

# Nick Hadsell

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## EDUCATION

- Baylor University (2020-Present)—PhD in Philosophy
- Houston Christian University (2016-2019)—BA in Philosophy, Honors College

## DISSERTATION (in-progress)

- Title: “Independence for Parents: A Theory of Parental Rights”
- Committee: Anne Jeffrey (director), C. Stephen Evans, Francis J. Beckwith, Matthew Lee Anderson, and Kyla Ebels-Duggan (external).

## INTERESTS

- Primary: Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion
- Secondary: Normative Ethics, Ethics of AI, and Medical Ethics

## PUBLICATIONS

- “Divine Authority as Divine Parenthood,” *Religious Studies* (forthcoming).
- “Kant on Punishment & Poverty,” *Southern Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- “Eternal Hell and Impaired Agency: A Reply to Marilyn Adams,” *Heythrop Journal* (2022).
- “Leibniz’s Horrendous and Unthinkable World,” *Heythrop Journal* (2022).<sup>1</sup>

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Our Father’s Response to Our Suffering,” CNU Virtue Ethics Conference, Newport News, VA. February, 2024.
- “Divine Authority as Divine Parenthood,” Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX. November 2023.
- “Does the State Create the Family?” MANCEPT’s “Intimacy and the State” Workshop, Manchester, UK. September 2023 (Could not attend)
- “Should Philosophy Journals Accept AI Submissions?,” (with Rich Eva and Kyle Huitt), Philosophy for Humans: Living Well with AI Online Conference. August 2023.
- “Love and the Right to a Religious Upbringing,” Houston Christian University’s Christianity & Culture Conference, Houston, TX. February 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> The Heythrop articles were accepted before graduate school.

- “Aquinas on Dispassionate Theodicy,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. November 2022.
- “Horrendous Evils and God’s Standing to Forgive and Condemn,” Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest, Bowling Green, OH. November 2022. (Could not attend).
- “Aquinas on Dispassionate Theodicy,” Society of Christian Philosophers Mountain-Pacific Conference, Colorado Springs, CO. October 2022.
- “Aquinas on Dispassionate Theodicy,” Saint Louis University Graduate Student Conference, Saint Louis, MO. October 2022.
- “Kant & the Authority Thesis,” Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop on Early Modern Social Justice, Memphis, TN. April 2022. \*Graduate Student Award\*
- “Do Human Demands Need Divine Demands?” Evangelical Philosophical Society Southwest Regional Conference, New Orleans, LA. April 2022.
- “The Gratitude Account of Divine Authority,” Baylor Institute for Faith and Learning Conference, Waco, Texas, October 28, 2021.
- “The Problem of Brute-ness for Craig, Wielenberg and Timmy Turner,” Society of Christian Philosophers: Philosophy of Religion and Art Conference, Weatherford, Texas, March 28, 2019.
- “The Problem of Brute-ness for Craig, Wielenberg and Timmy Turner,” 2019 Evangelical Philosophical Society Southwest Regional Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 8, 2019.
- “Religious Convictions & Politics: A Defense of the Consocial Position from Alternatives,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Conference, Dallas, Texas, March 9, 2019.
- “Reforming Resident Aliens: Why Being ‘In the World’ Still Means Engaging Political Institutions,” HBU Celebration of Scholarship Symposium, Houston, Texas, April 18, 2019

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Logic (Fall 2023, Spring 2024).
- Tutor for Brazos Fellows at Christ Church Waco (2023-2024).
- Honors College discussion leader on political authority (Fall 2022).
- Guest taught for courses in moral philosophy (Fall 2022), ancient philosophy (Fall 2021), and markets/morality/politics (Spring 2021).
- TA for courses in medical ethics, ancient philosophy, faith and reason, markets/morality/politics, and others.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

- Dissertation Chapters
  - Chapter 1: A paper on Kantian parental rights (under review)
  - Chapter 2: “Does the State Create the Family?” (in preparation)
  - Chapter 3: “The State’s Duty to Assist Impoverished Parents” (in preparation)

- Chapter 4: “Comprehensive Enrollment isn’t Dominating” (in preparation)
- Chapter 5: “Divine Authority as Divine Parenthood (forthcoming at *Religious Studies*)
- “Should Philosophy Journals Accept AI Submissions?” with Kyle Huitt and Rich Eva (under review)
- A paper on a new account of moral parenthood (R&R at *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy*)

## AWARDS

- 2022 Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop Graduate Student Award
- 2021-2022 Baylor Conyers Scholar
- Baptist Colleges and Universities Scholar
- 2018-2019 Outstanding Philosophy Major of the Year
- 2019 HBU Celebration of Scholarship Symposium 1<sup>st</sup> Place Paper
- 2018-2019 Outstanding Third-Year Honors College Student of the Year
- 2019-2020 HBU President’s Award
- 2019-2020 Robert and Sue Sloan Award of Excellence

## COURSES TAKEN

- Intention (Alexander Pruss)
- Kierkegaard (C. Stephen Evans)
- Writing (Charity Anderson)
- Logic (Pruss)
- Virtue Theory (Anne Jeffrey)
- Probability (Yoaav Isaacs)
- Hume & His Critics (Todd Buras)
- Political Philosophy (David Corey)
- Aquinas & Islamic Philosophy (Thomas Hibbs)
- Aquinas on the Passions (Robert Miner)
- Moral Obligations & Virtues (Evans)
- Teaching (Anne-Marie Schultz)
- Law & Religion (Francis Beckwith)
- Scotus (Thomas Ward)
- Ethical Naturalism (Jeffrey)
- Parental Authority and Political Philosophy (Matthew Lee Anderson—Independent Study)
- Parental Discretion in Bioethics (James Marcum—Independent Study)
- Rousseau (Lee Ward)