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Employment History

Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy, Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford, (October 2016 –)

Faculty Member, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford (October 2016 –)

Faculty Member, Faculty of Theology & Religion, University of Oxford (June 2023 –)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame,
(August 2015 – June 2016)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Faculty of Philosophy (New Insights and Directions in Religious
Epistemology project), University of Oxford (September 2014 – August 2015)

Junior Research Fellow, Somerville College, Oxford (September 2014 – August 2015)

Education

DPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford (October 2010 – November 2014)

Supervisor: Prof Brian Leftow; *Examiners:* Prof Duncan Pritchard and Dr Tim Mawson

MA Ethics, Religion, and Society (with Distinction), University of Exeter
(October 2009 – September 2010)

BA Theology with Philosophy (First Class Honours), University of Exeter
(October 2009 – September 2010)

Publications

Book

1. *God and the Problem of Evidential Ambiguity*. In the *Cambridge Elements* series “The Problems of God”. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (2024).

Papers & Book Chapters

1. “Experiences of Absence which Get the World Right”. *Episteme* (forthcoming).
2. “On Sin-Based Responses to Divine Hiddenness”. *Religious Studies* 61:3 (2025), 650–664.

3. “Glimpses into the Great Beyond? On the Evidential Value of Near-Death Experiences”. *Agatheos: European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 2:1 (2025), 66–84.
4. “The Many Faces of Natural Theology: Diverse Projects, Distinct Roles, and the Pursuit of Clarity” (co-authored with Mitchell Mallary). *Scottish Journal of Theology* 77:4 (2024), 375–90.
5. “Natural Theology and Religious Belief”. In *The Cambridge Companion to Religious Epistemology*. Edited by John Greco, Jonathan Fuqua, and Tyler Dalton McNabb. 13–28. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.
6. “Debunking Arguments in Parallel: The Cases of Religious and Moral Belief”. In *Evolutionary Debunking Arguments: Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Mathematics, and Epistemology*. Edited by Diego Machuca. 105–28. London: Routledge, 2023.
7. “Embodiment in the New Creation”. In *Death, Immortality, and Eternal Life*. Edited by T. Ryan Byerly. 180–191. London: Routledge, 2021.
8. “Meeting the Evil God Challenge”. Co-authored with Ben Page. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 101:3 (2020), 489–514.
9. “Testimony amidst Diversity”. In *Knowledge, Belief, and God: New Insights in Religious Epistemology*. Edited by Matthew Benton, John Hawthorne, and Dani Rabinowitz. 183–202. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.
10. “Complexly-Based Beliefs and the Generality Problem for Reliabilism”. *Quaestiones Disputatae* 8:2 (2018), 19–35.
11. “Epistemic Externalism in the Philosophy of Religion”. *Philosophy Compass* 12:4 (2017),
12. “Mutual Epistemic Dependence and the Demographic Divine Hiddenness Problem”. *Religious Studies*, 52:1 (2016), 375–394.
13. “Analytic Theology and Analytic Philosophy of Religion: What’s the Difference ?”. *Journal of Analytic Theology* 4 (2016), 347–361.
14. “Defeatism Defeated” (co-authored with Matthew Benton). *Philosophical Perspectives* 29:1 (2015), 40–66.
15. “Religious Diversity and Epistemic Luck”. *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 76 (2014), 171–191.

Book Reviews and Other Publications

1. “An Interview with Richard Swinburne”. *Religious Studies* 61:3 (2025), 728–41.

2. Review of Rodney Holder 'Ramified Natural Theology in Science and Religion: Moving Forward from Natural Theology', *Journal of Analytic Theology* 12 (2024), 738–42.
3. Review of Michael C. Rea 'The Hiddenness of God'. *Journal of Religion* 101:2 (2021), 287–89.
4. Review of Michael Bergmann and Jeffrey E. Brower (eds.) 'Reason and Faith: Themes from Richard Swinburne'. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2016)
5. Review of Alvin Plantinga 'Where the Conflict Really Lies: Science, Religion, and Naturalism'. *Theology* 116:1 (2013)
6. Review of Malcolm Jeeves (ed.) 'Rethinking Human Nature: An Interdisciplinary Approach'. *Reviews in Science and Religion*, 58 (2011)

Teaching

Lectures/seminars taught

1. Introduction to Christian Faith and Philosophy, Wycliffe Hall/The Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford. 20 x 1 hour lectures per year.
2. Philosophical Theology, Wycliffe Hall/The Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford. 8 x 2 hour seminars per year.
3. Epistemology of Religious Belief, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford. (Trinity Term 2014)

Regular tutorial teaching

1. FHS Philosophy of Religion
2. FHS Knowledge and Reality
3. FHS Philosophical Theology
4. Prelims General Philosophy
5. Prelims Logic and Moral Philosophy

Awards and Scholarships

1. Graduate Lecture Scheme, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford (January 2014)¹

¹ The Faculty of Philosophy annually invites submissions from all of its doctoral students of a proposal for a lecture series based upon original research. I received £400 and delivered a four-part lecture series, which I based upon my doctoral dissertation.

2. Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Studentship
Award no.: AH/I011420/1 (October 2010 – September 2013)
3. Dean's commendation for outstanding achievement, University of Exeter (July 2008)

Professional Memberships

1. Associate fellow, The Higher Education Academy (June 2015 –)

Responsibilities/Professional Service

1. Editorial board member, *Religious Studies* (July 2025 –)
2. Secretary of the Joseph Butler Society for the Philosophy of Religion (September 2011 – June 2015)
3. Journal Referee Work: *Epistémé*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Papers*, *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, *Sophia*, *Religious Studies*, *Faith and Philosophy*
4. Conference Organising: I organised and a conference (16th – 17th March 2015) as part of the New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology project, on the theme of the epistemological relevance of the etiology of beliefs, especially religious beliefs.