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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2006
Dissertation (with distinction): *Rendering Free Will Intelligible: A Defense of Agent-Causation*. Directors: Thomas Flint, Alvin Plantinga
- M.A., Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, May 2002
- M.A. Philosophy, Texas A&M University, May 1999
Thesis: *A Survey of David Lewis's Theory of Counterfactuals: Resolved Difficulties and Resilient Obstacles*. Directors: Jonathan Kvanvig, Michael Hand
- B.S., Mathematics and Philosophy, Lynchburg College, *Magna Cum Laude*, Westover Honors Fellow May 1996

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF INTEREST

Logic, Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

- (2018) 'Agent Causation and Free Will: a Case for Libertarianism' in *Philosophy for Us*. Ed. Leonard Clapp (Cognella).
- (2012) 'Free Will and Determinism' in *What Might Be: Readings in Philosophy* (Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing Company): 169-179.
- (2012) 'Reflections of a Philosopher' in *What Might Be: Readings in Philosophy* (Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing Company): 307-321.
- (2008) *Agent-Causation Revisited: Origination and Contemporary Theories of Free Will* (Berlin: Verlag D Müller)
- (2003) 'Plantinga and Favorable Mini-Environments,' *Synthese* 135: 431-441

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES

- LGBTQ [Translating Identity Conference, University of Vermont](#), Fall 2017.
- 'Affluence and the Poor,' *Faculty Spotlight: CLAS Hall Interdisciplinary Lecture Series*, Hassayampa Academic Village, Arizona State University (November 2009)
- 'An Account of Causal Contribution,' *Eastern Regional Meeting of the SCP*, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY (December 2003)
- 'Strategies for Modeling a Place for Agent-Causation in the Production of Free Action: A Defense of Clarke,' *Midwest Regional Meeting of the SCP*, Bloomington, IN (September 2002)
- 'A Solution to the Purported Vagueness of Existence with which van Inwagen Could Definitely Live,' *52nd Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, Pacific University, OR (November 2000)
- 'An Extended Transition Objection to Lewis' Theory of Counterfactuals,' *Brown University's First Annual Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Brown University, RI (Fall 1999); *Rocky Mountain Graduate Student Conference*, University of Colorado at Boulder, CO (Fall 1999)
- 'Plantinga's Theory of Warrant: Defeater Vulnerability and an Inconsistency in Warranted Belief Production,' *The Mountain-Plains Regional Meeting of the SCP*, Tempe, AZ (March 1998); *The New Mexico and West Texas Philosophical Society*, El Paso, TX (April 1998)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Logic You Can't Forget How to Use*, textbook
- 'A Big Idea: a Fourth Account of Reconciling Divine Sovereignty and Creaturely Freedom'
- 'Origination and the Etiology of Agent-Causal Events'
- 'Free Will and How Causal Indeterminism Precludes Sole Authorship'

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Certificate in Effective College Instruction, demonstrating comprehensive knowledge and skills that constitute the ACUE Effective Practice Framework, Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education, Jan 27, 2020.
- Master of Liberal Studies Core Faculty. ASU, Spring 2011 – Spring 2019
 - Science, Ethics, and Culture. MLS 503
- Philosophy Lecturer, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies. ASU, Spring 2012 – Present
 - Philosophy of Religion. PHI 318
 - Existentialism. PHI 304
 - Modern Philosophy. PHI 302
 - Philosophical Argumentation and Exposition. PHI 300
 - Introduction to Ethics. PHI 105
 - Principles of Sound Reasoning, for Provost's LEAD Program. PHI 103
 - Introduction to Philosophy. PHI 101
 - Independent Study. PHI 499
- Barrett Honors Faculty. ASU, Spring 2011 - Present
 - The Human Event. HON 171/272
 - Philosophical Argumentation and Exposition
 - Existentialism
 - Philosophy of Religion
 - Introduction to Philosophy
 - Introduction to Ethics
 - Great Ideas in Politics and Ethics
- Barrett Honors Faculty. ASU, Fall 2010
 - The Human Event
 - Introduction to Philosophy
 - Ethics
- Faculty Associate, Barrett Honors Disciplinary Faculty. ASU Fall2006 – Spring2009

- Philosophical Argumentation and Exposition
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Ethics
- Visiting Assistant Professor. Valparaiso University, Spring 2006
 - Modern Philosophy
 - Logic
- Instructor. University of Notre Dame, Fall 2005
 - Introduction to Philosophy
 - Ethics
- Instructor. University of Notre Dame, Fall 2003 – Spring 2005
 - Introduction to Philosophy
 - Ethics

AWARDS, NOMINATIONS, INITIATIVES

- Nominated for ASU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Lecturer Teaching Award. Spring 2022. Spring 2021. Spring 2020. Spring 2019. Spring 2013. Spring 2012. Spring 2011.
- Arizona Sun Award, May 2017. Issued by Kathleen Given.
- Founding Faculty Member, Provost's LEAD Program, 2014.
- Nominated for the Associated Students Centennial Professor for the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Founding Faculty Member, Master of Liberal Studies Program, ASU.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee, *Analysis*
- Referee, *Ergo*
- Referee, *Synthese*
- Referee, *Erkenntnis*

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- Alvin Plantinga
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- Thomas Flint
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- Ted Warfield
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- William Ramsey
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LOCAL REFERENCES, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

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