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INTERESTS **AOS:** Decision Theory, Epistemology (esp. Formal), Philosophy of Religion

AOC: Eastern Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Law

EDUCATION **Ph.D in Philosophy:** Princeton University, 2011–2016

M.Phil in Philosophical Theology: Oxford University, 2009–2011

MA in Divinity: The University of Chicago, 2007–2009

MA in Eastern Classics: St. John’s College, 2006–2007

BA in the Liberal Arts: St. John’s College, 2001–2005

EMPLOYMENT **Research Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics**
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2016–Present

PUBLICATIONS **Misapprehensions About the Fine-Tuning Argument** (with John Hawthorne)
Philosophy, forthcoming.

Fine-Tuning Fine-Tuning (with John Hawthorne)
in *Knowledge, Belief, and God*, forthcoming.

Probabilities Cannot Be Rationally Neglected
Mind 125 (499):759-762 (2016).

Evil and Evidence (with John Hawthorne and Matthew Benton)
Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion 7:1-31 (2016).

Duty and Knowledge
Philosophical Perspectives 28 (1):95-110 (2014).

A New Prospect for Epistemic Aggregation (with Daniel Berntson)
Episteme 10 (3):269-281 (2013).

TALKS

Evil and Evidence

Central APA, March 2017.

Duty and Knowledge

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, January 2017.

University Sexual Misconduct Policies: A Probabilistic Evaluation

Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, August 2016.

Duty and Knowledge

University of St. Andrews, December 2015.

A Practical Guide to the St. Petersburg Paradox

ANU Philosophical Society, September 2015.

Faith and Reason Reconsidered

Seminar on the Value and Evaluation of Faith, July 2015.

Duty and Knowledge

ANU Philosophical Society, August 2014.

Should Decision Theorists Be Self-Confident?

Society for Exact Philosophy, June 2014.

Evil, Evidence, and Skeptical Theism

Religion on the Raritan, May 2014.

Duty and Knowledge

Princeton Dissertation Seminar, February 2014.

Comments on Safe Belief

New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology, June 2013.

Should Decision Theorists Be Self-Confident?

Princeton Philosophical Society, March 2013.

A New Prospect for Epistemic Aggregation (with Daniel Berntson)

Social Epistemology Workshop, April 2013.

Formal Issues in the Epistemology of Disagreement

Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, October 2012.

HONORS

UNC Chapel Hill Junior Faculty Development Award

\$7,500 grant for project on decision theory and transformative experience, 2016.

Research Grant from the Nature and Value of Faith Project

\$4,000 grant for project on the relationship between faith and reason, 2015.

Charles W. Lummis Scholarship

Competitive fellowship awarded by Princeton University, 2011–2016.

TEACHING

AT UNC CHAPEL HILL

Primary Instructor, Bioethics – Spring 2017

Primary Instructor, The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense – Spring 2017

Primary Instructor, Bioethics (2 sections) – Fall 2016

AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Primary Instructor, Logic, Reasoning, and Persuasion – Spring 2015

AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Assistant in Instruction, Philosophical Analysis Using Argument Maps – Fall 2014

Assistant in Instruction, Nietzsche (2 sections) – Spring 2014

Assistant in Instruction, Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (2 sections) – Spring 2013

SERVICE

Referee, *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Faith and Philosophy*.

Referee, Irvine-Pittsburgh-Princeton Conference on the Mathematical and Conceptual Foundations of Physics, 2013.

**BRIEF
DISSERTATION
SUMMARY**

Decision theory is concerned with how agents should choose under uncertainty. In my dissertation I argue that standard decision theories overlook uncertainty about *oneself*—they offer inadequate guidance to agents who lack self-knowledge. I then develop alternative theories that do better. In the first main part, I develop a theory for agents who are uncertain about their own credences, utilities, available acts, and decision functions. In the second main part, I develop a theory for agents who are uncertain about their evidence.

Dissertation Committee: Adam Elga (chair), Thomas Kelly, Hans Halvorson, Desmond Hogan