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EMPLOYMENT 2021–present. Director of Themes in Medicine, WWAMI Medical
Education Program, University of Wyoming.
2018–present. Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Wyoming.
2015–2017. Instructor in Philosophy, Baylor University.

EDUCATION Ph.D. Philosophy, The Ohio State University (OSU), 2015.
M.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University (WMU), 2010.
B.A. Philosophy, Biola University, 2005.

RESEARCH **Areas of Specialization**
Epistemology, Moral Psychology, Applied Ethics
Areas of Competence
Bioethics, Medical Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

PUBLICATIONS “Epistemic Duty and Implicit Bias” in *Epistemic Duties: New Arguments, New
Angles*, eds. Kevin McCain and Scott Stapleford, co-authored with Bradley
Rettler (2020)
“Faith, Belief, and Control,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 55.1: 95-109 (2018).
“In Defense of Doxastic Blame,” *Synthese* 195: 2205-2226 (2018).

DISSERTATION Making Sense of Doxastic Blame: An Account of Control over Belief

Abstract: In my dissertation, I argue that we can be legitimately blamed for our beliefs, even though we do not have the same kind of control over our beliefs that we have over our actions. I first argue that we can account for doxastic blame by extending accounts of moral blame for action. Then I defend the legitimacy of doxastic blame by arguing that we have indirect control over our beliefs via the the capacity to actively engage in reflection. Lastly, I argue that, given the relationship between faith and belief, our control over whether we have faith is similar to our control over our beliefs.

Committee: Declan Smithies (director), Abe Roth, and Timothy Schroeder

TALKS “A Bioethics Case for Computing Ethics,” Guest Speaker in Dr. Robin Hill’s Ethics
for the Computer Professional, University of Wyoming, Fall 2020, Fall 2021,
Spring 2022.

“Doxastic Blame,” Pacific APA, April 2016.
 “In Defense of Epistemic Blame,” Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2015.
 “The Ethics of Affluence and Charitable Giving,” Invited Talk, Baylor Undergraduate Philosophy Club, October 2015.
 “A Framework for Determining the Aim of Faith,” Invited Talk, The Faith Project: The Value of Faith, Columbia, MO, July 2015.
 “On the Control of Faith and Belief,” Invited Symposium: The Nature of Faith, Pacific APA, April 2015.
 “Control, Faith, and Belief,” Invited Talk, The Faith Project: The Nature of Faith, Columbia, MO, July 2014.
 “Doxastic Blame and Responsibility,” Distinguished Alumna Talk, Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, December 2014.
 “Reason-Responsiveness and Voluntary Control,” Pacific APA, April 2014.
 “Reason-Responsiveness and Voluntary Control,” Baylor Philosophy of Religion Conference, Baylor University, April 2014.
 “Epistemic Control and Responsibility,” Epistemology Brown Bag, Northwestern University, May 2013.
 “Believing the Speaker,” Northwestern/Notre Dame Epistemology Conference, April 2011.
 “No Necessary Condition for Self-Deception,” Brown Bag Lecture Series, Department of Philosophy, Western Michigan University, November 2010.

COMMENTS

“Comments on Charity Anderson’s ‘Divine Hiddenness: Are Glimpses Enough?’,” The Nature and Value of Faith Conference, January 2016.
 “Comments on Jon Kvanvig’s ‘Faith, Cognitive and Affective’,” The Nature and Value of Faith Conference, November 2014.
 “Comments on Greg Antill’s ‘The Ethics of Self-Fulfilling Belief’,” Northwestern/Notre Dame Epistemology Conference, April 2013.
 “Comments on Todd Stewart’s ‘A Critique of Two Criteria for Epistemically Circular Belief’,” Illinois Philosophical Association, November 2012.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

Philosophy of Mental Health. Fall 2021 (University of Wyoming)
 Bioethics. Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021 (University of Wyoming)
 Medical Ethics. Fall 2018 (University of Wyoming)
 Introduction to Logic. Fall 2016 (Baylor University)
 Introduction to Ethics: Love and Sex. Spring 2016, Fall 2015 (Baylor)
 Social and Moral Problems in the Contemporary U.S. Fall 2013 (OSU)
 Philosophy and Public Affairs. Spring 2010 (2), Fall 2009 (2) (WMU)
 Critical Reasoning. Spring 2009, 2 sections, Summer 2009 (WMU)

Session Instructor for Medical Education Program

Health Equity and Genetics. Fall 2022 (WWAMI)
 Health Inequities for Infectious Diseases. Fall 2022 (WWAMI)
Fatal Invention Discussion Sessions. Summer 2022 (WWAMI)
 What is Bioethics? Spring 2021 (WWAMI)

Relational Ethics. Spring 2021 (WWAMI)
Narrative Ethics. Spring 2021 (WWAMI)
Complexities in Decision Making Capacity. Spring 2021 (WWAMI)
Cognitive Bias. Spring 2021 (WWAMI)

HONORS
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AWARDS

Research Award, The Faith Project Seminar: The Nature of Faith, Summer 2015
Research Award, The Faith Project Seminar: The Value of Faith, Summer 2014.
Invited Participant, Southern Methodist University Analytic Theology Workshop,
Summer 2014, Summer 2013.
Invited Participant, St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and
Philosophical Theology, Summer 2012.
Graduate Student Award for Teaching Effectiveness, Philosophy Department, West-
ern Michigan University, Spring 2010. (Awarded to one graduate student in
each department.)

REFEREE
WORK

Philosophical Studies (2022, 2018)
Journal of Philosophy (2022)
Religious Studies (2021)
Synthese (2019)
Faith and Philosophy (2018)
Philosophical Quarterly (2017)
dialectica (2013)