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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

- 'A Defense of Libertarianism' (forthcoming, 2017) *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

- '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

- ‘A Big Idea: a Fourth Account of Reconciling Divine Sovereignty and Creaturely Freedom’
- ‘On Why Looking Events Are Reasons for Mental Representation’
- ‘Origination and the Etiology of Agent-Causal Events’
- ‘Free Will and How Causal Indeterminism Precludes Sole Authorship’

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Master of Liberal Studies Core Faculty. ASU, Spring 2011 - Present
 - 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
- 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 and NOMINATIONS

- Nominated for the Associated Students Centennial Professor for the 2013-2014 academic year.
- Nominated for ASU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Outstanding Lecturer Teaching Award. Spring 2013. Spring 2012. Spring 2011.
- Founding Faculty Member, Master of Liberal Studies Program, ASU.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee for *Analysis, Synthese, and Erkenntnis*

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Philosophical Association
- Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Honor Society of Phi Eta Sigma

REFERENCES

- Alvin Plantinga
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- Thomas Flint
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