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## Education

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| <b>PhD</b> | <b>University at Buffalo (SUNY)</b> ( <i>in progress</i> )<br>Philosophy<br>AOS: History of Early Modern, Metaphysics<br>AOC: Biomedical Ethics, Applied Ontology, History of Medieval | 2017 -<br>Present          |
| <b>MA</b>  | <b>Western Michigan University</b><br>Philosophy: Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind emphasis  | Apr 2017                   |
| <b>MA</b>  | <b>Westminster Theological Seminary</b><br>Religion: Theological Studies emphasis  | May 2014                   |
| <b>BA</b>  | <b>Central Michigan University</b><br>Philosophy, Psychology (double major)  | Dec 2010<br>Grad: May 2009 |

## Teaching Experience

### University at Buffalo, SUNY (Philosophy)

#### Instructor of Record

|  |         |           |
|--|---------|-----------|
| Social & Ethical Values in Med. (online) | PHI 237 | Wint 2019 |
| Social & Ethical Values in Med. (online) | PHI 237 | Fall 2018 |
| Contemp. Moral Problems (online)         | PHI 105 | Sum 2018  |
| Ethics (online)                          | PHI 107 | Wint 2018 |

#### Teaching Assistant

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Social & Ethical Values in Medicine | PHI 237 (David Hershenov) | Spr 2018  |
| Social & Ethical Values in Medicine | PHI 237 (David Hershenov) | Fall 2017 |

### Western Michigan University (Philosophy)

#### Instructor of Record

|                                |           |           |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Professional Ethics            | PHIL 4100 | Sum 2017  |
| Deductive Logic (two sections) | PHIL 2250 | Spr 2017  |
| Deductive Logic (two sections) | PHIL 2250 | Fall 2016 |
| Critical Thinking (online)     | PHIL 2200 | Sum 2016  |
| Introduction to Ethics         | PHIL 2010 | Spr 2016  |

#### Teaching Assistant

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| Critical Thinking (online) | PHIL 2200 (Marc Alspector-Kelly) | Sum 2016  |
| Introduction to Ethics     | PHIL 2010 (C. Daniel Dolson)     | Fall 2015 |

### Central Michigan University (Psychology)

#### Teaching Assistant

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| Applied Behavioral Analysis | PSY 370 (Michael Kephart) | Fall 2008 |
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## Honors and Awards

|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| Dean's Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, UB                  | 2017-Present                 |
| Teaching Assistantship, University at Buffalo (SUNY)              | 2017-Present                 |
| Heraclitean Society Essay Prize for Second-Year Students, WMU     | Apr 2017                     |
| Best Graduate Student Paper, North Carolina Philosophical Society | Feb 2017                     |
| Mark Rachon Award, Department of Philosophy, WMU                  | 2015-2016                    |
| Teaching Assistantship, Western Michigan University               | 2015-2017                    |
| Graduated <i>Cum laude</i> , Central Michigan University          | May 2009                     |
| President's list, Central Michigan University                     | Fall 2007-Fall 2008          |
| Dean's list, Central Michigan University                          | Spr 2009, Fall 2006-Spr 2007 |

## Graduate Courses (Philosophy)

### University at Buffalo

|   |                   |           |
|---|-------------------|-----------|
| Independent Study: Descartes and his (female) critics | Lewis Powell      | Fall 2018 |
| Biomedical Ontology                                   | Smith & Ceusters  | Fall 2018 |
| Metaphysical Foundations of Biomedical Ethics         | David Hershenov   | Fall 2018 |
| Teaching Philosophy                                   | David Braun       | Spr 2018  |
| Modal Logic   | Thomas Bittner    | Spr 2018  |
| Ontological Engineering                               | Barry Smith       | Spr 2018  |
| Independent Study: Individuality and Individuation    | Jorge J.E. Gracia | Spr 2018  |
| Meta-Metaphysics                                      | Jorge J.E. Gracia | Fall 2017 |
| Life and Death  | David Hershenov   | Fall 2017 |
| Seminar in History of Philosophy (Hume)               | Lewis Powell      | Fall 2017 |

### Western Michigan University

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|--|----------------------|-----------|
| History of Philosophy of Science                         | Tim McGrew           | Spr 2017  |
| Metaphysics of Identity                                  | C. Daniel Dolson     | Spr 2017  |
| Independent Study: Moral Philosophy of Hume & Reid       | Michael Pritchard    | Fall 2016 |
| Theory of Knowledge                                      | Marc Alspecter-Kelly | Fall 2016 |
| Practical Ethics   | Michael Pritchard    | Sum 2016  |
| Philosophy of Science                                    | Marc Alspecter-Kelly | Spr 2016  |
| Philosophical Applications of Probability                | Tim McGrew           | Spr 2016  |
| Independent Study: Berkeley's Non-Abstract General Ideas | Kent Baldner         | Spr 2016  |
| Aesthetics   | John Dilworth        | Fall 2015 |
| Quine, Meta-ontology, and Carving Nature at its Joints   | C. Daniel Dolson     | Fall 2015 |

## Professional Activities

### Publications

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|---|-----------|
| "Human-Nonhuman Chimeras, Ontology, and Dignity: A Constructivist Approach to the Ethics of Conducting Research on Cross-Species Hybrids" <i>Hilltop Review: A Journal of Western Michigan University Graduate Student Research</i> 9 (1): 49-62. 2016. | Fall 2016 |
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### Book Reviews

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| Review of <i>Trinity and the Vindication of Christian Paradox, The: An Interpretation and Refinement of the Theological Apologetic of Cornelius Van Til</i> , by BA. Bosserman, <i>Theological Book Review</i> (Liverpool Hope University), Vol. 27 No.1, 2016. | Spr 2016 |
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## **Presentations / Talks**

### **“Berkeley’s Concrete General Ideas and the Problem of Universals”**

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| International Berkeley Society (session during APA Eastern Division)   | Jan 2019  |
| 8th Margaret Dauler Wilson Philosophy Conference (University at Buffalo)                                     | June 2018 |
| Graduate Philosophy Conference (University of Iowa)  | Apr 2018  |
| Lunchtime talk at Graduate Philosophy Association (University at Buffalo)                                    | Apr 2018  |
| 11th Annual Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference (University of Florida, Gainesville) (unable to attend) | Mar 2017  |
| 24th Annual Waterloo Philosophy Grad. Conf. (University of Waterloo)   | Mar 2017  |
| North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference (UNC, Wilmington)  | Feb 2017  |
| Brown Bag Colloquium (Western Michigan University)   | Nov 2016  |

### **“Human-nonhuman Chimeras, Ontology, and Dignity: a constructivist approach to the ethics of conducting research on cross-species hybrids”**

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| Sixth Annual Medical Humanities Conf. (Western Michigan University) | Sept 2016 |
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### **“Conditions of Fundamental Metaphysics: A Critique of Jorge Gracia’s Proposal”**

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| Graduate Philosophy Conference (University of Iowa)   | Apr 2016 |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Essays of Significance: A Grad. Phil. Conf. (University of Windsor) | Mar 2016 |

## **Conference Comments**

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| For Zachary McCarty, “Grounding Physicalism,” at 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference          | Nov 2016 |
| For Hyungrae Noh, “Biocommunication,” at 23 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Kent State Philosophy Graduate Student Conference in Remembrance of May 4th | Mar 2016 |
| For Aaron Arinder, “Reformulating Modalism,” at 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference            | Dec 2015 |

## **Paper Referee**

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| Grad Conference in Metaphysics (University at Buffalo)                           | Fall 2018 |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Grad Philosophy Conference (Western Michigan University) | Fall 2016 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Grad Philosophy Conference (Western Michigan University)  | Fall 2015 |

## **Guest Lecturer/Facilitator**

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| UB Undergrad Philosophy Club - The Problem of Universals                 | Fall 2018 |
| UB Undergrad Philosophy Club - The Atheists Argument for God’s Existence | Spr 2018  |
| For Adam Zweber, Deductive Logic (PHIL 2250), April 11, 2016 at WMU      | Spr 2016  |

## Professional Memberships and Service

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| American Philosophical Association                  | Present   |
| Graduate Philosophers Association (SUNY Buffalo)    | Present   |
| Graduate Student Association of Philosophers at WMU | 2015-2017 |
| International Berkeley Society                      | Present   |
| Society of Christian Philosophers                   | Present   |

## Other Related Experience

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| <b>Ontology Consultant</b> - University of Michigan, School of Medicine<br>Refactored, expanded, and reworked taxonomies and definitions in the Informed Consent Ontology (ICO). Created models and diagrams for presentation, publication, and implementation. Coordinated with other ontologies while remaining conformant with Basic Formal Ontology (BFO). Project supervised by Marceline Harris, et al. | Present-<br>May 2018  |
| <b>Graduate Recruiting Advisor</b> - <i>Dept. of Philosophy</i> (WMU)<br>Developed a massive marketing campaign and strategies for future initiatives.<br>Supervised by Fritz Allhoff   | Jan 2017              |
| <b>Tutor</b> - <i>Academic Assistance Services</i> (CMU)<br>Philosophy and psychology courses: Intro to Logic, Moral Problems, etc.   | May 2009-<br>Feb 2008 |

## Languages

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| English         | Native Language                                    |
| German          | Intermediate Speaking, Listening, Writing, Reading |
| Koiné Greek     | Intermediate Reading, Novice Writing               |
| Biblical Hebrew | Novice Writing, Reading                            |
| Classical Latin | Novice Writing, Reading                            |

## Academic References

Available upon request

## Other

U.S. Citizen