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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics

Aesthetics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

19th Century European

Logic

Philosophy of Religion

EMPLOYMENT

2026 – 2027

Visiting Assistant Research Professor

Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame

EDUCATION

2026

PhD in Philosophy, Northwestern University

- *Dissertation*: “Retrieving Your Concepts: Iris Murdoch on Concepts and the Imagination”
- *Committee*: Kyla Ebels-Duggan (Chair), Mark Alznauer, Claire Kirwin, Cora Diamond (University of Virginia), Samantha Matherne (Harvard)

2020

MA in Philosophy, University of Missouri – St. Louis

2017

MSt in Philosophical Theology, University of Oxford

2016

BA in Philosophy and Classics, Seattle Pacific University

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Retrieving Your Concepts: Iris Murdoch on Original Sin.” *European Journal of Philosophy* (2026): <https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.70105>

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Murdoch and Wittgenstein” in *The Oxford Handbook of Iris Murdoch*, eds. Hannah Altorf, Rob Hardy, Miles Leeson, and Frances White. Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

“Literature and the Ethical Imagination” in *Where Literature Meets Philosophy: Iris Murdoch*, eds. Camille Braune and Michela Dianetti. Palgrave MacMillan. Forthcoming.

REVIEWS

Moral Articulation: On the Development of New Moral Concepts by Matthew Congdon. In *The Iris Murdoch Review*.

Value, Conflict, and Order: Berlin, Hampshire, Williams, and the Realist Revival in Political Theory by Edward Hall. In *Ethics*.

Revolution of the Ordinary: Literary Studies after Wittgenstein, Austin, and Cavell by Toril Moi. In *The Oxonian Review*.

INVITED TALKS

April 2026 “Nietzsche, Murdoch, and the Quest to be Historical in Ethics.” North American Nietzsche Society Session at the APA. Online.

September 2025 “Murdoch on Literature and the Ethical Imagination.” University of Warwick, Celebration of Iris Murdoch Conference.

May 2024 “Murdoch and Diamond on Morality and Literary Realism.” Stanford Philosophy and Literature Workshop. Palo Alto, California.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

August 2024 “The Departmental Conception of Ethics.” Eleventh International Iris Murdoch Conference, Chichester, England.

April 2024 “Agency and Conceptual Holism in Murdoch.” Iris Murdoch Conference at La Sorbonne, Paris.

November 2022 “Adorno on Culture Industry and the Low Brow.” American Society of Aesthetics 80th Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.

June 2019 “Can There be an Analytic, Existential Philosophy?” Diverse Lineages of Existentialism, George Washington University, D.C.

March 2019 “Can There be an Analytic, Existential Philosophy?” Oxford Postgraduate Conference on Existentialism, Oxford, England.

AS COMMENTATOR

Curriculum Vitae

- May 2026 Commentator on Kyla Ebels Duggan, *Think on What is Good*. Notre Dame, IN.
- October 2024 “Reconciling Love and Disinterest Through the Aesthetics of Simone Weil.” Emma Heflin (Utah), American Society of Aesthetics. Chicago, IL.
- June 2022 “Two Ways of Discerning Reasons: A Puzzle About Theory and Method in Ethics,” Stephen Marrone (UVA), Northwestern Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics. Evanston, IL.
- February 2020 “An Epistemology for Moral Naturalists,” Caleb Perl (CU-Boulder), Central Division APA. Chicago, IL.
- October 2019 “Not Your Place: Trauma and the Authority to Blame,” August Gorman (Princeton), Central States Philosophical Association. St. Louis, MO.
- April 2019 “Safety to the Rescue: A Response to Miracchi’s Counterexamples to Indirect Virtue Epistemology,” Christopher Torres (St. Louis University). Gateway Graduate Conference, St. Louis, MO.

PODCASTS AND BOOK EVENTS

- January 2026 Interview on *The Iris Murdoch Podcast* on Murdoch and Gabriel Marcel.
- June 2025 Interviewee on *The Iris Murdoch Podcast*, “Existentialism and Mystics.”
- November 2024 Book Event Organizer and Interviewer for Brian Leiter’s *Marx*.
- October 2024 Book Event Organizer and Interviewer for Anastasia Berg and Rachel Wiseman’s *What Are Children For?*
- September 2024 Interviewee on *The Iris Murdoch Podcast*, “Murdoch’s Moral Psychology.” With Francey Russell and Matthew Congdon.
- December 2022 Interviewee on the Sacred and Profane Love podcast, “J.M Coetzee on Philosophy, Fiction, and the Academy.”
- April 2022 Participant in panel, “What is the Relationship Between Philosophy and Literature?”, put on by Crowsnest Books and Political Animal Press.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- November 2024 Barbara Stevens Heusel Award for Early Career Scholarship on Iris Murdoch, awarded by the Iris Murdoch Research Centre.

Curriculum Vitae

June 2024	Thomas McCarthy Award for Excellence in Teaching at Northwestern University.
December 2019	Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year at University of Missouri - St. Louis.
May 2016	McNichols Award for Scholarly Merit in the Humanities, awarded by Seattle Pacific University. (Given to Top Graduating Humanities Student.)
May 2015	McNichols Scholarship for Merit in the Humanities, awarded by Seattle Pacific University. (Given to Top Junior Humanities Student.)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Teaching Assistant at Northwestern University

Spring 2026	<i>Early Modern Philosophy</i> , Baron Reed
Winter 2026	<i>Ethics Problems and Public Issues</i> , Chard Horne
Winter 2024	<i>Logic 250</i> (Second-Order and Modal), Sean Ebels-Duggan
Fall 2023	<i>Introduction to Moral Philosophy</i> , Pascal Brixel
Winter 2023	<i>Critical Theory</i> , Mark Alznauer
Fall 2022	<i>Logic 150</i> (Introductory Logic), Peter van Elswyk
Spring 2022	<i>Bioethics</i> , Chad Horne
Winter 2022	<i>Philosophy of Religion</i> , Mark Alznauer

As Full Instructor at Seattle Pacific University

Spring 2018	Philosophy of Religion
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2022 - 2025	Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics, Graduate Student Organizer.
2022 - 2025	Northwestern Post-Kantian and Continental Workshop Organizer.

Curriculum Vitae

2021 - 2025	Northwestern Practical Philosophy Workshop Organizer
November 2019	14th Annual Gateway Graduate Conference Organizer, “Philosophy in a Social World.”