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### **Education**

1991 B.A., University of Waterloo  
1992 M.A., University of Waterloo  
1997 Ph.D., University of Notre Dame

### **Employment**

1997-2002 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University  
2002-2007 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University  
2007- Professor of Philosophy, Purdue University

### **Areas of Specialization**

Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics

### **Books**

2006 *Justification without Awareness*, Oxford University Press.  
2021 *Radical Skepticism and Epistemic Intuition*. Oxford University Press.

### **Edited Books**

2011 *Divine Evil? The Moral Character of the God of Abraham* (co-edited with Michael Murray and Michael Rea), Oxford University Press.  
2014 *Challenges to Moral and Religious Belief: Disagreement and Evolution* (co-edited with Patrick Kain), Oxford University Press.  
2016 *Reason and Faith* (co-edited with Jeffrey Brower), Oxford University Press.  
2016 *Intellectual Assurance: Essays on Traditional Epistemic Internalism* (co-edited with Brett Coppenger), Oxford University Press.

### **Articles**

1996 "A New Argument from Actualism to Serious Actualism," *Noûs* 30: 356-59.  
1997 "Internalism, Externalism and the No-Defeater Condition," *Synthese* 110: 399-417.  
1999 "Might-Counterfactuals, Transworld Untrustworthiness and Plantinga's Free Will Defense," *Faith and Philosophy* 16: 336-51.  
1999 "(Serious) Actualism and (Serious) Presentism," *Noûs* 33: 118-132.  
2000 "Deontology and Defeat," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 60: 113-28.  
2000 "Externalism and Skepticism," *The Philosophical Review* 109: 159-94.  
2001 "Skeptical Theism and Rowe's New Evidential Argument from Evil," *Noûs* 35: 278-96.

- 2002 “Molinist Frankfurt-Style Counterexamples and the Free Will Defense,” *Faith and Philosophy* 19: 462-78.
- 2002 “Commonsense Naturalism,” in *Naturalism Defeated? Essays On Plantinga's Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism*, ed. James Beilby (Cornell University Press), pp. 61-90.
- Reprinted in *Philosophy of Religion: An Anthology*, eds. Louis Pojman and Michael Rea (Wadsworth Publishing, 2007), pp. 497-505.
- 2003 “Agent Causation and Responsibility: A Reply to Flint,” *Faith and Philosophy* 20: 229-35.
- 2004 “Grounds for Belief in God Aside, Does Evil Make Atheism more Reasonable than Theism?” (co-authored with Daniel Howard-Snyder) in *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Michael Peterson (Blackwell Publishers), pp. 13-25.
- Reprinted in *God and the Problem of Evil*, ed. William Rowe (Blackwell Publishers, 2001), pp. 140-55
  - Reprinted in *The Problem of Evil (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)*, ed. Michael Peterson (University of Notre Dame Press, 2017).
- 2004 “Reply to Rowe,” (co-authored with Daniel Howard-Snyder) in *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Michael Peterson (Blackwell Publishers), pp. 27-29.
- Reprinted in *God and the Problem of Evil*, ed. William Rowe (Blackwell Publishers, 2001), pp. 137-40.
  - Reprinted in *The Problem of Evil (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)*, ed. Michael Peterson (University of Notre Dame Press, 2017).
- 2004 “What’s *Not* Wrong With Foundationalism,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 68: 161-65.
- 2004 “Externalist Justification Without Reliability,” *Philosophical Issues* 14: 35-60.
- 2004 “Epistemic Circularity: Malignant and Benign,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 69: 709-27. [Winner of 2003 Young Epistemologist Prize]
- 2005 “Defeaters and Higher-Level Requirements,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 55: 419-36.
- 2005 “In Defense of Skeptical Theism: A Reply to Almeida and Oppy,” (co-authored with Michael Rea) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83: 241-51.
- 2006 “A Dilemma for Internalism,” in *Knowledge and Reality: Essays in Honor of Alvin Plantinga*, eds. Thomas Crisp, Matthew Davidson and David Vander Laan (Kluwer Academic Publishers), pp. 137-77.
- 2006 “A Theistic Argument Against Platonism (and in Support of Truthmakers and Divine Simplicity),” (co-authored with Jeffrey Brower) *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 2: 357-86.
- 2006 “Divine Responsibility without Divine Freedom,” (co-authored with Jan Cover) *Faith and Philosophy* 23: 381-408.
- 2006 “BonJour’s Dilemma,” *Philosophical Studies* 131: 679-93.
- 2006 “Epistemic Circularity and Common Sense: A Reply to Reed,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 73: 198-207.
- 2007 “The God of Eth and The God of Earth,” (co-authored with Jeffrey Brower) *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 14: 34-38.
- 2007 “Is Klein an Infinitist About Doxastic Justification?” *Philosophical Studies* 134: 19-24.
- 2008 “Externalist Responses to Skepticism,” *Oxford Handbook to Skepticism*, ed. John Greco (Oxford University Press), pp. 504-38.
- 2008 “Reidian Externalism,” in *New Waves in Epistemology*, eds. Vincent Hendricks and Duncan Pritchard (Palgrave), pp. 52-74.
- 2009 “Skeptical Theism and the Problem of Evil,” *Oxford Handbook to Philosophical Theology*, eds. Thomas Flint and Michael Rea (Oxford University Press), pp. 374-99.
- 2009 “Rational Disagreement after Full Disclosure,” *Episteme* 6: 336-53.

- 2011 “Evidentialism and the Great Pumpkin Objection,” *Evidentialism and its Discontents*, ed. Trent Dougherty (Oxford University Press), pp. 123-33.
- 2011 “Introduction,” (co-authored with Michael Murray and Michael Rea) in *Divine Evil? The Moral Character of the God of Abraham*, eds. Michael Bergmann, Michael Murray, and Michael Rea (Oxford University Press), pp. 1-21.
- 2012 “Rational Religious Belief without Arguments,” *Philosophy of Religion: An Anthology*, eds. Louis Pojman and Michael Rea (Wadsworth Publishing), pp. 534-49.
- 2012 “Commonsense Skeptical Theism,” *Science, Religion, and Metaphysics: New Essays on the Philosophy of Alvin Plantinga*, eds. Kelly Clark and Michael Rea (Oxford University Press), pp. 9-30.
- 2013 “Phenomenal Conservatism and the Dilemma for Internalism,” in *Seemings and Justification: New Essays on Dogmatism and Phenomenal Conservatism*, ed. Chris Tucker (Oxford University Press), pp. 154-78.
- 2013 “Externalist Justification and the Role of Seemings,” *Philosophical Studies* 166: 163-84.
- 2013 “Is Plantinga a Friend of Evolutionary Science?” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 5: 3-17.
- 2014 “Klein and the Regress Argument,” *Ad Infinitum: New Essays on Epistemological Infinitism*, eds. Peter Klein and John Turri (Oxford University Press), pp. 37-54.
- 2014 “Challenges to Moral and Religious Belief: Overview and Future Directions,” (co-authored with Patrick Kain) in *Challenges to Moral and Religious Belief: Disagreement and Evolution*, eds. Michael Bergmann and Patrick Kain (Oxford University Press), pp. 1-19.
- 2014 “Skeptical Theism, Atheism, and Total Evidence Skepticism,” *Skeptical Theism: New Essays*, eds. Trent Dougherty and Justin McBrayer (Oxford University Press), pp. 209-20.
- 2015 “Religious Disagreement and Rational Demotion,” *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion* 6: 21-57.
- 2017 “Foundationalism,” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*, eds. William Abraham and Frederick Aquino (Oxford University Press), pp. 253-73.
- 2017 “Religious Disagreement and Epistemic Intuitions,” *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement*, 81: 19-43.
- 2018 “Externalist Versions of Evidentialism” in Kevin McCain (ed.) *Believing in Accordance with the Evidence: New Essays on Evidentialism* (Springer International Publishing), pp. 109-23.
- 2023 “Reformed Epistemology: Rational Religious Belief without Arguments” in John Greco, Jonathan Fuqua, and Tyler McNabb (eds.) *The Cambridge Handbook of Religious Epistemology* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming).
- 2023 “Concerns about Lycan’s Commonsensism,” *Metaphilosophy*, forthcoming.

### Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries

- 2006 “Foundationalism,” *New Dictionary of Apologetics*, eds. C. Campbell-Jack and G. McGrath (Intervarsity Press), pp. 274-77.
- 2010 “Religious Belief, Epistemology of (Recent Developments),” *A Companion to Epistemology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, ed. Matthias Steup, (Blackwell Publishers), pp. 697-99.
- 2011 “Reformed Epistemology,” *Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*, eds. David Ferguson, Karen Kilby, Ian McFarland, and Iain Torrance (Cambridge University Press), pp. 436-37.
- 2011 “The Epistemology of Spirituality,” *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, ed. Glen Scorgie (Zondervan), pp. 429-30.
- 2015 “Religion and Epistemology,” (co-authored with Alvin Plantinga), *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online*, ed. Tim Crane (Routledge), <https://www.rep.routledge.com/articles/religion-and-epistemology/v-2>.

2015 "Skeptical Theism," *Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, ed. Robert Audi (Cambridge University Press).

### Book Reviews

- 1996 "Review of R. Douglas Geivett's *Evil and the Evidence for God*," *Faith and Philosophy* 13: 436-41.
- 1999 "Review of David O'Connor's *God and Inscrutable Evil: In Defense of Theism and Atheism*," *Faith and Philosophy* 16: 562-69.
- 1999 "Review of John Perry's *Dialogue on Good, Evil and the Existence of God*," *Philosophia Christi* 1: 140-41.
- 2001 "Review of Paul Helm's *Faith with Reason*," *Mind* 110: 771-74.
- 2001 "Review of John Greco's *Putting Skeptics in Their Place: The Nature of Skeptical Arguments and Their Role in Philosophical Inquiry*," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 41: 484-86.
- 2003 "Review of Richard Swinburne's *Epistemic Justification*," *The Philosophical Quarterly* 53: 295-98.
- 2004 "Review of Laurence Bonjour's and Ernest Sosa's *Epistemic Justification*," *The Philosophical Review* 113: 435-437.
- 2020 "Review of Nathan Ballantyne's *Knowing Our Limits*," *Faith and Philosophy*, 37: 242-8.

### Papers Presentations

- 1992 "Peirce's Reconciliation of Theism and Experimentalism," *University of Waterloo Graduate Student Colloquium*.
- 1996 "Internalism and Externalism in Epistemology (Again)," *Pacific Division APA Meeting*, Seattle.
- 1997 "Deontology and Defeat," Purdue University.
- 1997 "Deontology and Defeat," University of Calgary.
- 1997 "Deontology and Defeat," *Pacific Division APA Meeting*, San Francisco.
- 1998 "A Reidian Objection to Plantinga's Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism," *Twentieth World Congress of Philosophy*, Boston.
- 1998 "Externalism and Skepticism," Purdue University.
- 1999 "Externalism and Skepticism," Western Washington University.
- 1999 "Defeaters and Plantinga's Warranted Christian Belief," Society of Christian Philosophers session at the *Eastern Division APA Meeting*, Boston.
- 1999 "Skeptical Theism and Rowe's New Evidential Argument from Evil," *Eastern Division APA Meeting*, Boston.
- 2000 "A Dilemma for Internalism," *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2001 "A Dilemma for Internalism," Western Illinois University.
- 2001 "A Dilemma for Internalism," Wabash College.
- 2002 "A Dilemma for Internalism," *Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting*, Toronto.
- 2002 "Defeaters and Higher-Level Requirements," *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2003 "Epistemic Circularity: Malignant and Benign," *Rutgers Epistemology Conference*.
- 2004 "Defeaters and Higher-Level Requirements," *Center for Epistemology and Ontology Mini-Conference*, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2004 "Deontologism and Internalism," *Free University of Amsterdam Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2004 "Bonjour's Dilemma," *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, University of Idaho and Washington State University.

- 2004 “Klein on Infitism,” *2004 Greensboro Symposium in Philosophy: Epistemic Justification*, UNC Greensboro.
- 2004 “Comesaña’s Solution to the Generality Problem,” *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University.
- 2005 “Feldman and Conee on the Virtues of Evidentialism,” *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2007 “Externalist Responses to Skepticism,” University of Notre Dame.
- 2007 “Externalist Responses to Skepticism,” Ohio State University.
- 2008 “Externalist Justification and the Role of Appearances,” *Midwest Epistemology Workshop*, University of Nebraska.
- 2009 “Externalist Justification and the Role of Appearances,” University of Notre Dame.
- 2009 “Replies to Fumerton, Greco, and Pust” at author-meets-critics session on *Justification without Awareness*, *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2009 “Rational Disagreement after Full Disclosure,” *Episteme Conference on Disagreement*, Northwestern University.
- 2009 “Commonsense Skeptical Theism,” Keynote Address for *Western Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers*, Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO.
- 2010 “Pain and Suffering as Reasons for Atheism: A Skeptical Theist’s Analysis,” *Gustav Bergmann Lecture*, University of Iowa.
- 2010 “Externalist Justification and the Role of Seemings,” Keynote Address for *University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society*, University of Iowa.
- 2010 “Commonsense Skeptical Theism,” *Alvin Plantinga Retirement Celebration*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2010 “Commonsense Skeptical Theism,” *Epistemology Brown Bag Series*, Northwestern University.
- 2010 “Phenomenal Conservatism and Internalism’s Dilemma,” Keynote address at *Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference*, University of Rochester.
- 2011 “Noninferential Theism: Defending the Rationality of Belief in God,” University of Toronto.
- 2012 “Theism, Atheism, and Evolutionary Accounts of Moral Belief,” Society of Christian Philosophers session at the *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2012 “Religious Disagreement and Rational Demotion,” Keynote Address at *2012 Killeen Chair Conference*, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI.
- 2012 “Religious Disagreement and Rational Demotion,” *American Academy of Religion Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2013 “Religious Disagreement and Rational Demotion,” Baylor University.
- 2014 “Epistemic Intuitions and Defeaters for Noninferential Religious Belief,” Keynote Address at the *Defeat and Religious Epistemology Workshop*, Oxford University.
- 2014 “Lectures on Religious Epistemology” (2-day lecture series), *St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion*, University of St. Thomas.
- 2015 “Religious Disagreement and Epistemic Intuitions,” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Ottawa.
- 2015 “Religious Disagreement and Epistemic Intuitions,” *Moral and Religious Epistemology Workshop* at the Prindle Institute, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN.
- 2015 “Religious Disagreement and Epistemic Intuitions,” *Center for Philosophy of Religion Reading Group*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2015 “Religious Disagreement and Epistemic Intuitions”, *Social Epistemology of Religious Belief Conference*, Indiana University.
- 2015 “Does Suffering Provide a Good Reason for Atheism? A Skeptical Theist’s Analysis,” Wheaton College.
- 2015 “Religious Disagreement and Epistemic Intuitions”, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

- 2017 “Skeptical Theism, Representativeness, and Radical Uncertainty”, Society of Christian Philosophers session at the *Central Division APA Meeting*, Kansas City, MO.
- 2017 “In Defense of Skeptical Theism: Representativeness and Radical Uncertainty”, *Analytic Theology Workshop on God’s Nature*, Jean-Nicod Institute, Paris, France.
- 2018 “How Can Christians Make Sense of Decent Sensible Skeptics?”, *Center for Philosophy of Religion Reading Group*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2019 “Can Christians Plausibly Explain Their Religious Disagreements with Non-Christians?”, *William Alston Memorial Lecture at Central Division APA Meeting*, Denver, CO.
- 2019 “Intuitionist Particularism and Radical Skepticism,” University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.
- 2019 “Can Christians Plausibly Explain Their Religious Disagreements with Non-Christians?,” *Religious Epistemology Workshop*, Université de Lorraine, Nancy, France.
- 2022 “Concerns about Lycan’s Commonsensism,” *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- 2022 “Replies to Jennifer Nagel, Ram Neta, and Duncan Pritchard,” Author-Meets-Critics Session on *Radical Skepticism and Epistemic Intuition*, Purdue University.

### Comments on Papers

- 1998 Comments on Gregg Ten Elshof’s “An Internalist Rejoinder to Skepticism,” *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 1998 Comments on Dean Zimmerman’s “Epiphenomenalism and ‘the Given,’” *Midwestern Metaphysics Conference*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2000 Comments on William Hasker’s “Can God Permit ‘Just Enough’ Evil?” *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2000 Comments on Jack Lyons’ “Mind-World Inference and Coherentist Accounts of Perceptual Belief,” *Eastern Division APA Meeting*, New York.
- 2011 Comments on Scott Davison’s “God and Intrinsic Value,” *Society of Christian Philosophers Meeting*, Hope College, Holland, MI.
- 2011 Comments on Kenton Sparks’ “Biblical Authority and the Dark Side of Scripture,” *Logos Workshop*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2012 Comments on David Alexander’s “Unjustified Defeaters,” *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2012 Comments on Paul Draper’s “Skeptical Theism and Humean Arguments from Evil,” *Skeptical Theism Workshop*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2013 Comments on Jennifer Lackey’s “Religious Belief and the Epistemology of Testimony,” *Baylor-Georgetown-Notre Dame Philosophy of Religion Conference*, University of Notre Dame.
- 2016 Comments on Erik Wielenberg’s “Rowe’s Evidential Argument and the Demise of Skeptical Theism,” *William L. Rowe Memorial Conference*, Purdue University.
- 2018 Comments on Daniel Munoz, “Defeaters and Disqualifiers,” *Central Division APA Meeting*, Chicago.
- 2019 Comments on Roger Pouivet, “McCabe on the Persons of the Trinity,” *Religious Epistemology Workshop*, Université de Lorraine, Nancy, France.

### Academic Honors

- 2003 Young Epistemologist Prize, Rutgers Epistemology Conference
- 2004-2009 University Faculty Scholar, Purdue University
- 2017-2019 President, Society of Christian Philosophers

## Grants and Fellowships

- 1993-1996 Doctoral Fellowship, *Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada*
- 1999 Summer Faculty Grant, *Purdue Research Foundation*
- 1999-2000 Research Fellowship, *Pew Charitable Trusts*
- 2002 Summer Faculty Grant, *Purdue Research Foundation*
- 2004 Fellow in the *Center for Humanistic Studies*, Purdue University
- 2010-2013 Project Director for Grant on “Knowing in Religion and Morality” (with Patrick Kain as Associate Director), *John Templeton Foundation* (\$350,000 award)
- 2011 Fellow in the *Center for Humanistic Studies*, Purdue University
- 2013 *Enhancing Research in the Humanities and the Arts* Grant (with Jeff Brower), Purdue University
- 2013-2015 PI for Grant on “Faith and Reason: Themes from Swinburne” (with Jeff Brower as Co-PI), *John Templeton Foundation* (\$60,000 award)
- 2015-2016 Senior Fellow in Religious Experience, *Center for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame
- 2018 *Engage Award* for Workshop on Book Manuscript for “Radical Skepticism and Epistemic Intuition,” Purdue University

## Professional Activities

### *Summer Seminar Leadership*

- 2011 Leader of *Summer Seminar on Perceptual, Moral, and Religious Skepticism*, Purdue University

### *Conference Organization*

- 2006 Program Committee for the *Central Division APA Meeting*
- 2009 *My Ways Are Not Your Ways: The Character of the God of the Hebrew Bible*, University of Notre Dame (co-organized with Michael Murray and Michael Rea).
- 2010 *Midwest Epistemology Workshop*, Purdue University, October 2010 (assisted Matthias Steup in organizing).
- 2012 *Challenges to Religious and Moral Belief: Disagreement and Evolution*, Purdue University, (co-organized with Patrick Kain).
- 2014 *Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop*, Orange Beach, AL (co-organized with Brett Coppenger and Ted Poston).
- 2014 *Faith and Reason*, Purdue University (co-organized with Jeff Brower).

### *Executive Committee or Board Member*

- 2003- Editorial Board, *Faith and Philosophy*
- 2007-2010 Executive Committee, *Society of Christian Philosophers*
- 2008- Editorial Board, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*
- 2009- Advisory Board, *Center for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame
- 2013- Editorial Board, *Journal of Analytic Theology*
- 2017-2021 Executive Committee, *Society of Christian Philosophers*