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## RECENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Research Professor and Faculty Fellow, Tulane University, Murphy Institute (2020-2021)  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Stockholm University (Jan 2019-Aug 2020)  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Gothenburg, Lund-Gothenburg Responsibility Project  
(Feb 2017-Dec 2018)

## AREAS OF INTEREST

AOS Ethics, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion  
AOC Moral Psychology, Bioethics, Early Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, Logic

## EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. Philosophy, St. Louis University *with distinction*  
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 (upper-division)  
2008-10 Trinity International University: Ethics, Logic (2x)  
Spr2010 College of DuPage: Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy (2x)  
2009-10 Trinity Christian College: Christian Worldview, Philosophy and Theology in C.S. Lewis's  
Narnia Series (interim course)

## MONOGRAPHS

1. *In Defense of Moral Luck: Why Luck Often Affects Praiseworthiness and Blameworthiness*. Routledge  
Studies in Ethics and Moral Theory (Routledge 2017/paperback 2019)  
Reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

## EDITED BOOKS

1. *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy and Psychology of Luck*. Edited with Ian M. Church  
(Routledge 2019/paperback 2020)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

13. "Heavenly Freedom and Two Models of Character Perfection," *Faith and Philosophy*  
(forthcoming)  
12. "Concomitant Ignorance Excuses from Moral Responsibility," *Thought* 10 (2021): 58-65.

11. "Against the Character Solution to the Problem of Moral Luck," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98 (2020): 105-118
10. "Indirectly Free Actions, Libertarianism, and Resultant Moral Luck," *Erkenntnis* 85 (2020): 1417-1436
9. "Moral Luck and the Unfairness of Morality," *Philosophical Studies* 176 (2019): 3179-3197  
\*Awarded the Routledge, Taylor & Francis Prize by the APA\*
8. "Kant Does Not Deny Resultant Moral Luck," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 43 (2019): 136-150
7. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 4 (2018): 165-183
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

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

4. "Free Will and Moral Luck," In *A Companion to Free Will*, edited by Joseph Campbell, Kristin M. Mickelson, and V. Alan White (Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming)
3. "Consequentialism and Virtue" (with Joshua W. Bronson), In *The Handbook of Virtue and Virtue Ethics*, edited by Christoph Halbig and Felix Timmermann (Springer, 2021)
2. "Accepting Moral Luck," In *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy and Psychology of Luck*, edited by Ian M. Church and Robert J. Hartman, 227-238 (Routledge, 2019)
1. "Luck: An Introduction" (with Ian M. Church), In *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy and Psychology of Luck*, edited by Ian M. Church and Robert J. Hartman, 1-10 (Routledge, 2019)

#### BOOK REVIEWS

4. "Manipulated Agents: A Window into Moral Responsibility, by Alfred R. Mele," *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17 (2020): 563-566
3. "Aspiration: The Agency of Becoming, by Agnes Callard," *The Philosophical Quarterly* 69 (2019): 427-429
2. "Responsible Belief: A Theory in Ethics and Epistemology, by Rik Peels," *Ethics* 128 (2018): 646-651
1. "A Fine-Tuned Universe: The Quest for God in Science and Theology, by Alister E. McGrath," *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 29 (2011): 280-281

#### 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>

#### UNDER REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS

6. *Character and Moral Responsibility*  
In Progress: ~40,000 words

5. "Moral Luck, Benevolence, and Sparing Blame"  
Under Review: 7,000 words
4. "The Acting Out of Character Objection to Character Accounts of Moral Responsibility"  
with Benjamin Matheson  
Revise and Resubmit: 4,500 words
3. "Moral Luck in Kant's Moral Philosophy"  
Under Review: 4,000 words
2. "Gratitude to God for Our Own Goodness"  
Under Review: 8,000 words
1. "If Vicious Character Constitutes Hell's Punishment and Explains Its Fixity, then Probably All Will Be Saved,"  
Under Review: 9,000 words

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS** (\* for 'invited presentation')

58. "Moral Luck, Benevolence, and Sparing Blame," *British Society for Ethical Theory*. University of Kent, England (upcoming)
57. "If Vicious Character Constitutes Hell's Punishment and Explains Its Fixity, then Probably All Will Be Saved," *Helsinki Analytic Theology Workshop: Free Will*. University of Helsinki, Finland (upcoming)
56. "If Vicious Character Constitutes Hell's Punishment and Explains Its Fixity, then Probably All Will Be Saved," *Society for Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Regional Conference*. Azusa Pacific University, California (upcoming)
55. "Full Moral Responsibility for Action and Moral Responsibility for Character," *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Main Program*. Portland, Oregon (April 2021 on zoom)
54. "Gratitude to God for Our Own Goodness," *Society for Christian Philosophers, Eastern Regional Conference*. Florida State University, Florida (March 2021 on zoom)
53. "Gratitude to God for Our Own Goodness," *Workshop on Gratitude to God*. Palm Springs, California (February 2021 on zoom)\*
52. "Moral Luck, Benevolence, and Sparing Blame," *The Murphy Institute's Center for Ethics and Public Affairs*. Tulane University, Louisiana (September 2020 on zoom)\*
51. "Circumstantial and Constitutive Moral Luck in Kant's Moral Philosophy," *Leuven Kant Conference*. KU Leuven, Belgium (May 2020 on zoom)
50. "Full Moral Responsibility for Action and Moral Responsibility for Character," *Stockholm University*. Stockholm, Sweden (May 2020 on zoom)\*
49. "Moral Responsibility for Action without Ownership of Character," *Linköping University*. Linköping, Sweden (April 2020 on zoom)\*
48. "Moral Responsibility for Action without Ownership of Character," *Uppsala University*. Uppsala, Sweden (March 2020 on zoom)\*
47. "Heavenly Freedom and Two Models of Character Perfection," *St Benedict Society for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*. University of York, England (March 2020)\*
46. "Heavenly Freedom and Two Models of Character Perfection," *Helsinki Analytic Theology Workshop: Salvation*. University of Helsinki, Finland (February 2020)
45. "Heavenly Freedom and Two Models of Character Perfection," *Stockholm University*. Stockholm, Sweden (January 2020)\*
44. "Acting Out of Character and Moral Responsibility," *Stockholm University*. Stockholm, Sweden (November 2019)\*
43. "Concomitant Ignorance Excuses from Moral Responsibility," *Uppsala University*. Uppsala, Sweden (November 2019)\*

42. "Concomitant Ignorance Excuses from Moral Responsibility," *Stockholm University*. Stockholm, Sweden (October 2019)\*
41. "Moral Luck, Compassion, and Benevolence," *University of Zürich, Lecture Series on Moral Responsibility*. Zürich, Switzerland (September 2019)\*
40. "Moral Luck, Compassion, and Benevolence," *Conference on Agency, Fate, and Luck: Themes from Bernard Williams*. Lund University, Sweden (June 2019)
39. "Moral Luck, Compassion, and Benevolence," *Summer Workshop in Philosophy: Morality and Modality*. Stockholm, Sweden (June 2019)\*
38. "Consequentialism and Virtue," *Uppsala University*. Uppsala, Sweden (April 2019)\*
37. "Consequentialism and Virtue," *Stockholm University*. Stockholm, Sweden (March 2019)\*
36. "Consequentialism and Virtue," *University of Gothenburg*. Gothenburg, Sweden (March 2019)\*
35. "A Christian Ethics of Blame: Or, God says, 'Vengeance is Mine'," *Trinity International University*. Chicago, Illinois (February 2019)\*
34. "Acting Out of Character and Moral Responsibility," *Lund University*. Lund, Sweden (December 2018)\*
33. "Against the Character Solution to the Problem of Moral Luck," *Linköping University*. Linköping, Sweden (November 2018)\*
32. "Against the Character Solution to the Problem of Moral Luck," *Workshop on Free Will and Moral Luck*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (October 2018)\*
31. "Moral Luck in Kant's Moral Philosophy," *Workshop on Free Will and Moral Luck*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (October 2018)\*
30. "Moral Luck in Kant's Moral Philosophy," *University of Gothenburg*. Gothenburg, Sweden (September 2018)\*
29. "Acting Out of Character and Moral Responsibility," *Beacon Project Discussion Group*. Wake Forest University, North Carolina (June 2018)\*
28. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *American Philosophical Association Central Division, Main Program*. Chicago, Illinois (February 2018)
27. "Against the Character Solution to the Problem of Moral Luck," *University of Gothenburg*. Gothenburg, Sweden (February 2018)\*
26. "Acting Out of Character and Moral Responsibility," *University of Gothenburg*. Gothenburg, Sweden (January 2018)\*
25. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *Münich School of Philosophy*. München, Germany (November 2017)\*
24. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *University of Zürich*. Zürich, Switzerland (October 2017)\*
23. "Moral Luck and the Unfairness of Morality," *University of Gothenburg*. Gothenburg, Sweden (October 2017)\*
22. "Indirectly Free Actions, Libertarianism, and Moral Luck," *University of Gothenburg*. 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*. Linköping, Sweden (May 2017)\*
18. "Constitutive Moral Luck and Strawson's Argument for the Impossibility of Moral Responsibility," *University of Gothenburg*. 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 Conference*. 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) Awarded Best Grad 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)

## COMMENTARY PRESENTATIONS

12. "Social-Regret: On Responsibility for Others' Harm, by Magnus Ferguson," *American Philosophical Association Central Division, Main Program*. New Orleans, Louisiana (February 2021)
11. "Skills, Values, and Demands: A Map of Blame and Its Psychological Surroundings, by Gunnar Björnsson," *Stockholm University* (December 2019)
10. "Alternatives, by Holly M. Smith," *Stockholm University* (October 2019)
9. "Toward a Social Theory of Moral Responsibility, by Fernando Rudy Hiller," *American Philosophical Association Central Division, Main Program*. Denver, Colorado (February 2019)
8. "Taking Responsibility, by Elinor Mason," *Workshop on Mason's Ways to Be Blameworthy*. University of Gothenburg, Sweden (March 2018)
7. "Deterministic Chance and Agents' Abilities, by Ferenc Huoranszki," *Workshop on Huoranszki's Rationality, Freedom, and Determinism*. University of Gothenburg (October 2017)

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

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS

5. “Principles and Strategies for Publishing in Philosophy,” *Tulane University*. New Orleans, Louisiana (October 2020 on zoom)
4. “Principles and Strategies for Publishing in Philosophy,” *University of York*. York, England (March 2020)
3. “Insights and Strategies for Cultivating Classroom Discussion,” *Stockholm University*. Stockholm, Sweden (January 2020)
2. “Principles and Strategies for Publishing in Philosophy,” *Stockholm University*. Stockholm, Sweden (October 2019)
1. “Principles and Strategies for Publishing in Philosophy,” *University of Zürich*. Zürich, Switzerland (September 2019)

### GRANTS

2020 Principal Investigator for the “Gratitude to God for Our Own Goodness” Grant (\$6,000). The umbrella grant is the Gratitude to God: Psychological, Philosophical, and Theological Investigations Grant and is funded by the John Templeton Foundation

### AWARDS & HONORS

- 2020 Routledge, Taylor & Francis Prize (\$1,000) from the American Philosophical Association for “Moral Luck and the Unfairness of Morality” as the best article published in 2019 by non-tenure track faculty
- 2019 Speaker Stipend (\$650) for presenting in the Lecture Series on Moral Responsibility at the University of Zürich and for offering a professional development session  
Included: Airfare, Room & Board
- 2016 Passed with Distinction, Dissertation Defense
- 2016 Three Publication Incentive Awards (\$600 each) 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) *In Defense of Moral Luck*
- 2015 Presentation Incentive Award (\$400) 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 (\$2,000) granted by the St. Louis University philosophy faculty for graduate student academic achievement
- 2014 Graduate Student Prize (\$300) from the American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- 2013 Graduate Student Prize (\$300) from the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division
- 2013 Best Graduate Student Paper Award (\$100) from Indiana Philosophical Association for “Four Arguments Against Driver’s Utilitarian Account of Moral Virtue”

### **PROFESSIONAL SEMINARS & FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2020 Selected Participant, Psychology & Theology Seminar on Choice, Forgiveness, and Gratitude  
Fuller Theological Seminary, California (one of twenty early-mid career researchers chosen)  
Included: Stipend (\$2,000), Airfare, Room & Board
- 2018 Selected Participant, Philosophy & Psychology Seminar on Character and Moral Improvement  
Wake Forest University, North Carolina (one of fifteen junior scholars chosen)  
Included: Airfare, Room & Board
- 2015 Selected Participant, Seminar on Aquinas and Contemporary Ethics  
Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey (one of fifteen graduate students chosen)  
Included: Room & Board
- 2015 Selected Participant, Seminar on Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology  
University of St. Thomas, Minnesota (one of twenty junior scholars chosen)  
Included: Stipend (\$2,000), Airfare, Room & Board
- 2015 Selected Participant, Workshop on the Interim State between Death and Resurrection  
McCall, Idaho (one of five graduate students chosen)  
Included: Airfare, Room & Board
- 2012 Selected Participant, Master Class on Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom  
Munich, Germany (one of eleven junior scholars chosen)  
Included: Room & Board
- 2013-14 Research Fellowship from St. Louis University
- 2012 Fellowship to study at the University of Notre Dame

### **SERVICE**

- Referee: *American Philosophical Quarterly* (3x), *Analysis* (2x), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (3x), *Criminal Law and Philosophy*, *Diametros*, *Disputatio*, *Erkenntnis* (5x), *Inquiry*, *Journal of Bioethical Inquiry*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Responsible Innovation* (2x), *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Explorations*, *Philosophical Papers* (3x), *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies* (7x), *Ratio* (3x), *Res Philosophica* (2x), Routledge, *Science and Engineering Ethics*, *Synthese*, *Social Theory and Practice* (2x), *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Thought* (2x)
- 2017-18 Director, Lund-Gothenburg Responsibility Project Discussion Group
- 2018 Co-organizer, Workshop on Free Will and Moral Luck. University of Gothenburg.  
Speakers: David Enoch, Robert Hartman, Kristin Mickelson, Derk Pereboom, Patrick Todd, Ben Vilhauer
- 2017 Organizer, Workshop on Ferenc Huoranszki’s Rationality, Freedom, and Determinism.  
University of Gothenburg
- 2013 Co-organizer, St. Louis University Graduate Student Conference on the Problem of Evil.  
Keynote Addresses: Alvin Plantinga and Paul Draper
- 2011-12 Vice President, Philosophy Student Government Association

**MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association  
Society of Christian Philosophers

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**GRADUATE SEMINARS**

*Ethics*

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 (Jacobs)  
Mind and Agency (Greco)  
The Metaphysics of Free Will\* (Jacobs)  
Advanced Logic (Jacobs)

*Epistemology*

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

*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)

(audit = \*) (reading group = \*\*)