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## RYAN S. KEMP *curriculum vitae*

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EDUCATION      *University of Notre Dame*  
2015. Ph.D., Philosophy.

*Fordham University*  
2010. MA, Philosophy.

*Texas A&M University*  
2007. BA, Philosophy.

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EMPLOYMENT      *Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.*  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2015 – present.

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RESEARCH  
AREAS      *Specialization:* Kant & 19<sup>th</sup> Century European

*Competence:* 20<sup>th</sup> Century European & Ethics

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BOOKS  
(CONTRACTED)      *Value Transformation in Fichte, Hegel and Kierkegaard.* Routledge. Manuscript due 2019.

*The Routledge Guidebook to Kierkegaard's Either/Or.* Manuscript due 2018.

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ARTICLES &  
CHAPTERS      Forthcoming, “Did Napoleon Teleologically Suspend the Ethical? A Dilemma for Some ‘Hegelian’ Readings of *Fear and Trembling*.” In *The Kierkegaardian Mind*. Routledge.

Forthcoming, “Reviving the No-Bad-Action Problem in Kant’s Ethics.” *European Journal of Philosophy*.

2018 “The Role of Imagination in Kierkegaard’s Account of Transformation.” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*.

2018 “Kant’s Subjective Deduction: A Reappraisal.” *European Journal of Philosophy*.

2017 “Kierkegaard on the (Un)happiness of Faith.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*. (with M. Mullaney).

- 2017 “Revisiting Kant’s Deduction of Taste.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*.
- 2017 “How to Become an Idealist: Fichte on the Transition from Dogmatism to Idealism.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.
- 2015 “The Self-Transformation Puzzle.” *Res Philosophica*.
- 2015 “Johannes de silentio: Religious Poet or Faithless Aesthete?” In Jon Stewart (ed.), *Kierkegaard’s Pseudonyms*. UK: Ashgate Publishing Company.
- 2015 “A, the Aesthete: Aestheticism and The Limits of Philosophy.” In Jon Stewart (ed.), *Kierkegaard’s Pseudonyms*. UK: Ashgate Publishing Company.
- 2015 “Repetition.” In Steven Emmanuel, William McDonald, Jon Stewart (ed.), *Kierkegaard’s Concepts*. UK: Ashgate Publishing Company.
- 2013 “Desiderata for a Viable Secular Humanism.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy*.
- 2013 “In Defense of a Straightforward Reading of *Fear and Trembling*.” *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*.
- 2011 “The Contingency of Evil: Rethinking the Problem of Universal Evil in Kant’s *Religion*.” *Rethinking Kant: Volume Three*. UK: Cambridge Scholars. (Awarded *Herz Prize* by the North American Kant Society.)
- 2011 “Making Sense of the Ethical Stage: Revisiting Kierkegaard’s Aesthetic to Ethical Transition.” *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook*.

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INVITED  
REVIEWS

- 2017 Merold Westphal’s *In Praise of Heteronomy*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

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PRESENTATIONS  
(\*invited)

- 2018 "Rethinking the Highest Good: Kierkegaard on God, Virtue, and (This-Worldly) Happiness." Conference on *Kant and the Possibility of Progress*, Boston College.\*
- 2017 “Hitting Rock Bottom: David Foster Wallace on the Rationality of Conversion (and Transformative Teaching).” *Ohio Valley Philosophy of Education Society*.
- 2017 “Kierkegaard on What You Can (and Cannot) Expect From Faith.” *Søren Kierkegaard Society*, Pacific APA.

- 2016 “Reviving the No-Bad-Action Problem in Kant’s Ethics.” *Midwest Study Group of the North American Kant Society*.
- 2016 “Kant and the Problem of Moral Conversion.” *Southern Study Group of the North American Kant Society*.
- 2015 “Kierkegaard on the Relationship between Faith and Belief.” Conference on *The Redemption of Feeling* in the Religious Existentialists, Queens College, Flushing, New York
- 2012 “On valuing the means to one’s ends: a challenge argument for constructivist ethical theories.” *Illinois Philosophical Association*. (Special plenary session with response by Sharon Street.)
- 2012 “Is Foot an immoralist?” *Pacific APA* (Main Program).
- 2011 “Kant’s theory of taste.” *United Kingdom Kant Society*.
- 2011 “Rethinking Kant’s theory of taste.” *Southern Study Group of the North American Kant Society*.
- 2010 “The contingency of evil: rethinking the problem of universal evil in Kant’s *Religion*.” *Southern Study Group of the North American Kant Society*.

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COMMENTS

- 2018 Author meets critics session for Noreen Khawaja’s *The Religion of Existence: Asceticism in Philosophy from Kierkegaard to Sartre*. Hosted by the *Karl Jaspers Society of North America*, Central APA
- 2018 Christina Danko, “The Dynamically Embodied Self from Hume through Kant to Kierkegaard.” *Soren Kierkegaard Society*, Central APA.
- 2018 Tyrone Krause, “Søren Kierkegaard’s Actuality.” *Soren Kierkegaard Society*, Central APA.
- 2018 Valerie Roberge, “The Isolated Self in *The Seducer’s Diary*.” *Soren Kierkegaard Society*, Central APA.
- 2016 Francey Russell, “Kant on Self-Opacity and Self-Conceit.” *Central APA*, Chicago.

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AWARDS & HONORS

- 2017 Travel and housing grant. *Journal of the History of Philosophy*. Master class with Paul Guyer (Brown University): “Kant and Mendelssohn on Religious Freedom.”

- 2015 Dissertation defense: University of Notre Dame. Passed with distinction. Committee: Fred Rush (advisor), Karl Ameriks, Gary Gutting, and Sam Newlands.
- 2010 *Herz Prize*. Awarded by the North American Kant Society for graduate paper of the year: “The Contingency of Evil.”

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REFERENCES

Karl Ameriks, University of Notre Dame  
McMahon-Hank Professor of Philosophy Emeritus,

John Davenport, Fordham University  
Professor of Philosophy

Mark Roche, University of Notre Dame (teaching reference)  
Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C. Professor of German Language and Literature

Fred Rush, University of Notre Dame  
Professor of Philosophy