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## Academic Positions

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2020-

Present Assistant Teaching Professor of Philosophy, Widener University

## Education

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- 2019 Johns Hopkins University, Ph.D., Philosophy  
- Preparing Future Faculty Teaching Academy Certificate of Completion  
- Johns Hopkins Teaching Institute Certificate of Completion
- 2012 Johns Hopkins University, M.A., Philosophy
- 2009 George Mason University, M.A. with departmental honors, Philosophy
- 2005 Gettysburg College, B.A. *cum laude* with departmental honors, Double Major in Philosophy and Economics

## Areas of Specialization

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Philosophy of Language, Ethics (Theoretical and Applied), Epistemology

## Areas of Competence

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Social and Political Philosophy, History of Early Modern Philosophy, Logic (Introductory, Critical Thinking, Decision Theory), Philosophy of Sport

## Academic Publications

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- 2017 "Trust, Communities, and the Standing to Hold Accountable," *Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal* 27 (2 Supplement): 1-22.
- 2017 "Inferences, Experiences, and the Myth of the Given: A Reply to Champagne," *Logos and Episteme: An International Journal of Epistemology* 8 (1): 155-162.

## Popular Publications

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- 2017 "The Right Way to Win Over Posterity," *Hamilton and Philosophy* (Open Court) eds. Aaron Rabinowitz and Robert Arp

## Teaching Experience

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George Mason University (Fall 2017 – Present)  
Bioethics (10 times, 1 online)  
Philosophy of Law (3 times)  
Decision and Game Theory (3 times)

George Washington University (Spring 2014 – Fall 2019)

Introduction to Philosophy (4 times)

Philosophy of Law

Ethics: Theory and Applications

Contemporary Moral Issues

Johns Hopkins University (Spring 2013 – Fall 2018)

Philosophy of Human Rights (4 times, 2 as a Freshman Seminar)

Philosophy of Sport

Introduction to Ethics (TA for Dr. Nandi Theunissen)

Bioethics (3 times, TA for Dr. Hilary Bok)

Decisions, Games, and Social Choice (TA for Dr. Justin Bledin)

History of Modern Philosophy (TA for Dr. Michael Williams)

History of Modern Psychology (2 times, TA for Dr. Paul Hofer)

Gettysburg College (Spring 2016, Spring 2020)

Introduction to Philosophy

Critical Thinking

Contemporary Moral Issues (3 times)

Goucher College (Fall 2012 – Fall 2013)

Introduction to Logic (3 times)

United States Naval Academy (Fall 2011)

Philosophy of Science

### Teaching Awards

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- 2019 Outstanding Mason Core Course: Bioethics
- 2018 Outstanding Mason Core Course: Bioethics
- 2018 Dean's Prize Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins
- 2017 Dean's Prize Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins
- 2016 (Declined) Dean's Prize Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins
- 2015 Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins

### Presentations

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- 2018 Comment on Daniel Mendez's "Talking Ourselves Senseless," APA Eastern Division Meeting
- 2016 "Making Morality," Gettysburg College Philosophy Department
- 2015 "Are Lived Normative Statuses Really Normative?," Philosopher's Cocoon Conference
- 2015 Comment on Ross Colebrook's "Ethical Reductionism and the Darwinian Dilemma," Nature and Norms: Values in a Material World Conference
- 2013 "Moral Fictionalism: Some Concerns," Philosophy Department Summer Research Seminar, Johns Hopkins University

- 2012 “Rehabilitating the Community View: Majority Agreement, Standard Conditions, and the Normativity of Meaning,” Virginia Philosophical Association
- 2012 “Rehabilitating the Community View: Majority Agreement, Standard Conditions, and the Normativity of Meaning,” In Wittgenstein’s Footsteps, Reykjavik, Iceland (Accepted, could not attend.)
- 2011 “Wittgenstein’s Rule-Following Considerations,” Leadership, Ethics, and Law Division Workshop, United States Naval Academy
- 2011 “Epistemic Commitment and the Recognitive Aspect of Education,” Virginia Philosophical Association
- 2010 “Joking and Meaning It: A Linguistic Trick of Non-Commitment,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Lecture Series, George Mason University
- 2009 “Jokes as Speech Acts: Exploring the Richly Linguistic Character of Some Jokes,” Lighthearted Philosophers Society
- 2009 Comment on Richard C. Richards’s “Laughter, Humor, and Incongruity,” Lighthearted Philosophers Society

### Academic Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

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- 2018 Miller Essay Prize, Dept. of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins
- 2016-17 David Sachs Dissertation Fellowship, Dept. of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins
- 2013-14 Hodson Fellowship in the Humanities, Dept. of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins
- 2013 High Pass, Qualifying Exam in Philosophy of Language, Johns Hopkins
- 2013 Miller Essay Prize, Dept. of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins
- 2010-11 Leon Lauer Fellowship, Dept. of Philosophy, Johns Hopkins
- 2009 Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Dept. of Philosophy, George Mason
- 2007-09 Research Assistantship, Dept. of Philosophy, George Mason
- 2005 Chan L. Coulter Award, Dept. of Philosophy, Gettysburg College

### Professional Development

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- 2017 Teaching Institute, Center for Educational Resources, Johns Hopkins University
- 2016 Workshop on Diversity and Inclusion, Johnson Center for Creative Teaching and Learning, Gettysburg College
- 2015 Teaching and Learning Workshop, American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Carnegie Mellon University
- 2012 Practicum in Administration and Higher Education, Johns Hopkins University
- 2010 Philosophy Outreach Conference, Columbia University

### Service to the Profession

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- 2017 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Chair for colloquium on Values in Practice
- 2016 APA Eastern Division Meeting, Chair for colloquium on Moral Progress in the History of the Moral Norms
- 2012-14 Johns Hopkins University Philosophy Department Colloquia Committee
- 2012-14 Reviewer, *Prometheus: Johns Hopkins Undergraduate Philosophy Journal*

- 2012-13 Johns Hopkins University Center for History and Philosophy of Science  
Colloquia Organizer
- 2012-13 Reviewer, *Verge 9&10: Goucher College Undergraduate Journal*
- 2011-12 President, Hammond Society (Johns Hopkins University philosophy graduate  
student organization)
- 2010-11 Faculty Liaison, Hammond Society
- 2009 Graduate Student Liaison, Society for Phenomenology and Existential  
Philosophy Conference hosted by George Mason University

### Professional Society Memberships

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American Philosophical Association  
American Association of Philosophy Teachers  
Richard Rorty Society  
Wilfrid Sellars Society  
Lighthearted Philosophers Society