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Curriculum Vitae

Academic Employment

Visiting Assistant Professor, Otterbein University, August 2026—current

Senior Lecturer, Ohio State University, August 2025—August 2026

Adjunct Instructor, Otterbein University, August 2025—August 2026

Adjunct Instructor, Columbus College of Art and Design, August 2024—December 2025

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, The Ohio State University, May 2025

Dissertation: "Contingency in Leibniz's System of Philosophical Theology"

Abstract: I motivate a moral necessity interpretation of contingency—which maintains that there is some sense in which God could have done otherwise, even though it would involve a violation of the principle of sufficient reason—as the most promising source of contingency in Leibniz's system of philosophical theology. I then defend this interpretation against several objections, including objections from divine perfection and divine simplicity.

Committee: Lisa Downing, Julia Jorati, Tristram McPherson, Tamar Rudavsky

M.A. Philosophy, Simon Fraser University, June 2019

Project: "God Can Do Otherwise: A Defense of Act Contingency in Leibniz's Theodicy"

Advisor: Dai Heide

B.A. Philosophy, departmental honors, University of Washington, June 2015

Interests

Areas of Specialization: Early Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Ethics (including normative, applied, and professional), Asian Religions, Philosophy of Religion, and Metaphysics

Publications

"Contingency in Leibniz's Philosophical Theology," in *Philosophy Compass* (June 2025)

"God Can Do Otherwise: A Defense of Act Contingency in Leibniz's Mature Period," in *History of Philosophy Quarterly* (July 2022)

Works in Progress

"Leibniz's Modal Collapse Argument Against Strict Divine Simplicity" with Nathan Dowell under review at *Religious Studies*

"Leibniz on Divine Simplicity and Monadic Structure" completed manuscript in revision

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"Forgotten Aspects of the Religious Left" commissioned book review of "The Religious Left" by Robert Wuthnow (NYU) in *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (to be completed March 2027)

"How Wu-Wei Remedies Value Capture in the Workplace" with Erich Jones. Full draft complete January 2027

"Leibniz's Philosophical Theology Today" special issue of *TheoLogica* co-editor with Jeremy Skrzypek (Ohio Dominican) call for papers ends May 2027

Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

Fall 2026 Conference Travel Grant ($1,300), Humanities Center, Otterbein University

Winter 2026 Critical Difference Grant ($1,190), The Women's Place, The Ohio State University

2022-2023 Nomination for Graduate Associate Teaching Award, The Ohio State University

2021-2022 William H. Fink Award for outstanding graduate research paper in philosophy, first prize, ($1000), The Ohio State University

Summer 2020 Fink Conference Essay Award ($350), The Ohio State University

2017-2018 Graduate Research Award, second prize, ($350 CDN), Simon Fraser University

Summer 2018 Graduate Fellowship ($6500 CDN), Simon Fraser University

Fall 2017 Special Entrance Scholarship ($3000 CDN), Simon Fraser University

Peer Review Referee

Canadian Journal of Philosophy, *TheoLogica*

Presentations

"Leibniz's Modal Collapse Argument Against Strict Divine Simplicity" with Nathan Dowell, symposium presentation, Society for the Philosophy of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, March 4th-6th 2027

"How Wu Wei Remedies Value Capture in the Workplace" with Erich Jones, Northeast Conference on Chinese Thought, Bentley University, Watertown, MA, October 30th, 2026

"Using Thought Experiments as an Accessible and Engaging Introduction to Philosophy" American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) Workshop-Conference, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, July 25th, 2026 [Cancellation due to illness]

"Leibniz's Modal Collapse Argument Against Divine Simplicity" with Nathan Dowell, Carolina Analytic Theology Workshop, Anderson, SC, May 22nd, 2026

"Contingency in Leibniz's Philosophical Theology" Symposium Session APA Eastern Division, Baltimore, MD, January 10th, 2026

"Leibniz on Divine Simplicity and Monadic Structure" Carolina Analytic Theology Workshop, Wake Forest, NC, June 17th, 2025

Comments on Joshua Horn (UW-Stevens Point) "Theodicy and Jurisprudence" Society for the Philosophy of Religion, Hilton Head, SC, March 2024

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Comments on Joseph Orttung (Cornell) "Possibility and Leibniz's Principle of the Identity of Indiscernibles" APA Pacific Division, Portland, OR, March 2024

"Exploring the Doctrine of Divine Simplicity" Undergraduate Philosophy Club, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, November 9th, 2022

"God Can Do Otherwise: A Defense of Act Contingency in Leibniz's Mature Period" Fink Award Ceremony, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, April 22nd, 2022

"How to Understand Counterfactuals Involving God for Leibniz" Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA), Morehead State University, Morehead, KY, April 9th, 2022

Comments on Kristen Irwin (Loyola) "Indifference and Universalism: Leibniz on Religious Toleration" APA Central Division, Chicago, IL, February 25th, 2022

"God Can Do Otherwise: A Defense of Leibniz's Neglected Solution to Necessitarianism" Leibniz Society of North America (LSNA), University of Illinois at Chicago (Zoom), January 16th, 2021

Comments on Fabio Malfara (UWO) "Malebranche's Supposed Idealism" Western E-vent in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Western Ontario (Zoom), June 4th, 2020

"God Can Do Otherwise: A Defense of Act Contingency in Leibniz's Theodicy" Kentucky Philosophical Association (KPA), Morehead State University, April 4th, 2020 [COVID-19 cancellation]

Comments on Fabio Malfara (UWO) "Malebranche's Supposed Idealism" Princeton Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, March 14th, 2020 [COVID-19 cancellation]

"Leibniz, Adams, and the Necessity of God's Choice" guest lecture in Dai Heide, *Topics in Epistemology and Metaphysics: Philosophical Theology*, Simon Fraser University, July 4th, 2019

Teaching Experience (as primary instructor unless noted "TA" or "G" for grader)

Applied and Professional Ethics
- Computing Ethics, OSU, Fall 2025
- Environmental Ethics, Otterbein, Fall 2025, Spring 2026
- Philosophy of Sports, OSU, Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2026; Otterbein, Fall 2026
- Engineering Ethics, OSU, Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Summer 2025
- Contemporary Moral Problems, Otterbein, Spring 2026
- TA- Contemporary Moral Problems, SFU, Summer 2017, Summer 2019

History of Philosophy
- Philosophy and the Scientific Revolution, OSU, Fall 2025
- G- Philosophy and the Scientific Revolution, OSU, Spring 2021

Moral Philosophy
- Introduction to Ethics, OSU, Spring 2023
- TA- Moral Philosophy, OSU, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Philosophy, OSU, Fall 2022
- Introduction to Philosophy, CCAD, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
- First Year Seminar, Otterbein, Fall 2026

Philosophy of Religion/Religious Studies
- Science and Religion, OSU, Spring 2025

Non-Western Philosophy/Religion
- Asian Philosophies, OSU, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2026
- Buddhism, Otterbein, Fall 2026

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G- Great Works in the History of Philosophy, SFU, Spring 2019

Critical Thinking and Logic
TA- Critical Thinking, SFU, Fall 2018

Professional Development

Summer 2024 – *College of Arts and Sciences Distance Learning Guided Course Creation*, instructional course by the Office of Distance Education, The Ohio State University

Spring 2022 – *Teaching Philosophy at OSU*, seminar by Amy Shuster, The Ohio State University

Spring 2022 – *Teaching Philosophy*, 5000 level course by Tristram McPherson, The Ohio State University

Spring 2020 – *Classroom Assessment Design*, workshop by Erin Mercurio, The Ohio State University

Fall 2019 – *Teaching Logic*, workshop by Eric de Araujo, The Ohio State University

Fall 2019 – *Diversifying the Classroom*, workshop by Lavender McKittrick-Sweitzer, The Ohio State University

Fall 2019 – *Active Learning Strategies in the Classroom*, workshop by Dr. Joshua Smart, The Ohio State University

Winter and Summer 2018 – Research Assistant, *New Narratives in the History of Philosophy Project* (SSHRC Funded): Supervised by Lisa Shapiro

Fall 2017 – *Teaching Writing Courses*, seminar, Simon Fraser University

Professional Service

Fall 2026 – Present – Faculty Advisor, The Vine Prayer Room, Student Organization, Otterbein University

Fall 2026 – Panelist and Co-Facilitator, *How to Read Hard Texts and Ask Good Questions*, READY Day Session, Otterbein University

Fall 2025 – Co-Facilitator, *Designing Assignments Worth Grading*, Graduate Teaching Training Workshop, The Ohio State University

Fall 2023 – Spring 2024 – Principal Organizer, *Historical Perspectives on Freedom and Evil*, conference at The Ohio State University

Spring 2024 – Abstract Reviewer, *Social Justice through Counter-Speech, Silencing, and De-Platforming*, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Conference 2024, The Ohio State University

Spring 2021 – Spring 2024 – President, Society for the History of Modern Philosophy, The Ohio State University

Spring 2022 – Chair, Graduate Welcoming Committee, The Ohio State University

Spring 2021 – Vice Chair, Graduate Welcoming Committee, The Ohio State University

Spring 2020 – Spring 2021 – Treasurer, Society for Kant and German Idealism, The Ohio State University

Spring 2020 – Spring 2021 – Treasurer, Society for the History of Modern Philosophy, The Ohio State University

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February 2020 – Chair, Social Justice Submitted Colloquium, APA Central Division, Chicago, IL

February 2020 – Volunteer, APA Central Division, Chicago, IL

June 2019 – Contractor, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of British Columbia

May 2018 – May 2019 – Director of Student Life (elected position), Graduate Student Society, Simon Fraser University

April 2019 – Volunteer, APA Pacific Division, Vancouver, BC

April 2019 – Volunteer Coordinator, *the Philosophy of Fake News*, APA public philosophy session, Vancouver, BC

Winter 2019 – Moderator, *Developing Minds 2019: Teaching Critical Thinking in High Schools*, Vancouver, BC

Summer 2018 – Assistant, Intensive Seminar, *Teaching New Narratives in Early Modern Philosophy*, Simon Fraser University

Spring 2018 – Chair, North American Kant Society Biennial Conference, Vancouver, BC

Winter 2018 – Volunteer, *Developing Minds 2018: Teaching Critical Thinking in High Schools*, Vancouver, BC

Languages

English (native), German (A2), Mandarin (HSK 2)

Graduate Course Work (each taken for credit)

Ethics and Values
- Clinical Bioethics, Ryan Nash MD
- Directed Duties, Abe Roth
- Philosophy of Emotions, Justin D'Arms
- Genealogies of Morality, Nicholas Smyth
- First-Year Seminar, Abe Roth and Christopher Pincock

History of Philosophy
- Plato's Republic, Allan Silverman
- Kant's Metaphysics, Dai Heide
- Early Modern Moral Education (directed reading), Lisa Shapiro

Philosophy of Religion
- Religious Toleration, Michael Rosenthal

Philosophy of Math
- Infinity, Stewart Shapiro
- Abstracta, Numbers, and Concepts, Richard Samuels
- Philosophy of Mathematics, Tom Donaldson

Metaphysics and Logic
- Advanced Logic, Neil Tennant
- The Principle of Sufficient Reason, Fatema Amijee and Dai Heide
- Pro-Seminar, Holly Andersen

Epistemology
- Mind and Epistemology, Declan Smithies
- Moral Epistemology, Matt Bedke

References

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Justin D'Arms (darms.1@osu.edu), Professor, The Ohio State University

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Samuel Newlands (snewlands@nd.edu), Professor, University of Notre Dame

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