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## **Citizenship**

Canadian

## **Employment History**

-Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Concordia University of Edmonton (July 2018-present); Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies, Concordia University of Edmonton (August 2012-June 2018); Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Theology and the Philosophy of Science (April 2015-April 2020); Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta (September 2015-present)

-Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Livingstone College (August 2011-June 2012)

-Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Post-Doctoral Fellow, UNC Chapel Hill (June 2010-July 2011)

## **Education**

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Calgary, 2010  
M.A., Philosophy, University of Waterloo, 2006  
B.A., Philosophy and Political Science, Carleton University, 2005  
Diploma, Liberal Arts, Augustine College, 2001

## **Dissertation**

Title: "Defending an Essentialist Ontology of Kinds, Laws, and Biological Taxa"  
Committee: Marc Ereshefsky (main supervisor), Noa Latham, Jack MacIntosh,  
Terence Penelhum (internal/external), Crawford Elder (external, University of Connecticut)

## **Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Natural Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Scholasticism (Mediaeval & Contemporary)

## **Areas of Competence**

Ethics, Eastern Orthodox Theology

## **Publications**

### **Books Authored**

-*Assisted Suicide in Canada: Moral, Legal, and Policy Considerations* (Vancouver, BC: University of British Columbia Press, 2021)

-*Dispositionalism and the Metaphysics of Science* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019)

### **Books Edited**

-*The Wisdom of Youth: Essays Inspired by the Early Work of Jacques and Raïssa Maritain* (Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association / Catholic University of America Press, 2016)

### **Journal Articles & Book Chapters Authored [\*\*\* Indicates Invited Contributions]**

#### **In Metaphysics / Philosophy of Science**

-“Can a Relational Substance Ontology be Hylomorphic?” *Synthese* 198 [Supplementary Volume 11] (2021): S2717-S2734.

-\*\*\* “Atoms and Extended Simples.” *Atomism in Philosophy: A History from Antiquity to the Present*. Edited by Ugo Zilioli. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021. 400-419.

-“How to be a Pluralist in Substance Ontology.” *Erkenntnis* 85 (2020): 995-1022.

-“MaxCon Extended Simples and the Dispositionalist Ontology of Laws.” *Synthese* 194 (2017): 1627-1641.

-“Natural-Kind Essentialism, Substance Ontology, and the Unity Problem: Two Dispositionalist Solutions.” *dialectica* 70 (2016): 609-626.

-“Finitism and Divisibility: A Reply to Puryear.” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 94 (2016): 596-601.

-“Non-Mereological Pluralistic Supersubstantivalism: An Alternative Perspective on the Matter / Spacetime Relationship.” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 46 (2016): 183-203.

-“Lowe’s Unorthodox Dispositionalism.” *Res Philosophica* 93 (2016): 79-101.

-“Atoms vs. Extended Simples: Towards a Dispositionalist Reconciliation.” *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* 43 (2015): 1023-1033.

-“Some Ontological Consequences of Atomism.” *Ratio: An International Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 28 (2015): 119-134.

- \*\*\* “E.J. Lowe on the Unity Problem.” *Studia Philosophica Estonica* 7 (2014): 195-218. (Special issue on the theme “Aristotelian Metaphysics: Essence and Ground” edited by Riin Sirkel and Tuomas Tahko.)
- “Using Natural-Kind Essentialism to Defend Dispositionalism.” *Erkenntnis* 78 (2013): 869-880.
- “Laws of Nature Don’t *Have* Ceteris Paribus Clauses, They *Are* Ceteris Paribus Clauses.” *Ratio: An International Journal of Analytic Philosophy* 26 (2013): 134-147.
- “A New Argument for Intrinsic Biological Essentialism.” *Philosophical Quarterly* 62 (2012): 486-504.
- “Dispositions, Primitive Activities, and Essentially Active Objects.” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 93 (2012):43-64.
- “Natural Kinds and the Problem of Complex Essences.” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88 (2010): 619-634.

**In Natural Theology / Philosophy of Religion**

- “Transubstantiation Through the Lens of Spacetime Substantivalism.” *Theology & Science*. Forthcoming.
- \*\*\* “Rémi Brague on the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” *Nuovo Giornale di Filosofia della Religione*. Forthcoming.
- “Platonism About Abstracta: Supporting Theism or Naturalism or Neither?” *Philosophia Christi* 23 (2021): 141-158.
- \*\*\* “The Axiology of Theism: Expanding the Contrast Classes.” *Four Views on the Axiology of Theism: What Difference Does God Make?* Edited by Kirk Lougheed. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021. 59-78.
- \*\*\* “Eric Perl’s Theophanism: An Option for Agnostics?” *Religions* 11 (2020): 1-20. (Special issue on agnosticism co-edited by Francis Jonbäck, Carl Reinhold Brakenhielm, Lotta Knutsson Brakenhielm, and Evenlia Lundmark.)
- “Is the Cosmos Fine-Tuned for Life, or for the *Possibility* of Life? (And Why Patristic & Mediaeval Demonology Might Hold Part of the Answer).” *Faith and Philosophy* 36 (2019): 491-511.
- “Breathing New Life Into the World-Soul? Revisiting an Old Doctrine Through the Lens of Current Debates on Special Divine Action.” *Modern Theology* 35 (2019): 301-322.
- “The Exoteric / Esoteric Divide and Schellenberg’s Skeptical Religion.” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 55 (2019): 37-54.

-\*\*\* “Thought Experiments as a Tool for Undermining Methodological Naturalism.” *Religions* 10 (2019): 1-11. (Special issue on religion and thought experiments, edited by Yiftach Fehige.)

-“Divine Hiddenness and Alienation.” *Heythrop Journal* 59 (2018): 433-447.

-“Regularities, Laws, and an Exceedingly Modest Premise for a Cosmological Argument.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 83 (2018): 111-123.

-“Is There a Problem of Special Angelic Action?” *Theology and Science* 16 (2018): 79-91.

-“Does a Delayed Origin for Biological Life Count as Evidence Against the Existence of God?” *Sophia* 56 (2017): 649-669.

- “How Modern Biological Taxonomy Sheds Light on the Incarnation.” *Journal of Analytic Theology* 5 (2017): 163-174.

-\*\*\* “Religious and Paranormal Experiences as Evidence for Purgatory.” *Purgatory: Philosophical Dimensions*. Edited by Benjamin McCraw and Kristof Vanhoutte. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017. 33-50.

-“Transhumanism, Theological Anthropology, and Modern Biological Taxonomy.” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 52 (2017): 601-622.

-“Evidentially Compelling Religious Experiences and the Moral Status of Naturalism.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 8 (2016): 123-144.

-“Why the Problem of Evil Undermines the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 52 (2016): 525-544.

-“Atoms, Gunk, and God: Natural Theology and the Debate Over the Fundamental Composition of Matter.” *The Thomist* 80 (2016): 227-271.

-“Spatial Extension as a Necessary Condition for Being a Physical Object and Why it Matters for Philosophy of Religion.” *Philosophia Christi* 18 (2016): 29-46.

-“The Problem of Divine Hiddenness: Is the Devil in the Details?” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 90 (2016): 395-413.

-“Anti-Theism and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” *Sophia* 55 (2016): 179-195.

-“Divine Hiddenness and the One Sheep.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 79 (2016): 69-86.

-“Divine Hiddenness and Special Revelation.” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 51 (2015): 241-259.

- “How Divine Hiddenness Sheds Light on the Problem of Evil.” *International Philosophical Quarterly* 55 (2015): 315-323.
- “C.S. Lewis on the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” *Anglican Theological Review* 97 (2015): 33-51.
- “Why Pan-Dispositionalism is Incompatible with Metaphysical Naturalism.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 78 (2015): 107-122.
- “Dispositionalism, Categoricalism, and Metaphysical Naturalism.” *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 88 (2014): 101-112.
- “Divine Hiddenness as Deserved.” *Faith and Philosophy* 31 (2014): 286-302.
- “Nominalist Dispositionalism and a Cosmological Argument.” *Philosophia Christi* 16 (2014): 423-432.
- “Purgatory.” *Philosophy Compass* 9 (2014): 732-740.
- “Divine Hiddenness and the Opiate of the People.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 76 (2014): 193-207.
- “Divine Hiddenness and Divine Humility.” *Sophia* 53 (2014): 51-65.
- “Divine Hiddenness and Creaturely Resentment.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 72 (2012): 41-51.
- “Divine Hiddenness as Divine Mercy.” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 48 (2012): 183-198.
- “Why (Most) Atheists Have a Duty to Pray.” *Sophia* 51 (2012): 59-70.
- “Counter-Cultural Religious Experiences.” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 47 (2011): 317-330.
- “Divine Hiddenness, Free-Will, and the Victims of Wrongdoing.” *Faith and Philosophy* 27 (2010): 423-438.
- “Divine Hiddenness and the Responsibility Argument.” *Philosophia Christi* 12 (2010): 357-371.
- “Robert Boyle on the Diversity of Religions.” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 44 (2008): 315-332.
- “Locke on Competing Miracles.” *Faith and Philosophy* 25 (2008): 416-424.
- “Religious Experience: An Unguarded Front in Hume’s Account of Miracles.” *International*

*Philosophical Quarterly* 48 (2008): 371-379.

- "Neuroscience and the Evidential Force of Religious Experience." *Philosophia Christi* 10 (2008): 137-163.

### **In Eastern Orthodox Thought**

- "Reading Anselm's Natural Theology Through a Palamite Lens." *Faith and Philosophy*. Forthcoming.

- \*\*\* "Is Palamism a Form of Classical Theism, Theistic Personalism, Panentheism, or What? Some Conceptual Clarification for Analytic Philosophers." *Philosophy of Religion: Analytic Researches*. Forthcoming.

- \*\*\* "Experiential Objections Against Natural Theology in Some Recent Orthodox Thinkers." *Natural Theology in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition*. Edited by David Bradshaw & Richard Swinburne. St. Paul, MN: International Orthodox Theological Association, 2021. 149-174.

- "Watching Guzikowski & Villeneuve's *Prisoners* Through the Lens of Patristic Teachings on Evil." *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 32 (2020): 219-230.

- "Sergius Bulgakov's Critique of N.F. Fedorov's Technologized Resurrection (And Why it Still Matters for the Christian Dialogue with Transhumanism)." *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 55 (2020): 853-874.

- "Origen on Demonic Ignorance (and Why it Might Still Matter for the Theology of World Religions)." *Philosophia Christi* 20 (2018): 463-479.

- "Prayers for the Dead, Postmortem Salvation, and the Moral Theology of the Apocalypse." *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 61 (2016): 141-166.

- "Monasticism and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness." *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 59 (2014): 129-144.

- "Ramified Natural Theology in the Context of Interdenominational Debate." *Philosophia Christi* 15 (2013): 329-336.

- \*\*\* "Discovering the Early Church." *Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Faith*. Edited by Rico Vitz. Yonkers, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2012. 33-45.

### **In the Scholastic Tradition (Mediaeval & Contemporary)**

- "A Bonaventuran Approach to the Problem of Divine Hiddenness." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association*. Forthcoming.

- "Alexander of Hales on the Irremediable Demons." *Thomism & Tradition*. Edited by Heather

Erb. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association / Catholic University of America Press. Forthcoming.

- \*\*\* "From Satan's Wager to Eve's Gambit to Our Leap: An Anselmian Reply to the Problem of Divine Hiddenness." *Roczniki filozoficzne*. Forthcoming.

- \*\*\* "Angels, Principalities, and Powers." *Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysics and the Theology of Nature*. Edited by William Simpson, Robert Koons, and James Orr. London: Routledge. Forthcoming.

- "A Cosmological Argument from Moderate Realism." *Heythrop Journal* 61 (2020): 732-736.

- "Thomist vs. Scotist Perspectives on Ontic Structural Realism." *International Philosophical Quarterly* 60 (2020): 323-337.

- "Alexander of Hales on the Ethics of Vigilantism." *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* 48 (2020): 535-545.

- "Alexander of Hales on Panentheism." *Sophia* 58 (2019): 597-612.

- "The Internal Unity of Natural Kinds: Assessing Oderberg's Neo-Scholastic Account." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 93 (2019): 587-610.

- "Maritain on Limbo and Demonic Beatitude." In: *The Things that Matter: Essays on the Later Work of Jacques Maritain*. Edited by Heidi Giebel. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association / Catholic University of America Press, 2018. 24-40.

- "A New Argument for the Incompatibility of Hylomorphism and Metaphysical Naturalism." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 89 (2015): 119-130.

- "Natural Evil, Evolution, and Scholastic Accounts of the Limits on Demonic Power." *Pro Ecclesia: A Journal of Catholic and Evangelical Theology* 24 (2015): 71-84.

- "Can Causal Chains Extend Back Infinitely? Entailment, Determinism, and a Cosmological Argument." *Forum Philosophicum* 19 (2014): 193-208.

- "A Thomistic Response to the Problem of Divine Hiddenness." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 87 (2013): 365-377.

- "Alexander of Hales on Angelic Corporeality." *Heythrop Journal* 54 (2013): 360-370.

- "An Argument for Hylomorphism or Theism (But Not Both)." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 86 (2012): 245-254.

- "Is There Still Hope for a Scholastic Ontology of Biological Species?" *The Thomist* 76 (2012): 371-395.

- "Why Thomistic Philosophy of Nature Implies (Something Like) Big-Bang Cosmology." *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 85 (2011): 69-78.

- "Have the Laws of Nature Been Eliminated?" *Reading the Cosmos: Nature, Science and Wisdom*. Edited by Giuseppe Butera. Washington, D.C.: American Maritain Association / Catholic University of America Press, 2011. 111-128.

### **In Ethics**

- "Why Governments that Fund Elective Abortion are Obligated to Attempt a Reduction in the Elective Abortion Rate." *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry* 13 (2016): 87-94.

- "Dispositionalism and Moral Nonnaturalism." *Journal of Value Inquiry* 50 (2016): 97-110.

- "On Cheering Charles Bronson: The Ethics of Vigilantism." *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 47 (2009): 49-67.

- \*\*\* "Anonymity and Privacy: Conceptual Links and Normative Implications." *The Contours of Privacy*. Edited by David Matheson. Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2009. 71-84.

- "Group Privacy and Government Surveillance of Religious Services." *The Monist* 91 (2008): 170-186.

- "Abortion and Non-Fallacious Potentiality: A Reply to Berkich." *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 47 (2008): 387-394.

- "The Failed Marriage of Evolution and Ethical Antirealism." *Science et Esprit: Revue de philosophie et de théologie* 58 (2006): 287-297.

### **Book Reviews**

- "Emergence: Towards a New Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science," by Mariusz Tabaczek. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2019. *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 95 (2021): 343-347.

- "God Over All: Divine Aseity and the Challenge of Platonism," by William Lane Craig. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. *Religious Studies and Theology* 39 (2020): 255-257.

- "Science Without God? Rethinking the History of Scientific Naturalism," edited by Peter Harrison and Jon H. Roberts. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019. *Religious Studies and Theology* 39 (2020): 135-137.

- "Structure and the Metaphysics of Mind: How Hylomorphism Solves the Mind-Body Problem," by William Jaworski. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016. *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 56 (2017): 178-180.

- "Hidden Divinity and Religious Belief: New Perspectives," edited by Eleonore Stump and

Adam Green. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015. *Journal of Analytic Theology* 5 (2017): 907-914.

-“Kant on *Religion Within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*,” by Lawrence Pasternack. New York: Routledge, 2014. *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 90 (2016): 761-765.

-“Systematicity: The Nature of Science,” by Paul Hoyningen-Huene. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. *Review of Metaphysics* 69 (2016): 389-391.

-“Neo-Scholastic Essays,” by Edward Feser. South Bend: St. Augustine’s Press, 2015. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/62130-neo-scholastic-essays/>

-“Pragmatic Pluralism and the Problem of God,” by Sami Pihlström. NY: Fordham University Press, 2013. *Religious Studies and Theology* 34 (2015): 131-132.

- “Authors of the Impossible: The Paranormal and the Sacred,” by Jeffrey Kripal. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2010. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81 (2013):529-538.

-“Wandering in Darkness: Narrative and the Problem of Suffering,” by Eleonore Stump. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010. *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 86 (2012): 390-393.

- “Health, Rights, and Human Dignity: Philosophical Reflections on an Alleged Human Right,” by Christian Erk. Frankfurt: Ontos Verlag, 2010. *Review of Metaphysics* 65 (2011): 157-159.

- “Metaphysics and God: Essays in Honor of Eleonore Stump,” edited by Kevin Timpe. New York and Oxford: Routledge, 2009. *European Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 3 (2011): 249-253.

- “Academic Freedom After September 11,” edited by Beshara Doumani. New York: Zone Books, 2006. *Science et Esprit: Revue de philosophie et de théologie* 60 (2008): 75-80.

- “Emotional Experience and Religious Understanding: Integrating Perception, Conception and Feeling,” by Mark R. Wynn. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005. *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 46 (2007): 817-819.

- “Socratic Virtue: Making the Best of the Neither-Good-Nor-Bad,” by Naomi Reshotko. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006. *Review of Metaphysics* 61 (2007): 446-447.

- “Fear of Knowledge: Against Relativism and Constructivism,” by Paul Boghossian. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006. *Science et Esprit: Revue de philosophie et de théologie* 59 (2007): 93-97.

- “Strangers on the Shore: The Beatitudes in World Religions,” by Albert B. Randall. New York: Peter Lang, 2006. *Science et Esprit: Revue de philosophie et de théologie* 58 (2006): 320-324.

## **Conference Presentations**

- “Alexander of Hales on the Irremediable Demons.” Presented at the annual conference of the American Maritain Association, Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius (Pittsburgh), March 6, 2020.
  
- “What the Pseudo-Dionysius Can Do For Analytic Philosophy.” Presented at the annual conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Dominican University College (Ottawa), June 15, 2019.
  
- “Primitivism About the Abstract / Concrete Distinction.” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, June 1, 2019.
  
- “Sergius Bulgakov’s Critique of N.F. Fedorov’s Technologized Resurrection.” Canadian Centre for Scholarship and the Christian Faith, Concordia University of Edmonton, May 4, 2019.
  
- “Transubstantiation Through the Lens of Spacetime Substantivalism.” American Maritain Association, DeSales University, March 30, 2019.
  
- “Scholastic Perspectives on Ontic Structural Realism.” CEPOS (Catholic Engagement in Philosophy of Science), San Diego, November 9, 2018.
  
- “Alexander of Hales on the Ethics of Vigilantism.” Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, October 27, 2018.
  
- “Gunk and the Debate Over Irreducible Determinables.” Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Fordham University, October 6, 2017.
  
- “Gaps in Language Instruction and their Impact on Analytic Philosophy of Religion.” The St. Jerome’s Day Conference on Translation, Concordia University of Edmonton, September 30, 2017.
  
- “Could a Neoplatonic Conception of Transcendence Help with the Problem of Divine Hiddenness?” North American Workshop in Platonic Philosophy, Hamline University, August 9, 2017.
  
- “Dispositionalism, Naturalism, and the Irreducibility of Determinable Properties.” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Ryerson University, May 29, 2017.
  
- “Religious and Paranormal Experiences as Evidence for Purgatory.” Canadian Centre for Scholarship and the Christian Faith, Concordia University of Edmonton, March 25, 2017.
  
- “Does a Delayed Origin for Biological Life Count as Evidence Against the Existence of God?” Evangelical Philosophical Society, San Antonio, November 16, 2016.  
\*\* Also presented at the Canadian Centre for Scholarship and the Christian Faith, Concordia University of Edmonton, May 7, 2016.

- “Three Competing Accounts of Existence (Plotinian, Thomist, Scotist) and a Disjunctive Argument Against Naturalism.” Presented as part of a panel on Duns Scotus at the Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, October 29, 2016.
- “Substance Ontology and the Metaphysics of Laws: Some Neglected Connections.” Presented as part of a joint session of the Canadian Philosophical Association and the Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Calgary, May 29, 2016.
- “Maritain on Limbo and Demonic Beatitude.” American Maritain Association, Fordham University, February 26, 2016.
- “Spatial Extension as a Necessary Condition for Being a Physical Object (And Why it Matters for Philosophy of Religion).” Evangelical Philosophical Society, Atlanta, November 17, 2015.
- “A New Argument for the Incompatibility of Hylomorphism and Metaphysical Naturalism.” American Catholic Philosophical Association, Boston, October 9, 2015.  
\*\*Also presented at the American Maritain Association, University of San Francisco, February 27, 2015.
- “Divine Hiddenness and the One Sheep.” British Society for the Philosophy of Religion, Oriel College, Oxford University, September 11, 2015.
- “Why Assisted Suicide Should not be Publicly Funded in Canada.” Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, University of Ottawa, June 1, 2015.
- “Natural-Kind Essentialism, Platonism, and the Unity Problem.” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Ottawa, May 31, 2015.
- “Dispositionalism, Categoricalism, and Metaphysical Naturalism.” American Catholic Philosophical Association, Washington D.C., October 10, 2014.
- “Analytic Philosophy of Science and Scholastic Philosophy of Nature in the Service of Natural Theology.” Dominican Colloquium, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, July 18, 2014.
- “Natural Evil, Evolution, and Scholastic Accounts of the Limits on Demonic Power.” American Maritain Association, Providence College, February 27, 2014.
- “How Divine Hiddenness Sheds Light on the Problem of Evil.” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria, June 3, 2013.
- “Moderate Locationism and Natural-Kind Essentialism.” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Victoria, June 2, 2013.
- “Monasticism and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” Society of Christian Philosophers Mountain-Pacific Division meeting, University of Colorado at Boulder, March 8, 2013.

-“An Argument for Hylomorphism or Theism (But Not Both).” American Catholic Philosophical Association, Los Angeles, Nov. 3, 2012.

-“Laws of Nature Don’t *Have* Ceteris Paribus Clauses, They *Are* Ceteris Paribus Clauses.” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Waterloo, May 27, 2012.

-“Integrating Paranormal Research and Religious Studies? A (Sympathetic) Critique of Kripal’s Proposal.” American Academy of Religion, Southeast Division, Atlanta, March 3, 2012.

- “A Property-Based Cosmological Argument.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Feb. 15, 2012.

- “Why Thomistic Philosophy of Nature Implies (Something Like) Big-Bang Cosmology.” American Catholic Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Oct. 28, 2011. *Winner of the 2011 ACPA award for best paper by a scholar under 35.*

- “How is a Substantial Form Related to its *Propria*?” American Maritain Association, St. Mary’s College, Oct. 14, 2011.

- “Why (Most) Atheists Have a Duty to Pray.” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 1, 2011.

- “Divine Hiddenness as Divine Mercy.” Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Division, Fordham University, March 18, 2011.

- “Dispositions as Activities.” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Dec. 30, 2010.

- “Does Aquinas Have a ‘Bundle Theory’ of Substantial Form?” American Maritain Association, Walsh University, Oct. 15, 2010.

- “Do Consumers Have Duties Toward Corporations?” Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, Concordia University, June 1, 2010.

- “Natural Kinds, Laws, and the Problem of Complex Essences.” Metaphysics of Science conference, University of Nottingham, September 13, 2009.

\*\* Also presented at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 11, 2009.

- “Scientific Essentialism and the Global Laws Problem.” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Carleton University, May 28, 2009.

- “Intercultural Religious Experiences.” Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers, Carleton University, May 27, 2009.

- “The Price of Free Mass: Against Property Primitivism.” Canadian Philosophical Association, Carleton University, May 25, 2009.

- “Divine Hiddenness and the Responsibility Argument.” Canadian Philosophical Association, Carleton University, May 25, 2009.
- “Scientific Essentialism and Thomistic Philosophy of Nature: Some Interconnections and a Common Problem.” Institute for the Study of Nature, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 13, 2008.
- “Natural Kinds, Complex Essences, and the Real Difficulty Facing Scientific Essentialism.” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of British Columbia, June 4, 2008.
- “On Cheering Charles Bronson: The Ethics of Vigilantism.” Canadian Society for the Study of Practical Ethics, University of British Columbia, June 4, 2008.
- “Revisiting the Fifth Way? The Physical Intentionality Debate.” American Maritain Association, University of Notre Dame, October 25, 2007.
- “Locke on Competing Miracles.” Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers, University of Saskatchewan, May 30, 2007.
- “Aquinas’ Grand Unified Theory of Ethics.” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Saskatchewan, May 28, 2007.
- “Aquinas on the Laws of Nature.” Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Saskatchewan, May 28, 2007.
- “Heathwood on the Argument from Pointless Desires.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February 24, 2007.
- “On Laws of Nature.” American Maritain Association, Aquinas College, November 3, 2006.
- “Neuroscience and the Evidential Force of Religious Experience.” Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers, York University, June 1, 2006.

### **Commentaries and Invited Presentations**

-“Scientific Essentialism,” delivered as part of the Essentialism workshop organized by Kathrin Koslicki and Mike Raven, July 10, 2021. (Originally planned as an onsite lecture at the University of Neuchatel, Switzerland, but switched to a WebEx online presentation due to pandemic travel restrictions.)

-“Essentialism & Indeterminism in Contemporary Metaphysics of Science,” delivered as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Thomistic Philosophy and Natural Science Symposium, held at the Dominican House of Studies (Washington, DC) June 20, 2021. (Originally planned as an onsite lecture, switched to a Zoom online presentation due to pandemic travel restrictions.)

-Commentary on Ashley Coates’ “Essence and Triviality,” delivered as part of the second annual

University of Alberta / University of Witwatersrand joint online colloquium, September 26, 2020.

-“The Structure of Powers: Canvassing Some Options.” Presented to the Mereology of Potentiality Research Group, Oxford University, June 5, 2020. (Originally planned as an onsite lecture, switched to a Zoom online lecture due to pandemic travel restrictions.)

-“Platonism as a Path to Orthodox Panentheism.” Presented as part of a philosophy of religion workshop at the John Hick Centre for Philosophy of Religion, University of Birmingham (UK), January 16, 2020.

\*\* Also presented at a departmental colloquium at St. Louis University, February 7, 2020.

-“Are Miracles Possible?” Public lecture at Newman Theological College, November 7, 2019.

-Commentary on Ishtiyaque Haji’s “Twin Dilemmas,” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, June 1, 2019.

-“What is a Law of Nature?” Presented as part of the Theology & Science Research Cluster, Concordia University of Edmonton, March 22, 2019.

-“Evidentially Compelling Religious Experiences and the Moral Status of Naturalism.” Public lecture presented at St. Joseph’s College (University of Alberta), February 27, 2019.

-“Could a Neoplatonic Conception of Transcendence Help with the Problem of Divine Hiddenness?” Workshop presentation to faculty and graduate students, Oklahoma State University, February 23, 2017.

-“Divine Hiddenness: If God is Real, Why Doesn’t He Show Himself to Me?” Public lecture at Oklahoma State University, February 21, 2017.

-“Can Neuroscience Explain Mystical Experience?” Presented as part of the Theology & Science Research Cluster, Concordia University of Edmonton, November 29, 2016.

-Commentary on Jonathan Ichikawa’s “On the Assertability of Contextualism,” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, June 1, 2016.

-“Transhumanism Through the Lens of Modern Biological Taxonomy,” presented at the Templeton Foundation workshop on theology and human enhancement, Orlando, April 16, 2016.

-“Regularities, Laws, and an Exceedingly Weak Premise for a Cosmological Argument,” presented at the Toronto Philosophy of Religion Work-in-Progress Group, Ryerson University, March 18, 2016.

-“Kinds, Substances, and the Unity Problem: Two Dispositionalist Solutions,” colloquium at the University of Alberta, September 15, 2015.

-“Evidentially Compelling Religious Experiences and the Moral Status of Naturalism,” presented

at the Moral & Religious Epistemology Workshop at the Prindle Institute for Ethics, DePauw University, July 2015.

-“The Possibility of Miracles,” public presentation for Intervarsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Regina, March 19, 2015.

-Participated in public discussion panel (with Don Page and Randal Rauser) on science & Christian faith at Sturgeon Valley Baptist Church (St. Albert, Alberta) on November 2, 2014.

-Commentary on Dustin Crummett’s “Divine Hiddenness and Why Swinburne, Schellenberg and Dumsday All Get the Responsibility Argument (At Least Partly) Wrong,” Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers, University of Victoria, June 3, 2013.

-Commentary on Klaas Kraay’s “Peter van Inwagen on Gratuitous Evil,” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Victoria, June 2, 2013.

-Commentary on Noel Saenz’s “Against Browerian Simplicity,” Society of Christian Philosophers Mountain-Pacific Division meeting, University of Colorado at Boulder, March 8, 2013.

-“Monasticism and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” Religious Studies colloquium, Concordia University College of Alberta, January 22, 2013.

-“Neo-Aristotelian Categories and the Problem of Circular Dependence.” Colloquium at Wake Forest University, Nov. 16, 2012.

-“A Thomistic Response to the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” Colloquium at the University of Gdansk, July 24, 2012.

-Commentary on Mark Gardiner’s “Interpreting Religious Language: Methodology and Holism.” Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Waterloo, May 27, 2012.

-Commentary on Elliot Rossiter’s “On the Concept of Fideism.” Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers, University of Waterloo, May 29, 2012.

- “Dispositions, Rylean Inference Tickets, and Natural Kinds.” UNC Chapel Hill visiting scholars mini-conference, December 4, 2010.

- Commentary on Justin Remhof’s “Nietzsche’s Reconception of Science: Overcoming Nihilism.” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 30, 2009.

- “Natural Kinds, Laws, and the Problem of Complex Essences.” Colloquium at the University of Gdansk, September 16, 2009.

\*\* Also presented at the history and philosophy of science research group, University of Calgary, March 24, 2009.

- Commentary on Robbie Moser’s “Aquinas on the Species-Concept Distinction.” Canadian

Philosophical Association, University of Saskatchewan, May 28, 2007.

- "Anonymity and Privacy: Conceptual Links and Normative Implications." Given at the Contours of Privacy conference, Carleton University, November 5, 2005.

## **Scholarships and Awards**

-Gerald Krispin Research Award (2020)

Source: Concordia University of Edmonton

Value: \$2500

-SSHRC-SIG Exchange Grant (2019)

Source: SSHRC (adjudicated internally by Concordia University of Edmonton)

Value: \$1500

-Travel grant for Workshop on Divine Hiddenness (2017)

Source: Norris Foundation, Oklahoma State University

Value: \$1700

-Travel grant for Workshop on Theology and Human Enhancement (2016)

Source: John Templeton Foundation

Value: Travel, room and board, honorarium

-Travel grant for the Moral & Religious Epistemology Workshop at the Prindle Institute for Ethics, DePauw University (2015)

Source: Prindle Institute for Ethics

Value: Travel, room and board, honorarium

-Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Theology and the Philosophy of Science (April 1 2015 - April 1 2020)

Source: Canadian Federal Government

Value: \$125 000

-Travel grant for the Hylomorphism Workshop at Wake Forest University (2014)

Source: Wake Forest University philosophy department endowment

Value: Travel, room and board, honorarium

-Munich Summer Seminar on Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Religion Grant (2012)

Source: John Templeton Foundation

Value: Travel, room and board

- Purdue Summer Seminar on Perceptual, Moral, and Religious Skepticism Grant (2011)

Source: John Templeton Foundation

Value: \$5000

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (2010-2011)

Source: Canadian federal government

Value: \$42 000

- St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology Stipend (2010)

Source: John Templeton Foundation

Value: \$2700

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canada Graduate Scholarship (2007 - 2010)

Source: Canadian federal government

Value: \$105 000 (\$35 000 per year for three years)

- Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship (2009)

Source: Killam Trusts

Value: \$25 000 (Reduced to \$3000 research grant due to previous holding of CGS)

- J.B. Hyne Research Innovation Achievement Award (2009)

Source: University of Calgary

Value: \$500

- Dean's Research Excellence Award (2007)

Source: University of Calgary

Value: \$3000

- Dean's Entrance Scholarship (2006)

Source: University of Calgary

Value: \$6000

- Ontario Graduate Scholarship (2005)

Source: Ontario provincial government

Value: \$15 000

(Renewed for 2006, but had to decline as the award is only tenable at Ontario universities)

- President's Graduate Scholarship (2005)

Source: University of Waterloo

Value: \$3000

(Also renewed for 2006, but had to decline due to the move to Calgary)

- Senate Medal for Outstanding Academic Achievement (2005)

Source: Carleton University

Value: Non-monetary, awarded at convocation

## **Professional Activities**

-Member of the program committee for the annual conference of the Canadian Philosophical Association (2015 and 2016)

-Vice president of the Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers (June 2012-June 2015)

- Referee for the following journals: *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *Acta Biotheoretica*, *Studia Neo-Aristotelica*, *Toronto Journal of Theology*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Diametros*, *Philosophia Christi*, *dialectica*, *Forum Philosophicum*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *The Thomist*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Sophia*, *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, *Religions*, *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, *Modern Theology*

-Referee for book manuscripts for *Cambridge University Press*, *Broadview Press*, *Oxford University Press*

-Assistant to the general editor (Giuseppe Butera) of the American Maritain Association's book series (2015-present)

-Past chair of Concordia's Research Ethics Board (2014-2016); past member of Concordia's General Faculty Council (2014-2016); board member of the Canadian Centre for Scholarship & the Christian Faith (2015-2020); co-founder and co-chair of Concordia's Theology & Science Research Cluster (2016-present); Chair of the Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies (July 2021-present)

## **Languages**

- Reading knowledge of French and Mediaeval Latin

## **Courses Taught**

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Courses Taught</u>
Concordia University of Edmonton	2012-present	PHIL 102 / 202 Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 101 / 201 Introduction to Ethics PHIL 125 Introduction to Logic PHIL 240 Western Philosophy –Ancient & Mediaeval PHIL 241 Western Philosophy – Modern PHIL 250 Foundations of Ethics PHIL / REL 275 Reasoning: Scientific and Religious PHIL 475: The Philosopher's Craft: Reasoning – Scientific and Religious REL 373 Contemporary Issues in Religious Ethics MA BCS 625 Philosophical Theology from the Patristic Era to the Reformation

University of Alberta

2016

PHIL 600 Analytic Philosophy of Religion

Livingstone College

2011-2012

PHIL 230 Introduction to Philosophy

REL 233 Introduction to Ethics

REL 331 Sociology of Religion

REL 334 Religion and Literature

REL 435 Philosophy of Religion

REL 430 Religion and Science

REL 432 Issues in Contemporary Theology

