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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

2019-2024 Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Alberta

(passed with no revisions)

2018 M.A. Philosophy, University of Toronto

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

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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, 2024. *Advaita Vedānta and the God-World Relation*.
- 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.

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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

| 2023 | President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction. Award value, \$5,800 CAD |
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| 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

| 2024 | Referee for The Philosophical Quarterly |
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| 2024 | Presenter, <u>USchool Program</u> , University of Alberta |
| 2024 | Volunteer judge for Ethics Bowl Canada at the University of Alberta |

| 2024 | Graduate/Undergraduate Mentorship Program Coordinator. Tasks include working with the <u>Undergraduate Philosophy Association</u> to create and develop a mentorship program for undergraduate philosophy students at the University of Alberta |
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| 2024 | Volunteer at the philosophy booth for the University of Alberta's Arts Expo |
| 2023-4 | President for the <u>Philosophy Graduate Student Group</u> (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 |

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