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Education

2026-Current **Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque**
Master of Divinity, Collaborative Learning Program, In Progress
Transfer from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (1 semester)

2007-2012 **Loyola University Chicago, Department of Philosophy**
Doctor of Philosophy, August 2012
Dissertation: "Nietzsche's Theory of Cognition: An Interpretation and Defense of Perspectivism"

2004-2006 **Purdue University, West Lafayette, Department of Philosophy**
Master of Arts, May 2006

1999-2004 **Purdue University, West Lafayette, College of Liberal Arts**
Bachelor of Arts, May 2004
Majors: Philosophy, History, and Religious Studies

Non-degree Education

2014 & 2009 **Collegium Phaenomenologicum, Città di Castello, Perugia, Italy**
Law and Violence: Hegel, Arendt, Derrida (2014); Political Subjectivity (2009)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2012 **"Contra Leiter's Anti-Skeptical Interpretation of Nietzsche's Perspectivism."**
The Croatian Journal of Philosophy. Vol. 12, No. 1, 2012.

Other Publications

2023 **"Eternal Return"** collage series (watercolor and mixed media on cardstock). *Works on Paper*, Exhibition Catalog, Agitator Co-Op Gallery, Chicago, October 7, 2023.

2016 **Test the Wind.** Issue #1, Summer 2016. Editor and Contributor

2009 **"Philosophy in the Service of Life: Nietzsche and the Practical Employment of Thought."** *Proceedings of the Kent State University May 4th Philosophy Graduate Student Conference*. No. 8, 2009.

2005 **"Rothko as a Tragic Painter."** *Soaring Softly*. No. 5, Summer 2005.

Gallery Art Shows

2023 **"Eternal Return"** collage series, *Works on Paper* at Agitator Co-Op, October, 2023

Employment

2026-Present **Pastoral Intern**
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport

2020-Present **Self-Employed Bicycle Repair and Restoration**
Double-Take Bikes

2023-2025 **Library Associate – Teen Services**
Chicago Public Library, Richard M. Daley Branch, Chicago

2022-2025 **Office Administrator**
Irving Park Lutheran Church, Chicago

2018 **Adjunct Lecturer**
Department of Philosophy, Xavier University, Cincinnati

2017-2020 **Bartender and Shift Leader**
1215 Wine & Coffee, Cincinnati

2012-2015 **Professorial Lecturer (Full-time, non-tenure track)**
Department of Philosophy and Religion, American University, Washington, DC

2007-2012 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Instructor, and Dissertation Fellow**
Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago

Area of Teaching Specialization

19th and 20th Century Continental European Philosophy (esp. Nietzsche, Deleuze, and Foucault with competence in Sartre, Heidegger, and Kierkegaard)

Areas of Teaching Competence

Kant, Early Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, Ancient Philosophy, Social/Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Art, Existentialism, Philosophy of Religion, World Religions

Courses Taught

2018 **Xavier University, Cincinnati**
1 Section over 1 Semester:

Phil 200: Philosophical Perspectives

2012-2015 **American University, Washington, DC**
18 sections over 6 semesters:
Phil 105: Western Philosophy (9 sections)
Phil 230: Meaning and Purpose in the Arts (7 sections)
Phil 485/685: Nietzsche's Life Affirmation
Phil 402/602: Nineteenth Century Philosophy
Phil 403/603: Twentieth Century Philosophy

2007-2010 **Loyola University Chicago**
Two sections over two semesters:
Phil 180: Being Human: Philosophical Perspectives
Phil 181: Introduction to Ethics

As a teaching assistant for Dr. David Yandell, 6 sections over 4 semesters:
Phil 171: Philosophy of Religion (4 sections)
Phil 181: Introduction to Ethics (2 sections)

Other Teaching Experience

Adult Study unit on James Baldwin as prophetic writer, Irving Park Lutheran Church, 2025
Faculty Supervisor for six Master's Qualifying Papers, American University, 2013-2015
Secondary Reader for three Master's Qualifying Papers, American University, 2012-2015
University College Instructor, American University, 2014
Directed Reading on Shakespeare and Philosophy, American University, 2014
Faculty Supervisor for two Honors Capstone Papers, American University, 2013-2014
Directed Reading in 19th Century German Philosophy, American University, 2013
Directed Reading on Nietzsche, American University, 2013
Graduate Mentor for the Senior Research Mentor Program, Loyola University Chicago, 2010

Languages

English (native), French (advanced)

Works in Progress

Nietzsche was Buried in a Churchyard (theological book)
If it wasn't for the River (novel)
The Open Sea (spiritual memoir)
The Power of the Almost Empty Signifier: Idolatry and the Name of Christ (theological book)
A More Radical Gospel: A New Theory of Atonement (theological book)
To Live Differently (ethical-political book)
Ontologies of Affirmation: Deleuze, Spinoza, and Nietzsche's "Yes" to Life (philosophical book)

Conference Papers, Presentations, and Talks

2015 **The Keynote Address at BORDERiZE** (topic: Political Apathy), a symposium sponsored by WE(fillintheblank), El Paso, March 20-21, 2015

"A Typology of Nietzschean Nihilism: Understanding Apathy as a Breakdown of Highest Values." a Tea Talk given to the Philosophical Society at American University, Washington DC, March 4, 2015.

2013 **"A Typology of Intersubjective Disagreement in the System of Nietzsche's Perspectivism,"** at the University of Alberta Post-doctoral and Graduate Conference, Edmonton, May 10-12, 2013.

2012 **"Nietzsche's Anti-Philosophy: A Prolegomenon to Understanding Nietzsche as a Philosopher,"** at the annual New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association conference, Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands, November 10, 2012

"Nietzsche's Anti-Philosophy: A Prolegomenon to Understanding Nietzsche as a Philosopher," a Tea Talk given to the Philosophical Society at American University, Washington, DC, September 25, 2012.

2011 **"Philosophy in the Service of Life: Nietzsche and the Practical Employment of Thought"** at the annual Research Symposium of the Graduate School Advisory Council, Loyola University Chicago, April 17, 2011.

"Contra Leiter's Anti-Skeptical Interpretation of Nietzsche's Perspectivism" at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society, Appalachian State University, Boone, February 25-26, 2011.

2010 **"Nietzsche's Cartesian Meditation: A Skeptical Argument in Beyond Good and Evil"** at the annual congress of the Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy, University of Alberta, Edmonton, October 14-16, 2010.

"Metaphysics After the Will to Truth" at The 2nd Annual LSU 'Mardi Gras' Philosophy Conference, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, February 19-20, 2010.

2009 **"Philosophy in the Service of Life: Nietzsche and the Practical Employment of Thought."** at "Why Nietzsche? Which Nietzsche?" the third annual Graduate Philosophy Conference, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, March 28, 2009.

"Philosophy in the Service of Life: Nietzsche and the Practical Employment of Thought." at the sixteenth annual May 4th Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Kent State University, March 14, 2009.

"Foucault's Two Nietzschean Masks: Responses to the Anthropological Illusion." at the ninth annual meeting of the Foucault Circle, DePaul University, Chicago, March 6-8, 2009.

2008 **"Nietzsche's Theory of Cognition: Perspectivism."** Department of Philosophy Graduate Colloquium, Loyola University Chicago, November 12, 2008.

"Deleuze and the Encounter with the Other: Ontological and Ethical Implications." at "The Philosophy of Love and Affectivity," the ninth annual Marquette Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, March 29, 2008.

"Deleuze and the Encounter with the Other: Ontological and Ethical Implications." at the thirty-second annual Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, February 22-23, 2008.

2006 **"How Far Shall We Go? Three Possible Responses to the War in Iraq and the Attack on Civil Liberties."** at "Reclaiming Democracy," the seventh biennial conference of the Radical Philosophy Association, Creighton University, Omaha, November 2-5, 2006.

"Toward the Possibility of a Poststructuralist Ethics." at "Globalization and Resistance," the second conference of the Philosophy and Literature Program, Purdue University, West Lafayette, March 3-4, 2006.

Professional & Ecclesiastical Service

2025-Current **Candidate for Word and Sacrament Ministry**, Metro Chicago Synod, ELCA Entrance, November 2025

2023-Current **Assisting Minister**, **Lector**, **Communion Minister**, **Adult Study Leader**, and **Lay Preacher**, Irving Park Lutheran Church (ELCA), Chicago

2026 **Strategic Ministry Review** Site Visit, Indiana-Kentucky Synod, ELCA

Board of Directors, Purdue Lutheran Ministry, West Lafayette

Assisting Minister, Lector, Communion Minister, Faith Formation Speaker, and Guest Preacher, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, West Lafayette

2014-2015 **Transfer Course Articulation Reviewer** for the Philosophy and Religion Department, American University, Washington

2012-2015 **Editor** for the Nietzsche: Epistemology category on philpapers.org

2012-2015 **Faculty Advisor** for *Pharmakon*, the student edited philosophy journal of American University, Washington

2012-2015 **Faculty Advisor** for the Philosophical Society undergraduate student group, American University, Washington

2012-2015 **Faculty Sponsor** for the Phi Sigma Tau chapter at American University, Washington

2013 **Peer Reviewer** for the *American Society for Aesthetics Graduate E-journal*

Panel Moderator and Judge for the Mathias Student Research Conference, American University, Washington, March 30, 2013

2011 Presentation on **Applying to American Universities** for North Macedonian high school students, The American Corner, Bitola, North Macedonia, October 17, 2011.

Panel Moderator at "Freedom, Action, Politics," The Biannual Brennan Conference in Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, September 9-10, 2011.

Panelist for the **Teaching Assistant Orientation Workshop**, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago, August 22, 2011.

2010 **Paper Reviewer** for "Justice: Foundations and Crisis," The Biannual Brennan Conference in Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago, March 12-14, 2010.

2008-2009 **Executive Committee Officer** (Secretary) of the Association of Graduate Students in Philosophy (AGSP), Loyola University Chicago

2007 **Secretary** for the journal, *The Owl of Minerva*, edited by Dr. Ardis Collins

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2026-Current **Grossman Tower Scholarship**, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque

2026 **Fred W. Rissing & Florence J. Rissing Scholarship**, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

2014 **Course Development Stipend**, American University, Washington

2011-2012 **Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship**, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago

2011 **Travel Grant** to attend the North Carolina Philosophical Society's annual conference, AGSP, Loyola University Chicago

2010-2011 **Advanced Doctoral Fellowship**, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago

2010 **Travel Grant** to attend the CSCP Annual Congress, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago

Mentor for the **Research Mentoring Program**, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago

Travel Grant to attend the annual Graduate Philosophy Conference at LSU, Baton Rouge, AGSP, Loyola University Chicago

2007-2010 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, Department of Philosophy, Loyola University Chicago

2009 **Travel Grant** to attend the Collegium Phaenomenologicum, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago

Travel Grant to attend the May 4th Philosophy Graduate Student Conference at Kent State University, AGSP, Loyola University Chicago

2008 **Travel Grant** to attend the Midsouth Philosophy Conference at the University of Memphis, AGSP, Loyola University Chicago

2004 The **Outstanding Senior in Philosophy** for the graduating class of 2004, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, West Lafayette

The **Eric L. Clitheroe Award in Philosophy** at the annual Literary Awards Competition for the paper, "The Monad: Simple Substance or Unknowable?" College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, West Lafayette

Matchette Award, Department of Philosophy, Purdue University, West Lafayette

Graduate Courses

2026 Christian History and Mission, Martin Lohrmann & Kris Stache
Public Church, Marvin Wickware
The Sacramental Landscape; Lutheran Worship, Christian Scharen
Lutheran Confessions, Mark Swanson
Introduction to New Testament, Karri Alldredge

2008 Nietzsche and Art, Jacqueline Scott
Foucault on Madness, Andrew Cutrofello
Medieval Theories of Cognition, Blake Dutton
Kant's Moral Philosophy, Victoria S. Wike
Aristotle's Ethics, Julie Ward

2007 Plato's *Sophist*, Adriaan Peperzak
Kant's *First Critique*, David Yandell
Aesthetics (Shakespeare and Philosophy), Andrew Cutrofello

2006 Deleuze's *Difference and Repetition*, Daniel W. Smith
Aristotle's *Metaphysics*, Patricia Curd

2005 Sartre, William McBride
Spinoza, Daniel W. Smith
Kierkegaard, Martin Matuštík

	Deleuze's *Anti-Oedipus* and Post-Marxism, Daniel W. Smith
	Phenomenology, Daniel W. Smith
	History of Analytic Philosophy from Frege to Wittgenstein, Christopher Pincock
	Post-Liberal Political Theory, William McBride
2004	Foucault, Daniel W. Smith
	Contemporary Analytic Epistemology, Michael Bergmann
	Ancient Greek Ethical Theory, Patricia Curd

Graduate Courses taken as an Undergraduate

2004	Nietzsche, Daniel W. Smith
2003	Existentialism, William McBride
2002	Philosophy of Religion, William Rowe

Memberships

Irving Park Lutheran Church (Metro Chicago Synod, ELCA)
Industrial Workers of the World (International Labor Union)
Phi Beta Kappa (Honorary Society)
Phi Alpha Theta (Honorary Society)

References

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