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EDUCATION

- PhD Philosophy, 2019. Vanderbilt University, *anticipated*
Certificate in Humanities Teaching and Learning, Spring 2018
- MA Philosophy, 2017. Vanderbilt University
- BA Religious Studies, 2014. Young Harris College, *summa cum laude*

RESEARCH AREAS

- AOS: Social and Political Philosophy
- AOC: Philosophy of Religion, Ancient Philosophy, Critical Theory

DISSERTATION

- Complicating Religion in Public Reason*
- Defense Date: July 2019
- Committee: Robert Talisse (Chair), Scott Aikin, Karen Ng, James Booth (external)

This dissertation argues that the consensus model of public reason is superior to the convergence one, on the grounds that the consensus model can accommodate a richer model of the idea of religion and religious diversity generally. I argue this using both the methods of analytic political philosophy and the resources offered by religious studies, particularly that set of ideas termed “critical religion.” Consensus models, unlike convergence ones, do not necessitate the state’s often uninformed and potentially exclusionary defining of religion.

PUBLICATIONS

- “Investigating Integrity in Public Reason Liberalism,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 35 (1), 2019. (Forthcoming)
- “Response to Rob Reed, ‘Must God Prevent Evil?’” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 33 (2): 77-81. 2017.

BOOK REVIEWS

- “Skeptical Theism: New Essays, edited by Trent Dougherty and Justin McBrayer” with Scott Aikin. *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, 7 (3): 207-211. 2017.
- “Bringing the Thinker-Artist Down to Earth.” Response essay to *Thinking Life* (S. Ph. Press, 2018). Mark Anderson. Syndicate Philosophy Symposium. (Forthcoming).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “The New Queer Family: Investigating the Unique Entitlements of Same-Sex Couples.” New York Minorities in Philosophy Workshop Series. April 2019
- “On Coldness: A Gadamerian Engagement with Adorno.” Critical Theory Roundtable, Nov 2018
- “Revising Pettit’s Conception of Freedom.” Pacific APA, Main Program, March 2018
- “Investigating Integrity in Public Reason Liberalism.” Southwest Philosophy Conference, Nov 2018
- “Freedom and Integrity in Public Reason Liberalism.” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, March 2018
- “The Shadow of Domination: Revising Pettit’s Conception of Freedom.” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Oct 2017
- “Striving, Bad Infinity, and the Possibility of Therapeutic Redemption.” Georgia Philosophical Association, April 2017
- “In Defense of Religious Literacy.” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Oct 2016

“Philosophy of Religion and the Recognition of Religious Diversity.” SECSOR, March 2015
“Humanists and an Interfaith World.” SECSOR, March 2014

TEACHING

Sole Instructor, Vanderbilt University:	Introduction to Philosophy F2015, S2016 S2018, S2019
	General Logic F2016, F2017
Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University:	Ancient Philosophy F2018
	Introduction to Ethics S2015 (2 sections)
Teaching Assistant, Young Harris College	World Religions F2013

INVITED COMMENTS/LECTURES

“Response to Lyn Radke,” Tennessee Philosophical Association, Oct 2017
“Response to Rob Reed,” Southwest Philosophy Conference, Oct 2016
“Response to Melanie Walton,” Author Meets Critics Panel, TPA, Oct 2015
“Michel de Certeau & Heidegger on the Everyday,” Guest Lecture, Young Harris College, March 2015

SERVICE AT VANDERBILT

President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association. Vanderbilt. F2018-S2019
Teaching Committee, PGSA. Vanderbilt. F2016 – S2018
Faculty Liaison, PGSA. Vanderbilt. F2014 – S2016

REWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Presidential Prize, Southwest Philosophical Society, F2018
Kendall Berry Ethics Dissertation Prize, S2018
Berry Early Teaching Award, S2015
Young Harris College Presidential Scholar, F2010
Alpha Chi Honor Society, F2012
Young Harris College Scholars Consortium, F2013
John Kay Award for Excellence in Comparative Religious Studies, S2013
Outstanding Paper in Religious Studies and Philosophy, S2013
Beverly Barrow Woodward '53 Scholarship, S2011

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
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REFERENCES

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