy Department, 19 August 2016

Introductory Workshop on Kingian Nonviolence, co-organized and co-facilitated with Dr. Richard DeJesus-Rueff, St. John Fisher College, 29 September 2014

Comments on Jonathan Matheson's "Peer Disagreement and the Ethics of Belief," 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, 24 October 2014

"Interrogative Knowledge," University of Rochester Philosophy Department, 14 December 2010

Comments on Andrew Moon's "Beliefs Do *Not* Come in Degrees," 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, 23 October 2010

"The Structure of Epistemic Justification: A New Approach to the Theory of Internalist Foundationalism," 8<sup>th</sup> Annual McNair Research Conference, University of Maryland (College Park), March 2007

"On the Emergence of Time from Space," 7<sup>th</sup> Annual McNair Research Conference, University of Maryland (College Park), March 2006

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (University of Rochester, Department of Philosophy): 2009–10

Grant for new online course development (SUNY Geneseo): May 2018

Supplemental Travel Grant Award (St. John Fisher College): February 2018

Supplemental Travel Grant Award (St. John Fisher College): October 2017

Dean's Fellowship (University of Rochester): 2007–12

McNair Scholar (University of Oklahoma): 2005–07

J. Clayton Feaver Scholarship (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy): 2007

Mary Elizabeth Wade Scholarship (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy): 2005–06

Arthur F. Bernhart Mathematics Scholarship (University of Oklahoma, Department of Mathematics): 2004–05

College of Arts & Sciences Student Research and Educational Travel Funding Grant (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy): Summer 2006

Student Travel Grant (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy): Summer 2006

G.W. and Vera Dobbs Pullin and Charles A. & Janice Pullin Drake Scholarship (University of Oklahoma, College of Arts & Sciences): 2006–07

Lois A. Pfister Memorial Scholarship (University of Oklahoma): Summer 2006

Oklahoma Memorial Scholarship (University of Oklahoma): 2005–06

Sooner Heritage Scholarship (University of Oklahoma): 2004–05, 2005–06

Scholarship for Gandhi Institute Nonviolence Intensive: August 2013

#### SERVICE

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Referee for *Philosophia*. January 2018-Present

Referee for *Res Philosophica*. December 2017-Present

Student Conduct Representative for the Student Conduct Hearing Committee (St. John Fisher College): 2018-Present

Chair for the Concerned Philosophers for Peace Group Session at the Eastern Division APA Meeting: January 2019

Chair for “Inquiring into What You Believe,” Epistemology Session at the Pacific Division APA Meeting: April 2019

Abstract reviewer for “Civility, Nonviolent Resistance, and the New Struggle for Social Justice” (30<sup>th</sup> annual conference for the Concerned Philosophers for Peace): August 2017

Book reviewer for Oxford UP: Russell Marcus’ *What Follows: An Introduction to Formal Logic and Philosophy* (October 2016), Bob Fischer’s *Ethics, Left and Right* (July 2017)

Committee on Intellectual Vitality (Pillar One of Strategic Review) (St. John Fisher College): Fall 2016–Spring 2017

Departmental Logic Curriculum Assessment Committee (St. John Fisher College, Philosophy Department): Fall 2014, Fall 2015

Volunteer at the Registration Desk for the Pacific Division APA Meeting: April 2017, March 2018

Introductory Workshop on Kingian Nonviolence, co-organized and co-facilitated with Dr. Richard DeJesus-Rueff, St. John Fisher College, 29 September 2014

Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference Committee (University of Rochester): 2010, 2012, 2014

Graduate Admissions Committee (University of Rochester, Department of Philosophy): 2011

Annual Undergraduate Philosophical Conference Committee (University of Oklahoma): 2005-06, 2006-07

Session Moderator for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Undergraduate Philosophical Conference (University of Oklahoma): 2006

Undergraduate Student Advisory Council (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy Representative): 2005-06, 2006-07

Dean's Student Advisory Council (University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy Representative): 2005-06, 2006-07

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#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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Concerned Philosophers for Peace: Spring 2017-Present

American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division): 2004-Present

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#### GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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University of Rochester:

- Supervised Instruction in Philosophy (taken eight semesters, one for each semester as a TA) (Robert Holmes, Todd Long, Brad Weslake, Brett Sherman, Earl Conee, and William FitzPatrick)
- Theory of Knowledge (Jeffrey Glick)
- Logical Methods in Philosophy (David Braun)
- Philosophy of Language (David Braun)
- Philosophy of Mind (Brad Weslake)
- Metaphysics (Alyssa Ney)
- Topics in Philosophical Theology: Theistic Belief (Edward Wierenga)
- Topics in Philosophical Theology: Trinity and Incarnation (Edward Wierenga)
- Selected Topics in Ancient Philosophy (Deborah Modrak)
- British Empiricism (Ralf Meerbote)
- Seminar in Epistemology: Evidentialism (Richard Feldman and Earl Conee)
- Seminar in Epistemology: Reasonable Disagreement (Richard Feldman)
- Seminar in Epistemology: The Epistemology of Testimony (Jeffrey Glick)
- Seminar in Metaphysics: Metametaphysics (Alyssa Ney)
- Seminar in Metaphysics: Reductionism (Alyssa Ney and Kevan Edwards)
- Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Mental Content (David Braun and Alyssa Ney)
- Seminar in Philosophy of Science: Inference to the Best Explanation and Scientific Realism (Brad Weslake)
- Levels of Evidence (Richard Feldman)
- Recent Views on Knowledge (Earl Conee)

- Counterfactuals (Brad Weslake)
- Writing Seminar (Earl Conee)
- PhD Research in Philosophy (Richard Feldman)

University of Oklahoma:

- Symbolic Logic II (Chris Swoyer)
- Graph Theory I (Marilyn Breen)
- Seminar in Philosophy of Religion: Fatalism (Linda Zagzebski)

## REFERENCES

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Research references:

Richard Feldman  
 Interim President  
 Professor of Philosophy  
 University of Rochester  
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Earl Conee  
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Edward Wierenga  
 Emeritus Professor of Philosophy  
 Emeritus Professor of Religion and Classics  
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Teaching references:

Charles Natoli  
 Professor of Philosophy and Classical Studies  
 St. John Fisher College  
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Timothy Madigan  
 Associate Professor of Philosophy and Classical Studies  
 Chair of Philosophy and Classical Studies  
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