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## Areas of Specialization

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Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

## Areas of Competence

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Philosophy of Mind, Decision Theory, Social Philosophy, Applied Ethics

## Appointments

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### **Ryerson University**

2020–Present Assistant Professor of Philosophy

### **Palm Beach Atlantic University**

2021–Present Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy  
(Once every two years, I teach a one-week intensive course for PBA’s philosophy MA program.)

### **Australian National University**

2019–2020 Research Fellow (level B3), School of Philosophy  
Supervisor: Alan Hájek  
(Australian Research Council project on Ethics & Risk, with Seth Lazar, Alan Hájek, Lara Buchak, Philip Pettit, Frank Jackson, and Katie Steele.)

## Education

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### **University of Notre Dame**

Ph.D. in Philosophy, May 2019  
Dissertation: *Belief and Credence: A Defense of Dualism*  
Committee: Robert Audi (co-advisor), Ted Warfield (co-advisor), Daniel Nolan, Blake Roeber, Lizzie Fricker, Lara Buchak (external member, U.C. Berkeley)  
M.A. in Philosophy, May 2016

### **Kansas State University**

B.S. in Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, May 2013

## Publications

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### *Journal Articles*

(Forthcoming) **“Settling the Unsettled: Roles for Belief.”** *Analysis*. (Critical Notice on Julia Staffel’s *Unsettled Thoughts*.) doi: 10.1093/analys/anab025

- (Forthcoming) **“Why Credences Are Not Beliefs.”** *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. doi: 10.1080/00048402.2020.1867210
- (Forthcoming) **“Belief, Credence, and Moral Encroachment.”** (with Jamie Fritz). *Synthese*. doi: 10.1007/s11229-020-02799-6
- (Forthcoming) **“Belief, Faith, and Hope: On the Rationality of Long-Term Commitment.”** *Mind*. doi: 10.1093/mind/fzaa023
- (Forthcoming) **“Children, Fetuses, and the Non-Existent: Moral Obligations and the Beginning of Life.”** *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*. doi: 10.1093/jmp/jhab012
- (Forthcoming) **“A Defense of Intrapersonal Belief Permissivism.”** *Episteme*. doi: 10.1017/epi.2019.19
- (2020) **“Credence: A Belief-First Approach.”** (with Andrew Moon). *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50(5): 652–669. doi: 10.1017/can.2020.9
- (2020) **“The Relationship Between Belief and Credence.”** *Philosophy Compass* 15(6): 1–13. doi: 10.1111/phc3.12668
- (2020) **“Belief, Credence, and Evidence.”** *Synthese* 197(11): 5073–5092. doi: 10.1007/s11229-018-01965-1
- (2019) **“How Belief-Credence Dualism Explains Away Pragmatic Encroachment.”** *The Philosophical Quarterly* 69(276): 511–533. doi: 10.1093/pq/pqz006
- (2019) **“Belief and Credence: Why the Attitude-Type Matters.”** *Philosophical Studies* 176(9): 2477–2496. doi: 10.1007/s11098-018-1136-1
- (2019) **“Belief, Credence, and Faith.”** *Religious Studies* 55(2): 153–168. doi: 10.1017/S0034412518000446 (Winner of the *Religious Studies* Post Graduate Essay Prize)
- (2019) **“Salvaging Pascal’s Wager”** (with Andy Rogers). *Philosophia Christi* 21(1): 59–84. doi: 10.5840/pc201921110
- (2016) **“Wagering Against Divine Hiddenness.”** *The European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 8(4): 85–108. doi: 10.24204/ejpr.v8i4.1757

*Book Chapters (under contract)*

- (under contract) **“Faith and Reason.”** In *The Handbook of Philosophy of Religion* (Mark A. Lamport, ed.). Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- (under contract) **“Pragmatic Arguments for Theism.”** In *The Cambridge Handbook of Religious Epistemology* (John Greco, Tyler McNabb, and Jonathan Fuqua, eds.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (under contract) **“Faith, Hope, and Justification.”** In *Propositional and Doxastic Justification* (Luis R.G. Oliveira and Paul Silva, eds.). Routledge Studies in Epistemology. New York: Routledge.

(under contract) **“Dilemmas, Disagreement, and Dualism.”** In *Epistemic Dilemmas: New Arguments, New Angles* (Kevin McCain, Scott Stapleford, and Matthias Steup, eds.). Routledge Studies in Epistemology. New York: Routledge.

(under contract) **“Permissivism, Underdetermination, and Evidence”** (with Margaret Turnbull). In *The Routledge Handbook of Evidence* (Clayton Littlejohn and Maria Lasonen-Aarnio, eds.). New York: Routledge.

(under contract) **“What’s Epistemic about Epistemic Paternalism?”** In *Essays in Epistemic Autonomy* (Kirk Lougheed and Jonathan Matheson, eds.). Routledge Studies in Epistemology. New York: Routledge.

#### *Book Chapters (published)*

(2020) **“Epistemic Paternalism, Epistemic Permissivism, and Standpoint Epistemology.”** In *Epistemic Paternalism Reconsidered: Conceptions, Justifications, and Implications* (Amiel Bernal and Guy Axtell, eds.), pp. 201–215. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

(2020) **“The Nature and Rationality of Faith.”** In *The New Theists* (Joshua Rasmussen and Kevin Vallier, eds.), pp. 77–92. New York: Routledge.

#### *Other Publications*

(Forthcoming) **“Epistemology.”** In *The T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Christian Theology* (Paul Allen and Beth Dodd, eds.). New York: T&T Clark/Bloomsbury.

(2021) **“Pascal’s Wager: A Pragmatic Argument for Belief in God.”** In *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology*.

(2019) Review of *Problems of Religious Luck: Assessing the Limits of Reasonable Religious Disagreement*, by Guy Axtell. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews.

(2018) **“A Defense of Belief-Credence Dualism.”** In the *Proceedings of the Fifth Conference of the Brazilian Society of Analytic Philosophy* (João Luis Pereira Ourique, ed.), pp. 77–78. Pelotas, Brazil: Série Dissertatio de Filosofia.

#### **Works Under Review**

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| (R&R, <i>Erkenntnis</i> ) | “Epistemic Permissivism and Pascal’s Wager”                      |
| (R&R, <i>PPR</i> )        | “Epistemic Akrasia and Belief-Credence Dualism” (with Peter Tan) |
| (under review)            | “On the Independence of Belief and Credence”                     |
| (under review)            | “An Epistemic Version of Pascal’s Wager”                         |

#### **Select Works in Progress**

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(forthcoming, 2021) *Applied Ethics: An Impartial Introduction*, Hackett Publishing (with Tyron Goldschmidt, Rebecca Chan, and Dustin Crummett)

(under contract) *Must Beliefs and Evidence Agree? A Debate*, Routledge (with Scott Stapleford)

(forthcoming, 2023) “Faithfully Taking Pascal’s Wager,” for *The Monist* (special issue on Faith, Hope, and Trust; Finlay Malcolm, ed.). Forthcoming in January 2023.

- (commissioned) “Probing the Mind of God: Divine Beliefs and Credences” (with Justin Mooney), for *Religious Studies* (special issue on The Existence and Nature of Deities; Mohammad Saleh Zarepour, ed.).
- (commissioned) Entry on faith for the *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

### **Select Presentations and Talks (\*Invited)**

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#### **TBD**

- June 2021 \*Colloquium at Lisbon LanCog Research Group (via Zoom)
- July 2021 \*Colloquium at Goethe University Frankfurt (via Zoom)
- September 2021 \*Philosophy of Religion Workshop, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile
- October 2021 \*Midwest Epistemology Workshop, University of Iowa
- February 2022 \*Central APA, Symposium on Belief and Credence
- TBD \*Wuhan University
- TBD \*Workshop on the Epistemology of Risk at Zhejiang University

#### **“Explaining Evil and Pragmatic Belief”**

- August 2021 \*Capturing Christianity Conference, Houston, TX

#### **“Interpersonal Faith and Self-Fulfilling Beliefs”**

- September 2021 Inaugural Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion Conference
- September 2020 \*Pepperdine University (via Zoom)

#### **“The Epistemic Axiology of Theism”**

- June 2021 \*Ryerson Philosophy-of-Religion Mini-Conference on the Axiology of Theism

#### **“The Axiology of Theism and the Rationality of Faith”**

- June 2021 \*Tyndale Philosophy of Religion Conference (via Zoom)

#### **“How Low Can You Go? Belief, Credence, and Philosophy”**

- Fall 2021 \*Philosophy with Attitude Conference, New Mexico State University
- January 2021 \*Eastern APA, Symposium on Belief and Credence (via Zoom)

#### **“Credal Functionalism” (with Justin D’Ambrosio)**

- Spring 2021 Lewis: Representation in Mind and Language, University of Leeds (via Zoom)

#### **“Faithfully Taking Pascal’s Wager”**

- April 2021 \*Pacific APA, Society of Christian Philosophers (via Zoom)

#### **“Should You Believe in God?”**

- March 2021 \*Biola University, Talbot Speaker Series (via Zoom)
- October 2020 \*Houston Baptist University (via Zoom)
- October 2020 \*Concordia University (via Zoom)
- February 2020 \*Hope College, Holland, MI
- October 2019 \*Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

#### **“Dilemmas, Disagreement, and Dualism”**

- November 2020 \*CONCEPT/University of Cologne, Department Colloquium (via Zoom)
- November 2020 \*Athenas in Action, Epistemology Work-in-Progress group (via Zoom)
- August 2020 Social (Distance) Epistemology Workshop (via Zoom)

*Presentation and Talks (cont.)*

**“Belief-Credence Dualism and Moral Encroachment”**

July 2020                      \*Encroachment at Home Work-in-Progress Group (via Zoom)

**“An Epistemic Version of Pascal’s Wager”**

July 2020                      \*The Analytic Collective Work-in-Progress Group (via Zoom)  
December 2019                \*Ryerson University, Philosophy of Religion Work-in-Progress Group

**“Permissivism, Encroachment, and Practical Reasons for Belief”**

June 2020                      \*Encroachment at Home Work-in-Progress Group (via Zoom)

**“Faith, Hope, and Justification”**

March 2020                    \*Junior Workshop in Philosophy of Religion, Chicago

**“Belief, Credence, and Graspability: Why Credences Are Not Beliefs”**

February 2020                Central APA, Chicago (Colloquium paper)  
November 2019                Probability in Philosophy Conference, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

**“Faith, Belief, and Religious Experience”**

October 2019                 Religious Experience and Description, Valparaiso University

**“Some Considerations Against Epistemic Paternalism”**

October 2019                 Public Philosophy Network Conference, Michigan State University  
September 2019              \*Australian National University, Moral/Social/Political Seminar  
June 2019                      \*Symposium at the Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver

**“Epistemic Akrasia and Belief-Credence Dualism” (with Peter Tan)**

October 2019                 Central States Philosophical Association, Washington University St. Louis  
April 2019                     Pacific APA, Vancouver (Colloquium Paper)  
March 2019                    \*University of Virginia, Philosophy Department Colloquium

**“On the Independence of Belief and Credence”**

October 2019                 \*Australian National University, Philosophy Department Seminar  
July 2019                      Ninth Workshop on Combining Probability and Logic, Frankfurt, Germany  
May 2019                      St. Louis Conference on Reasons and Rationality  
February 2019                \*Belief in Context Workshop, University of Hamburg, Germany

**“Epistemic Permissivism and Pascal’s Wager”**

June 2019                      Canadian SCP at the Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver  
September 2015                Eastern SCP, Messiah College (different title)

**“How Belief-Credence Dualism Explains Away Pragmatic Encroachment”**

February 2019                 Central APA, Denver (Colloquium Paper)  
October 2018                 Central States Philosophical Association, University of Buffalo  
August 2018                 The World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China  
May 2018                      \*Women in Philosophy Workshop, Chicago (WIPHICA)  
February 2018                 Central APA, Chicago (Diversity Institute Alumni Symposium)

**“Credence: A Belief-First Approach” (with Andrew Moon)**

September 2018                What are Degrees of Belief Workshop, University of Leeds

*Presentation and Talks (cont.)*

**“Belief, Faith, and Hope”**

August 2018                \*The World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China  
March 2018                Perspectives on Faith: 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Conference, Boston College

**“Permissivism and Underdetermination”** (with Margaret Turnbull)

April 2018                Open-mindedness in Philosophy of Religion, Weatherford College

**“A Defense of Intrapersonal Belief Permissivism”**

February 2018            Central APA, Chicago (Colloquium Paper)  
June 2017                6<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh  
March 2017                Pacific SCP, Biola University  
November 2016            Iowa Philosophical Society, Simpson College (different title)

**“Belief and Credence: Why the Attitude-Type Matters”**

November 2017            Indiana Philosophical Association, Purdue University  
June 2017                New Trends in Epistemology Workshop, University of Pavia, Italy

**“Belief, Credence, and Evidence”**

October 2017            5<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon Conference, University of Tampa

**“Belief, Credence, and Faith”**

July 2017                \*Kaufman Institute Interfaith Workshop, Amman, Jordan  
November 2016            Indiana Philosophical Association, DePauw University  
October 2016            Eastern SCP, Rutgers University  
June 2016                \*Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion, University of St. Thomas

**“The Nature and Rationality of Faith”**

August 2016            \*The New Theists Conference, Wake Forest

**“Wagering Against Divine Hiddenness”**

September 2015            British Society for Philosophy of Religion, Oxford University  
March 2015                Midwest SCP, University of South Alabama (different title)

**“Salvaging Pascal’s Wager”** (with Andy Rogers)

December 2014            New Insights and Directions Formal Epistemology Workshop, Oxford University  
May 2014                Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University  
April 2014                Graduate Epistemology Conference, Texas Tech

**Comments**

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January 2020            On “A Strike Against a Striking Principle” by Dan Baras  
Eastern APA, Philadelphia

July 2019                On *On Being A Believer* by David Hunter  
Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen, Germany

November 2018            On *Salvation by Allegiance Alone* by Matthew W. Bates  
Author Meets Critics, Analytic Theology Consultation at the ETS, Denver

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| October 2018   | On “Conservatism in Epistemology” by Matthias Steup<br>12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Epistemology Workshop  |
| September 2018 | On “Warranted Christian Resurrection Belief” by Stephen Wykstra<br>40 <sup>th</sup> Annual SCP Conference, Calvin College                                       |
| April 2018     | On “Acquittal from Knowledge Laundering” by Juan Piñeros Glasscock<br>8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Notre Dame Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference           |
| April 2018     | On “An Argument Against the Normativity of Rational Requirements”<br>by Clayton Littlejohn; University of Cologne, Germany                                      |
| January 2018   | On “The Bayesian Challenge to Faith” by Matthew Lee<br>Eastern APA, Savannah  |
| October 2017   | On “Locking to the Properties of Fodorian Doorknobs” by Brittney Currie<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Philosopher’s Cocoon Conference, Tampa                        |
| March 2017     | On “Is Evidentialism Prudent?” by Christopher Stephens<br>Central APA, Kansas City  |
| January 2017   | On “Deontological Evidentialism and the Principle that Ought Implies Can”<br>by Luis Oliveira; Eastern APA, Baltimore   |
| November 2016  | On “A Conflict Between van Inwagen’s Ontology and his Metaontology”<br>by David Fisher; Indiana Philosophical Association                                       |
| October 2016   | On “First and Second Order Theories: Williamson on Knowledge by Imagination”<br>by Ben Henke; Central States Philosophical Association, Lincoln                 |
| September 2016 | On “When Faith Meets Counterevidence” by Lara Buchak<br>The Virtue of Faith Conference, Bellingham  |
| April 2016     | On “Living on the Edge: Against Epistemic Permissivism” by Ginger Schultheis<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Notre Dame Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference |
| April 2016     | On “Harder, Better, Faster, Stronger: Epistemic Standards and Moral Beliefs”<br>by Nicole Dular; Pacific APA, San Francisco                                     |
| January 2016   | On “Transformation, Faith, and Rational Commitment” by Rebecca Chan<br>The Nature and Value of Faith Conference, San Antonio                                    |

**Teaching and Advising**

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*Teaching at Ryerson University*

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| Spring 2022 | SSH 105: Critical Thinking (2 sections)         |
| Fall 2021   | PHL 8101: Graduate Seminar on Evidence (online) |
| Fall 2021   | PHL 550: Knowledge, Truth, and Belief (online)  |
| Spring 2021 | SSH 105: Critical Thinking (2 sections, online) |
| Fall 2020   | PHL 550: Knowledge, Truth, and Belief (online)  |

### *Advising at Ryerson University*

- 2021–Present Advisor, MA Thesis: Samantha Arthurs (topic: TBD)  
2021–Present Second Reader, MA Thesis: Joel Erhardt (topic: Religious Luck), Alexey Maevskiy (topic: Causal Decision Theory) Dale Glover (topic: TBD)

### *Teaching at Other Institutions*

- January 2023 Contemporary Issues, Palm Beach Atlantic University (Graduate level)  
Spring 2020 Permissivism and Disagreement, Australian National University (Graduate level, online)  
Fall 2017 Social Philosophy, Notre Dame (200-level)  
Fall 2016 Introduction to Philosophy, Notre Dame (Teaching Assistant for Jeff Speaks)

### *Mentoring*

- July 2018 Graduate Student Mentor, Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy  
2016–17 Graduate Student Mentor, Notre Dame Philosophy Department

## **Service**

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### *Editorial and Referee Service*

- 2018–Present Journal Refereeing: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis* (4x), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2x), *Philosophia Christi*, *Philosophical Studies* (5x), *The Philosophical Quarterly* (2x), *Philosophy East and West*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Religious Studies*, *Res Philosophica*, *Social Epistemology* (2x), *Synthese* (6x), *Theoria* (2x)  
2015–Present Other Refereeing: Canadian Society for Christian Philosophers 2021 Meeting, John Templeton Foundation (SET Foundations Grant), Notre Dame/ Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference  
2019–Present PhilPapers Editor: Pragmatic Arguments for Theism, Pascal's Wager, Probability in Philosophy of Religion  
2021 Guest Editor, 2021 issue of *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*  
2021 Guest Editor, 2021 issue of *Religious Studies Archives*  
2015–16 Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Analytic Theology*

### *Service to the Profession*

- 2021–2024 Central Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers  
2021–2022 Vice President, Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers

### *Departmental Service, Notre Dame*

- 2016–19 Organizer, Notre Dame Epistemology Reading Group  
2015–19 Organizer, Notre Dame Graduate Student Recruitment Week  
2015–16 Graduate Assistant, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame

### *Conference Organization*

- Dec. 2020 Philosophy of Religion Online Workshop, Ryerson University (with Klaas Kraay)  
2016, 2017 Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference  
May 2016 Logos Conference (with Rachel Jonker)



## **Memberships**

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American Philosophical Association (lifetime membership)  
Society of Christian Philosophers (lifetime membership)

## **Funding, Awards, and Grants**

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### *Misc.*

July 2018      *Religious Studies* Post Graduate Essay Prize, for “Belief, Credence, and Faith”  
June 2018      Eudaimonia Institute Grant, Wake Forest University  
2021–2026      Advisory Board, “Belief in Action” ERC Grant (Gabriele Gava, PI)

### *Professional Development Funding*

Dec. 2019      Australian National University Early Career Research Travel Grant  
Sept. 2018      Notebaert Professional Development Award  
April 2018      Nanovic Institute Graduate Professional Development Grant  
2015–2016      Professional Development Grant, Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion  
2017–2018      Travel Award, Notre Dame Graduate School Conference Presentation Grant (2x)

### *APA Funding*

2018–2019      APA Graduate Student Stipend (3x)  
2016–2019      Travel Award, APA Diversity Institute Alumni Fund (5x)

## **Seminars and Fellowships**

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July 2018      Selected Participant, Navigating Sexuality and Gender Studies: An Introduction  
The Berkeley Institute, Berkeley, California

July 2018      Invited Graduate Student Participant, Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy  
Rutgers University (funding and stipend awarded)

June 2018      Visiting Research Fellowship  
Eudaimonia Institute, Wake Forest University (funding and stipend awarded)

July 2017      Invited Participant, Kaufman Institute Interfaith Workshop  
Amman, Jordan (funding awarded)

August 2016      Selected Participant, Athena in Action Workshop for Graduate Women in Philosophy  
Princeton University (funding awarded)

June 2016      Selected Participant, Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion  
University of St. Thomas (funding and stipend awarded)

July 2014      Selected Participant, Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy  
Rutgers University (funding and stipend awarded)

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