

EMPLOYMENT

- Research Fellow with the Notre Dame *Hope, Optimism, and God* Initiative, Center for Philosophy of Religion (non-residential, 2016-17)
- Visiting Assistant Professor (Research), Azusa Pacific University (2016-17)
- Azusa Pacific University (lecturer 2013-16)
- California State University, Fullerton (lecturer 2014-16)
- Orange Coast College (lecturer 2013-14)
- University of California, Irvine (teaching assistant, associate, instructor 2007-12)
- Texas A&M University (teaching assistant, 2004-06)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Philosophy 2013, University of California, Irvine
- M.A., Philosophy, 2006, Texas A&M University
- B.A., (summa cum laude) Philosophy, 2003, Rhode Island College

AREAS OF STUDY

- AOS: Kierkegaard, Existentialism, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics
- AOC: Leibniz, Early Modern, Metaphysics, Business Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

- Chapter (under contract): "Kierkegaard and the Meaning of Life," in *The Meaning of Life and the Great Philosophers* (Routledge, forthcoming)
- Book: *The Task of Hope in Kierkegaard* (Oxford University Press, October 2015)
[There are at least three reviews: *Blackwell's Reviews in Religion & Theology*, 23, 85-93 (2016), *Reading Religion, a Publication of the American Academy of Religion* (September 14, 2016); *Anglican Theological Review*, Vol. 99 Issue 1, p127-128 (Winter 2017); also mentioned in the *Times Literary Supplement*, "Cruel Intentions" (September 29, 2016)]
- Book Review: *Wittgenstein and Natural Religion* (OUP), by Gordon Graham, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (July 2015)

CURRENT PROJECTS

- Book proposal: *Hope: The History of a Concept*. This will be a volume of essays from scholars exploring the conceptual history of hope
- "Hope at the Edge of Reason: Seeking relevant Norms in Curious Cases." I have two papers in progress, analyzing hope and its importance
- "The Apophatic Self: Kierkegaard on the Hiddenness of Self?"
- "Is Kierkegaard a Virtue Ethicist?"

PRESENTATIONS, PROFESSIONAL WORK & DEVELOPMENT

- "How Christian Hope Reshapes Practical Reasoning," *Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Meeting*, Biola University, Spring 2017
- Plenary Lecture: "The Significance of Kierkegaard's *Fear and Trembling*," Azusa Pacific University, Honors College, Spring 2017
- Colloquium Presentation: "How Christian Hope Provides a Postulate for Practical Reason," Theologischen Hochschule Reutlingen, Germany, December 2016
- Study at Oxford University, December 2016 – January 2017
- Invited Talk: "Hope at the Edge of Reason: Seeking Relevant Norms in Curious Cases," Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion, *Hope & Optimism Workshop*, Spring 2016
- "Notes on a Neglected Virtue: Analyzing the Nature and Norms of Hope," *Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Meeting*, University of San Diego, Spring 2016
- Session Chair, *Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Meeting*, "Hope and the Good Life," by

- Philip Smith (George Fox University), University of San Diego, Spring 2016
- Session Chair, *Society of Christian Philosophers* Pacific Meeting, “How Self-Deception Creates Problems for Kierkegaard’s Account of Purity of Heart” by Stephen Munzer (UCLA), Azusa Pacific University, 2015
- Invited Talk: “Faith and Kierkegaard,” Los Angeles City College, Philosophy Department, Spring 2013
- “Leibniz on the Reality of Corporeal Substances,” *South Central Seminar in the History of Early Modern Philosophy*, Baylor University, Waco TX, Fall, 2005
- “A Possible Ontological Argument,” *Society of Christian Philosophers* Pacific Meeting, George Fox University, Spring 2005

AWARDS

- Research Fellow for the Notre Dame *Hope, Optimism, and God* Initiative, Center for Philosophy of Religion (non-residential, 2016-17)
- University of California, Irvine, Research Associate (2013-15)
- University of California, Irvine, Chancellor’s Fellowship (2006 - 2007, 2012 - 13)
- University of California, Irvine, Summer Fellowship (2011)
- Winner, Graduate Student Essay Contest 2004-5, Department of Philosophy, Texas A&M University: “David Lewis and the Possibility of Time Travel”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- APA / AAR / Søren Kierkegaard Society / Society of Christian Philosophers / Leibniz Society of North America

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Azusa Pacific University | Seminar on Hope (Spring 2017)
Directed Study on Kierkegaard (upper division) (Spring 2016)
Intro to Philosophy (multiple sections, Fall 2013 - Spring 2016) |
| Cal State Fullerton | Business Ethics (two sections, Spring 2016)
Meaning, Purpose, and the Good Life / Intro to Philosophy (Fall 2015)
Business Ethics / Critical Thinking (Spring 2015)
Early Modern Philosophy / Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2014) |
| Orange Coast College | Ethics (Spring 2013-14) / Critical Reasoning and Writing (Spring 2014) |
| UC Irvine | Contemporary Moral Problems (Summer 2012) |

SERVICE

- Founder/supervisor of the Philosophy Club at Azusa Pacific University (ongoing)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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| Aristotle’s Politics (G. Santas) | Existentialism (M. Schwab) |
| Aristotle’s Metaphysics (R. Smith) | German Idealism (S. Bernecker) |
| Seminar: Early Modern Philosophy (S. Daniel) | Science and Religion (S. Longstreet) |
| Leibniz and Berkeley (S. Daniel) | Metaphysics (S. Bernecker) |
| Leibniz and Locke (N. Jolley) | Epistemology (S. Bernecker) |
| Locke’s Essay (N. Jolley) | Modal Metaphysics (C. Menzel) |
| Spinoza’s Ethics (N. Jolley) | Modal Logic (M. Cresswell) |
| Leibniz (N. Jolley) | Metaphysics of Time (J. Roberts) |
| Descartes & Malebranche (S. Greenberg) | Mind & Action (D. Smith) |
| Late Heidegger (M. Schwab) | John Dewey’s Ethical Theory (G. Pappas) |
| Continental Philosophy (M. Schwab) | Virtue Ethics (B. Kent) |
| Kierkegaard (M. Schwab) | Aesthetics (M. Schwab) |
| Nietzsche (M. Schwab) | International Justice (A. James) |
| | Social and Political Philosophy (M. Gilbert) |

DISSERTATION

Finding Hope in Kierkegaard: Examining the Role and Importance of Hope in Kierkegaard's Thought

LANGUAGES

Danish (reading with dictionary)

REFERENCES

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