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**Education**

Cornell University

Ph.D., Philosophy, 1992

M.A., Philosophy, 1991

University of Illinois at Chicago

M.A., Philosophy, 1989

B.A., Philosophy, 1987, with College Honors and Distinction in Philosophy

**Specialization:** Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Religion

**Competence:** Epistemology, Early Modern Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy

**Academic Positions**

Indiana University	Mahlon Powell Professor	2020-
	Professor	2005-
	Philosophy Dept. Chair	2006-2012
	Associate Professor	2000-2005
	Assistant Professor	1993-2000
Baylor University	Distinguished Professor	2017-18
Oxford University	Visiting Research Fellow	2013-14
University of St. Andrews	Gifford Research Fellow	1996-97
University of Notre Dame	Post-Doc Research Fellow	1992-93

**Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

2021-2023 *Human Post-Mortem Tissue Conatus*, John Templeton Foundation \$1.8M grant, project member

2019-2023 *Consciousness and Free Will: A Joint Neuroscientific-Philosophical Investigation*, John Templeton Foundation and Fetzer Institute \$7M grant, project member

2014 Oxford University, Somerville College, Distinguished Visitor Stipend, Hilary Term

2014 Oxford University, Oriel College, Visiting Fellowship, Trinity Term

2014 Durham University Institute of Advanced Study Fellowship (declined)

2013 Oxford University, St. Anne's College, Plumer Fellowship, Michaelmas Term

2013 John Templeton Foundation research grant

2012 BioLogos Foundation research grant

2012 Indiana University Summer Fellowship (also 2008, 2006, 2001, 1996, 1994)

2003-4 Indiana University Arts & Humanities Initiative Fellowship

2003-4 Indiana University COAS Humanities Fellowship

1996-97 Pew Scholars Program Research Fellowship

1996-97 University of St. Andrews Gifford Research Fellowship

1995-96 Indiana University Outstanding Junior Faculty Award

1992-93 University of Notre Dame Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship

1990-91 Cornell University Graduate Research Fellowship

1989-90 Cornell University Susan Linn Sage Fellowship

## Teaching Awards

- 2004 Indiana University Faculty Learning Project, Fellow  
1999, 2000 Indiana University Teaching Excellence Recognition Award  
1998 Indiana University Summer Teaching Development Grant

## Publications

### Monographs

- Theism and Ultimate Explanation: The Necessary Shape of Contingency*  
Oxford: Blackwell, 2008.  
*Persons and Causes: The Metaphysics of Free Will*  
New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.  
Translated into Chinese, The Commercial Press, Beijing, 2015.

### Edited Volumes

- Religious Faith and Intellectual Virtue*  
Co-edited with Laura Callahan. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.  
*Top-down Causation: An Integrating Theme Within and Across the Sciences?*  
Co-edited with cosmologist George F.R. Ellis and systems biologist Denis Noble.  
Themed issue of *Interface Focus: A Journal of the Royal Society* 2 (Feb), 2012, 1-140.  
*A Companion to the Philosophy of Action*  
Co-edited with Constantine Sandis. Oxford: Blackwell, 2010.  
*Emergence in Science and Philosophy*  
Co-edited with Antonella Corradini, with general and sectional introductions.  
Routledge Studies in the Philosophy of Science, London: Routledge, 2010.  
*Downward Causation and the Neurobiology of Free Will*  
Co-edited with George F. R. Ellis, and Nancey Murphy.  
Understanding Complex Systems series, New York: Springer Publications, 2009.  
*Philosophy of Mind: Contemporary Readings*  
Co-edited with David Robb, with sectional essays. London: Routledge, 2003.  
*Agents, Causes, and Events: Essays on Indeterminism and Free Will*  
Edited with an introduction. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

### Articles

1. "Why The One Did Not Remain Within Itself," *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Religion*, 2021, forthcoming. Target article with commentaries from five philosophers.
2. "Free Will in a Network of Interacting Causes," in W. Simpson, R. Koons & J. Orr, eds., *Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysics and the Theology of Nature*, Routledge, 2021, forthcoming.
3. "The Emergence of Free, Intentional Control," in G.J. de Ridder, R. Peels, and R. van Woudenberg, eds., *Scientific Challenges to Common Sense Philosophy*, Routledge Studies in the Philosophy of Science, 2021, forthcoming.
4. "Cosmological Argument," in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion* (4 volumes), Wiley-Blackwell, 2021, forthcoming.
- 5-6. "What is Free Will?" and "Can There Be Free Will in a Determined Universe?". Two chapters with replies to follow-up questions from neuroscientists in U. Maoz and W. Sinnott-Armstrong, eds., *Free Will: Philosophers and Neuroscientists in Conversation*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2021, forthcoming.

7. "Emergent Properties," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, (Fall 2020 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <<https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2020/entries/properties-emergent/>>. (Completely re-written replacement of previous co-authored entry.)
8. "How Do We Know That We Are Free?" *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, 15(2), 2019, 79-98.
9. "Free Will," with Chris Franklin, *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* 2018. <<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2010/entries/freewill/>>. (Completely re-written replacement of an older entry with the same title.)
10. "Consciousness, Free Will, and the Science of the Mind," *Frontiers of Philosophy in China*, 13(3), 2018.
11. "For Emergent Individualism," in Jonathan J. Loose, Angus J.L. Menuge, and J.P. Moreland, eds., *The Blackwell Companion to Substance Dualism*. Oxford, UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2018.
12. "Against Theological Determinism," in Kevin Timpe and Daniel Speak, eds., *Free Will and Theism*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.
13. "Materially-Composed Persons and the Unity of Consciousness," in Thomas Crisp, Steve L. Porter, and Gregg A. Ten Elshof, eds., *Neuroscience and the Soul: The Human Person in Philosophy, Science, and Theology*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016, 41-47.
14. "Probability and Freedom," *Res Philosophica* 93 (1), 2016, 289-293.
15. "The Emergence of Personhood: Reflections on *The Game of Life*," in Malcolm Jeeves, ed., *The Emergence of Personhood: A Quantum Leap?*, Eerdmans Press, 2015, 143-162.
16. "Incarnation and the Multiverse" (with Philip Woodward), in Klaas Kraay, ed., *God and the Multiverse*. New York: Routledge, 2015, 227-41.
17. "Free Will and Metaphysics," in David Palmer, ed., *Libertarian Free Will: Contemporary Debates*. Oxford University Press, 2014, 27-34.
18. "Introduction" (with Laura F. Callahan), in Laura F. Callahan and Timothy O'Connor, eds., *Religious Faith and Intellectual Virtue*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014: 1-26.
19. "Well-Tuned Trust as an Intellectual Virtue" (with Laura F. Callahan), in Laura F. Callahan and Timothy O'Connor, eds., *Religious Faith and Intellectual Virtue*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014: 246-76.
20. "Science and Christian Faith: The Pursuit of an Integrated and Complete Understanding of Humanity and the Cosmos," in Gregg Caruso, ed., *Science and Religion: 5 Questions*. Automatic Press/VIP, 2014.
21. "Could There Be a Complete Explanation of *Everything?*," in Tyron Goldschmidt, ed., *The Puzzle of Existence*. New York: Routledge, 2013: 22-45.
22. "Agent Causation in a Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysics" (with Jonathan D. Jacobs), in R.D. Ingthorsson and Sophie Gibb, eds., *Mental Causation and Ontology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013: 173-192.
23. "Top-down Causation: An Integrating Theme Within and Across the Sciences?" (with George F.R. Ellis and Denis Noble), *Interface Focus: A Journal of the Royal Society* 2, 2012.
24. "The Philosophical Implications of Emergence," in James Haag, Gregory Peterson, and Michael Spezio, eds., *The Routledge Companion to Religion and Science*. New York: Routledge, 2012: 206-222.
25. "Agent Causal Theories," in Robert Kane, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Free Will*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011: 309-328.  
Translated and Reprinted as "Akteurskausale Theorien von Willensfreiheit" in Sven Walter, ed., *Grundkurs Willensfreiheit*. Paderborn: Mentis, 2018: 79-101.

26. "The Argument from Consciousness Revisited" (with Kevin Kimble), *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Religion* 3, 2011: 110-141.
27. "Is God's Necessity Necessary?" (response to critics in book symposium on *Theism and Ultimate Explanation*), *Philosophia Christi* 12 (2), 2010: 307-314.
28. "Theism and Ultimate Explanation" (author précis for book symposium on *Theism and Ultimate Explanation*), *Philosophia Christi*, 12 (2), 2010: 263-270.
29. "Emergent Individuals and the Resurrection" (with Jonathan D. Jacobs), *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 2, 2010: 69-88.
30. "Is Nonreductive Physicalism Viable Within a Causal Powers Metaphysic?" (with John Ross Churchill), in Graham and Cynthia Macdonald, eds., *Emergence in Mind*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010: 43-60.
31. "Reasons and Causes," in Timothy O'Connor and Constantine Sandis, eds., *Companion to the Philosophy of Action*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2010: 129-138.
32. "Emergence and the Metaphysics of Group Cognition" (with Georg Theiner), in Timothy O'Connor and Antonella Corradini, eds., *Emergence in Science and Philosophy*. New York: Routledge, 2010: 78-117.
33. "Nonreductive Physicalism or Emergent Dualism? The Argument from Mental Causation" (with John Ross Churchill), in George Bealer and Robert Koons, eds., *The Waning of Materialism: New Essays*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010: 261-279.
34. "Degrees of Freedom," *Philosophical Explorations* 12 (2), 2009: 119-125.
35. "Religious Pluralism," in Kevin Timpe, ed., *Arguing About Religion*. New York: Routledge, 2009: 81-92.
36. "The Significance of Persons," in Jesús Aguilar and Andrei A. Buckareff, eds., *Philosophy of Action: 5 Questions*. Automatic Press/VIP, 2009.
37. "Conscious Willing and the Emerging Sciences of Brain and Behavior," in George F. R. Ellis, Nancey Murphy, and Timothy O'Connor, eds., *Downward Causation and The Neurobiology of Free Will*. New York: Springer Publications, 2009: 173-186.  
Translated and Reprinted in Bruno Niederbacher and Edmund Runggaldier, eds. *Was sind menschliche personen? Ein aktheoretischer Zugang*. Ontos Verlag, 2008: 135-155.
38. "Theodicies and Human Nature: Dostoevsky on the Saint as Witness," in Kevin Timpe, ed., *Metaphysics and God*. New York: Routledge, 2009: 173-185.
39. "Theism and the Scope of Contingency," in Jonathan Kvanvig, ed., *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Religion*, 1, 2008: 134-149.
40. "Agent-Causal Power," in Toby Handfield, ed., *Dispositions and Causes*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 2008: 189-214.  
Reprinted in Derk Pereboom, ed., *Free Will*, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ed. Indianapolis: Hackett, 2009.  
Reprinted in Paul Russell and Oisín Deery, ed., *The Philosophy of Free Will: Essential Readings from the Contemporary Debates*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.
41. "Is It All Just a Matter of Luck?," *Philosophical Explorations* 10, 2007: 157-161.
42. "Reasons Explanation and Agent Control: In Search of an Integrated Account" (with John Ross Churchill), *Philosophical Topics* 32, 2006: 241-254.
43. "Freedom With a Human Face," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 29, 2005: 207-227.  
Reprinted in Francesca Castellani and Josef Quitterer, eds., *Agency and Causation in the Human Sciences*. Mentis, 2007.
44. "The Metaphysics of Free Will," in John M. Fischer, ed., *Free Will*, Vol.III. Abingdon: Routledge Press, 2005: 195-211.
45. "Freedom and Determinism," in John M. Fischer, ed., *Free Will*, Vol.II. Abingdon: Routledge Press, 2005: 129-144.

46. "Pastoral Counsel for the Anxious Naturalist: Daniel Dennett's Freedom Evolves," *Metaphilosophy* 36, 2005: 436-448.  
Reprinted in John Symons, ed., *Daniel Dennett: Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers*. Routledge, 2013.
47. "And This All Men Call God," *Faith and Philosophy* 21, 2004: 417-435.
48. "The Metaphysics of Emergence" (with Hong Yu Wong), *Noûs* 39, 2005: 659-679.
49. "Groundwork for an Emergentist Account of the Mental," *Progress in Complexity, Information, and Design*, 2.3.1, 2003: 1-14.
50. "Emergent Individuals" (with Jonathan Jacobs), *Philosophical Quarterly* 53, 2003: 540-55.
51. "Understanding Free Will: Might We Double Think?," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 67, 2003: 222-229.
52. "Emergent Properties," (with Hong Yu Wong) *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* 2002; revised 2006, 2011.  
<<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/spr2009/entries/properties-emergent/>>.
53. "The Efficacy of Reasons," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 40, 2002: 135-137.
54. "Free Will," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* 2002; revised 2006, 2010.  
<<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2010/entries/freewill/>>.  
Reprinted in John M. Fischer, ed., *Free Will*, Vol.I. Abingdon: Routledge Press, 2005.
55. "Dualist and Agent-Causal Theories," in Robert Kane, ed., *Oxford Handbook on Free Will*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002: 337-355.
56. "A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand: Plantinga on the Self-Defeat of Evolutionary Naturalism," in James Beilby, ed. *Naturalism Defeated?* Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001.
57. "The Problem of Evil," in William L. Craig, ed., *Philosophy of Religion*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2001.
58. "Causality, Mind, and Free Will," in James Tomberlin, ed., *Philosophical Perspectives 14: Action and Freedom*, 2000: 105-117.  
Reprinted in Kevin Corcoran, ed., *Persons, Bodies, and Survival*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001.
59. "Causation and Responsibility," in Lawrence Becker and Charlotte Becker, eds., *Encyclopedia of Ethics*, Vol.I, 2nd. Ed. New York: Garland Publishing, 2001: 194-197.
60. "Simplicity and Creation," *Faith and Philosophy* 16, 1999: 405-412.
61. "The Agent as Cause," in Peter van Inwagen and Dean W. Zimmerman, eds., *Metaphysics: The Big Questions*. Blackwell: Cambridge, MA, 1998: 374-380, and in 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Ed.  
Reprinted in Robert Kane, ed., *Free Will*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2002.
62. "Why Agent Causation?" *Philosophical Topics* 24, 1996: 143-158.
63. "From First Efficient Cause to God: Scotus on the Identification Stage of the Cosmological Argument," in Ludger Honnefelder, Rega Wood, and Mechthild Dreyer, eds., *John Duns Scotus: Metaphysics and Ethics*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1996: 435-454.
64. "Agent Causation," in Timothy O'Connor, ed., *Agents, Causes, and Events*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995: 173-200.  
Reprinted in Gary Watson, ed., *Free Will*, 2nd Ed. Oxford Readings in Philosophy: Oxford University Press, 2003.
65. "An Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism?," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 24, 1994: 527-540.  
Reprinted in Linda Zagzebski and Timothy Miller, eds., *Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2009.
66. "Emergent Properties," *American Philosophical Quarterly* 31, 1994: 91-104.

67. "Thomas Reid on Free Agency," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 32, 1994: 605-622.
68. "Scotus on the Existence of a First Efficient Cause," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 33, 1993: 17-32.
69. "Alternative Possibilities and Responsibility," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 31, 1993: 345-372.
70. "Indeterminism and Free Agency: Three Recent Views," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 53, 1993: 499-526.  
Reprinted in John M. Fischer, ed., *Free Will*, Vol.III. Abingdon: Routledge Press, 2005.
71. "On the Transfer of Necessity," *Noûs* 27, 1993: 204-218.
72. "The Impossibility of Middle Knowledge," *Philosophical Studies* 66, 1992: 139-166.  
Reprinted in Michael Rea, ed., *Oxford Readings in Philosophical Theology*, Vol. 2. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009: 45-67.

### Reviews

73. Ted Sider, Writing the Book of the World (with Nicholas Montgomery), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2013.07.41.
74. Peter Unger, All the Power in the World, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2007.03.10.
75. William Rowe, Can God Be Free?, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2005.04.08.
76. George Molnar, Powers, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2004.02.10.
77. Paul Pietroski, Causing Actions (with Georg Theiner), *The Philosophical Review* 111, 2002: 291-294.
78. Derk Pereboom, Living Without Free Will, *Philosophical Quarterly* 53, 2003: 308-310.
79. Timothy Cleveland, Trying Without Willing: An Essay on the Philosophy of Mind, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 61, 2000: 242-244.
80. "Is Free Will Just Another Chaotic Process?," review of Richard Double, Metaphilosophy and Free Will, Thomas Pink, The Psychology of Freedom, and Robert Kane, The Significance of Free Will, *Times Literary Supplement*, Dec.5, 1997.
81. John Martin Fischer, The Metaphysics of Free Will, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* 5, 1997: 125-129.
82. Peter van Inwagen, Metaphysics, *The Philosophical Review* 104, 1995: 314-317.
83. Linda Trinkaus Zagzebski, The Dilemma of Freedom and Foreknowledge, *The Philosophical Review* 102, 1993: 139-141.
84. Brian Leftow, Time and Eternity, *American Catholic Phil. Quarterly* 66, 1992: 520-524.
85. Christopher Hughes, On a Complex Theory of a Simple God (with Norman Kretzmann), *Faith and Philosophy* 9, 1992: 526-535.

### In Progress or Scheduled

- "Probabilistic Explanation of Free Action," under review.
- "United But Not Uniform: Our Fecund Universe," for S. Wuppuluri and I. Stewart, eds, *From Electrons to Elephants and Elections: Saga of Content and Context*. (A collection of essays by leading philosophers and scientists on the broad topic of reductionism vs. emergence.)
- "The Psychological Roots of the Idea of Free Will," for Paul Henne & Samuel Murray, eds., *Advances in Experimental Philosophy of Action*.
- "Theorizing the Unity of God: Towards an Alternative to Absolute Simplicity," for J. Fuqua and R. Koons, eds, *Classical Theism: New Essays on the Metaphysics of Theism*.
- Untitled*. A collaborative review of empirical studies on various forms of unconscious influence on human choice and their significance for philosophical accounts of free will.

*Thinking About Faith: Integrating Science, Philosophy, and Religious Belief*. Monograph. *Philosophy of Religion*. A text in the *Fundamentals of Philosophy* series with Oxford University Press, edited by John Perry and John Martin Fischer.

## Talks

### 2020

- "Why The One Did Not Remain Within Itself" keynote lecture to the inaugural Analytic Philosophy of Religion in Asia conference (online) Taiwan National University
- "Ways of Knowing in Science and Religion" (online) Taiwan National University
- "Probabilistic, Top-Down Control: A Model of Human Freedom" (online) Taiwan National University

### 2019

- "Free Will and Neural Indeterminism: Where and Why It Matters"  
*2nd International Conference on Neuroscience and Free Will*, Chapman University
- "Probabilistic Explanation of Human Action"  
*Free Will and Causality* conference, University House (Düsseldorf, Germany);  
*SoCal Metaphysics Network*, UC Irvine
- "How Do We Know That We Are Free?"  
*Free Will and Epistemology* conference, School of Advanced Study, U. of London (UK);  
*Human and Divine Freedom* conference, Fürstenried Castle (Munich, Germany);  
The Atlantic Lecture, *Action and Free Will* conference, University of Nantes (France)
- "Why The One Did Not Remain Within Itself"  
University of Birmingham (UK); University of Wuhan (China)
- "Events, Causes, and Processes in a Constituent Powers Ontology"  
*Events and Processes* workshop, University of Manchester (UK)
- "Do Psychology and Neuroscience Show that Free Will is an Illusion?"  
Fudan University (Shanghai, China)
- "Probabilistic, Top-Down Control: A Model of Human Freedom"  
Fudan University (Shanghai, China)

### 2018

- "Panpsychism vs. Dualism"  
*The Inside Story: Consciousness, Nature, and Transcendence*, Villanova University
- "Why The One Did Not Remain Within Itself"  
Central European University (Budapest, Hungary)
- "In Search of a Lockiean Theory of Self-Determination"  
Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Budapest, Hungary)
- "Probabilistic Explanation of Human Action"  
University of Delaware; University of California Riverside; University of Lund (Sweden);  
Indiana University; Czech Academy of Sciences (Prague, Czech Republic)
- "Explaining the Whole Shebang"  
Samford University
- "Freedom and Responsibility and the Human Sciences"  
Fuller Theological Seminary; Czech Academy of Sciences (Prague, Czech Republic)

### 2017

- "Time and Persons" (3 lectures)  
*Annual Lecture Series in Analytic Philosophy*, Renmin University (Beijing, China)

- “Why The One Did Not Remain Within Itself”  
*Brackenridge Philosophy Symposium*, University of Texas at San Antonio;  
Center for Philosophy of Religion, Rutgers University
- “Probabilistic Explanation of Human Action”  
*Workshop on Free Will*, Renmin University (Beijing, China); *Free Will and Moral Responsibility in Historical and Cultural Perspective*, Bonn University (Germany)
- “The Neuroscientist’s Activity and the Neuroscientific Image”  
*Neuroscience and Philosophy of Free Will* conference, Sigtuna Foundation (Sweden)
- “Explaining the Whole Shebang”  
Valparaiso University; Grove City College

2016

- “Reasons and Causes”  
*Agency, Causality, and Free Will* conference, Institute of Philosophy (Zagreb, Croatia);  
*VIII Int'l Colloquium on Philosophy of Mind*, Federal University of Minas Gerais (Brazil);  
*Free Will and Causation: an International Symposium*, Collège de France (Paris, France)
- “The Christian Community of Faith” Baylor University
- “Explaining the Whole Shebang”  
*Philosophy of Religion Workshop*, University of Richmond

2015

- “Evolution and the Soul” King’s University (Edmonton, Canada)
- “Free Will and the Sciences of Human Action” King’s University (Edmonton, Canada)
- “Fundamentality and Free Will”  
*Powers and Agency* workshop, Durham University (UK)
- “Persons in Reality’s Fundaments”  
*Conscious Persons Project* workshop, Calvin College;  
*Grounding and Emergence* conference, University of Glasgow (UK);  
*Downward Causation* conference, University of Macerata (Italy)
- “The Dead Hand of the Past”  
keynote address, *Real Possibilities: Free Will and Indeterminism* conference,  
University of Konstanz (Germany)
- “The Power of God: Self-Sufficient, Creative, and Perfectly Free”  
*Freedom and Causation* workshop, University of Utrecht (Netherlands)

2014

- “Why Are They Trying to Get Rid of Me?” St. Anne’s College, University of Oxford (UK)
- “Two Concepts of Emergence”  
Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford (UK); Calvin College
- “Neuroscience and Human Personhood” University College Roosevelt (Netherlands)
- “The Christian Community of Faith: Epistemological Reflections”  
St. Mary’s College, University of St. Andrews (UK);  
Butler Society, Oriel College, University of Oxford (UK)
- “Human Persons in a Constituent Ontology” University of Leeds (UK)
- “Theism and Libertarianism”  
Queen’s College, University of Oxford (UK); L’École Normale Supérieure, (Paris, France)
- Jellema Lectures: “Communities of Reasoned Inquiry”, “The Christian Community of Faith”  
Calvin College
- “Moral and Scientific Images of the Human Person” Augustana College, SD
- “Free Will and Scientific Determinism” Faraday Institute, Cambridge University (UK)

- “Evolution and the Emergence of Human Persons” Faraday Institute, Cambridge University (UK)
- “Complete Explanation, Science, and God” L’École Normale Supérieure (Paris, France)
- “Evolution, Emergence, and Personhood: Reflections on *The Game of Life*” Oxford Forum, Worcester College, Oxford (UK)
- “Emergence and Fundamentality” Durham University (UK)

2013

- “Faith and Reason: Friends or Foes?” Washington State University; University of Idaho
- “Could There Be an Explanation of *Everything*?” Free University (Amsterdam, Netherlands); Society of Christian Philosophers meeting, University of Colorado; Faraday Institute, University of Cambridge (UK)
- “Trans-Universe Identity: Incarnation and the Multiverse” Ryerson University (Toronto, Canada)
- “Indeterministic Agency in a Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysics” *Causation and Agency in Our Indeterministic World*, Utrecht University (Netherlands); *Free Will* conference, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (Oslo, Norway); Queens College, University of Oxford (UK)
- “Free Will and the Scientific Study of the Mind: Oil and Water?” Faraday Institute, Cambridge University (UK); Abraham Kuyper Center, Free University (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- “The Emergence of Human Persons: Between the Scylla of Dualism and the Charybdis of Reductionism” Faraday Institute, Cambridge University (UK)
- “Complete Explanation, Science, and God” Free University (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- “Taking Seriously the Experience of Conscious Willing” *The Phenomenology of Free Will and Its Epistemological Significance* conference, University of Fribourg (Switzerland)
- “Two Concepts of Emergence” University of St. Andrews (UK); Univ. of Sussex (UK); Univ. of Tübingen (Germany)
- “Why Are They Trying to Get Rid of Me? Locating Persons in a World of Objects” St. Hilda’s College, University of Oxford (UK)
- “Religious and Scientific Traditions of Inquiry” Society for Philosophy of Religion, Marmara University (Istanbul, Turkey)

2012

- “Evolution, Emergence, and Personhood: Reflections on *The Game of Life*” *Becoming Human in Theistic Perspective* workshop, Amelia Island, FL
- “Do Immaterial Souls Matter for Christian Theology?” *Minds: Human and Divine*, Munich School of Philosophy (Germany); LOGOS 2012, University of Notre Dame; Free University (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- “Pascal as a Philosopher of Religion” *Pascal Anniversary Roundtable*, Indiana University
- “Human Persons: Bodies, Souls, or What?” Kenyon College
- “The Possibility of Resurrection” *Rutgers-St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion*, University of St. Thomas
- “Could There Be an Explanation of *Everything*?” Biola University; U. of Nebraska, Omaha
- “Moral and Scientific Images of the Human Person: Friends or Foes?” Taylor University

- “Trans-Universe Identity: Incarnation and the Multiverse”  
*Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics*, St Louis University; *Leibniz’s Theodicy at 300*  
(Lisbon, Portugal); *Workshop on God, Time, and Evil*, Queens University Belfast (UK)

2011

- “Can There Be an Explanation of *Everything?*” Davidson College
- “Can Religious Pluralism Make You Stupid?”  
Wake Forest University; Hendrix College
- “Phenomenal Concepts and Physicalism” University of Notre Dame
- “Free Will and the Scientific Study of the Mind: Oil and Water?”  
Crossings Lecture, Hendrix College; Faraday Institute, Cambridge University (UK)
- “The Power of God” *Putting Powers to Work* conference, St. Louis University
- “Cosmic Fine Tuning: Discerning Purpose at the Limits of Science”  
Faraday Institute, Cambridge University (UK)
- “Evolution, Emergence, and Personhood: Reflections on *The Game of Life*”  
*The Emergence of Personhood*, The Royal Society of London, Chicheley Hall (UK);  
Interdisciplinary Forum on Evolutionary Biology and Religion, University of Arizona

2010

- “Explaining Contingent Existence” St. Louis University
- “Theism and Free Will” Society of Christian Philosophers session, Central APA
- “Emergence and the Resurrection” Society of Christian Philosophers session, Pacific APA
- “Theories of Top-Down Causation” *Top-Down Causation as an Integrating Theme within and across the Sciences* symposium, The Royal Society (London, UK)
- “Can There Be an Explanation of *Everything?*”  
Institute of Philosophy, University of London (UK); Baylor University; Wheaton College

2009

- “Explaining Contingent Existence”  
Butler Society, Oxford University (UK); EPS Meetings Plenary Address, New Orleans;  
University of Notre Dame
- “Agent-Causal Power” *Agency Theory Symposium*, the Institute of Philosophy & the Center  
for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of London (UK)
- “Emergent Individuals and the Resurrection” University of St. Thomas
- “What’s So Bad About Traditional Religious Belief?” University of St. Thomas
- “Nonreductive Physicalism or Emergent Dualism? The Argument from Mental Causation”  
*The New Ontology of the Mental Causation Debate* conference, Durham University (UK)
- “Ultimate Explanation: Reforging ‘Natural Philosophy’”  
plenary address, *The Philosophy of Cosmology*, St. Anne’s College, Univ. of Oxford (UK)

2008

- “Self-Awareness in Action and the Degrees of Human Freedom and Responsibility”  
Jean Nicod Institute (Paris, France); Denison University;  
*International Workshop on Belief, Responsibility, and Action*, Univ. of Valencia (Spain)
- “Is There a Place for the Will in the Emerging Sciences of Human Action?”  
invited plenary lecture, the 21<sup>st</sup> German Congress of Philosophy (Essen, Germany)
- “‘Home and Back Again’: Laws of Nature and Ultimate Explanation”  
invited plenary address to an international conference of cosmologists, *New Vision 400: Engaging Big Questions in Astronomy and Cosmology* (Beijing, China)

2007

- “Theism and the Scope of Contingency”  
Azusa Pacific University; University College Dublin (Ireland)
- “Is Nonreductive Physicalism Viable Within a Causal Powers Metaphysic?”  
*Emergence* conference, Queens U. Belfast (UK);  
*Emergence in Science and Philosophy*, Catholic University of Milan (Italy);  
keynote address, Graduate Student Conference, Saint Louis University
- “Agent-Causal Power” Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)
- “Why Are They Trying to Get Rid of Me?”  
*Neuroscience and Philosophy: Top-Down Causation and Volition*, Yosemite National Park
- “Human Freedom and the Emerging Sciences of Brain and Behavior”  
plenary lecture, *American Catholic Philosophical Association*, Milwaukee
- “God's Creation: Why It Might Be a *Lot* Bigger than You (or Cosmologists) Think”  
Hope College

2006

- “Is the Conscious Will an Illusion?” National Taiwan University
- “On Knowing What Might Have Been and What Must Be” Soochow University (Taiwan)
- “Realistic Freedom”  
National Chung Cheng University (Taiwan); University of Rome III (Italy)
- “Reasons Explanation And Agent Control: In Search Of An Integrated Account”  
*Freedom and Determinism: the Bled Conference* (Slovenia)

2005

- “Freedom With a Human Face”  
*Action Theory* conference, University of Florida; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee;  
*Causation in the Social Sciences*, University of Trent (Italy)
- “Emergence” *Descrying the World in Physics* conference, Rutgers University
- “Theodicies and Human Nature: Dostoevsky on the Saint as Moral Witness”  
*Symposium on the Problem of Evil*, Russian Academy of the Sciences (Moscow, Russia)

2004

- “Perfect Freedom” *10th Sino-American Philosophy Symposium*, Beijing University (China)
- “Freedom With a Human Face” Wheaton College Conference; St Louis University

2003

- “The Metaphysics of Emergence”  
invited symposium paper, Pacific APA; University of Colorado Boulder
- “On the Origin of Worlds”  
Butler Society, Oxford University (UK); U. of Colorado Boulder
- “Action and Purpose” Center for Theoretical Study, University of Prague (Czech Republic)
- “Knowledge and Necessity” Central European University (Budapest, Hungary)
- “Is the Conscious Will an Illusion?”  
*Towards the Science of Consciousness*, Center for Theoretical Study, University of Prague  
(Czech Republic); Birkbeck College, University of London (UK)

2002

- “Modal Knowledge” Indiana University

2000

- “Causality, Mind, and Free Will” Davidson College; U. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- “Emergence, Identity, and Survival” Calvin College
- “The Metaphysics of Emergence” University of Iowa; University of Georgia

1998

- “The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Anselm?” Seattle Pacific University
- “Modality, Explanation, and Necessary Being”  
Western Washington University; Franklin and Marshall College
- “Agency and Mechanism”  
*Colloquium on Action Theory*, Cornell University; National Taiwan University
- “Persons and Freedom” *Fifth Sino-American Symposium on Philosophy and Religious Studies*, Beijing University (China)
- “The Logic of Inability” Academia Sinica (Taiwan); Logic Program, Indiana University

1997

- “The Logic of Unavoidability” University of St. Andrews (UK)
- “God and Ultimate Explanation” a series of four university lectures as Gifford Fellow,  
University of St. Andrews (UK)
- “Necessary Being, Modality, and Explanation” Free University (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- “Religious Pluralism” Conference on the Philosophy of Religion, Gordon College
- “The Metaphysics of Free Will”  
University of Edinburgh (UK); University of Glasgow (UK); Univ. of St. Andrews (UK)
- “Necessary Being, Modality, and Explanation” *Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem II*,  
University of Notre Dame
- “Kanean Agent Causation” *The Significance of Free Will* conference, Univ. of Arkansas

1996

- “The Metaphysics of Free Will” invited symposium paper, Central APA
- “Why Agent Causation?”  
*Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem I*, University of Notre Dame;  
SCP Conference, Seattle Pacific University

1994

- “From First Efficient Cause to God: Scotus on the Identification Stage of the Cosmological Argument” *International Conference on John Duns Scotus*, Bonn University (Germany)
- “Causal Levels and the Unity of Nature” The Free University (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- “The Unity of Nature, Emergentism, and the Problems of Consciousness and Free Will”  
The Free University (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- “Emergent Properties” Central APA

1993

- “Emergent Properties” Indiana University; Purdue University

1992

- “On the Transfer of Necessity” SCP Conference, Brigham Young University
- “An Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism?” University of Notre Dame

1991

- “Scotus on the Existence of a First Efficient Cause” SCP Conference, Valparaiso University
- “On the Transfer of Necessity” Cornell University

1990

- “The Impossibility of Middle Knowledge” SCP Conference, U. of Nebraska, Lincoln  
*[197 TOTAL; 111 internationally in 23 countries]*

**Commentaries**

- 2019 Jonathan Schaffer, "Ground Functionalism" *Lost in the Cosmos Conference*, Indiana University.
- 2017 Neil Williams, "Powers and BSB Laws" Society for the Metaphysics of Science annual conference, Fordham University; Bill Newsome, "Mind, Matter, and Our Maker: Neuroscience and Faith" Trinity Forum, Washington, DC
- 2016 Brian Leftow, "Necessity, Nominalism, and Naturalism" *Henle Conference: The Nature of Necessity*, St. Louis University; Jason Turner, "Everettian Quantum Mechanics and Evil" and Hans Halverson "A Probability Problem in the Fine-Tuning Argument" *Multiverse, Fine-Tuning, and Theodicy*, Rutgers University
- 2015 Caleb Cahoe, "Intellectual Deference in Science and Religion" *The Social Dimensions of Religious Belief*, Indiana University
- 2014 Ed Wierenga, "Defeater, Proper Functioning, and the Evolutionary Argument from Naturalism" *New Directions Project Workshop on Defeat*, Oxford University
- 2013 Kenneth Boyce, "The Multiverse and the Inverse Gambler's Fallacy" Society of Christian Philosophers meeting at U Colorado Boulder
- 2011 Manuel Vargas, "What if Only Theists Failed to Realize We've Solved the Problem of Free Will?" *Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, Bowdoin College
- 2010 Scott Sehon, "Free Will and Action Explanation" *The Sociedad Filosofica Ibero Americana XVIII: The Philosophy of Action* (Huatulco, Mexico); Carl Gillett, "On the Scientific Problem of Chemical, Biological, Psychological and Divine Action – and the Only Plausible Solution" *LOGOS 2010*, Rutgers University; Rebekah Rice, "Agent Causation and Acting for Reasons" Pacific APA
- 2007 Richard Holton, "Disentangling the Will" *Agency and Responsibility*, Indiana University
- 2003 Sarah McGrath, "Causation by Omission: A Dilemma" Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University
- 2002 Galen Strawson, "Free Agents" *Persons and Freedom*, Indiana University
- 2001 John Martin Fischer, "Responsibility and Agent Causation: A Reply to O'Connor" Pacific APA; Randolph Clarke, "Two Problems of Control for Libertarianism" Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference; William Jaworski, "A 'Split Action' Solution to the Problem of Mental Causation" Indiana Philosophical Association
- 1999 Ted Sider, "Four Dimensionalism," *Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem IV*
- 1998 Jaegwon Kim, "Causality and Dualism" *The Varieties of Dualism*, University of Notre Dame; Eleonore Sump, "Alternative Possibilities and Responsibility: The Flicker of Freedom" Pacific APA; Brian Leftow, "Parts, Wholes and Eternity" Pacific APA; Thomas Crisp and Ted Warfield, "The Irrelevance of Indeterministic Counterexamples to Principle Beta" *Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem III*
- 1997 Brian Leftow, "God and Necessary Truth" *Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem II*; Kevin Meeker, "Chisholming Away at Plantinga's Critique of Epistemic Deontology" Indiana Philosophical Association
- 1995 Thomas McKay and David Johnson, "On An Argument for Incompatibilism" Central APA
- 1994 William Hasker, "Emergentism and the Unity of Consciousness" *Conference on the Philosophy of Mind*, University of Notre Dame
- 1990 John Martin Fischer, "The Facts" Cornell University

## Teaching Responsibilities

### Courses Taught

<i>Graduate</i>	<i>Upper Division</i>	<i>Lower Division</i>
Ontology of Mind	Metaphysics	Elementary Logic
Fundamental Ontology	Philosophy of Mind	Symbolic Logic
Free Will	Philosophy of Religion	Introduction to Philosophy
Modality	Action Theory	God, Evil, and Evidence
Universals and Particulars	Early Modern Philosophy	Evolution and Religion
Skepticism	Medieval Philosophy	Introduction to Ethics
Epistemic Justification	Space and Time	
Evil and Design	Free Will	
Objects in Space and Time	Faith and Reason	
Truthmaking and Fundamentality	Science and Religion	
Metaphysics of Theism	Thomas Aquinas, <i>ST I.Q1-26: Treatise on God</i>	

*Visiting Lecturer (2-week intensive graduate courses)*

Science and Religion (Tsinghua University, Beijing)

Aspects of Responsibility (Central European University, Budapest)

### Ph.D. Thesis Director

1. James Edwards, "Justification as Intra-Personal Argumentation" 1999
2. Karen Brown, "Unthought-of Possibilities and the Sources of Belief" 2002
3. Brian Morton, "Ineffability and Self-Refutation: Non-Monotonic Logic in the Thought of Pseudo-Dionysius, Sextus Empiricus, and the Astasahasrika Prajnaparamita" 2003
4. Jennifer Wolsing, "Free at Last: A Libertarian Defense of Free Will" 2005
5. Kevin Kimble, "Phenomenal Character and Intentional Content: A Non-reductive Proposal" 2006
6. Jonathan Jacobs, "Causal Powers: A Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysic" 2007
7. Georg Theiner, "From Extended Minds to Group Minds: Rethinking the Boundaries of the Mental" 2008
8. John Ross Churchill, "Causal Exclusion and the Nature of the Mental" 2010
9. Jaeho Lee, "Humean Supervenience and Humean Theories of Scientific Explanation" 2010
10. Allen Gehring, "Truthmaker Theory and Its Applications" 2012
11. Chad Gonnerman, "Concepts in Psychology: Towards a Better Hybrid Theory" 2013
12. Philip Woodward, "Towards a Theory of Mental Content" 2015
13. Tufan Kiyamaz, "Phenomenal Knowledge of Physics Facts: What Mary Didn't Know About Physicalism" 2017
14. Hao Hong, "Truthmaking and Identity" 2018
15. David Fisher, "Doing Without: Philosophy of Language and Logic Against and For Nominalist Ontology" 2020
16. Brandon Rickabaugh, "The Conscious Mind Unified" (Baylor U) 2020
17. Zeyneb Taskin, "An Occasionalist Account of Divine Providence" (co-chair) in progress
18. Tim Leisz, "Ontic Indeterminacy and Material Composition" in progress
19. Harrison Waldo, "Testimonial Injustice" in progress
20. Ferhat Taskin, "The Problem of Divine Creative Freedom" in progress
21. George Abdo, "The Epistemology of Free Will Belief" (The University of Haifa, Israel) (co-chair), in progress

\* Member of thesis committee for 23 other completed theses

\* Examiner of 5 international PhD theses

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor

1. Brian Sweeney, "Common Sense' and the Theory of Knowledge" 1996
2. Benjamin Singer, "Complete Liberation: The Sacred Biography of Tibetan Buddhist Master Gyalwang Lama Karma Lobsang" (joint with Religious Studies) 1999
3. Hong Yu Wong, "Making Sense of Multiple Realizability" 2001
4. Paul Weaver, "A More Robust Understanding of Basicity" 2001
5. Eric Charles, "Material Composition" 2005
6. Matthew Laird, "The Evolution of Freedom" 2006
7. Derrick Murphy, "The Problem of Universals" 2007
8. Christopher Austin, "A Critique of the Contemporary Essentialist's Commitment" 2008
9. Laura Frances (Goins) Callahan, "Faith and Sensibility" 2011
10. Michael Thomas, "Aristotle and Aquinas on Friendship with God" 2012
11. Faiz Kidwai, "The Problem of Divine Hiddenness" 2013
12. Erica Ridderman, "Free Will and the Possibility of Eternal Separation from God" 2014
13. Nicholas Hartman, "Aquinas on Malice" 2015
14. Dane Kirchoff-Foster, "The Limits of Just War Theory" 2017