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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Director of Philosophy Program, Grove City College, 2018–Present  
Professor, Grove City College, 2020–Present  
Associate Professor, Grove City College, 2017–2020  
Assistant Professor, Grove City College, 2014–2017  
Assistant Professor, Marymount University, 2012–2014  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Biola University, 2010–2012

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Riverside, December 2010  
M.A., Philosophy, University of California, Riverside, March 2007  
B.A., Philosophy, Biola University, May 2004

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics and Metaphysics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient Philosophy, Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

## BOOK

*A Minimal Libertarianism: Free Will and the Promise of Reduction*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

## ARTICLES

‘How Literature Educates the Emotions’, forthcoming in *Philosophia Christi*.  
‘A Novels Spiritual Discipline: Literature and the Renewal of the Mind’, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 15:2, (2022): 205–23.  
‘Free Will’ (with Timothy O’Connor) *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2022).  
‘Freedom Is not Compatible with Determinism’, in *Introduction to Philosophical Problems, vol. 1: Contemporary Debates*, ed. Steven B. Cowan. London: Bloomsbury Publishing (2020): 316–26).

- 'The Heart of Libertarianism: Fundamentality and the Will', *Social Philosophy and Policy* 36:1, (2019): 72–92.
- 'Cares, Identification, and Agency Reductionism', *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 98:S1, (2017): 577–98.
- 'Bratman on Identity over Time and Identification at a Time', *Philosophical Explorations* 20:1, (2017): 1–14.
- 'If Anyone Should Be an Agent-Causalist, then Everyone Should Be an Agent-Causalist', *Mind* 125:500, (2016): 1101–1131.
- 'The Luck and *Mind* Arguments', *Routledge Companion to Free Will*, eds. Meghan Griffith, Neil Levy, and Kevin Timpe. New York: Routledge, (2016): 203–212.
- 'Agent-Causation, Explanation, and Akrasia: A Reply to Levy's *Hard Luck*', *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 9:4, (2015): 75–770.
- 'Self-Determination, Self-Transformation, and the Case of Jean Valjean: A Problem for Velleman', *Philosophical Studies* 172:10, (2015): 2591–2598.
- 'Everyone Thinks that an Ability to Do Otherwise Is Necessary for Free Will and Moral Responsibility', *Philosophical Studies* 172:8, (2015): 209–2107.
- 'Powers, Necessity, and Determinism', *Thought* 3:3, (2014): 225–229.
- 'Event-Causal Libertarianism, Functional Reduction, and the Disappearing Agent Argument', *Philosophical Studies* 170:3, (2014): 413–432.
- 'Valuing Blame', *Blame: Its Nature and Norms*, eds. D. Justin Coates and Neal A. Tognazzini. New York: Oxford University Press, (2013): 207–223.
- 'The Scientific Plausibility of Libertarianism', *Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, eds. Ishtiyaque Haji and Justin Caouette. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, (2013): 123–141.
- 'A Theory of the Normative Force of Pleas', *Philosophical Studies* 163:2, (2013): 479–502.
- 'How Should Libertarians Conceive of the Location and Role of Indeterminism?', *Philosophical Explorations* 16:1, (2013): 44–58.
- 'The Assimilation Argument and the Rollback Argument', *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 93:3, (2012): 395–416.
- 'Masks, Abilities, and Opportunities: Why the New Dispositionalism Cannot Succeed', *The Modern Schoolman* (now *Res Philosophica*) 88:1&2, (2011): 89–103. (Special issue on Free Will and Moral Responsibility)
- 'The Problem of Enhanced Control', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 89:4, (2011): 687–706.
- 'Farewell to the Luck (and *Mind*) Argument', *Philosophical Studies* 156:2, (2011): 199–230.
- 'Neo-Frankfurtians and Buffer Cases: The New Challenge to the Principle of Alternative Possibilities', *Philosophical Studies* 152:2, (2011): 189–207.

‘Plausibility, Manipulation, and Fischer and Ravizza’, *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 44:4, (2006): 173–192.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *Causation and Free Will*, by Carolina Sartorio, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 9.21.2016.

Review of *Mind, Brain, and Free Will*, by Richard Swinburne, *Philosophical Review* 124:2, (2015): 255–58.

Review of *Causes, Laws, and Free Will: Why Determinism Doesn’t Matter*, by Kadri Vihvelin, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 10.19.2013.

Review of *Reason’s Debt to Freedom: Normative Appraisals, Reasons, and Free Will*, by Ishtiyaque Haji, *Ethics* 123:3, (2013): 563–67.

Review of *Causing Human Actions: New Perspectives on the Causal Theory of Action*, by Jesús H. Aguilar and Andrei A. Buckareff, *Philosophy in Review* 33:1, (2013): 1–3.

#### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

‘How Literature Educates the Emotions’, Evangelical Philosophical Society, November 2022

‘A Novels Spiritual Discipline: Literature and the Renewal of the Mind’, Evangelical Philosophical Society, November 2021

Book Symposium on *A Minimal Libertarianism: Free Will and the Promise of Reduction*, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2020 [canceled due to Covid]

‘Just Can’t Kick It: Compatibilism’s Addiction Problem’, Fourth Annual Fischer Legacy Agency Workshop, University of Houston, November 2018

‘The Heart of Libertarianism: Fundamentality and the Will’, Moral Responsibility: The Next Generation, University of Arizona Center for the Philosophy of Freedom, December 2017

‘The Heart of Libertarianism: Fundamentality and the Will’, Third Annual Fischer Legacy Agency Workshop, West Virginia University, September 2017

‘There Are No Actual-sequence Accounts of Moral Responsibility’, Free Will and the Ability to Do Otherwise Workshop, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg June 2017

Workshop on *A Minimal Libertarianism: Free Will and the Promise of Reduction*, Gothenburg Responsibility Project, Gothenburg University, Sweden February 2017

‘The Limits of Event-Causal Libertarianism’, University of Valencia, November 2015

‘Cares, Identification, and Agency Reductionism’, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2015

‘Orientations to the Good: Beyond Consequentialist and Retributivist Theories of Blame’, Evening Speaker Series, Wheaton College, March 2015

‘Bratman on Identity over Time and Identification at a Time’, Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Region Meeting, Niagara University, November 2014

‘Self-Determination, Self-Transformation, and the Case of Jean Valjean: A Problem for Velleman’, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2014

‘Identification, Self-Determination, and Reductionism’, University of Edinburgh, March 2014

‘Bratman on Identity over Time and Identification at a Time’, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2014

‘Libertarianism, Fundamentality, and the Will’, Tennessee Value and Agency Conference, University of Tennessee, November 2013

‘If Anyone Should Be an Agent-Causalist, then Everyone Should Be an Agent-Causalist’, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 2013

‘If Anyone Should Be an Agent-Causalist, then Everyone Should Be an Agent-Causalist’, The Young Philosophers Lecture Series, SUNY Fredonia, March 2013

‘Masks, Abilities, and Opportunities: Why the New Dispositionalism Cannot Succeed’, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2012

‘Event-Causal Libertarianism, Functional Reduction, and the Disappearing Agent Argument’, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2012

‘What’s Luck Got to Do with It?’, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2011

‘A Theory of the Normative Force of Pleas’, University of Tennessee, January 2011

‘The Problem of Enhanced Control’, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2010

‘The No Opportunity Argument’, Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Region Meeting, Fort Lewis College, October 2009

‘The Problem of Enhanced Control’, *Aspects of Responsibility*, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, July 2009

‘Buffer Cases, Enabling Conditions, and the Principle of Alternative Possibilities’, Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwest Region Meeting, Oklahoma Baptist University, April 2009

‘Truth At a World for Modal Propositions’, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 2008

‘Another One Bites the Dust: Why Buffer Cases Fail to Refute the Principle of Alternative Possibilities’, Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Region Meeting, Azusa Pacific University, February 2007

#### **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

‘Free Will and Providence’, Grove City College, December 2019

‘The Immanence of God’, Grove City College, November 2017

'A Loving God: Reflections on the Theological Significance of Free Will', Grove City College, November 2016

'The Role of Reason in the Life of Faith', Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Arlington VA, July 2016

'Justice in Pursuit of the Common Good', Virtues Series, Grove City College, March 2016

'God and Evil', Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Arlington VA, May 2014

'Sympathetic Resentment', SUNY Fredonia, March 2013

#### **COMMENTARIES**

Comments on Benjamin Matheson's 'Solving Structuralism's Regress Problem', Gothenburg Responsibility Project Spring Workshop, Gothenburg University, Sweden, May 2016.

Comments on Taylor Cyr's 'Semicompatibilism: No Ability to Do Otherwise Required', American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2016

Comments on Tamler Sommers's 'Free Will and Experimental Philosophy: An Intervention', Experimental Philosophy Society Group Session, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2012

Comments on John Martin Fischer's 'Semicompatibilism and Its Rivals', Association of Student Philosophers Conference, Biola University, November 2011

Comments on Matthew Talbert's 'Implanted Desires, Self-Formation, and Blameworthiness', 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UCR Alumni Conference, University of California, Riverside, March 2008

Comments of Ed Luk's 'Physicalistic Functionalism and the Possessive Form of the First-Person Indexical', Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Region Meeting, University of San Diego, February 2006

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Grove City College*

Aristotle and Jane Austen on the Happy Life

Christianity and Civilization: Modern and Postmodern Challenges

Epistemology

Free Will, Providence, and Omniscience

General Logic

God, Suffering, and Narrative

Introduction to Philosophy

Metaphysics

Modern Philosophy

Philosophy of Religion

Responsibility, Blame, and Atonement

Scientific and Theological Challenges to Free Will

Stoicism and the Art of Living

The Will and the Self

Thomas Aquinas's *On Evil*

*Marymount University*  
Introduction to Ethics  
Introduction to Philosophy  
Justice and Forgiveness  
Moral Psychology  
Social and Political Philosophy

*Biola University*  
Introduction to Philosophy

*University of California, Riverside*  
Introduction to Logic

#### **AWARDS**

Summer Research Grant, Grove City College, Summer 2023  
Summer Research Grant, Grove City College, Summer 2022  
Society of Christian Philosophers Small Department Grant, Spring 2019  
Society of Christian Philosophers Small Department Grant, Spring 2018  
Faculty Development Grant, Marymount University, Spring 2014  
Young Philosophers Lecture Series, SUNY Fredonia, March 2013  
University of California Graduate Fellow in the Humanities at the University of California,  
Riverside Center for Ideas and Society, 2009–2010  
Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Prize, APA, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2010  
Chancellor’s Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Riverside, 2009–2010  
SUN Scholarship, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, Summer 2009  
Humanities Graduate Student Research Grant, University of California, Riverside, Summer  
2009  
Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Prize, APA, Pacific Division Meeting, March 2008  
Dean’s Distinguished Fellowship Award, University of California, Riverside, 2005–2006

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Studies in Science, Faith, and Technology Committee, Grove City College, 2016–present  
Religious Activities Committee, Grove City College, 2015–Present  
Core Curriculum Review Subcommittee, HUMA 303 revision, Grove City College, 2021–  
2023  
Core Curriculum Review Subcommittee, Studies in Science, Faith, and Technology, Grove  
City College, 2021–2022

Core Curriculum Review Subcommittee, Modern Language/Cultural Competence, Grove City College, 2021–2023

Academic Integrity Student/Faculty Review Committee, Grove City College, 2018–2022

Cohort Advisor for 2022 Trustee Students, 2018–2022

Student Scholarship Committee, Grove City College, 2015–2020

Provost Search Committee, Grove City College 2018–2019

Merit Pay Committee, Grove City College, 2018–2019

Book Referee: Oxford University Press (5x)

Journal Referee: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*

University Assessment, Marymount University, 2013–2014

Assistant Colloquia Organizer, University of California, Riverside, 2009–2010

Co-organizer of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Region Meeting, University of California, Riverside, October 2008

Graduate Student Representative, University of California, Riverside, 2007–2008

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Society of Christian Philosophers

#### **OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

Emergence Summer School, Institute of Advanced Study, Durham University, July 2014  
(Director: Robin Hendry)

Experimental Philosophy Free Will Boot Camp, Yale University, August 2011 (Directors:  
Shaun Nichols and Joshua Knobe)

Aspects of Responsibility Seminar, Central European University, Hungary, July 2009  
(Director: Timothy O'Connor)