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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AREAS OF COMPETENCE

EPISTEMOLOGY, METAPHYSICS, PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION  
ETHICS, EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY

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## EMPLOYMENT

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| EL CAMINO COLLEGE<br>Associate Professor, Philosophy    | 2017 - present |
| EL CAMINO COLLEGE<br>Assistant Professor, Philosophy    | 2013 - 2017    |
| PENN VALLEY COLLEGE<br>Assistant Professor, Philosophy  | 2010 - 2013    |
| CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO<br>Lecturer | 2005 - 2009    |
| CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE<br>Visiting Lecturer          | 2008           |

## EDUCATION

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| UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE<br>Ph.D., <i>Philosophy</i><br>DISSERTATION: <i>Armchair Knowledge and Modal Skepticism: A Rapprochement</i><br>CHAIR: PETER J. GRAHAM<br>COMMITTEE: ERIC SCHWITZGEBEL, PETER KUNG, & MICHAEL NELSON | 2005 - 2009 |
| UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE<br>M.A., <i>Philosophy</i>   | 2004        |
| CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN BERNARDINO<br>B.A., <i>Philosophy</i>   | 1999        |

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

1. *Is God the Best Explanation of Things? A Dialogue* (with Joshua Rasmussen).  
Palgrave MacMillan, 2019.
2. *Modal Epistemology After Rationalism* (co-edited with Bob Fischer),  
Springer, 2017.

### Articles and Chapters

1. 'A Priori (Atheism)', in Joseph W. Koterski and Graham Oppy (eds.). *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Arguments in Philosophy*, Macmillan, 2019.
2. 'Causation and Sufficient Reason (Atheism)', in Joseph W. Koterski and Graham Oppy (eds.). *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Arguments in Philosophy*, Macmillan, 2019.
3. 'From Modal Skepticism to Modal Empiricism', in B. Fischer & F. Leon, eds., *Modal Epistemology After Rationalism*, Synthese Library. Dordrecht: Springer, 2017, pp. 247-262.
4. 'The Modal-Knowno Problem' (with Bob Fischer), *Southwest Philosophy Review* 32:1 (2016), pp.225-232.
5. 'Moreland on the Impossibility of Traversing the Infinite: A Critique', *Philo*14:1(2011), pp. 32-42.
6. 'Why Frankfurt-Examples Don't Need to Succeed to Succeed' (with Neal Tognazzini), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* Vol. 80, No. 3 (May 2010), pp. 551-565.

### In Preparation

1. 'The Problem of Creation *Ex Nihilo*: A New Argument Against Theism', under review
2. 'A Dilemma for Ambitious Modal Epistemology'
3. 'Modal Empiricism and Natural Theology'
4. 'Epicurean Cosmological Arguments for Matter's Necessity'
5. Book manuscript: *Modal Skepticism and Natural Theology*

### PRESENTATIONS

1. 'A Dilemma for Ambitious Modal Epistemology', PHILOSURFER Convergence Conference, Del Mar, CA, April 20, 2018.
2. Comments on Scott Coley's 'Evolutionary Debunking and Arguments Against Theism', Society for Philosophy of Religion, March 1, 2018.
3. 'The Modal-Knowno Problem' (with Robert William Fischer), Southwestern Philosophical Society Meetings, Nashville, TN, November 2015.
4. 'Knowledge of Nearby Possibilities'. Directions in the Epistemology of Modality, University of Stirling, Stirling UK, October 2015.
5. 'Theism and Material Causality', American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2015.
6. 'Theism and Material Causality', Society for Philosophy of Religion, February 2015.
7. 'From Modal Skepticism to Modal Empiricism', International Workshop on the Epistemology of Modality (LangCog Research Group), Lisbon, Portugal, August 2013.
8. 'From Modal Skepticism to Modal Empiricism', American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division meeting, March 2013.
9. 'Moreland on the Impossibility of Traversing the Infinite: A Critique', Penn Valley College, May 2012.
10. 'Modal Epistemology: Curb Your Enthusiasm', California State University, San Bernardino, November 2009.
11. 'Why Frankfurt-Examples Don't Need to Succeed to Succeed' (with Neal Tognazzini), American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2007.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Society for Philosophy of Religion, 2014-present  
Member, American Philosophical Association, 1999-present  
Session Chair, APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Session Chair, Society for Philosophy of Religion, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Session Chair, APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008  
Referee: Oxford University Press, *Mind*, *Synthese*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*  
*American Philosophical Quarterly*

## COLLEGE SERVICE AND FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

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|---|--------------|
| Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Philosophy                   | 2019         |
| Certification for teaching on Canvas online course platform         | 2017         |
| Debate on God's existence with Tomas Bogardus                       | 2017         |
| Debate on God's existence Michael Rota                              | 2015         |
| Program Review, Philosophy Department                               | 2015         |
| Hiring Committee, Assistant Professor, Forensics                    | 2015         |
| Debate on God's existence with Tomas Bogardus                       | 2014         |
| On Course Workshop for student success:                             | 2014         |
| Faculty Inquiry Partnership Program                                 | 2014         |
| Department Representative, Division Council                         | 2013-present |
| Co-Chair, El Camino College Philosophy Club                         | 2013-present |
| Certification for teaching on Etudes online course platform         | 2013         |
| Faculty Advisory Group, Learning Resources Center                   | 2013-present |
| Faculty Representative, Curriculum Committee                        | 2013-present |
| Elections Committee   | 2013         |
| Campus Curriculum committee   | 2012-2013    |
| Faculty Senate  | 2012-2013    |
| Debate on God's existence with Bruce Little                         | 2012         |
| DACC committee (morphed from DSCIA)                                 | 2011-2013    |
| Search Committee, Philosophy Instructor (MCC Longview Campus)       | 2011         |
| DSCIA Committee (committee on assessment and college accreditation) | 2010-2011    |
| Critical Thinking Subcommittee                                      | 2010-2011    |
| Chair, MCC Philosophy Club  | 2012-2013    |

## AWARDS

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| Dean's Fellowship, University of California, Riverside | 2001-2002 |
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## REFERENCES

### Research

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