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Contact Information

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Academic Employment

Assistant Professor, Boston College, 2014–Present
Visiting Assistant Professor, Iona College, 2013–2014
Lecturer, Gateway New York (affil. Telemark University, Norway), 2012–2014
Adjunct Assistant Professor, New York University, 2007–2013
Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Fordham University, 2010–2012

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, 2003–2010
M.Phil., Philosophy, Fordham University, Bronx, NY, 2003–2005
M.A., Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, 2001–2003
B.A., Philosophy, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 1996–1999

AOS: Pragmatism; Philosophy of Mind

AOC: Epistemology; Ethics; History of Philosophy; Philosophy of Language

Books

TBA *Peirce and the Conduct of Life: Sentiment and Instinct in Ethics and Religion*.
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2015 *Puzzled?! An Introduction to Philosophizing*. Indianapolis: Hackett.

Essays (* denotes peer-reviewed)

2015 "Direct Inspection and Phaneroscopic Analysis," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 51:4, TBD.*

2015 "Peirce's 'Paradoxical Irradiations' and James's *The Will to Believe*," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 51:2, 173–200.*

2015 "Peirce's Critique of Psychological Hedonism," *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 23:2, 349–367.*

2014 "The Forgotten Science: Architectonics and Its Importance," *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, 31:4, 369–392.*

2014 "Comparing Ideas: Comparational Analysis and Peirce's Phenomenology," *The Peirce Quote Book*, Torkild Thellefsen and Bent Sørensen, eds., Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton, 624–631.*

2014 "The Inferences That Never Were: Peirce, Perception, and Bernstein's *The Pragmatic Turn*," *Richard J. Bernstein and the Pragmatist Turn in Contemporary Philosophy*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 55–67.

- 2013 "Toward an Objective Phenomenological Vocabulary: How Seeing a Scarlet Red Is Like Hearing a Trumpet's Blare," *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 12:4, 837–858.*
- 2013 "Broadening Peirce's Phaneroscopy: Part Two," *The Pluralist*, 8:1, 97–114.*
- 2012 "A Guess at the Other Riddle: Peirce's Material Categories," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 48:4, 530–557.*
- 2012 "Broadening Peirce's Phaneroscopy: Part One," *The Pluralist*, 7:2, 1–29.*
- 2011 "This Proposition Is Not True: C.S. Peirce and the Liar Paradox," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 47:4, 421–444.*
- 2010 "Pragmatic Scruples and the Correspondence Theory of Truth," *Dialogue*, 49:3, 365–380.*
- 2010 "An 'Entirely Different Series of Categories': Peirce's Material Categories," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 46:1, 94–110.*
- 2008 "The Pleasures of Goodness: Peircean Aesthetics in Light of Kant's *Critique of the Power of Judgment*," *Cognitio*, 9:1, 13–25.*
- 2006 "Restructuring the Sciences: Peirce's Categories and His Classifications of the Sciences," *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 42:4, 483–500.*

Invited Book Review

- 2013 "Review of Mathew A. Foust's *Loyalty to Loyalty* and Cornelis de Waal and Krzysztof Piotr Skowroński's (eds.) *The Normative Thought of Charles S. Peirce*," *The New England Quarterly* (2013), 719–723.

Peer-Reviewer For

Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review
The Pluralist
Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society

Presentations (* denotes invited)

- 2015 "Peirce's 'A Neglected Argument for the Reality of God' and the Rational Acceptability of Religious Belief," Saint Anselm College Philosophy Colloquium*
- 2015 "Facts and True Propositions," New England Pragmatists Forum Inaugural Meeting*
- 2015 "The New Sense, The Experience of Nature, and God's Providence," Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
- 2014 "Geometrical Optical Illusions and Peirce's 'Fourth' Cotary Proposition," The Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Congress
- 2014 "Can Perceptions Justify Beliefs? Peirce's Prescient Reply to Davidson," The Charles S. Peirce International Centennial Congress
- 2014 "Sensation and the Elements of Experience," New York Pragmatists Forum*
- 2013 "Perception and Passivity," Central APA
- 2012 "Truth in the Analytic Grade: Disquotation and Representation," Truth, Morality, Democracy Conference, St. Andrews, Scotland
- 2011 "This Proposition is Not True: C.S. Peirce and the Liar Paradox," Pacific APA
- 2011 "Perceptual Normativity and Accuracy," Central APA
- 2010 "Peirce and the Liar Paradox," New York Pragmatists Forum*

- 2009 “Phaneroscopy’s Sub-Disciplines,” 12th International Meeting on Pragmatism, São Paulo, Brazil
- 2009 “Peirce’s Material Categories,” New York Pragmatists Forum*
- 2007 “Comments on Pratt and Kellogg,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy

Panels Organized

- 2015 “Nature and the Authentication of Religious Belief,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy
- 2014 “The Charles S. Peirce Society,” Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (organized with Daniel Campos)

Prizes

- 2010 Charles S. Peirce Essay Contest for “This Proposition Is Not True: C.S. Peirce and the Liar Paradox”

Courses Taught

Truth and Pragmatism: Boston College: Grad/ Undergrad course surveying theories of truth, paying special attention to the pragmatic theory of truth

Charles S. Peirce: Boston College: Grad/ Undergrad course on Charles S. Peirce

American Philosophy: Boston College: Upper-level undergrad course on American philosophy

Puzzles and Paradoxes: Boston College: An undergrad course on puzzling philosophical arguments

Perspectives: Boston College: Two semester history of philosophy and theology from Plato to today

Philosophical Ethics: Fordham University: Introduction to ethics

Philosophy of Human Nature: Fordham University: Introduction to philosophy, excluding ethics

Social Foundations I–III: New York University: Three-semester history of philosophy from the Pre-Socratics to today

Moral Philosophy: Iona College: Introduction to ethics

Introduction to Philosophy: Iona College: Introduction to philosophy, excluding ethics

Examen Philosophicum: Gateway New York: Introduction to philosophy, including ethics

Service

Co-founder, New England Pragmatists Forum, 2015

Informational Session on Publishing Essays, Boston College, April 13, 2015

Executive Committee, Elected Member, Charles S. Peirce Society, 2012–2015

Ad Hoc Constitution Committee, Chair, Charles S. Peirce Society, 2014

Service Learning Program Faculty Partner, Fordham, Spring 2011, 2007–2008

Dissertation Colloquium Organizer, Fordham, Spring 2009–Spring 2010

Fordham Philosophical Society Symposium Committee Member, Fordham, 2006–2009