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**EDUCATION**

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- PhD.** The University of Oklahoma, Philosophy May 2013  
Dissertation: "A Defense of Nonreductive Mental Causation"  
Committee: Martin Montminy (chair), Reinaldo Elugardo, Neal Judisch,  
Chris Swoyer, Lynn Devenport
- B.A.** The College of Wooster, Philosophy May 2007  
Senior Thesis: "Concerns of an Anti-Skeptic: Traditional Epistemology  
And Why It Should Be Naturalized"  
Advisor: Henry Kreuzman  
Received Grade of Honors  
Graduated Cum Laude

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- OU Provost's PhD. Dissertation Award for Humanities and Fine Arts* 2013  
*UCO College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Lecturer Award* 2018  
*UCO College of Liberal Arts Outstanding Adjunct Award* 2016

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Specialization: Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics  
Competence: Logic, Early Modern, Language, Ethics

**EMPLOYMENT**

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University of Central Oklahoma, 2013 – present  
University of Oklahoma, 2009-2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 – 2018  
Rose State College, 2013

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Logic and Critical Thinking / Introduction to Logic  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Introduction to Ethics  
Philosophy of Mind  
Self & Identity

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] "The Burden of Proof Fallacy", *Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy*, Bruce and Barbone (eds.) (Wiley-Blackwell 2018).
- [2] "A Defense of Causal Invariantism", *Analytic Philosophy* (2015): 1 – 27. (coauthored with Martin Montminy)
- [3] "Kim's Dilemma: Why Mental Causation is not Productive", *Synthese* (2015): 1 – 19.
- [4] "The Supervenience Argument Against Non-Reductive Physicalism", *Just the Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Arguments in Western Philosophy*, Bruce and Barbone (eds.), (Wiley-Blackwell 2011).
- [5] "Why It Doesn't Matter I'm Not Insane: Descartes's Madness Doubt in Focus", *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2011), vol. 27, Issue 1: 157 – 165.
- [6] "What's in a Name? Cid, Cloud, and How Names Refer", *Final Fantasy and Philosophy*, Blahuta and Beaulieu (eds.), (Wiley 2009): 195 – 208. (coauthored with Jason Southworth)

## CITATIONS OF WORK

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**"Kim's Dilemma: Why Mental Causation is not Productive"**: [1] Thomas Kroedel's "Mental Causation: A Counterfactual Theory" (Cambridge University Press), 2019, [2] Bram Vaassen's 2019 Dissertation, "Causal After All: A Model of Mental Causation for Dualists"

**"A Defense of Causal Invariantism"**: [1] Bram Vaassen's 2019 Dissertation, "Causal After All: A Model of Mental Causation for Dualists"

## PRESENTATIONS

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- [1] "The Metaphysics of Structured Representations: The Unity Problem for Mental Representations": delivered at the Kansas Philosophical Society Conference 2/27/2010
- [2] "Why It Doesn't Matter I'm Not Insane: Descartes's Madness Doubt in Focus": delivered at the 2010 Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference 11/12/2010
- [3] "Dissolving Kim's Exclusion Problem": delivered at the University of Central Oklahoma 4/14/2014

## COMMENTARIES

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- [1] Comments on Martin Vacek's "Extended Modal Realism": Second Annual University of Oklahoma Graduate Conference, 2013
- [2] Comments on Jonah Goldwater's "Six Arguments Against OIC": 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Southwestern Philosophical Society Conference, 2019

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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UCO Humanities and Philosophy Enrollment Committee Chair, 2018 – present

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- [1] Journal Review for *Synthese* 2019: paper on causation in physics
- [2] Session Chair for 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference 10/11/2019

## REFERENCES

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**Dr. Martin Montminy**, Professor (dissertation chair)

**Dr. Reinaldo Elugardo**, Professor Emeritus

**Dr. Chris Swoyer**, Professor Emeritus and Associated Professor of Cognitive Science

**Dr. Hugh Benson**, Professor Emeritus