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*Curriculum Vitae*

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### EDUCATION

- Princeton University | 2025-present | PhD, Philosophy (in progress)
- Purdue University | 2023-2025 | PhD, Philosophy (transferred)
- University of Edinburgh | 2021-2023 | MSc, Philosophy, First Class Honours
- Covenant College | 2017-2021 | BA, Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

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### AREAS OF INTEREST

- Epistemology
- Metaphysics
- Metaethics
- Philosophy of religion

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### REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

7. McKay, Noah. "In What Sense is Evolution Blind to Moral Truth?" *Synthese*, forthcoming.
6. McKay, Noah and Matthew Baddorf. 2024. "A Theory of Collective Virtue." *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 27(3): 405-423.
5. McKay, Noah. 2023. "Explanatory Virtues and Reasons for Belief." *Analysis* 83 (4): 701-707.
4. McKay, Noah. 2023. "Can Rational Reflection Save Moral Knowledge from Debunking?" *Episteme* first view.
3. McKay, Noah. 2023. "A New Aesthetic Argument for Theism." *Faith and Philosophy* 40 (2): 221-42.
2. McKay, Noah. 2023. "Moral Knowledge and the Existence of God." *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 94: 25-42.
1. McKay, Noah. 2022. "Is Agent Causation Possible?" *Dialogue: The Official Journal of Phi Sigma Tau* 65 (1): 41-45.

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### WORKS IN PROGRESS

4. "Debunking and the Function(s) of Moral Cognition" | Under review
3. "Physicalism, Dualism, and the Overpopulation Problem" | Under review
2. "What it's Not Like to Be a Ghost" | Under review

1. “How to Live Forever Without Surviving Death” | In preparation
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## **REFEREED PRESENTATIONS**

13. “Axiological Harmony and Knowledge of God” | Philosophy of Religion Workshop, Christopher Newport University, 2025 (upcoming)
  12. “What it’s Not Like to Be a Ghost” | Gordon Clarke Symposium on Philosophy, Covenant College, 2025
  11. “Debunking and the Function(s) of Moral Cognition” | Fall meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association, Marian University, 2024
  10. “What it’s Not Like to Be a Ghost” | Philosophy of Religion Workshop, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2024
  9. “Is Variance Under Symmetry Evidence Against Spacetime Substantivalism?” | Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference, St. Louis University, 2024
  8. “In What Sense is Evolution Blind to Moral Truth?” | 15th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Notre Dame, 2024
  7. “In What Sense is Evolution Blind to Moral Truth?” | 18<sup>th</sup> Gateway Graduate Conference, University of Missouri, St. Louis, 2024
  6. “The Challenge to Religious Belief From Cognitive Science” | Gordon Clarke Symposium on Philosophy, Covenant College, 2024 | Second Prize
  5. “How (Not) To Draw the Personal-Subpersonal Distinction” | Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2024
  4. “Justice and Penal Substitution” | Gordon Clarke Symposium on Philosophy, Covenant College, 2023 | First Prize
  3. “The Co-Location Argument for Dualism” | 21st Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of North Carolina, Asheville, 2020
  2. “The Problem of Dualist Mental Causation” | National Council of Undergraduate Research, Kennesaw State University, 2020
  1. “A Compatibilist Response to the Soteriological Problem of Evil” | Gordon Clarke Symposium on Philosophy, Covenant College, 2018
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## **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

1. “What it’s Not Like to Be a Ghost” | Philosophy of Religion Workshop, Purdue University, 2024
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## **TEACHING**

- Instructor for Reason and Rationality, a summer intensive in philosophy, ethics, and economics for high school students | Hosted at Princeton University and Swarthmore College, summer 2025 (upcoming)
- PHIL 293 – Philosophical Fundamentals of Machine Learning (guest lecturer) | Purdue University, fall 2024

- PHIL 150 – Introduction to Logic (instructor of record) | Purdue University, summer 2024
  - PHIL 114 – Global Moral Issues (guest lecturer) | Purdue University, fall 2023
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## **AWARDS**

- Dean’s Research Fellow | Purdue University, 2023-2029
  - Maclellan Leadership Scholar | Covenant College, 2017-2021
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## **SERVICE**

- Referee for *Synthese* (x3), *Religious Studies* (x3), *TheoLogica* (x2)
  - Undergraduate conference organizer, reviewer, and student mentor, Purdue University, 2024-2025
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## **PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY**

- Q&A on “A New Aesthetic Argument for Theism” | *The Repugnant Conclusion* YouTube interview, February 2025 (video forthcoming)
- Discussion with Daniel Korman on evolutionary debunking | *Majesty of Reason* YouTube interview, February 2025
- “A New Argument from Beauty” | *The Analytic Christian* YouTube interview, November 2024
- “Rationalism and Empiricism” | *On Point* podcast interview, November 2023