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**AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING**

**AOS:** Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion  
**AOC:** Indian Philosophy (especially Advaita Vedānta), Medieval  
Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2024- Assistant Lecturer, University of Alberta

**EDUCATION**

2024 Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Alberta  
(passed with no revisions)  
2018 M.A. Philosophy, University of Toronto  
2017 B.A. Philosophy, University of Guelph

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

1. *Forthcoming*. Metaphysical Explanation and the Cosmological Argument. *Philosophical Studies*.
2. 'No Work for Fundamental Facts'. *The Philosophical Quarterly*. 73(4): 983-1003 (2023). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqac071>
3. 'Metaphysical Foundationalism and the Principle of Sufficient Reason'. *Dialogue*, 61(3): 421- 430 (2022). DOI:10.1017/S001221732200018X
4. 'Grounding, Infinite Regress, and the Thomistic Cosmological Argument'. *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*. 92(3): 147-166 (2022). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11153-022-09840-3>
5. 'Metaphysical Foundationalism: Consensus and Controversy', *American Philosophical Quarterly*. 59(1): 97-110 (2022). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5406/21521123.59.1.07>

## BOOK REVIEWS

1. *Chains of Being: Infinite Regress, Circularity, and Metaphysical Explanation*, by Ross P. Cameron, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022), pp. ix + 252. In *Metaphilosophy*, 53(4): 555-559.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. [God and Consciousness in Indian Traditions](#), Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies. Worcester College, University of Oxford, UK. *Advaita Vedānta and the God-World Relation*. To be presented in May 2024.
2. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2024. Colloquium paper: *A Puzzle for Fundamentality*.
3. Canadian Philosophical Association, 2023. *A Puzzle for Fundamentality*.
4. Western Canadian Philosophical Association, 2022. *Causation and Fundamentality*.
5. Canadian Philosophical Association, 2022. *Metaphysical Foundationalism and the Principle of Sufficient Reason*.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record (responsible for all course design and materials)

1. **Metaphysics**. The University of Alberta, Augustana Campus. Winter term, 15 students enrolled.
2. **Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality**. The University of Alberta. Fall term, 41 students enrolled.
3. **The Human Person: Philosophical Issues**. The University of Alberta, St. Joseph's College. Fall term, 44 students enrolled.
4. **Introduction to Philosophy: Values and Society**. The University of Alberta. Spring term (6 weeks), 16 students enrolled.
5. **The Human Person: Philosophical Issues**. The University of Alberta, St. Joseph's College. Online asynchronous. Spring term (6 weeks), 64 students enrolled. Summer term (6 weeks), 65 students enrolled.

### Teaching Assistant

1. **Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality**, The University of Alberta.
2. **Introduction to Philosophy: Values and Society**, The University of Alberta.
3. **Philosophy of Religion**, The University of Toronto.

### Grader

1. **The Human Person: Philosophical Issues**, The University of Alberta, St. Joseph's College.
2. **Issues in Metaphysics**, The University of Toronto.
3. **Critical Reasoning**, The University of Toronto.

### RESEARCH GRANTS

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship. Award value, \$105,000 CAD. Award Duration: 2021-2024

### AWARDS

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| 2023 | President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction. Award value, \$5,800 CAD   |
| 2022 | President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction. Award value, \$5,800 CAD   |
| 2022 | Congress Graduate Merit Award, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. Award value, \$500.00 CAD |
| 2021 | President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction. Award value, \$10,000 CAD  |
| 2021 | University of Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship. Award value, \$12,000 CAD                            |
| 2020 | University of Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship. Award value, \$12,000 CAD                            |
| 2019 | University of Alberta Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship. Award value, \$30,000 CAD                           |

### SERVICE AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

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| 2024 | Presenter, <a href="#">USchool Program</a> , University of Alberta                  |
| 2024 | Volunteer judge for <a href="#">Ethics Bowl Canada</a> at the University of Alberta |

- 2024 Graduate/Undergraduate Mentorship Program Coordinator. Tasks include working with the [Undergraduate Philosophy Association](#) to create and develop a mentorship program for undergraduate philosophy students at the University of Alberta
- 2024 Volunteer at the philosophy booth for the University of Alberta's Arts Expo
- 2023-4 President for the [Philosophy Graduate Student Group](#) (PGSG) at the University of Alberta
- 2023 Volunteer at the philosophy booth for the University of Alberta's fall Open House Recruitment Fair for high-school students
- 2022-3 Conference organizer for the Philosophy Graduate Student Group (PGSG) at the University of Alberta
- 2022 Copy editor for the journal *Metaphysics*
- 2022 Volunteer at the philosophy booth for the University of Alberta's fall Open House Recruitment Fair
- 2021-2 Treasurer for PGSG
- 2020-1 Treasurer for PGSG
- 2020 Undergraduate honours thesis commentator
- 2020 Referee for *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*

## REFERENCES

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