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AREAS

AOS: Metaphysics

AOCs: Logic, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

EDUCATION

Baylor University, Waco, TX Summer 2027 (expected)
Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: Swords to Plowshares: On Artifacts and Value Neutrality
Committee: Alexander Pruss (dir.), Robert Garcia, Joshua Rasmussen

Biola University, La Mirada, CA Fall 2022
M.A. in Philosophy, *with High Honors*

Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH Spring 2018
B.A. in Biblical Studies; minor in Philosophy & Theology

PUBLICATIONS

“Off the Hook? Toward an Improved Account of Liturgical Participation” (with Juliana Kazemi), forthcoming in *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record, Baylor University

PHI 1306: Logic (online) Fall 2026 (scheduled)

PHI 1306: Logic Spring 2026

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Baylor University

Religion, Law & Politics (Francis Beckwith) Spring 2024, 2025

Philosophy & Religion (Yoaav Isaacs) Fall 2023

Classical Philosophy (Alexander Pruss) Spring 2023

Ethics, Affluence, Hunger, and Poverty (Michael Beaty) Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant, Biola University

Studies in Critical Thinking & Writing (Christine Watson) Fall 2021

Philosophy of Religion (Greg Ganssle) Fall 2020

Apologetics Research & Writing (Clay Jones) Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Other

Graduate Writing Consultant, Biola University Rhetoric & Writing Center 2019–2021

PRESENTATIONS

Commentary on G. Bradford, “The Value of Historical Objects.” APA Central Division, Chicago.	Feb. 2026
“Off the Hook? A Problem for Intentional Accounts of Liturgical Practice.” 9th Theistic Ethics Workshop, College of William & Mary. (4.6% acceptance.)	Sept. 2025
“On ‘Too Soon’ Humor.” [†] North Carolina Philosophical Society, Wake Forest University. <i>Graduate Student Prize.</i>	Mar. 2025
“Did the Lincoln Assassination Just Recently Become Funny?” Graduate Student Colloquium, Baylor University.	Nov. 2024
Commentary on J. Kintz. 45th Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Calvin College.	Sept. 2023
“Physicalism & the Metaphysics of Gender.” [‡] Indiana Philosophical Association, Indiana University, Bloomington. <i>Graduate Essay Prize.</i>	Nov. 2021
“On Rights of Conscience.” Clinical Ethics & Conscience Rights Conference, Cedarville University.	June 2019

AWARDS & HONORS

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Baylor University	2025
Graduate Student Prize, [†] North Carolina Philosophical Society	2025
Full Tuition Funding & Stipend, Baylor University	2023–present
Graduate Essay Prize, [‡] Indiana Philosophical Association	2021
Talbot Graduate Grant, Biola University	2019–2021
M.A. Philosophy & Ethics Scholarship, Biola University	2019
Kappa Tau Epsilon Honor Society, Biola University	2018

SELECTED COURSEWORK (BY TOPIC)

<i>Metaphysics & Epistemology</i>	
Properties, Objects & Persons (Robert Garcia)	Spring 2024
Aristotelian Metaphysics (Alexander Pruss)	Fall 2023
Knowledge, Belief & Degrees of Belief (Charity Anderson)	Spring 2023
Aristotelian Forms (Alexander Pruss)	Fall 2022
Dir. Study: Dispositions (Tim Pickavance)	Fall 2021
Epistemology I (Doug Geivett)	Spring 2020
Metaphysics (Tim Pickavance)	Fall 2019
<i>Value Theory</i>	
Contemporary Ethical Theory (Anne Jeffrey)	Spring 2025
Aristotle’s Ethics (Bryan Reece)	Fall 2023
Religion, Law & Politics (Francis Beckwith)	Fall 2022
Ancient & Medieval Ethics (David Horner)	Spring 2020
History and Systems of Normative Ethics (David Horner)	Fall 2019

History of Philosophy

External World in Early Modern Philosophy (Todd Buras)	Fall 2024
Readings in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	Summer 2024
Pascal (Tom Hibbs)	Fall 2023
Readings in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	Summer 2023
Readings from Kierkegaard (C. Stephen Evans)	Spring 2023

Philosophy of Religion

Divine & Human Consciousness (Linda Zagzebski)	Summer 2024
Evil & Knowledge of God (Greg Ganssle)	Spring 2021
Philosophical Theology: The Nature of God (Greg Ganssle)	Fall 2020
Philosophy of Religion (Greg Ganssle)	Fall 2019

Philosophy of Mind

Topics in Philosophy of Mind (Joshua Rasmussen)	Spring 2025
Substance Dualism: Issues & Alternatives (J. P. Moreland)	Fall 2021
Philosophical Anthropology & Philosophy of Mind (J. P. Moreland)	Fall 2020

Logic

Logic for Philosophers (Yoaav Isaacs)	Spring 2023
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Pedagogy

Workshop in Teaching Philosophy (Anne-Marie Schultz)	Spring 2024
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SERVICE

Conference Commentary, APA Central Division Meeting	Spring 2026
Vice President, Baylor Philosophy Graduate Student Leadership	2024–2025
Judge, National Bioethics Bowl, Baylor University	Spring 2024
Conference Commentary, Society of Christian Philosophers, 45th Annual Meeting	Fall 2023
Judge, National Educational Debate Association, Cedarville University	Spring 2019

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“On ‘Too Soon’ Humor.” <i>British Journal of Aesthetics</i> .	R&R
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Abstract: An underappreciated facet of the ethics of humor has to do with the timeliness of certain jokes. Some are said to be ‘too soon’. Despite the relative ubiquity of jokes deemed too soon, this phenomenon has received little to no attention from philosophers. In what follows, I mend the gap so described.

Leveraging psychological work on incompatible emotions, I argue that too soon jokes provoke one to be amused when in fact other, incompatible emotions are what virtue requires. Depending upon what intentional object a hearer attends to in a joke, the presence (or lack) of virtue may cause them to manifest emotions precluding humorous amusement. To be capable of amusement in these cases is, thus, to lack whatever virtue that would have prevented amusement. Once this incompatibility is no longer required by virtue, such jokes cease to be ‘too soon’.

LANGUAGES

English (*native*) Ecclesiastical Latin (*reading, with dictionary*) Japanese (*one year university study*)