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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of South Florida</b>	2025
PhD in Philosophy	
<b>University of Florida</b>	2017
Master of Arts in Philosophy	
<b>University of North Florida</b>	2015
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science	

## AREAS OF STUDY

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<b>Areas of Specialization</b>	<b>Areas of Competence</b>
Political Philosophy	Early Modern Philosophy
	Philosophy of Religion
<b>Areas of Research</b>	Biomedical Ethics
Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics	
Philosophy of Technology and AI	
Metaphysics	

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Journal Articles and Book Chapters*

<b>Skepticism in Politics</b>	2025
in the <i>Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Anthropology</i>	
<b>Not a Body: The Catalyst of St. Augustine's Intellectual Conversion in the Books of the Platonists</b>	2022
<i>International Journal for Philosophy of Religion</i> , 93(1); 51-7	
<b>The Conservatism of the Counterreformation in Montaigne's "Apology for Raymond Sebond"</b>	2021
<i>Journal of Early Modern Studies</i> , 10(2); 9-33	
<b>How Universal Generalization Works According to Natural Reason</b>	2021
<i>Cogency: Journal of Reasoning and Argumentation</i> , 13(2); 139-148	

*As Editor*

***American Democracy: American Founders, Presidents, and Enlightened Philosophers*** 2015  
Lexington Books, Rowman & Littlefield

*Book Reviews*

***Ambivalence: A Philosophical Exploration* by Hili Razinsky** 2022  
*Human Studies*, 45(1); 173-178

**TEACHING AND EMPLOYMENT**

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**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Affiliate Researcher** 2023 – *ongoing*

**Catawba College, Adjunct Instructor** 2024 – *ongoing*

PHIL 1050: *Philosophy and Culture* (asynchronous online) 2024 (Winter)

**University of South Florida, GA / TA** 2019 – *ongoing*

*As the Instructor of Record*

PHI 3633: *Biomedical Ethics* (synchronous online) 2023 – 2025

PHI 3633: *Biomedical Ethics* 2022

PHI 2010: *Introduction to Philosophy* (synchronous online) 2023 – 2024

PHI 3640: *Environmental Ethics* 2023

PHI 1600: *Introduction to Ethics* 2022

PHI 1103: *Critical Thinking* 2021

*As a TA*

PHI 1600: *Introduction to Ethics* (synchronous online) 2020-2021, 2024

PHI 3633: *Biomedical Ethics* 2019

**University of North Florida, Adjunct Instructor** 2017 – *ongoing*

HUM 2020: *Introduction to the Humanities* (asynchronous online) 2024 – 2025

PHI 2010: *Introduction to Philosophy* 2017 – 2019

PHI 2010: *Introduction to Philosophy* (asynchronous online) 2017 – 2019

**University of Florida, GA / TA** 2015 – 2017

*As a TA*

PHI 3641: *Conduct, Change, and Consequences* 2017

PHI 3650: *Moral Philosophy* 2016

PHI 2630: *Contemporary Moral Issues* (asynchronous online) 2016

**PRESENTATIONS**


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<b>A Paradoxical Impression: Hume’s Account of the Appearance and Irresolvability of Philosophical Antinomies</b> 68 <sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Philosophical Association Conference	2023
<b>What is Universal Generalization? How does it work? Why do we care?</b> Florida State College at Jacksonville Center for Cultures, Languages, and Societies Invited Lecture	2022
<b>Of True Logic: Fallibilism at the Foundations of Logic and Hypotheses about its Origins and Motivations</b> 2022 University of South Florida Graduate Student Philosophy Organization Conference	2022
<b>Conservative Political Epistemology: Conceptual Foundations</b> University of South Florida Graduate Student Research Symposium Poster Presentation	2022
<b>Not a Body: the Catalyst of St. Augustine’s Intellectual Conversion in the Books of the Platonists</b> Society of Christian Philosophers: Eastern Regional Meeting	2022
<b>A Paradoxical Impression: Hume’s Account of the Appearance and Irresolvability of Philosophical Paradoxes</b> X Jornados de Filosofia Moderna	2021
<b>Protestantism as a Political and Social Vice in Montaigne’s “Apology”</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference: Ellen C. Wagner Invited Lecture	2020
<b>The Causal Principle: A Simple but Novel Proof that every Contingent Entity or Event must have an Efficient Cause</b> Society of Christian Philosophers: Eastern Regional Meeting	2020
<b><i>Solo Numero: An Enquiry Concerning the Identity of Indiscernibles</i></b> 65 <sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Philosophical Association Conference	2019
<b>Bolstering Leibniz’s Demonstration of the Principle of Sufficient Reason</b> 64 <sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Philosophical Association Conference	2018
<b>The Qualities of an Excellent Citizen</b> UF-FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference	2017

**Sovereignty and Capacity: The Rational Justification of the State** 2016  
UF-FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference

**Sovereignty and Capacity: Hobbes's Rational Justification of the State** 2015  
61<sup>st</sup> Annual Florida Philosophical Association Conference

## DISSERTATION

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### **Title**

The Political Philosophy of Habitude: Conservatism Analytically Explained

### **Abstract**

Conservatism is both undertheorized and poorly understood in philosophical political theory; all extant theories have proven deficient. They either conflate what is contingently associated with conservatism with its essence, draw mistaken generalizations from apparently conservative behavior, or else are explanatorily incomplete. To avoid these deficiencies, I develop a rigorous, theory-neutral groundwork for evaluating theories of conservatism. This groundwork utilizes both traditional methods of analytic philosophy and, for the first time in the field, historiometry. Philosophical analysis determines the formal requirements of a successful explanation while empirical, historiometric data determines the most salient conservative exemplars whom any such theory must explain. With this groundwork in hand, I learn from the errors of past theories and propound a new theory of conservatism as the political philosophy of habitude, where habitude is an ultimate, second-order value or end characterized by the action-guiding property which is common to tradition, custom, prescription, and habit. This theory unifies the otherwise heterogeneous values, ideas, and individuals associated and compatible with conservatism and satisfies analytical criteria for explanatory and conceptual adequacy. My theory therefore improves our understanding of conservatism as such: its basic commitments, the scope of possible disagreements and differences among conservatives themselves, and its relations to competitor ideologies. Moreover, it serves as a launching point for future scholarship and a model for future inquiries in philosophical political theory.

### **Committee**

Colin Heydt (*chair*)   Michael Morris   Madeline Martin-Seaver   Manu Samnotra

## AWARDS

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**Dissertation Completion Fellowship** Summer 2025  
University of South Florida

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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### *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*

Philosophy of AI (*observer*) Thomas Hofweber 2024

### *University of South Florida*

Late Classics of Analytic Philosophy (*observer*) Richard Manning 2022  
Hierarchy Colin Heydt 2021  
Modern Philosophy: Hobbes (*observer*) Douglas Jesseph 2021  
Modern Philosophy: Early Modern Logic Roger Ariew 2021  
Political Philosophy: Relativism Stephen Turner 2021  
Modern Philosophy: Spinoza and Leibniz (*observer*) Roger Ariew 2021  
Advanced Logic Eric Winsberg 2020  
Teleology Richard Manning 2020  
Modern Philosophy: Galileo and Descartes (*observer*) Roger Ariew 2020  
Modern Philosophy: Hume Douglas Jesseph 2020  
Ancient & Medieval Philosophy: Augustine Thomas Williams 2020  
19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy: Theodore Adorno Michael Morris 2020  
Modern Philosophy: Early-Modern Skepticism Roger Ariew 2019  
Graduate Instruction Methods Colin Heydt 2019  
Philosophy of Language Eric Winsberg 2019

### *University of North Florida*

Human Rights (*observer*) Andrew Buchwalter 2018  
Philosophy of Language (*observer*) Hans-Herbert Kögler 2018

### *University of Florida*

Ethics of Disability Jaime Ahlberg 2017  
Modern Philosophy: Rousseau Peter Westmoreland 2017  
Foundations of Analytic Philosophy (*observer*) Gene Witmer 2017  
Modern Philosophy: Descartes and Leibniz Stewart Duncan 2017  
Modern Philosophy: Kant, The First *Critique* John Biro 2016  
Philosophy of Science Chuang Liu 2016  
Epistemology Gene Witmer 2016  
Graduate Logic Greg Ray 2016  
Modern Philosophy: The British Empiricists John Biro 2016  
Ancient Philosophy: Plato John Palmer 2015

Ethical Theory Jaime Ahlberg 2015

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: QUALIFICATIONS & SERVICE

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### *Qualifications*

**Relate-A-Bull Graduate Student Peer Mentor** 2024  
USF Office of Graduate Studies

**USF Certified Online Educator** 2020  
USF Digital Learning Facilitators, Innovative Education, Online  
Instructor Certification Course

### *Positions and Responsibilities*

Volunteer: Society of Christian Philosophers: Eastern Regional Meeting 2020

Primary Organizer and Coordinator of the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Graduate  
Philosophy Conference 2016 – 2017

President of the UF Graduate Student Philosophy Society 2016 – 2017

### *Commenting*

**Camille Pascal: On Naturalization: Citizenship Beyond Residence** 2017  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference

**Aaron Brooks: Self-Control: What Counts?** 2017  
UF-FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference

**Caroline Paddock: Towards a Just Theory of Property Rights** 2016  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference

**Marcelo Fischborn: Two Free Will-Independent Principles for Scientifically  
Informed Legal Changes** 2016  
UF-FSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference

### *Chairing*

**Peter Furlong: Divine Determinism and Non-blaming Attitudes to  
Wrongdoing** 2020  
Society of Christian Philosophers: Eastern Regional Meeting

**Eric Yang: The Failure of Recent Reduplicative Solutions to the Fundamental  
Problem of Christology** 2020  
Society of Christian Philosophers: Eastern Regional Meeting

- James Simpson: A Novel Solution to the Logical Problem of Evil** 2020  
Society of Christian Philosophers: Eastern Regional Meeting
- Daniel Rubio and Eddy Chen: Evil and the Quantum Multiverse** 2020  
Society of Christian Philosophers: Eastern Regional Meeting
- Alton Klein: Berkeley's "Underdetermination" Argument for Anti-Realism** 2019  
65<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Philosophical Association Conference
- Aaron Brooks: "Meaning" and God: Motivating a Supernaturalist Concept of Existential Meaning** 2018  
64<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Philosophical Association Conference
- Hannah Sine: The Significance of Contextualization and the Obsolescence of Individualism: A Case for an Interdisciplinary Social Epistemology** 2018  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference