

CURRICULUM VITAE
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

17th and 18th Century Philosophy
Analytic Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Philosophy of Religion
Social and Political Philosophy/Philosophy of Law
Philosophy of Mind/Cognitive Science
Ancient Philosophy

EDUCATION:

University of Kentucky	
Ph.D. Philosophy	2013
Cognitive Science Advanced Certification	2011
University of Kentucky	
M.A. Philosophy	2009
Morehead State University	
B.A. Philosophy, Government (<i>Magna cum Laude</i>)	2007

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy	University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 2019—Present
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy	University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 2013—2019
Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy	University of Kentucky 2007—2013
Instructor, Department of Philosophy	Eastern Kentucky University 2009—2013
Instructor, Department of Philosophy	Morehead State University Fall 2009, Fall 2010

PUBLICATIONS:**Books and Edited Volumes:**

1. *The Last of Us and Philosophy: Look for the Light*
Wiley Blackwell, Forthcoming 2024

Articles:

1. "Solving the Puzzle of Cheating: Honor and Integrity in Hyrule"
The Legend of Zelda and Philosophy, Ed. Luke Cuddy
Wiley Blackwell, Forthcoming 2025
2. "Divine Obligations as Theodicy in Leibniz's Jurisprudence and Metaphysical Theology"
Religions Special Issue: Exploring Leibniz's Religion and Philosophy of Religion: Essays in Honor of Maria Rosa Antognazza (1964–2023), Ed. Lloyd Strickland, 2024 pp. 1—12
3. "Morality and Self-Deception in *The Last of Us*"
The Last of Us and Philosophy, Ed. Charles Joshua Horn
Wiley Blackwell, 2024 pp. 113—120
4. "God of War as Philosophy: Prophecy, Fate, and Freedom"
The Palgrave Handbook of Popular Culture as Philosophy
Palgrave, 2023 pp. 1—17
5. "The Ontological Interpretation of Leibniz's Account of Compossibility"
Southwest Philosophy Review, Vol. 39, No. 1, 2023 pp. 59—68
6. "Leibniz, Gottfried: Modal Metaphysics"
The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy
[Leibniz: Modal Metaphysics | Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy \(utm.edu\)](https://www.iep.utm.edu/leibniz-modal/), 2023
7. "Leibniz and the Labyrinth of Divine Freedom" in
The Labyrinths of Leibniz's Philosophy, Ed. Aleksandra Horowska
Peter Lang Verlag, 2022 pp. 69—92
8. "*The Last of Us* as Moral Philosophy: Teleological Particularism and Why Joel is Not a Villain"
The Palgrave Handbook of Popular Culture as Philosophy
Palgrave, 2021 pp. 1—17
9. "Leibniz's Contemporary Modal Theodicy"
Quaestiones Disputatae, Vol. 7. No. 2
Catholic University of America Press, 2017 pp. 97—119
10. "Leibniz's Ripples: The Continuing Relevance of the Last Great Polymath"
Quaestiones Disputatae, Vol. 7. No. 2
Catholic University of America Press, 2017 pp. 3—7
11. "Leibniz's Stoic and Spinozistic Justification for Eternal Damnation" in *The Concept of Hell*,
Eds. Benjamin McCraw and Robert Arp
Palgrave Macmillan, 2015 pp. 99—112
12. "Identity Across Space and Time: Bioshock Infinite and Theories of Transworld Individuality" in *Bioshock and Philosophy*, Ed. Luke Cuddy
Wiley Blackwell, 2015 pp. 76—85

13. “The Individual’s Place in Paradise: The Limits, Promise, and Role of Reason in Modern Conceptions of Utopia” in *The Individual and Utopia: A Multidisciplinary Study of Humanity and Perfection*, Eds. Clint Jones and Cameron Ellis
Ashgate Publishing, 2015 pp. 11—25
14. “Dreams and Possible Worlds: Inception and the Metaphysics of Modality”
Chapter 15 in *Inception and Philosophy*
Wiley Blackwell Publishing, 2011 pp. 215—230
15. “The Triforce and the Doctrine of the Mean”
Chapter 17 in *The Legend of Zelda and Philosophy*
Open Court Publishing, 2008 pp. 211—219

Proceedings and Reviews:

1. Review of Clare Carlisle, *Spinoza’s Religion: A New Reading of the Ethics*. Princeton University Press.
International Journal for Philosophy of Religion
92:2 (October 2022) pp. 121—125
2. Review of Lloyd Strickland, *Proofs of God in Early Modern Europe: An Anthology*. Baylor University Press.
International Journal for Philosophy of Religion
85:3 (June 2019) pp. 369—371
3. Review of Richard Arthur, *Monads, Composition, and Force: Ariadnean Threads through Leibniz’s Labyrinth*. Oxford University Press.
Review of Metaphysics
72:4 (June 2019) pp. 783—784
4. Review of Jill Graper Hernandez, *Early Modern Women and the Problem of Evil: Atrocity and Theodicy*. Routledge.
International Journal for Philosophy of Religion
83:2 (April 2018) pp. 213—216
5. Review of Lloyd Strickland, *Leibniz on God and Religion: A Reader*. Bloomsbury Academic Press.
International Journal for Philosophy of Religion
80:3 (December 2016) pp. 321—323
6. “Leibniz and Impossible Ideas in the Divine Intellect”
Vorträge des X. Internationalen Leibniz Kongresses, Ed. Wenchao Li
Hannover: Olms, 2016 Band IV, pp. 539—551
7. Review of Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra, *Leibniz’s Principle of Identity of Indiscernibles*. Oxford University Press.
Journal of the History of Philosophy
53:4 (October 2015) pp. 787—788

8. Review of Michael Shapiro, *War Crimes, Atrocity, and Justice*. Polity Press.
Journal for the Study of Peace and Conflict
(2015) pp. 155—156
9. Review of Michael Griffin, *Leibniz, God, and Necessity*. Cambridge University Press.
Review of Metaphysics
66:4 (June 2013) pp. 836—837
10. “Rethinking the Goal of Philosophy: A Phenomenological Reading of Plato’s Cave”
Proceedings of the Metaphysics World Congress pp. 1045—1053
11. “Leibniz: Naturalism and Eudaemonism” in Terence Irwin’s *Development of Ethics*
Philosophical Forum
Wiley Blackwell Publishing 2011 42:3 p. 298
12. “Kant’s Political Philosophy: An Evolution of Social Contract Theory”
Proceedings of the Southeast Philosophy Congress, Volume 2 pp. 95—103
Clayton State University Philosophy Department, 2009

INVITED LECTURES (Including Future Commitments)

1. “When Robots Rule the World” Panel Discussion
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point May 2023
2. “The Case for Robot Rights”—Community Engagement Series
Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point, Wisconsin October 2022
3. “Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom”—LIFE Presentation
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point November 2021
4. “Leibniz’s Theory of Natural Law”—Faculty Forum
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point October 2019
5. “The Nature of Free Will”—Dinner and Discourse
Amherst Opera House August 2019
6. “Ethics and Conscious Machines”—Community Lecture Series
Portage County Public Library, Stevens Point, Wisconsin December 2018
7. “What’s Love Got to do with It? Leibniz on God and Creation”—Faculty Forum
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point October 2018
8. “Virtual Virtue: Cultivating Morals Through Video Games”—LIFE Presentation
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point October 2016
9. Leibniz on Possible Worlds and Divine Freedom”—Faculty Forum
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point November 2016

10. “Virtual Virtue: Cultivating Morals Through Video Games”—University Evening Address
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point October 2016
11. “Mythos and Logos: The Role of Mythology in Antiquity”
Arbor Vitae-Woodruff School February 2014
12. “Leibniz’s Theory of Compossibility: Escaping from Spinoza’s Precipice”
Georgetown College September 2012
13. “The Possibility of Possible Worlds: A Story of Radical Philosophers”
Morehead State University February 2012
14. “Locke’s *Second Treatise*”
Morehead State University October 2009

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS: (Including Future Commitments)

1. “Philosophy as Wonder: Teaching Philosophy with Intentional Engagement”
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
Westerville, Ohio July 2024
2. “*Obligatio* in Leibniz’s Jurisprudence and Theodicy”
Society for Philosophy of Religion
Hilton Head, South Carolina March 2024
3. “Prophecy, Fate, and Freedom in *God of War*”
Popular Culture Association South
New Orleans, Louisiana September 2023
4. “Prophecy, Fate, and Freedom in *God of War*”
Kentucky Philosophical Association
Owensboro, Kentucky April 2023
5. “Revisiting Leibniz’s Account of Compossibility”
Southwest Philosophical Society
Las Vegas, Nevada November 2022
6. “Leibniz’s Theory of Natural Law”
Kentucky Philosophical Association
Morehead, Kentucky April 2022
7. “Free Will and Moral Responsibility in Video Games”
Science Fiction, Popular Cultures
Kona, Hawaii September 2018
8. “Can Leibniz’s God Love Purely Possible Objects?”
Society for Philosophy of Religion
New Orleans, Louisiana March 2018

9. "Leibniz and Impossible Ideas in the Divine Intellect"
X International Leibniz Congress
Hanover, Germany
July 2016
10. "Leibniz's Contemporary Modal Theodicy"
Continuing Relevance of Leibniz, Franciscan University
Steubenville, Ohio
April 2016
11. "Know Your Role: A Defense of Joel's Abandonment of Humanity in *The Last of Us*"
Popular Culture Association
Seattle, Washington
March 2016
12. "Leibniz's Stoic and Spinozistic Justification for Eternal Damnation"
Society for Philosophy of Religion
San Antonio, Texas
February 2016
13. "Leibniz's Stoic and Spinozistic Justification for Eternal Damnation"
Wisconsin Philosophical Association
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
April 2015
14. "The Ontological Interpretation of Compossibility"
Spinoza-Leibniz Workshop
Michigan State University
January 2015
15. "Skills Over Content"
AAPT Session of the Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
Baltimore, Maryland
December 2013
16. "Hope for Economic Liberation: Social Media and the New Capitalist Revolution"
Fifth Biennial International Herbert Marcuse Society
Lexington, Kentucky
November 2013
17. "Theodicean Solutions to Leibniz's Problem of Contingency"
Metaphysics 2012 World Congress
Rome, Italy
November 2012
18. "Rethinking the Goal of Philosophy: A Phenomenological Reading of Plato's Cave"
Metaphysics 2012 World Congress
Rome, Italy
November 2012
19. "The Necessity of Freedom and the Possibility for the Good Life"
Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
Seattle, Washington
April 2012
20. "The Passions of the Soulless: What Spinoza Can Tell Us About *True Blood*"
Far West Popular Culture and American Culture Association
Las Vegas, Nevada
February 2012

21. "Leibniz, Lewis, and the Metaphysics of Modality"
Alabama Philosophical Society
Pensacola Beach, Florida
September 2011
22. "Leibniz and the Possibility of Worlds: Commensurability and the Principle of the Best"
Florida Philosophical Association
Daytona Beach, Florida
November 2010
23. "Optimization and Maximization: A Leibnizian Response to
Rowe's 'No Best World' Thesis"
Alabama Philosophical Society
Pensacola Beach, Florida
September 2010
24. "The Aristotelian Roots of Leibnizian Panorganicism"
Kentucky Philosophical Association
Eastern Kentucky University
April 2010
25. "The Cause for Rejecting Causation"
Gonzaga University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference
Spokane, Washington
April 2009
26. "A New Theory of Belief: Constitution and Consciousness"
Louisiana State University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
April 2009
27. Kant's Political Philosophy: An Evolution of Social Contract Theory
Southeast Philosophy Congress at Clayton State University
Morrow, Georgia
February 2009

INVITED COMMENTARY:

1. Invited Commentary on "Saying Farewell to God"
Scott Davison, Morehead State University
Society for Philosophy of Religion
February 2023
2. Invited Commentary on "Neither Necessitarianism nor Sheer Will: Leibniz on Divine
Freedom and Wisdom"
Juan Garcia, Wingate University
Society for Philosophy of Religion
March 2022
3. Invited Commentary on "Can a Thomist Accept the Possibility for an Afterlife for Non-
Human Animals?"
Michael Potts, Methodist University
Society for Philosophy of Religion
March 2017
4. Invited Commentary on "A Leibnizian Paradox: Expressing the Universe Through and
Individual Substance"
Wisconsin Philosophical Association
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
April 2015

5. Invited Commentary on “Relief Philosophy: To Sacrifice or Not to Sacrifice”
Julian Gonzalez, St. Edwards University
University of Kentucky Graduate Conference April 2008
6. Invited Commentary on “Basic Rights and Autonomy: Thinking About Global Poverty”
Timothy Weidel, Loyola University
University of Kentucky Graduate Conference April 2008

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: (Including Future Commitments)

- American Association of Philosophy Teachers, “Philosophy Amplified”
Otterbein University July 24—28, 2024
- Institute for the History of Philosophy, “Leibniz’s Philosophy of Law”
Emory University May 21—30, 2019

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY:

Merit Evaluation Committee	2013—2014
Student Awards Committee	2013—2024
By-Law Committee	2022—2023
Philosophical Society Adviser	2013—2021
Search and Screen Committee	2013—2014, 2014—2016
Chair, COLS Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee	2014—2015
COLS Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee	2013—2014, 2020—2021
Philosophy Coordinator	2019—2020
Law and Justice Coordinator	2021—2024
Pre-Law Advisor	2022—2024

UNIVERSITY:

Department Review Subcommittee	2014—2016
Marketing and Recruitment Liaison	2019—2020
Assessment Subcommittee	2022—2023

CLASSES TAUGHT:**University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point (Including Future Commitments)***Lower Division Courses:*

Introduction to Philosophy
 Honors introduction to Philosophy
 Contemporary Moral Problems
 American Politics (In Political Science Department)

Upper Division Courses:

Metaphysics
 Philosophy of Religion
 Social and Political Philosophy
 Symbolic Logic
 Ancient Greek Philosophy
 17th and 18th Century Philosophy
 Ethics and Medicine
 Philosophy in a Popular Mode: Science Fiction
 Philosophy of Law
 Philosophy of Death
 Special Topics: Leibniz
 Special Topics: Free Speech and the First Amendment
 Politics of Terrorism (In Political Science Department)
 Philosophy Capstone: Paradoxes and the Limits of Reason

Independent Studies:

Divine Freedom
 Politics and German Idealism
 Spinoza and the Pantheism Controversy
 Logic and Law
 Philosophy of Terrorism
 Metaphysical Determinism and Legal Responsibility
 Leibniz's Metaphysics
 Philosophy of Horror

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY:

Peer Review, <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i>	2024
Society for Philosophy of Religion, Vice President	2024--2025
Society for Philosophy of Religion, Executive Committee	2022—2024
Guest Editor, <i>Quaestiones Disputatae</i>	2017
Peer Review, <i>Cogent Humanities</i>	2015—2016
Panel Chair, “Leibniz and the Nature of God” Leibniz <i>Gesellschaft</i> X International Leibniz Congress	2016
Peer Review, <i>Polity Press</i>	2015

- Organizer of the 2015 Wisconsin Philosophical Association
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 2015
 (Worked with students to develop their philosophy presentations, wrote and received grants, refereed papers, organized the event for UW faculty and students.)
- Referee for the Central States Philosophical Association 2013—2014
- Chair of the Leibniz Colloquium at the Eastern meeting of the
 American Philosophical Association 2012
- Teaching Workshop
 Sponsored by the American Philosophical Association 2011
 (Led a workshop teaching other philosophy instructors how to prioritize developing critical thinking and oral and written communication skills over content mastery.)

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- CITL Teaching Professional Development Grant*
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 2024
 \$500—Awarded to attend AAPT Conference/Workshop at Otterbein University.
- University Excellence in Teaching Award*
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point 2019—2020
- Undergraduate Education Initiative Grant*
 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
 2015 & 2014 (\$3045)—Awarded to develop and institute a “Philosophy Summer Camp” for Stevens Point Area junior and high school students. The camp was designed to introduce students to philosophy through popular culture. The theme of the camp in 2015 was slated to be on “Video Games and Philosophy”. In 2014, the theme was slated to be on “Star Wars and Philosophy.”
 2013 (\$315)—Awarded to travel with students to Madison for the meeting of the Wisconsin Philosophical Association. Several of our students presented their work at the conference.
- College of Arts and Sciences Certificate of Outstanding Teaching*
 University of Kentucky
 2013 (\$500)—To recognize excellence in undergraduate instruction by Teaching Assistants, the College of Arts & Sciences established the Certificate for Outstanding Teaching award. Fifteen Teaching Assistants, five per area (Math/Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities), receive the certificate and monetary award.
- Department of Philosophy Annual Essay Prize*
 University of Kentucky
 2012 (\$500)—Awarded for my essay “The Ontological Interpretation of Compossibility”

Distinguished Teaching Award
University of Kentucky

2012 (\$500)—Awarded to the best graduate student teacher in the department of philosophy. One award is given per year out of approximately 25 graduate students.

Faculty All Star Award
Eastern Kentucky University

2012—Award nominated and chosen by students for overall teaching excellence.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:

French (Reading)

Latin (Reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Leibniz Society of North America

Society for the Philosophy of Religion

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.

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