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## RECENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

02/2017- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Lund-Gothenburg Responsibility Project,  
University of Gothenburg, Sweden  
2012-16 Instructor, Saint Louis University

## AREAS OF INTEREST

AOS Ethics and Metaphysics

AOC Philosophy of Religion, Biomedical Ethics, Logic, Moral Psychology, Epistemology

## EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. Philosophy, St. Louis University  
2012 Coursework at University of Notre Dame  
Dissertation: A Defense of Moral Luck  
Committee: Eleonore Stump (director), John Greco, Daniel Haybron  
2009-10 Year of Teaching  
2009 M.A. Philosophy of Religion, Trinity International University *magna cum laude*  
2008 M.A. Christian Studies, Trinity International University *magna cum laude*  
2006 B.A. Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire *magna cum laude*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2012-16 St. Louis University: Ethics 6x, Philosophy of Religion  
2008-10 Trinity International University: Logic 2x, Ethics  
Spr2010 College of DuPage: Introduction to Philosophy 2x, Ethics  
Fall2009 Trinity Christian College: Introduction to Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS: MONOGRAPHS

1. *In Defense of Moral Luck: Why Luck Often Affects Praiseworthiness and Blameworthiness*. Routledge Studies in Ethics and Moral Theory (Routledge, 2017). Reviewed in NDPR

## PUBLICATIONS: EDITED BOOKS

1. *The Routledge Handbook of Theories of Luck*. Edited with Ian M. Church (Routledge, forthcoming)

## PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

8. "Accepting Moral Luck," in Ian M. Church and Robert J. Hartman (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Theories of Luck* (Routledge, forthcoming)
7. "Introduction," (with Ian M. Church) in Ian M. Church and Robert J. Hartman (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Theories of Luck* (Routledge, forthcoming)
6. "Counterfactuals of Freedom and the Luck Objection to Libertarianism," *Journal of Philosophical Research* 42 (2017): 301-312
5. "Armstrong on Probabilistic Laws of Nature," (with Jonathan D. Jacobs) *Philosophical Papers* 46 (2017): 373-387

4. "Against Luck-Free Moral Responsibility," *Philosophical Studies* 173 (2016): 2845-2865
3. "Utilitarian Moral Virtue, Admiration, and Luck," *Philosophia* 43 (2015): 77-95
2. "How to Apply Molinism to the Theological Problem of Moral Luck," *Faith and Philosophy* 31 (2014): 68-90
1. "Involuntary Belief and the Command to Have Faith," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 69 (2011): 181-192

#### **PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS**

2. "Review of Rik Peels's Responsible Belief: A Theory in Ethics and Epistemology," *Ethics* 128 (2018): 646-651
1. "Review of Alister McGrath's A Fine-Tuned University: The Quest for God in Science and Theology," *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 29 (2011): 280-281

#### **PUBLICATIONS: PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY**

1. "Moral Luck," *Aeon* (2017)  
URL: <https://aeon.co/essays/how-to-tell-a-bad-person-from-a-person-who-did-a-bad-thing>

#### **IN PROGRESS**

7. "TBD" for Fall 2019 issue of *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* on moral luck (Invited)
6. "Consequentialism and Moral Virtue," for *The Handbook of Virtue and Virtue Ethics* (Springer)
5. "Moral Responsibility for Acting Out of Character," (with Ben Matheson) In Progress: 7,000
4. "Against the Character Response to the Problem of Moral Luck," Under Review: 9,000 words
3. "Moral Luck and the Unfairness of Morality," Under Review: 10,000 words
2. "Indirectly Free Acts, Libertarianism, and Moral Luck," Under Review: 10,000 words
1. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," Under Review: 10,000 words

#### **PRESENTATIONS: PAPERS**

31. "Ubiquitous Moral Luck in Kant's Moral Philosophy," *Postdoctoral Workshop*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (upcoming)
30. "Moral Luck and the Unfairness of Morality," *Postdoctoral Workshop*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (upcoming)
29. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *American Philosophical Association Central Division, Main Program*. Chicago, Illinois (February 2018)
28. "Being Moral: What's It Good For?" *Virginia State University, Guest Lecture*. Petersburg, Virginia (February 2018)
27. "Against the Character Response to the Problem of Moral Luck," *Practical Philosophy Seminar*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (February 2018)
26. "Moral Responsibility for Acting Out of Character," with Benjamin Matheson, *Practical Philosophy Seminar*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (January 2018)
25. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *Münich School of Philosophy Department Colloquium*. München, Germany (November 2017)
24. "Moral Luck and the Unfairness of Morality," *Practical Philosophy Seminar*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (October 2017)
23. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *University of Zürich Department Colloquium*. Zürich, Switzerland (October 2017)

22. "Indirectly Free Actions, Libertarianism, and Moral Luck," *Theoretical Philosophy Seminar*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (September 2017)
21. "Indirectly Free Actions, Libertarianism, and Moral Luck," *Gothenburg Responsibility Project Discussion Group*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (June 2017)
20. "Accepting Moral Luck," *Summer Workshop on Moral Responsibility*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (June 2017)
19. "Accepting Moral Luck," *Linköping University Department Colloquium*. Linköping, Sweden (May 2017)
18. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *Practical Philosophy Seminar*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (April 2017)
17. "From Circumstantial to Resultant Moral Luck," *Illinois Philosophical Association*. Illinois Central College, Illinois (November 2016)
16. "On Behalf of Moral Luck," *Indiana Philosophical Association*. Wabash College, Indiana (April 2016)
15. "From Epistemic Luck to Moral Luck," *Kentucky Philosophical Association*. Bellarmine University, Kentucky (April 2016)
14. "A Solution to the Paradox of Moral Luck," *Northwest Philosophy Conference*. North Idaho College, Idaho (October 2015)
13. "Against Luck-Free Moral Responsibility," *Felician Ethics Conference*. Felician University, New Jersey (April 2015)
12. "Compatibilism and the Luck Objection," *Indiana and Kentucky Philosophical Associations*. Owensboro Community and Technical College, Kentucky (April 2015)
11. "Compatibilism and the Luck Objection," *Iowa Philosophical Society*. Iowa State University, Iowa (November 2014)
10. "Free Acts and Counterfactuals of Freedom: Why the Rollback Argument Conditionally Fails," *American Philosophical Association Central Division, Main Program*. Chicago, Illinois (February 2014)
9. "Four Arguments Against Driver's Utilitarian Account of Moral Virtue," *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Main Program*. Baltimore, Maryland (December 2013)
8. "Four Arguments Against Driver's Utilitarian Account of Moral Virtue," *Illinois Philosophical Association, Symposium on Julia Driver's Work*. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Illinois (November 2013)
7. "Free Acts and Counterfactuals of Freedom: Why the Rollback Argument Conditionally Fails," *Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwest Regional Meeting*. Georgetown College, Kentucky (April 2013)
6. "Four Arguments Against Driver's Utilitarian Account of Moral Virtue," *Indiana Philosophical Association*. Indiana University Southeast, Indiana (March 2013) \*Best Grad Student Paper\*
5. "Rollbacks, Chance, and Counterfactuals of Freedom," *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*. Rhodes College, Tennessee (February 2013).
4. "Applying Molinism to the Theological Problem of Moral Luck," *University of Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion Discussion Group*. University of Notre Dame, Indiana (October 2012)
3. "Humean Miracles in David Lewis's Metaphysics," *Evangelical Philosophical Society, Southwest Regional Meeting*. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Texas (March 2012).
2. "Humean Miracles in D. M. Armstrong's Metaphysics," *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*. Rhodes College, Tennessee (February 2012)
1. "A New Molinist Solution to the Problem of Moral Luck and Divine Judgment," *Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom Master Class*. München, Germany (February 2012)

## PRESENTATIONS: COMMENTARIES

8. “Comments on Elinor Mason’s Taking Responsibility,” *Workshop on Mason’s Ways to Be Blameworthy*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (March 2018)
7. “Comments on Ferenc Huoranszki’s Deterministic Chance and Agents’ Abilities,” *Workshop on Huoranszki’s Rationality, Freedom, and Determinism*. University of Gothenburg (October 2017)
6. “Comments on Philip Robichaud’s Manipulation and Agent-Based Reasons-Responsiveness: Lessons from Nudges,” *Workshop on Responsibility, Conversation, and Communication*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (May 2017)
5. “Comments on Rik Peels’s Responsible Belief is Compatible with Doxastic Luck,” *Gothenburg Responsibility Project Discussion Group*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (May 2017)
4. “Comments on Christopher Franklin’s A Theory of Moral Accountability,” *Workshop on Franklin’s A Minimal Libertarianism: Free Will and the Promise of Reduction*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (February 2017)
3. “Comments on Josh Thurow’s Atoning in Purgatory,” *Interim State between Death and Resurrection Workshop*. McCall, Idaho (July 2015)
2. “Comments on Mark Spencer’s What is it like to be a Separated Soul?” *Interim State between Death and Resurrection Workshop*. McCall, Idaho (July 2015)
1. “Comments on Mark Anderson’s Counterfactuals, Acts, and Moral Worth,” *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*. Rhodes College, Tennessee (February 2013)

## AWARDS & HONORS

- 2017 Dissertation represented St. Louis University’s Humanities and Fine Arts Departments in a national competition for CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award
- 2016 Passed with Distinction, Dissertation Defense
- 2016 Three Publication Incentive Awards from the University of St. Thomas Summer Seminar on Philosophy of Religion for (i) “Against Luck-Free Moral Responsibility,” (ii) “Counterfactuals of Freedom and the Luck Objection to Libertarianism,” and (iii) “Error Theory for the Luck-Free Intuition” from *In Defense of Moral Luck*
- 2015 Presentation Incentive Award from the University of St. Thomas Summer Seminar on Philosophy of Religion for “Comments on ‘Atoning in Purgatory’”
- 2014 Passed with Distinction, Oral Exam
- 2014 The Collins Award granted by the St. Louis University philosophy faculty for graduate student academic achievement
- 2014 Graduate Student Prize from the APA Central Division
- 2013 Graduate Student Prize from the APA Eastern Division
- 2013 Best Graduate Student Paper Award from Indiana Philosophical Association for “Four Arguments Against Driver’s Utilitarian Account of Moral Virtue”
- 2012-15 Seven Presentation Travel Awards from St. Louis University
- 2006 Outstanding Senior Award from the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire

## PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 Selected Participant, Interdisciplinary Seminar on Character and the Morally Exceptional Wake Forest University (one of fifteen scholars chosen)
- 2015 Selected Participant, Seminar on Aquinas and Contemporary Ethics Princeton Theological Seminary (one of fifteen graduate students chosen)
- 2015 Selected Participant, Seminar on Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology University of St. Thomas (one of twenty junior scholars chosen)

- 2015 Selected Participant, Workshop on the Interim State between Death and Resurrection  
 McCall, ID (one of five graduate students chosen)
- 2012 Selected Participant, Master Class on Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom  
 Munich, Germany (one of eleven junior scholars chosen)
- 2013-14 Research Fellowship from St. Louis University
- 2012 Fellowship to study at the University of Notre Dame

### REFEREE SERVICE

Article: *American Philosophical Quarterly* 3x, *Erkenntnis* 3x, *Inquiry*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Ratio* 2x,  
*Social Theory and Practice*

Book: *Routledge*

### GENERAL SERVICE

- 2017-19 Director, Lund-Gothenburg Responsibility Project Discussion Group
- 2018 Co-organizer, Fall Postdoctoral Workshop. Commentaries given by David Enoch, Derk  
 Pereboom, Patrick Todd, and Benjamin Vilhauer
- 2018 Co-organizer, Workshop on Elinor Mason's Ways to Be Blameworthy
- 2017 Organizer, Workshop on Ferenc Huoranszki's Rationality, Freedom, and Determinism
- 2013 Co-organizer, SLU Graduate Student Conference on the Problem of Evil. Keynote Addresses  
 delivered by Alvin Plantinga and Paul Draper
- 2011-12 Vice President, Philosophy Student Government Association

### GRADUATE SEMINARS

#### *Moral Philosophy*

Contemporary Virtue Ethics (Foreman)  
 Contemporary Ethical Theory (Mitchell)  
 Kant's Moral Philosophy (Charron)  
 Aquinas on the Seven Capital Vices (McCluskey)  
 Plato's Republic (Terzis)  
 Self, Agency, and Autonomy\* (Haybron)  
 Dante's Inferno\*\* (Stump)

#### *Metaphysics & Logic*

Metaphysics (van Inwagen)  
 Metaphysics (Yandell)  
 Causal Powers in Contemporary Metaphysics  
 (Jacobs)  
 Mind and Agency (Greco)  
 The Metaphysics of Free Will\* (Jacobs)  
 Advanced Logic (Jacobs)

#### *Philosophy of Religion*

Contemporary Phil. of Religion (Stump)  
 Theism (McCall)  
 Religious Epistemology (Yandell)  
 Religious Pluralism (Netland)  
 Augustine's City of God (Marler)  
 Boethius and Aquinas on the Trinity and  
 Incarnation (Stump)

#### *Epistemology*

Virtue Epistemology (Greco)  
 Philosophy of Science (Chakravartty)  
 Knowledge and Action\* (Hawthorne)  
 Hume and Reid (Greco)  
 Plato's Epistemology (Berman)  
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### REFERENCES

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