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## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Vanderbilt University (2006)

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Montana (1999)

A.B. in Classics, Washington University in St. Louis (1994)

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## Books

- *Epictetus's Encheiridion: A New Translation and Guide to Stoic Ethics*. With William O. Stephens. Bloomsbury (2023)
- *Straw Man Arguments: A Study in Fallacy Theory*. With John Casey. Bloomsbury (2022).
- *Political Argument in a Polarized Age*. With Robert B. Talisse. Polity (2020).
- *Pragmatism, Pluralism, and the Nature of Philosophy*. With Robert B. Talisse. Routledge (2018).
- *Evidentialism and the Will to Believe*. Bloomsbury (2014).
- *Why We Argue (And How We Should)*. With Robert B. Talisse. Routledge (2014).
  - Second Edition (2019)
- *Epistemology and the Regress Problem*. Routledge (2011).
- *Reasonable Atheism*. With Robert B. Talisse. Prometheus Books (2011).
- *Pragmatism: A Guide for the Perplexed*. With Robert B. Talisse. Continuum Books (2008).

## Edited Volumes

- *The Routledge Companion to Pragmatism*. Co-edited with Robert B. Talisse. Routledge (2022).
- *Contemporary Stoicism*. Special issue of *Symposion* (2022) 9:1. Co-edited with William O. Stephens.
- *Epistemology's Ancient Origins and Contemporary Development*. Special issue of *Logos and Episteme* (2019) 10:1.
- *Skeptical Issues in Political Epistemology*. Special issue of *Symposion* (2018) 5:2. Co-edited With Tempest Henning.
- *The Regress Problem: Meta-theory, Development, and Criticism*. Special issue of *Metaphilosophy*. (2014) 45:2. Co-edited with Jeanne Peijnenburg.
- *The Pragmatism Reader: From Peirce to the Present*. Co-edited with Robert B. Talisse. Princeton University Press (2011).
- *Thinking about Logic: Classic Essays*. Co-edited with Steven M. Cahn and Robert B. Talisse. Westview Press (2010).

## Essays by Year

### Forthcoming

- “What About Whataboutism?” With John Casey. *Social Epistemology*. (Forthcoming).
- “Does Democracy Exist?” With Robert B. Talisse. *THINK* (Forthcoming).
- “The Metaphilosophical Problem of the Criterion, Equilibrium, and the Problem of Disappointment,” in *Metaphilosophical Equilibrium Evaluated*. Edited by László Bernáth and János Tözsér, New York: Routledge (Forthcoming).
- “Skeptical Argument, Pyrrhonian Maturity, and the Owl of Minerva Problem,” in Plínio Smith (ed.), *Towards Skepticism: Neo-Pyrrhonism and its Critics*. Springer (forthcoming).
- “Meta-Argumentation.” With John Casey. In S. Aikin, J. Casey, and K. Stevens (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Argumentation Theory*. Routledge (forthcoming).
- “Argumentation and Deep Disagreement.” In S. Aikin, J. Casey, and K. Stevens (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Argumentation Theory*. Routledge (forthcoming).

### 2024

- “On the Ethics of Real-Life Examples of Argument,” *Informal Logic* (2024) 44:3. 323-338.
- “When the Dog Bites the Subaltern: Diogenes’s Mistreatment of the Marginalized.” With G.M. Trujillo. *Epoché*. (2024) 28:2. 173-191.
- “Pragma-Dialectics and the Problem of Agreement.” With John Casey. *Topoi – Special Issue on Pragma-Dialectics*. (2024) 43. 1259-1268.
- “Knock Knock: Meta-Argumentative Humor, Who?” With John Casey. *INQUIRY: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines*. (2024) 33:2. 143-154.
- “The Ambitious and the Modest Meta-Argumentation Theses,” *Res Philosophica*. With John Casey (2024) 101:1. 163-70.
- “Argumentative Pessimism, Deep Disagreement, and the Problem of Immanent Criticism.” With Andrew Burnside. (2024). Published in Spanish as: "Desacuerdos profundos, pesimismo argumentativo y el problema de la crítica inmanente". In Arroyo, G. (ed.), *La lógica de los desacuerdos profundos*. Los Polvorines: Ediciones UNGS.

### 2023

- “The Academic at the Crossroads: A Dialectical Assessment of Augustinian Pragmatic Anti-Skepticism.” *Synthese*. (2023) 202:170.
- “Hookway’s Soft Skepticism and Epistemic Conservatism: A Skeptical Pragmatist Reply,” in D. Herbert, P. Reyes Cardenas, and R. Talisse (eds.), *Pragmatic Reasons: Christopher Hookway and the American Philosophical Tradition*. Routledge. (2023).
- “Free Speech Fallacies as Meta-argumentative Errors.” With John Casey. *Argumentation* (2023) 37:2. 295-305.
- “On Halting Meta-argument with Para-argument.” With John Casey. *Argumentation* (2023) 37:3. 323-340.

### 2022

- “Argumentation and the Problem of Agreement,” With John Casey. *Synthese* (2022) 200:134.
- “Fallacies of Meta-Argumentation.” With John Casey. *Philosophy and Rhetoric*. (2022) 55:4.
- “Bothsiderism,” With John Casey. *Argumentation* (2022) 36:2.
- “Pragmatism and Metaphilosophy,” in S.F. Aikin and R.B. Talisse (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Pragmatism*. New York: Routledge (2022).
- “Diogenes and Olympic Victors: Cynic Rhetoric and the Problem of Audience.” With Lucy Alsip Vollbrecht. *Epochē* (2022) 26:2.
- “On Willing-to-Believe,” in Sarin Marchetti (ed.), *The Jamesian Mind*. London: Routledge (2022).
- “Epicureans on Death and Lucretius’s Squandering Argument,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2022) 38:1.
- “The Stoic Sage Does Not Err: An Error?” *Symposion - Special Issue on Contemporary Stoicism*. (2022) 9:1.

## 2021

- “Deep Disagreement and the Problem of the Criterion,” *Topoi – Special Issue on Epistemology and Disagreement* (2021) 40:5.
- “Argumentative Adversariality, Contrastive Reasons, and the Winners-and-Losers Problem,” *Topoi – Special Issue on Adversariality and Argumentation* (2021) 40:5.
- “Disagreement, Polarization, and the Flight of Minerva’s Owl: A Reply to Vaidya.” With Robert B. Talisse, *Argument* (2021) 10:2. 473-482.

## 2020

- “Skeptics against the Epicureans and Stoics on the Criterion.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Hellenistic Philosophy*. Kelly Arenson (ed.) New York: Routledge. (2020).
- “Dialectical Responsibility and Regress Skepticism.” In *Epistemic Duties: New Arguments, New Angles*. Kevin McCain and Scott Stapleford (eds.). New York: Routledge. (2020).
- “The Owl of Minerva Problem.” *Southwest Philosophy Review*. (2020) 31:1.
- “Methodological and Valuational Priority in Epictetus’ *Enchiridion* 52.” *Logical Analysis and the History of Philosophy – Special issue on Philosophical Method in Ancient Philosophy* (2020) 23:1
- “Argumentative Ethics.” With Lucy Alsip Vollbrecht. *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*. Ed. Hugh LaFollette. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell (2020).
- “Does Metaphilosophically Pragmatist Anti-Skepticism Work?” *Logos and Episteme* (2020) 11:3.
- “What Optimistic Responses to Deep Disagreement Get Right (and Wrong),” *Co-herencia – Special Issue on Political Disagreement* (2020) 17:32.

## 2019

- “Deep Disagreement, the Dark Enlightenment, and the Rhetoric of Red Pills.” *The Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2019) 36:3. 420-435.
- “Pragmatism and Knowledge.” In *Philosophy of Knowledge: A History, Volume 4: Knowledge in Contemporary Philosophy* (2019) Ed. Stephen Hetherington and Markos Valaris. London: Bloomsbury.
- “Skeptical Theism and the Creep Problem.” With Brian Ribeiro. *Logos and Episteme* (2019) 10:4.
- “Pragmatist Anti-Skepticism: At What Price?” With Thomas Dabay. In *The Mystery of Skepticism: New Explorations*. Eds. Kevin McCain and Ted Poston. Brill (2019).

## 2018

- “Pragmatism, Common Sense, and Metaphilosophy: A Skeptical Rejoinder.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2018) 54:2.
- “Epistemic Infinitism.” In *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Ed. Duncan Pritchard (Epistemology). New York: Routledge (2018).
- “Dialecticality and Deep Disagreement.” *Symposium* (2018) 5:2.
- “On the Limits of the Term ‘Pragmatism’.” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. (2018) 54:3.
- “The Will-to-Believe is Immoral.” With Robert B. Talisse. In *William James, Moral Judgment, and the Ethical Life*. Ed. Jacob Goodson. Rowman and Littlefield. (2018).
- “Expressivism, Moral Judgment, and Disagreement: A Jamesian Program.” With Michael Hodges. *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (2018) 32:4.
- “Pragmatism and ‘Existential’ Pluralism: A Reply to Hackett.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Contemporary Pragmatism* (2018) 15.

## 2017

- “Seneca on Surpassing God.” *The Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2017) 3:1.
- “Ciceronian Academic Skepticism, Augustinian Anti-Skepticism, and the Argument from Second Place.” *Ancient Philosophy* (2017) 37:2.
- “Modest, but not Self-Effacing, Transcendental Arguments.” *The Philosophical Forum* (2017) 48:3.

- “Methodological and Metaphilosophical Lessons in Plato’s *Ion*.” *The Journal of Ancient Philosophy* (2017) 11:1.
- “What did Epicurus Learn from Plato?” With Lenn E. Goodman. *Philosophy* (2017) 92:3.
- “Pragmatism and Metaphilosophy.” With Robert B. Talisse. In *Pragmatism and Objectivity*. Ed. Sami Pihlström. Routledge. (2017).
- “Fallacy Theory, the Negativity Problem, and Minimal Dialectical Adversariality.” *Cogency* (2017) 9:1.

### 2016

- “Does Divine Hiding Undercut Positive Evidential Atheism?” *Religious Studies* (2016) 52:2.
- “Pragmatism and Pluralism Revisited.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Political Studies Review* (2016) 14:1.
- “So what if horses would draw horse gods?” *Sophia* (2016) 55:2.
- “Straw Men, Iron Men and Argumentative Virtue.” With John Casey. *Topoi – Special Issue on Argumentative Virtues* (2016) 35:2.

### 2015

- “Citizen Skeptic: Cicero’s Academic Republicanism.” *Symposion* (2015) 2:3.
- “Reply to Joshua Anderson.” With Robert B. Talisse. *The Pluralist* (2015) 10:3.
- “Truth and Brandomian Metaphilosophy.” *Al Mukhatabat Journal -- Special Issue on Robert Brandom* (2015) 16:1. Republished in *Investigating Brandom’s Inferentialism*, Hamdi Mlika (ed.), Noor Publishing, 2020: 161-173.
- “Modest Transcendental Arguments” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2015) 31:1
- “An Atheistic Argument from Ugliness.” With Nicholaos Jones. *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*. (2015) 7:1.
- “Don’t Feed the Trolls: Straw Man and Iron Man Fallacies.” With John Casey. In *Theoretical Issues in Argumentation Theory*. Ed. Frans van Eemeren and Bart Garssen. Springer (2015).
- “God and Argument.” *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* (2015) 14:2. Published with replies from Paul Moser and J. Aaron Simmons.

### 2014

- “Xenophanes’ High Rationalism: On Fragment 1:17-8.” *Epochē* (2014) 19:1.
- “A Dilemma for James’s Doctrine of the Will-to-Believe.” *William James Studies* (2014) 10.
- “Knowing Better, Cognitive Command, and Epistemic Infallibilism.” In *Ad Infinitum: New Essays on Epistemic Infallibilism*. Eds. Peter Klein and John Turri. Oxford University Press. (2014)
- “Prospects for Moral Epistemic Infallibilism.” *Metaphilosophy* (2014) 45:2.
- “Stoicism, Feminism and Autonomy.” With Emily McGill. *Symposion* (2014) 1:1.
- “St. Anselm’s Ontological Argument as Expressive.” With Michael Hodges. *Philosophical Investigations* (2014) 37:2.
- “Environmental Ethics and the Expanding Problem of Evil.” *Think* 36 (2014).
- “Why We Argue: A Sketch of an Epistemic-Democratic Program.” With Robert B. Talisse. *INQUIRY: Critical Thinking across the Disciplines*. (2014) 29:2.
- “The Curious Case of Epictetus’ *Enchiridion* 33:14-15.” In *Epictetus and His Enduring Legacy*. Ed. David Suits. RIT Press (2014).
- “All Philosophers Go to Hell: Dante’s *Inferno* and the Problem of Infernal Punishment.” With Jason Aleksander. *Sophia* (2014) 53:1.

### 2013

- “A Justification of Faith?: A Re-Reading of William James’s ‘The Will to Believe’ (1896).” *Philosophical Papers* (2013) 42:1.
- “Stoicism’s Integration Problem: Are Epictetus’ Metaphors an Answer?” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2013) 29:1.
- “Responsible Sports Spectatorship and the Problem of Fantasy Leagues.” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2013) 27:2.

- “Skeptical Theism, Moral Skepticism, and Divine Commands.” With Brian Ribeiro. *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* (2013) 3:2.
- “Religious Pluralism, Exclusivism and Third Options: The Case of Nicholas of Cusa’s *De Pace Fidei*.” With Jason Aleksander. *International Journal of Philosophy of Religion* (2013) 74:2.

## 2012

- “Poe’s Law, Group Polarization, and Argumentative Failure in Religious and Political Discourse.” *Social Semiotics* (2012) 22:4.
- “You’d Sing a Different Tune: Subjunctive *Tu Quoque* Arguments.” With Colin Anderson and John Casey. *INQUIRY: Critical Thinking across the Disciplines* (2012) 27: 1.
- “Prospects for Levinasian Epistemic Infitism” With J. Aaron Simmons. *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (2012) 20:3.
- “Pregnant Premise Arguments.” *Informal Logic* (2012) 32:3.

## 2011

- “A Defense of War and Sport Metaphors for Argument.” *Philosophy and Rhetoric* (2011) 44:3.
- “Straw Men, Weak Men, and Hollow Men.” With John Casey. *Argumentation* (2011) 25:1.
- “Three Problems for Jamesian Ethics.” With Robert Talisse. *William James Studies* 6 (2011).  
Published with responses from Ruth-Anna Putnam, Richard Gale and Harvey Cormier.
- “Replies to Our Critics” With Robert B. Talisse. *William James Studies* 6 (2011).
- “The Rhetorical Theory of Argument is Self-Defeating.” *Cogency* (2011) 3:1.
- “Argument in Mixed Company.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Think* 27 (2011).

## 2010

- “The Problem of the Criterion and a Hegelian Model for Epistemic Infitism.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (2010) 27:4.
- “Developing Group Deliberative Virtues.” With J. Caleb Clanton. *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (2010) 27:3.
- “‘Knowledge is Merely True Belief,’ Rebutted.” *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* (2010) 6:2.  
Published with a response from David Martens, “Knowledge, True Belief, and Virtuous Fallibilism.”
- “The *Ad Hominem* Argument against ‘Knowledge is True Belief’: A Reply to Martens.” *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy* (2011) 7:1.
- “Nagel on Public Education and Intelligent Design.” With Michael Harbour and Robert B. Talisse; *Journal of Philosophical Research* 35 (2010).
- “The Problem of Worship.” *Think* 25 (2010).
- “Epistemic Abstainers, Epistemic Martyrs, and Epistemic Converts.” With Michael Harbour, Jonathan Neufeld, and Robert B. Talisse. *Logos and Episteme* (2010) 1:2.
- “On Epistemic Abstemiousness: A Reply to Bundy.” With Michael Harbour, Jonathan Neufeld, and Robert B. Talisse. *Logos and Episteme* (2011) 2:2.
- “On Epistemic Abstemiousness and Diachronic Norms: A Reply to Bundy.” With Michael Harbour, Jonathan Neufeld, and Robert B. Talisse. *Logos and Episteme* (2012) 3:1.
- “The Ethics of Inquiry and Engagement: The Case of Science in Public.” With Michael Harbour. *Public Affairs Quarterly* (2010) 24:2.

## 2009

- “Prospects for Peircean Epistemic Infitism.” *Contemporary Pragmatism* (2009) 9:2.
- “Levinasian Otherism, Skepticism, and the Problem of Self-Refutation” With J. Aaron Simmons. *The Philosophical Forum* (2009) 40:1.
- “Pragmatism, Experience, and the Given.” *Human Affairs* (2009) 19:1.
- “A Consistency Challenge for Moral and Religious Beliefs.” With Brian Ribeiro. *Teaching Philosophy* (2009) 32:2.

- “Evolution, Intelligent Design, and Public Education: A Comment on Thomas Nagel.” With Michael Harbour and Robert B. Talisse. *Spontaneous Generations: A Journal for the History and Philosophy of Science* (2009) 3:1.
- “Don’t Fear the Regress: Epistemic Infitism and Cognitive Value.” *Think* 23 (2009).
- “The Significance of Al Gore’s Purported Hypocrisy.” *Environmental Ethics* (2009) 31:1.

#### 2008

- “Meta-epistemology and the Varieties of Epistemic Infitism.” *Synthese* (2008) 163:2.
- “Holding One’s Own.” *Argumentation* (2008) 22:4.
- “Modus Tonens.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Argumentation* (2008) 22:4.
- “Three Objections to the Epistemic Theory of Argument, Rebutted.” *Argumentation and Advocacy* (2008) 44:4.
- “Evidentialism and James’s Argument from Friendship.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2008) 24:1.
- “The Dogma of Environmental Revelation.” *Ethics and the Environment* (2008) 13:2.
- “Perelmanian Universal Audience and the Epistemic Aspirations of Argument.” *Philosophy and Rhetoric* (2008) 41:3.
- “*Tu Quoque* Arguments and the Significance of Hypocrisy.” *Informal Logic* (2008) 28:2.
- “Rockmore on Analytic Pragmatism.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Metaphilosophy* (2008) 39:2.

#### 2007

- “Prospects for Skeptical Foundationalism.” *Metaphilosophy* (2007) 38:5.
- “Kitcher on the Ethics of Inquiry.” With Robert B. Talisse. *The Journal of Social Philosophy* (2007) 38:4. Published with a response from Philip Kitcher, “Reply to Aikin and Talisse.” Reprinted in Steven M. Cahn (ed.) *Problems in Higher Education*. (Temple University Press, 2012).
- “Evidentialism for Everyone.” *Think* 15 (2007).

#### 2006

- “Contrastive Self-Attribution of Belief.” *Social Epistemology* (2006) 20:1.
- “Modest Evidentialism.” *International Philosophical Quarterly* (2006) 46:3.
- “Deliberative Democracy, Public Reason, and Environmental Politics.” *Environmental Philosophy* (2006) 3:2. Published with a response from Adam Briggle and Robert Frodeman, “Response to Aikin’s ‘Deliberative Democracy, Public Reason, and Environmental Politics.’”
- “Environmental Politics and Public Reason Revisited: A Reply to Briggle and Frodeman.” *Environmental Philosophy* (2006) 3:2.
- “Argumentative Norms in *Republic I*.” With Mark Anderson. *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* (2006) 13:2.
- “Two Forms of the Straw Man.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Argumentation* (2006) 20:3.
- “Wittgenstein, Dewey, and the Possibility of Religion.” With Michael Hodges. *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy* (2006) 20:1. Reprinted in *American and European Values: Contemporary Perspectives*. Ed. John Lachs, Matthew Caleb Flamm, Krzysztof, and Piotr Skowronski (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2008).
- “Pragmatism, Naturalism, and Phenomenology.” *Human Studies* (2006) 29:3.

#### 2005

- “Who’s Afraid of Epistemology’s Regress Problem?” *Philosophical Studies* (2005) 126:2.
- “Why Pragmatists Cannot Be Pluralists.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2005) 41:1. Published with responses from Cheryl Misak, Michael Eldridge, John Lysaker, Michael Sullivan, and Henry Jackman.
- “Still Searching for Pragmatist Pluralism: A Reply to Our Critics.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2005) 41:1.

## Other Publications (Popular Essays, Published Comments, Conference Proceedings, Notes on Pedagogy, and Academic Miscellany):

- “We Write Songs about Swords and Wizards from Space: Fantasy Metal and the Aspirations of Re-Enchantment.” *Heavy Metal and Philosophy*. J. Aaron Simmons and Benjamin McCraw (eds.) (Forthcoming)
- “Regresses, Reasons, and Effectiveness: Comments on Willis,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (forthcoming) 41:2.
- “Conceptual Engineering, Amelioration, and Not Changing the Subject: Comments on Mancini.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (forthcoming) 41:2.
- “Stoic Life, Perfection and Invulnerability: Epictetus’s *Encheiridion*,” for *The Philosophy Teaching Library – Ancient Philosophy* (2024)
- “Metaphilosophical Skepticism and its Discontents” for *Syndicate Philosophy’s* symposium on János Tózsér’s *Failure of Philosophical Knowledge*. (2024)
- “The Contemporary Relevance of Ancient Philosophy” (Introduction for the Past President’s Panel) *Southwest Philosophy Review*. (2024) 40:1. 1-4.
- “Inferential Internalism, Reasoning about Reasoning, and Invalid Syllogisms: Comments on Taylor and Coppenger.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2024) 40:2. 55-58.
- “The Ambitious and the Modest Meta-Argumentation Theses.” With John Casey. *Proceedings of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation, 2023*. (2024)
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- “Meta-Argument and Para-Argument.” With John Casey. *Proceedings of the European Conference on Argumentation (Rome)*. 2024.
- “Specious allegations of fallacy and meta-argumentation.” With John Casey. *Proceedings of European Conference on Argumentation (Rome)*. 2024.
- “Argumentation: A Brief Introduction.” With Lucy Alsip Vollbrecht. In *Methods of Analytic Philosophy: A Primer and Guide*. Ed. Joachim Horvath, Steffen Koch, and Michael G. Titelbaum. PhilPapers Foundation (2024).
- “Epistemic Infinitism.” With Zenon Marko. In *The Blackwell’s Companion to Epistemology (Third Edition)*. Ed. Kurt Sylvan. Wiley-Blackwell. (Forthcoming).
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- “Introduction: Plenary on Black Feminist Thought,” with Tempest Henning. *Southwest Philosophical Review*. (2021) 37:1.
- “On Defeat and A Priori Moral Warrant: A Reply to Freeman.” *Proceedings of the 2020 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. (2020).
- “What Optimistic Responses to Deep Disagreement Get Right (and Wrong),” *Reason to Dissent: Proceedings of the 3rd European Conference on Argumentation*, Edited by C. Dutilh-Novaes and B. Verheij. London: College Publications. (2020)
- “Thinker-Artists, Scholars, and the Problem of *Misology* in Anderson’s *Thinking Life*” *Syndicate Philosophy* (2019).
- “Evidence, Rationality, and Normativity – On Patrick Bondy’s *Epistemic Rationality and Epistemic Normativity*.” *Syndicate Philosophy* (2019).
- “Introduction: Epistemology’s Ancient Origins and New Developments.” *Logos and Episteme* (2019) 10:1.

- “Introduction: Skeptical Issues in Political Epistemology,” (with Tempest Henning) *Symposion*. (2018) 5:2.
- “The Free Speech Fallacy.” With John Casey. In *Just the Fallacies*. Ed. Robert Arp, Michael Bruce and Steven Barbone. Wiley-Blackwell (2018).
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- “Dialecticality and Deep Disagreement.” In *Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation*. (2018)
- “Empirical Assumptions and Philosophical Ethics: On Mark Alfano’s *Moral Psychology*.” *Syndicate Philosophy* (2018).
- “Evidentialism and Islamic Philosophical and Political Theology: Anthony Booth’s *Islamic Philosophy and the Ethics of Belief*.” *Syndicate Philosophy* (2018).
- “Why the Dialectical Tier is an Epistemic Animal.” Oswald, S. & Maillat, D. (Eds.) (2018). *Argumentation and Inference: Proceedings of the 2nd European Conference on Argumentation, Fribourg 2017*. London: College Publications
- “Belief, Control, and Evidence: Miriam McCormick’s *Believing Against the Evidence*.” *Syndicate Philosophy*. (2017)
- “A theory of evidence and well-founded belief: Kevin McCain’s *Evidentialism and Epistemic Justification*.” *Syndicate Philosophy*. (2017).
- “Two Connected Philosophical Puzzles: On Carl Sachs’s *Intentionality and the Myths of the Given*.” *Syndicate Philosophy*. (2017).
- “Two Puzzles about Objectivity: On Guy Axtell’s *Objectivity*” *Syndicate Philosophy* (2017).
- “Goldilocks Naturalism.” With Thomas Dabay and Robert B. Talisse. *Free Inquiry: Special Issue on Naturalism*. (2017) 37.5.
- “Democracy, Deliberation, and the Owl of Minerva Problem.” With Robert B. Talisse. *The Critique: The Post-Election Issue*. (January/February 2017).
- “Disagreement, Equal Weight, and Skepticism: Jon Matheson’s *The Epistemic Significance Disagreement*.” *Syndicate Philosophy* 1:2 (2017).
- “Comic *Phthonos* and *Protrepitic* Premises: Comments on Rebecca Bensen Cain.” *Southwest Philosophy Review*. 33:2 (2017).
- “A Modest Defense of Fallacy Theory.” In Bondy, P., & Benacquista, L. (Eds.). *Argumentation, Objectivity, and Bias: Proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation (OSSA)*, 18-21 May 2016 Windsor, ON: OSSA, pp. 1-11.
- “On Gaps and Enthymemes: A Comment on Paglieri.” In Bondy, P., & Benacquista, L. (Eds.). *Argumentation, Objectivity, and Bias: Proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation (OSSA)*, 2016 Windsor, ON: OSSA.
- “Coherence and Justification: Ted Poston’s *Reason and Explanation*.” *Syndicate Philosophy* 1:1 (2016)
- “Mention Problems for Expressivism: Comments on D.S. Nelson.” *Southwest Philosophical Review*. (2016) 32:2.
- “Cicero’s Skeptical Republicanism.” *Proceedings of the Humanities Division of the Romanian Academy*. Ed. Teodor Dima, Gabriel Simbotin and Ioan Alexandru Tofan. (Institutul European, 2015)
- “Straw Men and Iron Men” With John Casey. *Proceedings of the 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Argumentation*. (2015). Eds. B. Garssen, D. Godden, G. Mitchell, and A.F. Sneek Henkemans. Amsterdam: Sic Stat.
- “Pushover Arguments.” With Robert B. Talisse. In *Exploring Philosophy 5/e*, edited by Steven Cahn. (2015) Oxford University Press.
- “Righteousness and the *Enchiridion*” In *Adventure Time and Philosophy*. (2015) Ed. Nicholas Michaud. Open Court Publishing.
- “Contrastivism and Individualism: A Reply to Sawyer.” With Thomas Dabay. *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*. (2014) 3:6. 87-90.



- “A Further Note on Individualism and Contrastivism: Reply to Sawyer.” With Thomas Dabay. *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*. (2014) 3:10.1-4.
- “The Regress Problem: Metatheory, Development and Criticism.” With Jeanne Peijnenburg. Introduction for special issue of *Metaphilosophy*. (2014) 45:2.
- “Don’t Feed the Trolls: Straw Men and Iron Men.” With John Casey. In *Virtues of Argumentation: Proceedings of the 2013 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Dima Mohammed
- “On Robert Pinto’s Ecumenical Epistemic Theory of Argument.” In *Virtues of Argumentation: Proceedings of the 2013 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Dima Mohammed.
- “The Regress Argument for Skepticism” In *Just the Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Arguments in Western Philosophy*. Ed. Michael Bruce and Steven Barbone. Wiley-Blackwell (2012).
- “Subjunctive *Tu Quoque* Arguments.” With Colin Anderson and John Casey. In *Argumentation, Cognition, and Community: Proceedings of the 2011 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Frank Zenker (2012).
- “Reply to Christoph Lumer.” With Colin Anderson and John Casey. In *Argumentation, Cognition, and Community: Proceedings of the 2011 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Frank Zenker (2012).
- “Going in Circles about Begging the Question: Comments on Walschots” In *Argumentation, Cognition, and Community: Proceedings of the 2011 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Frank Zenker. (2012).
- “Comments on Douglas Walton.” *Argumentation, Cognition, and Community: Proceedings of the 2011 Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Frank Zenker. (2012).
- “Two Senses of Epistemic Pragmatism: A Comment on Eric Thompson” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 26:2 (2010).
- “A Self-Defeat Problem for the Rhetorical Theory of Argument” *Argument Cultures: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Juho Ritola (2010).
- “Reply to MacIntosh and Wein” In *Argument Cultures: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Juho Ritola (2010).
- Comment on E.T. Feteris’s “Strategic Maneuvering with Linguistic Arguments in the Justification of Legal Decisions” In *Argument Cultures: Proceedings of the Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*. Ed. Juho. Ritola. (2010).
- “Armed for the War on Christmas.” In *Christmas and Philosophy*. Ed. Scott Lowe. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Interview: “Ethical Communication” by Katherine Pennevaria, in *The Western Scholar* (2009) 9:2.
- “Teaching Plato with Emoticons.” With J. Aaron Simmons. *American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy* (2009) 9:2.
- “Personal Scholarship as a Model for Taking Class Material Seriously,” and “Class Presentations as a Prelude to Scholarship.” In *It Works for Me – In Scholarship*. Ed. Hal Blythe and Charlie Sweet. Stillwater, OK: New Forums Press. (2008).
- “The Truth about Hypocrisy.” With Robert B. Talisse. *Scientific American: Mind*. (2008).
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- “What do you do when they call you a ‘tree hugger’?” *Tennessee Environmental Educators Association Newsletter* (Winter, 2007).
- “Bar Room Knowledge and Epistemic Pragmatism: A Comment on Jamie Phillips.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* (2007) 23:2.

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- Simon Shogry, *Stoic Eros*. In *Metascience*. (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11016-024-00990-w>
- Stephen Hetherington and David Macarthur (eds.), *Living Skepticism: Essays in Epistemology and Beyond*. In *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*. (2023).

- Tobias Reinhardt, *Cicero's Academici Libri and Lucullus: A Commentary with Introduction and Translations*. In *Ancient Philosophy*. 43: 2 (2023).
- Charles S. Snyder, *Beyond Hellenistic Epistemology: Arcesilaus and the Destruction of Stoic Metaphysics*. In *Ancient Philosophy*. (2022) 44:2.
- Stephen Hetherington, *What is Epistemology?* In *Teaching Philosophy*. With Sung Jun Han. (2020) 43:1.
- Joshua Forstenzer, *Deweyan Experimentalism and the Problem of Method in Political Philosophy*. In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. (2019)
- Blake Dutton, *Augustine and Academic Skepticism*. In *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*. (2019)
- Casey Rebecca Johnson, *Voicing Dissent: The Ethics and Epistemology of Making Disagreement Public*. (2018) *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.
- Genia Schönbaumsfeld, *The Illusion of Doubt*. In *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2018) 96:3. With Allysson Vasconcelos Lima Rocha.
- Duncan Pritchard, *Epistemic Angst*. In *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. (2017) 95:4.
- Trent Dougherty and Justin McBrayer, eds. *Skeptical Theism: New Essays*. In *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*. (2017). 7. With Alyssa Lowery.
- Nicholas Rescher. *Cognitive Complications*. In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2016).
- Christopher Kirby, ed. *John Dewey and the Ancients*. In *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2014).
- Brian Leiter. *Why Tolerate Religion?* In *The Philosopher's Magazine*. (2014). With Robert B. Talisse.
- Thomas Blackson, *Ancient Greek Philosophy*. In *The Classical Review* (2012) 62:2.
- Mary Warnock, *Dishonest to God*. In *The Philosopher's Magazine*. (2011) 54:3. With Robert B. Talisse.
- Richard Gale, *John Dewey's Quest for Unity*. In *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*. (2010) 46:4.
- Wilfrid Sellars, *In the Space of Reasons*. Eds. Kevin Scharp and Robert Brandom. In *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* (2008) 44:2.
- Richard Paul and Linda Elder. *The Thinker's Guide to Fallacies*. In *The Teaching Spirit* (2008) 19:11.
- Richard Paul and Linda Elder. *The Thinker's Guide to Socratic Questioning*. In *The Teaching Spirit* (2007) 19:4.
- Paul Moser and Arnold vander Nat, eds. *Human Knowledge: Classical and Contemporary Approaches*. In *Teaching Philosophy* (2004) 27:3.
- Paul Moser, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of Epistemology*. In *Teaching Philosophy* (2004) 27:2.
- Laurence Bonjour. *Epistemology: Classic Problems and Contemporary Responses*. In *Teaching Philosophy* (2003) 26.

## Conference and Invited Presentations

Presentations listed with an asterisk (\*) were at refereed conferences

### 2024

- “Deep Disagreements and Pragmatic Reasons for Optimism.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- “A Pragmatic Approach to Deep Disagreement.” University of Coimbra, Portugal.
- “Metaphilosophy, meta-argument, and the Owl of Minerva Problem.” Bochum University, Germany.
- “Three puzzles about *ad hominem* arguments.” Michigan State University.
- Keynote for Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, “On the ethics of real-life examples of fallacies.” Windsor, ON.

### 2023

- “The Problem of the Criterion, Equilibrium, and Metaphilosophical Disappointment.” Tennessee Philosophical Association\*
- “Deep Disagreement, Argumentative Pessimism, and the Problem of Immanent Critique,” with Andrew Burnside. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Philosophical Collaborations Conference.
- “The Owl of Minerva Problem for Metaphilosophy” Sussex University.
- “Argumentation and the Owl of Minerva Problem.” University of Windsor.
- Panel on Group Beliefs, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division.
- “Deep disagreement and meta-arguments for non-engagement” Ethical Limits of Academic Inquiry group.
- “Skepticism and Paradoxes with Knowledge.” Vanderbilt McGill Project.
- “The Ambitious and Modest Meta-Argumentation Theses” with John Casey. The International Society for the Study of Argumentation. Leiden. \*
- “What About Whataboutism?” with John Casey. The International Society for the Study of Argumentation. Leiden. \*

### 2022

- “Knock Knock: Meta-Argumentative Humor, Who?” With John P. Casey. APA-Central. AILACT & Lighthearted Philosophers Joint Group Session.
- “Agreement, Disagreement, and Argumentative Quandaries” University of Groningen (Netherlands).
- “Meta-Argument and Para-Argument” With John Casey. European Conference on Argumentation (Italy) \*
- “Specious allegations of fallacy and meta-argumentative error.” With John Casey. European Conference on Argumentation\*
- “The Academic at the Crossroads: A Dialectical Assessment of St. Augustine’s Pragmatic Anti-Skeptical Argument in *Contra Academicos*” Fudan (China) Conference on Skepticism.
- “Fallacy accusation, meta-argument, and burdens of proof” Tennessee Philosophical Association \*
- “Meta-argumentative error,” Bochum Metaphilosophy Research Group (Germany).

### 2021

- “Meta-argumentative Fallacies.” With John P. Casey. ARGLAB – Portugal.
- “Political Argument in a Polarized Age.” With Robert B. Talisse. San Jose State University.
- “Argument and the Problem of Agreement.” With John P. Casey. University of Lethbridge.
- “Epicureans on Death and Lucretius’s Squandering Argument.” Southwestern Philosophical Society. \*

### 2020

- “The Owl of Minerva Problem.” Central APA, Group Program: Philosophy of Education Association
- “Evidentialism and Skepticism.” Northeastern Illinois University
- “Reasons Contrastivism and Minimal Dialectical Adversariality.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. \*
- “The Problem of Worship and the Indefensibility of Theism.” University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.
- “The Owl of Minerva and Fallacy Theory.” Windsor University
- “On the Fallacy Fallacy and the Owl of Minerva.” University of Groningen.

### 2019

- “Does Metaphilosophically Pragmatist Anti-Skepticism Work?” Tennessee Philosophical Association. \*
- “The Owl of Minerva Flies at Dusk” Southwest Philosophical Association Conference – Presidential Address.
- “What Optimistic Responses to Deep Disagreement get Right (and Wrong).” European Conference on Argumentation. \*
- “*Republic* is Plato’s most important dialogue on argument.” European Conference on Argumentation.
- “The Owl of Minerva Problem.” *PRINCIPIA* conference on Epistemology, Florianopolis, Brazil.

### 2018

- “Argumentative Responsibility and Deep Disagreement.” Central APA, Main Program.
- “A Puzzle about Valuational and Epistemic Priority in Epictetus’ *Enchiridion* 52.” Pacific APA, Main Program.
- “W.K. Clifford was a Cambridge Pragmatist, too.” Pacific APA, Group Program – C.S. Peirce Society.
- “On the Dialecticality Requirement and Deep Disagreement.” International Society for the Study of Argumentation \*
- “On Plato’s *Republic* as a Touchstone for Argumentation Theory.” Rhetoric Society of America. \*
- “An Antinomy of Metaphilosophy.” Kerr Philosophy Lecture, Northeast Illinois University.
- “On Ancient Skepticism.” Nashville Sunday Assembly (Popular talk)
- “Dialecticality and Deep Disagreement” Tennessee Philosophical Association. \*
- “Philosophical Scholarship and the Problem of Thinker-Artists: Mark Anderson’s *Thinking Life*.” Author-Critics respondent at Tennessee Philosophical Association.

### 2017

- “Dialectical Regresses and Skepticism” Pacific APA, Group Program
  - “Dialectically Minimal Argumentative Adversariality.” Pacific APA, Main Program. \*
  - “The Dialectical Tier is an Epistemic Animal.” European Conference on Argumentation.\*
  - “On the Good, Bad News about Political Polarization.” With Robert B. Talisse. Copenhagen University
- 2016**
- “Expressivism and Moral Judgment in James’s ‘Moral Philosopher and the Moral Life’.” With Michael Hodges. Central APA. William James Society.
  - “James’s Will-to-Believe and the Problem of Deepening Dogmatism.” Pacific APA. William James Society.
  - “A Modest Defense of Fallacy Theory.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.\*
  - “Skeptical Theism and the Creep Problem.” With Brian Ribeiro. Tennessee Philosophical Association.\*
  - “Dialectical Regresses and Skepticism.” UNLV Philosophy Department.
  - “Fallacy Theory, Onlooking Audiences, and the Straw Man” University of Alabama, Huntsville.
  - “Straw Men and Iron Men Fallacies in Public Reason” Copenhagen University.
- 2015**
- “Citizen Skeptic: Cicero’s Academic Republicanism” Furman University. February
  - “Why We Argue (and How We Should)” Wofford College. February.
  - “Why We Argue: Deliberation and Democracy” With Robert B. Talisse. California State University at Fullerton. March
  - “Citizen Skeptic: Cicero’s Academic Republicanism” University of Sussex, England. May.
  - “Evidentialism and Political Legitimacy.” G.Zahne Institute for the Humanities, Iasi, Romania. May.
  - “Deliberation and Democracy” University of Alabama at Huntsville Public Lecture Series. November.
  - “Cicero’s Argument from Second Place” University of Alabama at Huntsville Departmental Lecture. November.
  - “Seneca on Surpassing God” Creighton University. September.
  - “Is Fallibilism Coherent?” Vanderbilt University Philosophy Colloquium Series. October.
  - “Truth, Moral Disagreement, and Pragmatist Expressivism” With Michael Hodges. Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- 2014**
- “Précis of *Evidentialism and the Will to Believe*” Author meets critics session at the Tennessee Philosophical Association.
  - “Are the Conclusions of Teleological Arguments Existential or Expressive?” With Michael Hodges. Tennessee Philosophical Association.\*
  - “Modest, but not Self-Effacing, Transcendental Arguments” Southwest Philosophical Society.\*
  - “Modest Transcendental Arguments.” Vanderbilt University Philosophy Colloquium.
  - “The Case for Faustian Epistemology.” Northeast Illinois University Philosophy Colloquium.
  - “Stoicism and Feminism.” With Emily McGill. Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Philosophical Collaborations Conference.
  - “Iron Man.” With John Casey. International Society for the Study of Argumentation. Amsterdam, Netherlands.\*
  - “Modest Transcendental Arguments and Realistic Pragmatism,” Pragmatism and Idealism Workshop. Frankfurt, Germany.
  - “Plato on Death.” With Jason Aleksander. St. Xavier University Philosophy Colloquium Series.
  - “A Deliberativist Reply to Plato’s Critique of Democracy.” G.Zahne Institute for the Humanities, Iasi, Romania.
- 2013**
- “The Dialectic of Dogmatism and Skepticism.” Mississippi State University, Philosophy.
  - “Ancient Paradoxes and the Good Life” *Outside the (Lunch) Box* Lecture Series, Nashville Public Library.
  - “Straw Men and Iron Men” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. Windsor, ON.\*
  - “Happiness and Self-Mastery” Vanderbilt Saturday University Lecture Series. Nashville, TN.
  - “Stoicism and Feminism: A Close Miss.” With Emily McGill. Tennessee Philosophical Association.\*
  - “Prospects for Moral Epistemic Infitism.” Regress Problem Workshop. Vanderbilt University.
- 2012**
- “Stoicism’s Integration Problem: Are Epictetus’ Metaphors an Answer?” Southwest Philosophical Society. New Orleans, LA.\*
  - “Miracle-Avowal as Expressive.” With Michael Hodges. Wesleyan Philosophical Society. Nashville, TN.\*
  - “Don’t Feed the Trolls” With John Casey. MidSouth Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.\*
  - “The Curious Case of Epictetus’ *Ench.* 33:14-15.” RIT Epictetus Conference, Rochester, NY.\*
- 2011**
- “Miracle-Avowal as Expressive.” With Michael Hodges. Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.\*
  - “Subjunctive *Tu Quoque*,” With C. Anderson and J. Casey. Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. Windsor, ON.\*
  - “All Philosophers Go to Hell: Dante and the Problem of Infernal Punishment.” With Jason Aleksander. MidSouth Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.\*
  - “Poe’s Law, Group Polarization, and Argumentative Failure in Religious and Political Discourse.” Vanderbilt Social and Political Thought Workshop.
  - “Anselm’s Ontological Argument as Expressive” With Michael Hodges. Vanderbilt University Friday Colloquium.
- 2010**
- “The Dialectic of Dogmatism and Skepticism: A Case for Socratic Ignorance” Tennessee Philosophical Association.\*
  - “Absolute Knowledge and the Problem of the Criterion: A Hegelian Model for Epistemic Infitism” Mid-South Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.\*

- “Environmental Ethics and the Expanding Problem of Evil.” Inter-Religious Dialogues on the Environment Conference. Western Kentucky University. February, 2010.
  - “Three Problems for Jamesian Ethics.” With Robert B. Talisse. Central APA Main Program.\*
- 2009**
- “Knowing Better and Cognitive Command: A Case for Moderate Epistemic Infitism” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
  - “A Self-Defeat Problem for the Rhetorical Theory of Argument.” The Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. Windsor, Ontario \*
  - “Religious Pluralism, Exclusivism and Third Options: The Case of Nicholas of Cusa’s *De Pace Fidei*.” With Jason Aleksander. Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis TN.\*
- 2008**
- “The Ethics of Belief and the Justification of Democracy.” With Robert B. Talisse. Epistemology and Liberal Democracy Conference. Copenhagen, Denmark.\*
  - “The Problem of Worship.” Lipscomb University. Nashville, TN.
  - “A Self-Defeat Problem for the Rhetorical Theory of Argument” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN. \*
  - “Skepticism, Levinasian Otherism, and the Problem of Self-Refutation.” With Aaron Simmons. Mid-South Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.\*
- 2007**
- “Democratic Deliberation, Public Reason, and Environmental Ethics.” Pacific APA Main Program.\*
  - “Evidentialism and James’ Argument from Friendship,” Central APA, Group Program: William James Society and Southwest Philosophical Society. San Antonio, TX. \*
  - “Don’t Fear the Regress: Cognitive Values and Epistemic Infitism,” University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.
  - “Holding One’s Own.” Hendrix College. Conway, AR.
  - “*Tu Quoque* Arguments and the Significance of Hypocrisy,” Tennessee Philosophical Association.\*
  - “Pragmatism, the Given and Experience” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Columbia, SC. \*
- 2006**
- “Kitcher on the Ethics of Inquiry.” (With Robert B. Talisse) Eastern APA Main Program. Washington, D.C.\*
  - “Environmental Ethics and Activism.” Tennessee Environmental Educators Association. Burns, TN.
  - “A New Puzzle for the Pragmatist Theory of Truth.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. \*
  - “The Problem of Evil and the Politics of Theodicy.” Lipscomb University. Nashville, TN.
  - “The Ethics of Belief and the Justification of Democracy.” University of Tennessee – Chattanooga.
  - “Two Dogmas of Environmentalism.” East Tennessee State University and the Tennessee Philosophical Association \*
- 2005**
- “Frege’s Regress and the Peircian Theory of Truth.” Society for Classical Pragmatism Studies. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL\*
  - “Prospects for Peircian Epistemic Infitism.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Bakersfield, CA\*
- 2004**
- “Prospects for Skeptical Foundationalism.” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Knowledge and Skepticism \*
  - “Modest Evidentialism.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans.\*
  - “The Given Ain’t a Myth: How Pragmatists Can Live with That.” Pacific APA. Group Program. Pasadena, CA.
  - “Quotational Iterability, Explanation, and the Pragmatist Theory of Truth.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.\*
  - “Can Pragmatists Be Pluralists?” With Robert B. Talisse. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.\*
- 2003**
- “Lenn Goodman and the Three Bugbears.” Vanderbilt Friday Faculty Colloquium, a special session devoted to critical discussion of Lenn Goodman’s *In Defense of Truth: A Pluralistic Approach*. Nashville, TN.
  - “Modest Evidentialism.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.\*
  - “Pragmatism’s Failed Evasion of Epistemology,” Vanderbilt Friday Faculty Colloquium. Nashville, TN.
  - “Why Pragmatists Cannot be Pluralists,” With Robert B. Talisse. Philosophical Collaborations Conference at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL.
  - “Is Phenomenology Consistent with Pragmatism’s Naturalism?” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Graduate Session on Pragmatism and Phenomenology. Denver, CO.\*
- 2002**
- “Who’s Afraid of Epistemology’s Regress Problem?” Vanderbilt Friday Faculty Colloquium. Nashville, TN.
  - “What’s wrong with an Infinite Regress of Reasons?” Mid-South Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.\*
- 2001**
- “Dewey’s Demolition of the Religious.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, session, *What Dewey Got Wrong*. Las Vegas, NV.
  - “Pragmatism and Religion.” With Michael Hodges. Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, session on American philosophy and religious belief, Las Vegas, NV.\*
  - “The Case for Epistemic Infitism.” Vanderbilt Graduate Colloquium. Nashville, TN.
  - “Rorty at the Crossroads.” With Andrew Sergienko. Vanderbilt Graduate Conference: Pragmatism at the Crossroads. Nashville, TN.
- 2000**

- “A Phenomenalism about Norms? Some Worries about Brandomian Semantics.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.\*
- “Pragmatism and the Possibility of the Religious.” With Michael Hodges. Philosophical Collaborations Conference at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

#### ***Prior to 2000***

- “The Genetic Fallacy and Genealogical Philosophy.” 1999. Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.\*
- “Are the Sciences Unified or Plural? Aristotle’s *Tertium Quid*.” 1998. Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.\*
- “Wittgenstein’s Two Senses of ‘Understanding’.” 1996. *Buridan’s Ass*, University of Montana Graduate Philosophy Colloquium. Missoula, MT.

#### ***Conference Commentaries (1998-present)***

- November, 2024: Comments on Matthew Willis, “A more effective regress problem,” SWPS.
- November, 2024: Comments on Travis Tanner, “St. Augustine’s anti-skepticism,” TPA
- October, 2024: Comments on Jonathan Dixon, “Closure on Underdetermination,” SEC Epistemology Conference.
- May, 2024: Comments on Michael Yong-Set, “Trust and argumentation,” OSSA
- November, 2023: Comments on Taylor and Coppenger on Internalist Norms for Inference. SWPS.
- November, 2021: Comments on Noel Boyle, “Teaching Plato’s *Laches*,” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- June, 2020: Comments on James Freeman, “Defeasible *A Priori* Moral Warrant,” OSSA.
- March, 2019: Comments on Miriam McCormick, “Epistemic Responsibility,” Pacific APA.
- June, 2019: Comments on Magdalena-Barba, “Deliberation and Epistemic Luck,” European Conference on Argumentation.
- November, 2018: Comments on Mark Anderson’s *Thinking Life*. Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- November, 2016: “Accursed Questions and Perpetual Philosophy: Comments on Mark Anderson’s *Moby Dick as Philosophy*.” Author-meets-critics session. Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- November, 2016: “Comic *Phthonos* and Protreptic Premises: Comments on Rebecca Bensen Cain” Southwest Philosophical Association.
- November, 2016: “Rorty on Democracy and Justification: Comments on Michael Hodges.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- May 2016: Comments on Fabio Paglieri, “On Enthymemes and Fallacy Gaps” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation
- November 2015: Comments on D.S. Nelson, “Defending an Expressivist Account of Reasons.” Southwest Philosophical Society.
- October 2015: Comments on Andrew Cling, “Epistemic Reasons and the Problem of the Criterion.” Tennessee Philosophical.
- November, 2013: Comments on Darren Hibbs, “Vagueness and Neutrality” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- March, 2012: Comments on Ian O’Loughlin, “Aristotle on Friendship.” MidSouth Philosophy Conference.
- February, 2012: Comments on Thomas Crocker, “Can Necessitous Men Ever Be Politically Free?” Vanderbilt University Social and Political Thought Forum.
- November, 2011: Comments on Jason Fishel, “Coercion and its Effect on Knowledge of the Divine” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- June, 2011: Comments on Douglas Walton, “Arguments from Authority.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.
- June 2011: Comments on Michael Walschots, “Sosa on Circular Reasoning.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.
- March, 2011: Comments on Dustin Nelson, “Evidential Neutrality and Practical Reasons,” MidSouth Philosophy Conference.
- November, 2010: Comments on Joshua Anderson, “A Response to Talisse and Aikin’s ‘Why Pragmatists Cannot Be Pluralists’.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- March, 2010. Comments on J.M Fritzman and K. Tornburg, “How the Extended Mind Thesis Rehabilitates the Metaphysical Hegel” MidSouth Philosophy Conference, Memphis, TN.
- November, 2009: Comments on Eric Thompson, “Pragmatic Invariantism and External World Skepticism” Southwestern Philosophical Society. Dallas, TX.
- November, 2009: Comments on Joshua Anderson, “Moore, Chisholm, and the Problem of the Criterion.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- June, 2009: Comments on Eveline Feteris, “Strategic Manouvering with Linguistic Arguments in the Justification of Legal Decisions.” Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation. Windsor, ON.
- March, 2009: Comments on Mylan Engel, “The Darwinian Problem of Evil: Theism and Animal Suffering.” MidSouth Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.
- November, 2008: Comments on Andrew Cling, “The problem of the criterion and the epistemic regress problem.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- November, 2008: Comments on Thomas Mether, “Reality as Semiosis.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- February, 2008: Comments on Matthew Goodwin, “Aesthetic Phenomenology.” MidSouth Philosophy Conference. Memphis, TN.
- November, 2007: Comments on Nick Jones, “Why It Is Impossible to Justify Belief in the Existence of a Changeless Duration.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN
- November, 2006: Comments on Allen Coates, “On the Value of Truth and the Nature of Belief.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- November, 2006: Comments on Jamie Phillips, “What Can a Drunk Really Know?: Solving a Puzzle for Epistemic Pragmatism.” Southwest Philosophical Society. Nashville, TN.

- November, 2004: Comments on James Bednar, “Irregular Arguments and Philo’s Attenuated Conclusion in Hume’s *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- March 2004: Comments on John Dryden, “The Epistemological Problem of Religious Diversity.” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy. Birmingham, AL.
- November, 2003: Comments on David Martens, “Confidence in Unwarranted Knowledge.” Tennessee Philosophical Association. Nashville, TN.
- March, 2003: Comments on Cynthia Townley, “Trust Me: It’s a Commitment.” Pacific APA Main Program.
- February, 2002: Comments on Kevin Timpe, “A Modal Realist Problem for Libertarians.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference.
- November, 2000: Comments on Brian Ribiero, “Skeptical Insulationism.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- November, 1999: Comments on Phil Oliver, “Dewey’s Nurture Assumption.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- November, 1998: Comments on Nathaniel Vaprin, “Freud and Cognitive Inheritance.” Tennessee Philosophical Association.

## Service

### Departmental and University Service

2022-2023	Interim Director of Graduate Studies in Philosophy
2022-2023	Faculty Representative for A&S Curriculum Review
2020-2021	Humanities Representative for Graduate School Council
2019-2021	Faculty Representative for A&S Executive Committee
2017-2021	Director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy
2015-2020	Philosophy Representative for Vanderbilt Graduate Responsible Research Group
2015-2019	Faculty Representative on Vanderbilt Honor Council

### Professional Service

2020, 2021	Local Arrangements for Southwestern Philosophical Association
2018-2019	President of the Southwestern Philosophical Association
2017-2018	Vice-President of the Southwestern Philosophical Association & Program Chair
2014-2016	Member at Large for Southwestern Philosophical Association
2013	Local Arrangements for Southwestern Philosophical Association
2013	President of the Tennessee Philosophical Association
2009-Present	Local Arrangements for Tennessee Philosophical Association
2013-Present	Editorial Board for: <i>Argumentation, Topoi, Argumentation and Advocacy, Symposium, Logos and Episteme, Sophia and Philosophia</i> , and <i>Teaching Philosophy</i>
2010-2011	Assistant Editor of <i>History of Philosophy Quarterly</i>

## Professional Affiliations

American Philosophical Association  
 Southwestern Philosophical Society  
 Tennessee Philosophical Association