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### EDUCATION

- Princeton University*, Princeton, NJ 2006-2012  
PH.D. IN PHILOSOPHY, June 2012  
*Enrolled in the Interdepartmental Program in Classical Philosophy*  
M.A. IN PHILOSOPHY, June 2012
- Thomas Aquinas College*, Santa Paula, CA 2002-2006  
B.A. IN LIBERAL ARTS, May 2006

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver)*, Denver, CO  
Professor, Department of Philosophy 2021-  
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy 2017-2021  
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy 2011-2017
- Saint Louis University*, Saint Louis, MO  
Research Fellow, *The Philosophy and Theology of Intellectual Humility* 2014-2015

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics, Epistemology

### PUBLICATIONS

#### BOOKS

- 1 Editor, [Aristotle's On the Soul: A Critical Guide](#), Cambridge University Press, January 2022.

#### ARTICLES IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 18 "Knowing in Aristotle Part 1: *Epistēmē*, *Nous*, and Non-Rational Cognitive States" (~5 000 words), *Philosophy Compass* forthcoming.
- 17 "Knowing in Aristotle Part 2: *Technē*, *Phronēsis*, *Sophia*, and Divine Cognitive Activities" (~5 000 words), *Philosophy Compass* forthcoming.
- 16 "To What Extent Must Creatures Return to the One?" (~3 000 words), *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Religion* [volume 10](#) (April 2022).
- 15 "[What is Philosophy as a Way of Life? Why Philosophy as a Way of Life?](#)" (with Stephen R. Grimm; ~8 000 words), *European Journal of Philosophy* 29.1 (2021): 236-251.
- 14 "[Living Without a Soul: Why God and the Heavenly Movers Fall Outside of Aristotle's Psychology](#)," (~20 000 words), *Phronesis*, 65.3 (2020), 281-323.

**PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)**

**ARTICLES IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS (CONTINUED)**

- 13 ["What Does the Happy Life Require? Augustine on What the \*Summum Bonum\* Includes,"](#) (~15 000 words), *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy* 8 (2020): 1-40.
- 12 ["What it Takes to Live Philosophically: Or, How to Progress in the Art of Living,"](#) (with Stephen R. Grimm; ~8 000 words), *Metaphilosophy*, Special Issue: Philosophy as a Way of Life, 51.2-3 (2020): 391-410.
- 11 ["Accounting for the Whole: Why Pantheism Is on a Metaphysical Par with Complex Theism."](#) (~8 000 words), *Faith and Philosophy*, 37.2 (2020): 202-219.
- 10 ["Why the View of Intellect in \*De Anima\* I.4 Isn't Aristotle's Own,"](#) (~7 000 words), *British Journal for the History of Philosophy (BJHP)*, 26.2 (2018), 241-254.
- 9 ["Why Continuous Motions Cannot Be Composed of Sub-motions: Aristotle on Change, Rest, and Actual and Potential Middles,"](#) (~13 000 words), *Apeiron*, 51.1 (January 2018), 37-71.
- 8 "How Could Prayer Make a Difference? Discussion of Scott A. Davison, Petitionary Prayer: A Philosophical Investigation," (~5 000 words), *European Journal of the Philosophy of Religion*, 10.2 (2018), 171-185.
- 7 ["Why the One Cannot Have Parts: Plotinus on Divine Simplicity, Ontological Independence, and Perfect Being Theology,"](#) (~10 000 words), *The Philosophical Quarterly*, Volume 67 Issue 269, October 2017, 751-771.
- 6 "Getting Things Less Wrong: Religion and the Role of Communities in Successfully Transmitting Beliefs," (~7 500 words), *Res Philosophica*, 93.3 (2016), 621-636.
- 5 ["When and Why Understanding Needs \*Phantasmata\*: A Moderate Interpretation of Aristotle's \*De Memoria\* and \*De Anima\* on the Role of Images in Intellectual Activities,"](#) (~16 000 words), *Phronesis*, 61.3 (2016), 337-372.
- 4 ["Nous in Aristotle's \*De Anima\*,"](#) (~5 000 words), *Philosophy Compass* 9.9 (2014), 594-604.
- 3 ["God, Causality, and Petitionary Prayer,"](#) (~12 500 words), *Faith and Philosophy* 31.1 (2014), 24-45.
- 2 ["There Must Be a First: Why Thomas Aquinas Rejects Infinite, Essentially Ordered, Causal Series,"](#) (~9 000 words), *BJHP* 21.5 (2013), 838-856.
  - One of the five Most Read articles on the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* website
- 1 ["Why the Intellect Cannot Have a Bodily Organ: \*De Anima\* 3.4,"](#) (~13 500 words), *Phronesis* 58.4, October 2013, 347-377.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

- 2 "The Separability of *Nous*" in *Aristotle's On the Soul* BOOKS (1).
- 1 "Introduction" in *Aristotle's On the Soul* BOOKS (1).

**BOOK REVIEWS**

- 5 Review of *Aristotle, De Anima: Translation, Introduction, and Notes*, C.D.C. Reeve (~3000 words) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 2018
- 4 Review of *Aristotle, De Anima: Translation, Introduction, and Commentary*, Christopher Shields (~1300 words), *Philosophical Quarterly*, February 2018
- 3 Review of *Aquinas's Way to God: The Proof in De Ente et Essentia*, Gaven Kerr (~2200 words), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, September 2015
- 2 Review of *Alexander of Aphrodisias on the Soul, Part I: Soul as Form of the Body, Parts of the Soul, Nourishment, and Perception*, Victor Caston, translator (~800 words), *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 52.1 (2014), 163-164.
- 1 Review of *The Powers of Aristotle's Soul*, Thomas Kjeller Johansen (~2 500 words), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, May 2013

**PRESENTATIONS – Refereed (\*) and Invited**

- Upcoming: "Forms and Formal Parts: How Aristotle Relates the Soul to its Powers"*
- Plato and Aristotle on Forms, UNAM Ancient Metaphysics Workshop, Mexico City\* September 2022
- Upcoming: "Are Hearing and Touching Progressive Activities?"*
- Workshop on Perception in Aristotle, Université de Genève April 2022
- Upcoming: "An Internal Light, Not an External Sun: Τὸ φῶς In Aristotle's De Anima (On the Soul) 3.5"*
- American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Chicago\* February 2022
- "Cosmic Gratitude and Constitutional Gratitude"*
- Department of Philosophy, Fort Lewis College December 2021
- "Augustine on the Limitations of Philosophy as a Way of Life"*
- Catholic Philosophy as a Way of Life Conference, Creighton University July 2021
- "The Value of Other-Worldly Happiness: Why Augustine is Right to Distinguish Beatitudo from Felicitas"*
- Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion Inaugural Conference, Princeton University\* October 2020
- "Why Love of God Makes You Happier than Love of Yourself: Augustine on the Goal of Human Life"*
- Philosophy and Medieval Studies, Purdue University October 2019
- "Why Augustine Gives Up on Blessedness in This Life"*
- Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy June 2019
- "The Separability of Nous in the De Anima"*
- Aristotle's *On the Soul*: Critical Reflections, MSU Denver April 2019
- "Living Without a Soul: Why God and the Heavenly Movers Fall Outside of Aristotle's Psychology"*
- Ancient Greek and Classical Arabic Psychology Conference, Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network (SPAWN) August 2018

**PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

- “How Simple is Aristotle’s *Divine Nous*?”

  - Principles, Cosmology, and First Philosophy in Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition, Marquette University\* June 2018
- “General and Indistinct Understanding: How Thomas Aquinas Limits the Human Intellect’s Knowledge While Retaining Separability”

  - Medieval Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado Boulder April 2017
- “End-Focused Holism and Temporal Neutrality”

  - Philosophy of Time Society session at the APA Central Division Meeting\* February 2017
- “Can Anything Damage the Soul? Aristotle on the Powers of the Soul and their Relation to the Body”

  - 2017 Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) Annual Meeting, Fordham University Lincoln Center\* October 2017
- “Everyone Wants to Live Forever: Augustine vs. the Stoics on Self-Preservation and *Voluntas*”

  - Self, Consciousness and Conscience in Late Antiquity: Sources and Legacy, Celtic Classics Conference\* July 2017
  - Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, University of Colorado Boulder November 2016
  - Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP) Eastern Regional Conference, Rutgers University\* October 2016
- “Understanding *Noēsis*: How to Interpret Aristotle’s Views on Comprehending First Principles”

  - Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop May 2017
- “Unity Itself: Plotinus, Divine Simplicity, and Perfect Being Theology”

  - Toronto Philosophy of Religion Work-in-Progress Group, Ryerson University January 2017
  - Classical Theism Workshop, Classical Theism Project, University of St Thomas\* July 2015
- “Why the View of Intellect in *De Anima* I.4 Isn’t Aristotle’s Own”

  - SAGP session at the Society for Classical Studies (SCS) Meeting\* January 2017
- “A Fine Image Worthy of Contemplation: Plotinus’s Affirmation of the Body against the Gnostics”

  - Embodied Religion Workshop, *The Experience Project*\* August 2016
- “Sometimes Trust, Sometimes Verify: The Case for Pluralism about Testimony”

  - APA Pacific Division Meeting\* March 2016
- “Science, Religion, and the Role of Communities in Transmitting Knowledge”

  - The Social Epistemology of Religious Belief, Indiana University October 2015
- “The Intellectual Virtue of Receptivity as an Antidote to False Pride”

  - Epistemic Vices, Durham University\* September 2015
  - Capstone Conference, The Philosophy and Theology of Intellectual Humility, Saint Louis University May 2015

**PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)**

- “Composite Dualism and Survival”
  - Intermediate State Writing Workshop, McCall, ID, the Immortality Project\* July 2015
  - Summer School on *Minds: Human and Divine*, Hochschule für Philosophie, Munich, Germany\* July 2012
- “Aristotle on the Truth of Perception and Understanding”
  - APA Eastern Division Meeting\* December 2014
  - SAGP session at the APA Central Division Meeting\* February 2014
  - Front Range Ancient Philosophy Workshop March 2012
- “Theological Realism and the Pessimistic Induction”
  - Logos 2013, Theorizing about God – Realism in Theology, University of Notre Dame\* May 2013
  - SCP Mountain Pacific Regional Conference\* March 2013

**COMMENTS**

- Commentary on Christopher Tomaszewski, “Aquinas on Death as Substantial Corruption,” Central APA February 2019
- Commentary on Susan Brower-Toland, “Deflecting Ockham’s Razor: A Medieval Debate about Ontological Commitments,” SCP National Conference, Calvin College September 2018
- Critical Response to Christopher Shields, *Aristotle: De Anima*, Translation and Commentary, Pacific APA April 2017
- Commentary on Larisa Svirsky, “Practical Defects of the Perceptive Soul,” Ancient Philosophy Workshop, UT Austin February 2017
- Commentary on Don Morrison, “Divine moral psychology in the *Timaeus* and the *Laws*,” Classical Philosophy Colloquium, Princeton University December 2016
- Commentary on Scott O’Connor, “The Generation & Destruction of Matter in Aristotle’s *Physics* I.9” 2015 Ancient Philosophy Society Meeting, Lexington, Kentucky April 2015
- Commentary on Kendall Englund, “Aquinas on Intentionality and Intelligible Species: A Problem for Primitive Accounts,” Central APA February 2015
- Commentary on Eric W. Hagedorn, “What makes it Ockham's Razor?: The Pessimistic Consequence of Ockham's Theological Metaontology,” Central APA February 2014
- Commentary on Timothy O’Connor’s “Could There Be a Complete Explanation of Everything?” SCP Mountain Pacific Regional Conference March 2013

**SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Principal Investigator (PI), “How Cosmic Gratitude Works: Why Gratitude to Non-Personal Agents is Possible,” (\$85 000), <i>Gratitude to God: Psychological, Philosophical and Theological Investigations</i> , Biola University	2020-2022
PI, “Intellectual Deference as a Key Component of Intellectual Humility” (\$72 000), <i>The Philosophy and Theology of Intellectual Humility</i> , Saint Louis University	2014-15
PI, Student Peer Philosophy Leaders Pilot Project (\$3 500), Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Project	2019-20
Provost Research Award (\$4 000), MSU Denver	2018
Summer Stipend (£1 000), <i>The Pantheism and Panentheism Project</i> , University of Birmingham	2018
Provost Grant Support Award (course release), MSU Denver	2017, 2020
Summer Stipend (\$3000), Embodied Religious Experience, <i>The Experience Project</i> , Notre Dame/UNC Chapel Hill	2016
Workshop Grant (\$1350), Intermediate State Writing Workshop, <i>The Immortality Project</i> , UC Riverside	2015
Workshop Grant (\$1500), Classical Theism Workshop, <i>Classical Theism Project</i> , University of St Thomas	2015
First Prize (\$1000 Award) Summer Seminar Article Competition, 2011 St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion	2012
Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University	2006-2011
Ancient Philosophy and Science Network Travel Grant	2011

**SELECTED RESEARCH WORKSHOPS AND PANELS**

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Philosophy as a Way of Life	July 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One of twenty-five scholars selected for a two-week seminar examining how various philosophies serve as ways of life and how they can be taught more experientially</li> </ul>	
Summer School on Minds: Human and Divine - Explorations at the Interface Between Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Religion, Hochschule für Philosophie, Munich, Germany	July-August 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One of ten junior scholars selected for three-week workshop and conference</li> </ul>	
Selected Participant, St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion, University of St. Thomas	June 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One of twenty junior scholars selected for three-week workshop and grant</li> </ul>	

## TEACHING

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER:

*PHI/HIS/PSC/HON 39AB Virtues, Ancient and Modern*

An advanced undergraduate interdisciplinary honors seminar looking at ancient and contemporary accounts of the excellences we need to achieve happiness as individuals and to make our communities function well as well as critiques of virtue. Students conduct an in-depth study of a virtue and create a plan for how to practice it at an individual level and encourage it a social level. Spring (S)21

*HON 391W The Ancient Arts of Living:*

*Ways of Life in Ancient Greek and Roman Philosophy, Religion, and Literature*

An advanced undergraduate interdisciplinary honors seminar on approaches to the art of living found in a wide variety of Ancient Greek and Roman thinkers, from Plato, Horace, and Augustine to Sophocles, Sextus Empiricus, and Seneca. We also consider the ways in which contemporary thinkers, such as Martha Nussbaum and Pierre Hadot, appropriate these ancient approaches to happiness and engage with the practices that embody these ways of life. S 19, Fall (F) 19

*PHI 4400/3810 Aristotle and Metaphysics*

An advanced undergraduate course examining Aristotle's account of the structure of reality and comparing and contrasting the views he develops with those of contemporary philosophers and the Aristotelian tradition. Topics considered include the nature of change, time, being, and personal identity. F 17

*PHI 3350 Ethical Theories*

An advanced undergraduate course involving careful consideration of Peter Abelard's intentionalist ethics, Aristotle's virtue ethics, and related contemporary thinkers including Philippa Foot, Christine Korsgaard, and Rosalind Hursthouse, as well as an examination of contemporary issues in moral epistemology. S17

*PHI 3330 Epistemology: Classical and Contemporary Thinkers on Trust and Testimony*

An advanced undergraduate course exploring the nature of trust and testimony and their roles in forming our beliefs and practices through historical and contemporary sources including Plato, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, David Hume, Thomas Reid, Jennifer Lackey, John Greco, Miranda Fricker, and Linda Zagzebski. F15

*PHI 3610 Metaphysics and Mysticism in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy*

An advanced undergraduate course exploring the implications that different views of ultimate reality have for conceptions of, speech about, and attitudes towards the divine. Thinkers considered include Xenophanes, Plato, Plotinus, Ibn Sina, al-Ghazali, Ibn Rushd, Hildegard of Bingen, and Julian of Norwich. S 14

*PHI 3610 Augustine: His Life and Works*

An advanced undergraduate course examining Augustine’s thought through a close reading of the *Confessions* followed by selections from his polemical works, sermons, *The City of God*, and *On the Trinity*. F13

*PHI 3000 Ancient Philosophy*

An advanced undergraduate course covering ancient philosophy from the Pre-Socratics to the Hellenistic period, with a focus on Socrates, Plato and Aristotle. F21, S19, F16, S16, F15, F13, S12, F11

*PHI 2040 Philosophy of Religion*

A midlevel undergraduate course examining competing accounts of the nature and value of religious beliefs and practices. Thinkers considered include Sankara, Ramanuja, al-Ghazālī, Ibn Rushd, Moses Maimonides, Thomas Aquinas, Julian of Norwich, John Calvin, David Hume, William Rowe, Marilyn Adams, Grace Jantzen, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama. F21, S21, F20, F19, S18, F17, S17, F16, F12

*PHI 1030 Introduction to Ethics*

An introductory undergraduate course, focusing on the ethical theories of major figures, historical and contemporary, through studying primary texts. Different versions of the course have considered, inter alia, early Buddhist thought (Pali canon), Plato, Aristotle, Epictetus, Thomas Aquinas, Mary Wollstonecraft, Immanuel Kant, J.S. Mill, Annette Baier, Mary Midgley, and Susan Wolf. F19(x2), S18(x2), S17(x2), F16(x2), S14(x3), S13(x4), F12(x3)

*PHI 1010 Introduction to Philosophy*

An introductory undergraduate course examining seminal philosophical texts such as the *Katha Upanishad*, the Socratic dialogues, Augustine’s *De Libero Arbitrio*, Ibn Tufayl’s *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan*, René Descartes’s *Meditations*, Blaise Pascal’s *Pensées*, and essays by William James, Mary Midgley, and Martin Luther King Jr. S22 (x2), F17, S16(x3), F15 (x2), F13(x2), S12(x3)

**PEDAGOGICAL PRESENTATIONS**

- “Teaching Philosophies: Philosophy as a Way of Life in the Classroom,” Department of Philosophy, Purdue University October 2019
- “Using Games in the Philosophy Classroom,” Philosophy as a Way of Life conference, University of Notre Dame July 2019
- “A Way of Life Approach to Teaching Plato’s *Apology*,” a group presentation at the AAPT-APA Teaching Hub, Central APA February 2019
- “Roleplaying Philosophies: Using Reacting to the Past in the Philosophy Classroom,” teaching presentation as part of an APA Committee on the Teaching of Philosophy session on “Shaking Up the Standard Lecture,” Central APA February 2018



## SERVICE

### DEPARTMENTAL:

Chair, Recruitment and Retention Committee, MSU Denver Philosophy	2016-2020
Post-Tenure Review Committee, MSU Denver Philosophy	2019-2020
Faculty Search Committee, MSU Denver Philosophy	2018-2019
Departmental Tenure Committee, MSU Denver Philosophy	2017-2018
Administrative Assistant Search Committee, MSU Denver Philosophy	2016
Faculty Search Committee, MSU Denver Philosophy	2012-2013

### UNIVERSITY:

Member, Provost Search Committee, MSU Denver	2020
Member, Budget Committee of the Faculty Senate, MSU Denver	2015-2017
Member, Faculty Senate, MSU Denver	2014-2017
Peer Reviewer, Departmental Program Assessment, MSU Denver	2013
Reviewer, Undergraduate Research Conference awards competition, MSU Denver	2013

### PROFESSIONAL:

Editor of <a href="#">Aristotle: Philosophy of Mind</a> (and its subcategories) and <a href="#">Aristotle: Natural Philosophy</a> (and its subcategories), <a href="#">PhilPapers</a>	2013-present
Lead Faculty Advisor, <a href="#">The Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Project</a> , Mellon Foundation and University of Notre Dame	2018-2021
Treasurer, <i>Society of Christian Philosophers</i>	2020-23
Member, Book Review Advisory Committee, <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i>	2020-
Organizer, Front Range Ancient Philosophy Workshop	2017-20
Referee for Bloomsbury Academic (Ancient Commentators on Aristotle) (x2); Cambridge University Press; Routledge; <i>Analytic Theology</i> , <i>Ancient Philosophy</i> , <i>Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi</i> (x2), <i>American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly</i> (x6), <i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i> (x2), <i>Apeiron</i> (x3), <i>Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie</i> (x3), <i>British Journal for the History of Philosophy</i> (x6), <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> (x2), <i>Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review</i> (x2), <i>Eirene: Studia Graeca et Latina, Ergo</i> , <i>European Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Faith and Philosophy</i> (x3), <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i> (x3), <i>Isis</i> , <i>Journal of Medicine and Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Philosophical Research</i> , <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> (x3), <i>Méthexis</i> , <i>Mind</i> , <i>Modern Theology</i> , <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> (x2), <i>Philosophical Papers</i> , <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> (x3), <i>Religious Studies</i> , <i>Res Philosophica</i> (x2); <i>Review of Metaphysics</i> ; <i>Studies in Late Antiquity</i> ; Canadian Philosophical Association; APA Central Division Program.	