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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Research Affiliations

University of Wyoming – College of Law Laramie, WY Fellow, Firearms Research Center	2024-
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Permanent Faculty

University of Arkansas Grantham Little Rock, AR	
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Humanities, and Criminal Justice	2020-2024
Instructor of Philosophy and Humanities	2017-2019

Adjunct Faculty

Johnson County Community College Overland Park, KS	
Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy	2020-
Adjunct Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2017-2020
Park University Parkville, MO	2017-2021
Adjunct Professor of Philosophy	
Florida SouthWestern State College Fort Myers, FL	2016-2017
Adjunct Professor of Philosophy	
Florida Gulf Coast University Fort Myers, FL	2015-2017
Adjunct Professor of Philosophy	

EDUCATION

M.A. Florida State University Tallahassee, FL Philosophy	2014-2015
B.A. Florida State University Tallahassee, FL	2011-2014

Philosophy, Religion (minor), *magna cum laude*

Cert. University of Kansas: Law Enforcement Training Center | Hutchinson, KS
Law Enforcement Certification

2022

TEACHING AND RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

- Applied Ethics (AOS): gun control, sexual ethics, environmental ethics, criminal justice ethics.
- Social and Political Philosophy (AOS): rights theory, commutative justice, natural law theory.
- Philosophy of Religion (AOC): natural theology, philosophical theology.
- Medieval Philosophy (AOC): Aquinas and the scholastic tradition.

BOOK CHAPTERS

6. “Eat, Drink, and Be Sober: The Case for Drug Prohibition” in Steven Cowan (ed) *Problems in Applied Ethics* (Bloomsbury, 2026). [\[PDF\]](#)
5. “Guns on Campus: A Defense” (with K. Blanchette) in Bob Fischer (ed) *College Ethics: A Reader on Moral Issues that Affect You* 2nd ed (Oxford University Press, 2020). [\[PDF\]](#)
4. “Human Lives Matter: Reflections on Human Exceptionalism,” in Paul Copan and Wes Jamison (eds) *What Would Jesus Really Eat? The Biblical Case for Eating Meat* (Castle Quay, 2019). [\[PDF\]](#)
3. “There is Nothing Wrong with Eating Meat,” in Paul Copan and Wes Jamison (eds) *What Would Jesus Really Eat? The Biblical Case for Eating Meat* (Castle Quay, 2019). [\[PDF\]](#)
2. “The Moral Case for Gun Ownership” and “Reply to Maring” in B. Fischer (ed), *Ethics, Left and Right: The Moral Issues that Divide Us* (Oxford University Press, 2019). [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Reply PDF\]](#)
1. “Are We Really Sure They’re Wrong?” in B. Krajewski and J. Heter (eds), *The Man in the High Castle and Philosophy: Subversive Reports from Another Reality* (Open Court, 2017): 127-135. [\[PDF\]](#)

SCHOLARLY ARTICLES

26. “The Right to Fight Back and the Right to Own a Gun” *Firearms Research Center Working Paper* 2025-5 [\[PDF\]](#)
25. “Jesus, Guns, and Self-Defense: A Response to Barrigar” *Evangelical Quarterly* 95:3 (2024) DOI: 10.1163/27725472-09503003 [\[PDF\]](#)
24. “Did American Police Originate from Slave Patrols?” *Academic Questions* 36:3 (2023) DOI: 10.51845/36.3.7 [\[PDF\]](#)
23. “A Simple Argument for Respecting Conscience” *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 22:3 (2022): 447-453 [\[PDF\]](#)
22. “The Lived Experience Fallacy” *Academic Questions* 35:2 (2022) [\[PDF\]](#)
21. “If Homosexuality is Wrong, So is Contraception” *Philosophia Christi* 24:1 (2022) [\[PDF\]](#)
20. “Does Jesus Endorse Armed Self-Defense in Luke 22:36?” *Evangelical Quarterly* 92:4 (2021) DOI: 10.1163/27725472-09204004 [\[PDF\]](#)
19. “The Contingency Argument in Plain Language” (with G. Sanders) *The Heythrop Journal* 63:2 (2022): 223-231 [\[PDF\]](#) DOI:10.1111/heyj.13916
18. “Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition: A Critical Examination of Michael Austin’s *God and Guns in America*” *Syndicate Philosophy* (October 2020). [\[PDF\]](#)

17. "In Defense of Spanking" *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 19:54 (2020). DOI: 10.1017/S1477175619000277. [\[PDF\]](#)
16. "The Case for Marijuana Prohibition" *Ethics & Medicine* 35:1 (2019): 17-25. [\[PDF\]](#)
15. "A Moral Defense of Trophy Hunting" *Sport, Ethics, and Philosophy* 14:1 (2020): 26-34. DOI: 10.1080/17511321.2018.1515976 [\[PDF\]](#)
14. "How to Think About the Gun Control Debate" *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 18:52 (2019): 21-29. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1477175619000113> [\[PDF\]](#)
Reprinted in M. Timmons and J. Glasgow, *Disputed Moral Issues: A Reader* (6th ed) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024.
13. "The Moral Case for Concealed Carry on Campus" *Academic Questions* 31:4 (2018): 466-471. DOI: 10.1007/s12129-018-9729-x [\[PDF\]](#)
12. "You Are Not Your Own: A Critique of Liberal Social Ethics" *The Philosophy of Theological Anthropology* (2018) [\[PDF\]](#)
11. "Why Recreational Drug Use is Immoral" *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* 17:4 (2017): 605-614. DOI: 10.5840/ncbq201717462. [\[PDF\]](#)
10. "The Perverted Faculty Argument" *Philosophia Christi* 19:1 (2017): 207-216. [\[PDF\]](#)
9. "Industrial Farming is Not Cruel to Animals" *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 30:1 (2017): 37-54. DOI: 10.1007/s10806-017-9652-0. [\[PDF\]](#)
8. "The Ethics of 'Gun-Free Zones'" *Philosophia* 45:2 (2017): 659-676. DOI: 10.1007/s11406-016-9789-5. [\[PDF\]](#)
7. "Against Moderate Gun Control" (with C. Bernstein) *Libertarian Papers* 8:2 (2016): 308-325. [\[PDF\]](#)
6. "Consenting Adults, Sex, and Natural Law Theory" *Philosophia* 44:2 (2016): 509-529. DOI 10.1007/s11406-016-9705-z. [\[PDF\]](#)
5. "A Carnivorous Rejoinder to Bruers and Erdös" *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 28:6 (2015): 1127-1238. DOI: 10.1007/s10806-015-9582-7. [\[PDF\]](#)
4. "Against Gun Bans and Restrictive Licensing" *Essays in Philosophy* 16:2 (2015): 180-203. DOI: 10.7710/1526-0569.1531. [\[PDF\]](#)
3. "In Defense of Eating Meat" *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 28:2 (2015): 277-291. DOI: 10.1007/s10806-015-9534-2. [\[PDF\]](#)
2. "The Moral Right to Keep and Bear Firearms" (with C. Bernstein and M. Palumbo) *Public Affairs Quarterly* 29:4 (2015): 345-363. [\[PDF\]](#)
1. "A Defense of the Perverted Faculty Argument against Homosexual Sex" *Heythrop Journal* 56:5 (2015): 751-758. DOI: 10.1111/heyj.12134. [\[PDF\]](#)

BOOK REVIEWS

1. Review of Firmin DeBrabander, *Do Guns Make Us Free?* for *The Journal of Value Inquiry*. 50 (2016): 659-665. DOI: 10.1007/s10790-015-9512-y.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY / OP-EDS

40. "The Rationality of Capital Punishment" *Journal of Absolute Truth* (10/2/2025) [\[Link\]](#)
39. "Police Officers, Vehicle Searches, and the Foundations of Public Trust" *Prindle Post* (6/30/2025) [\[Link\]](#)
38. "Drug Legalization: The Antithesis of Freedom" *American Reformer* (4/9/2025) [\[Link\]](#)
37. "Pascal's Wager and the Logic of Gun Ownership" *FreeThinking Ministries* (3/15/2025) [\[Link\]](#)
36. "Drug Legalization: 'My Body, My Choice'?" *Prindle Post* (3/7/2025) [\[Link\]](#)

35. "Public Safety is Not a Substitute for the Right to Self-Defense" *Firearms Research Center* (2/24/2025) [[Link](#)]
34. "No, Police Did Not Stem from Slave Patrols" *The Federalist* (3/13/2023) [[Link](#)]
33. "Why Vaccine Mandates That Fail to Respect the Right of Conscience Are Immoral" *Foundation for Economic Education* (2/1/2022) [[Link](#)]
32. "The Lived Experience Fallacy" *Salvo Magazine* 60 (Spring 2022)
31. "The Lived Experience Fallacy" *Minding the Campus* (12/13/2021) [[Link](#)]
30. "In Defense of Eating Dogs" *The Prindle Post* (10/7/2021) [[Link](#)]
29. "Guns Used More for Self-Defense than Crime" *The Washington Times* (10/05/2021) [[Link](#)]
28. "Conscientious Objections to the COVID Vaccine Should Be Honored" *American Thinker* (9/19/2021) [[Link](#)]
27. "Background Checks for Alcohol" *The Prindle Post* (9/17/2021) [[Link](#)]
26. "Lived Experiences Aren't Special" *Quillette* (5/24/2021) [[Link](#)]
25. "A Thinking Person's Guide to Police Shootings" (with Aaron Brake) *Human Events* (9/25/2020) [[Link](#)]
Reprinted at *RealClearPolicy* (10/1/2020) [[Link](#)]
24. "It is Morally Permissible for Christians to Carry Firearms" *Duke University Center for Firearms Law – Second Thoughts Blog* [[Link](#)]
23. "A Thinking Person's Guide to Opposing Racism" *The Federalist* (6/11/2020) [[Link](#)]
22. "Jesus Endorsed Armed Self-Defense" *Freethinking Ministries* (6/5/2020) [[Link](#)]
21. "Why Owning a Gun Is A Rational Insurance Policy Against Danger" *The Federalist* (4/8/2020) [[Link](#)]
20. "Gun Rights Don't Depend on Statistics" *Foundation for Economic Education* (8/25/2019) [[Link](#)]
19. "I'm A Professor, And I Carry A Gun On Campus. Here's Why" *The Federalist* (8/16/2019) [[Link](#)]
18. "If Gun Controllers Followed Their Own Logic, They'd Support Banning Alcohol And Cigarettes, Too" *The Federalist* (8/7/2019) [[Link](#)]
17. "'Let the One Who Has No Sword Buy One': The Christian Case for Carrying Firearms" *Free Thinking Ministries* (4/23/2019)
16. "Almost Everything You Know About Alcohol Prohibition Is Wrong" *The Federalist* (4/23/2019) [[Link](#)]
15. "7 Arguments For Legalizing Marijuana That No One Should Believe" *The Federalist* (3/7/2019) [[Link](#)]
14. "The Moral Case for Corporal Punishment" *What's Wrong?* (11/6/2018) [[Link](#)]
13. "Why Libertarians Should Oppose Marijuana Legalization" *Arc Digital* (11/4/2018) [[Link](#)]
12. "Natural Rights, Self-Defense, and the Right to Own Firearms" *Public Discourse* (10/31/2018) [[Link](#)]
11. "How to Spot Misleading Statistics in the Gun Control Debate" *Foundation for Economic Education* (9/24/2018) [[Link](#)]
10. "The Moral Problem with Most Gun-Free Zones" *Foundation for Economic Education* (8/22/2018) [[Link](#)]
9. "No One Has a 'Right' to Immigrate Into the United States" *The Federalist* (7/24/2018) [[Link](#)]
8. "Thinking Clearly about Immigration" *Public Discourse* (7/24/2018) [[Link](#)]
7. "The Thomistic Cosmological Argument" *Apologetics 315* [[Link](#)]
6. "Gun Rights and Utilitarianism" *Arc Digital* (4/27/2018) [[Link](#)]
5. "Why Americans Have A Right to Own Guns Even If That Makes Us Less Safe" *The Federalist* (2/27/2018) [[Link](#)]
4. "The Libertarian Case for Drug Prohibition" *Public Discourse* (1/29/2018) [[Link](#)]
Reprinted at *MercatorNet* (2/9/2018) [[Link](#)]
3. "Yes, Abortion is a Human Rights Violation" *Eagle News* (2/17/2017) [[Link](#)]
2. "The Moral Case for Campus Carry" *Eagle News* (10/9/2015) [[Link](#)]

1. “The Limits of Consent” *Public Discourse* (9/23/2015) [[Link](#)]

CONFERENCES / SPEAKING / DEBATES

14. Debate on the Morality of Eating Meat (w/ Travis Timmerman) Maricopa Community College (2024)
13. “Christianity and Social Justice” Ratio Christi Spurgeon College (2023)
12. “Why It’s OK to Eat Meat” Maricopa Community College (2022)
11. “If Homosexuality is Wrong, So is Contraception” Society for Christian Bioethicists Inaugural Conference (2021)
10. “It is Morally Permissible for Christians to Carry Firearms” Duke University Center for Firearms Law Works-in-Progress Workshop (2020)
9. “The Moral Right to Gun Ownership: A Dialogue” with Dr. Jonathan Herington (Kansas State University, 2018) [[Video](#)]
8. “The Gospel at the Border: Christianity and the US Immigration Crisis” The Gospel & Social Justice Conference: Hard Conversations about Poverty, Race, and Sexuality (2018)
7. “You Are Not Your Own: A Critique of Liberal Social Ethics” Evangelical Philosophical Society Southwestern Regional Meeting (2018)
6. “Natural Law and Homosexuality” Ratio Christi FGCU (2017)
5. Lecture series on “Christianity and Politics” New Life Assembly of God (2016)
4. Lecture series on Arguments for the Existence of God Ratio Christi FGCU (2016)
3. “The Moral Case for Campus Carry” Eagles for Liberty, FGCU Honors Event (2015)
2. “Can the Right to Own a Gun Resist ‘Outweighing’ Arguments?” University of Kentucky Graduate Conference (2015)
1. “Why Homosexual Sex is Immoral” Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Conference (2013)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

9. “Gun Ownership, Drug Use, and Animal Rights from a Christian Ethical Perspective” on the *Kalos Center Podcast* (9/1/2025)
8. “Morality of Guns?” on *Faith and Economics* [Gwartney Institute] (1/31/2022)
7. “Why Joe Rogan is Wrong About Marijuana” on the *Pat Flynn Show* (3/20/2020)
6. “Natural Law, Sex, and Politics” on the *Karen Testerman Show*, WSMN 1590 AM (12/13/2019)
5. “Natural Law” on *Capturing Christianity* (11/2018)
4. “Why We Don’t Need Weed” on *Veracity Hill* (11/3/2018)
3. “Natural Law Theory,” “Gun Ownership,” and “Immigration” on *AK47 Podcast*
2. “The Moral Case for Gun Ownership” on *Veracity Hill* (10/28/2017)
1. “Where Do Rights Come From?” on *Unbiased America*. (2/4/2017)

COURSES TAUGHT & DESIGNED

As Primary Instructor

- University of Arkansas Grantham
 - HU 260 – Strategies for Decision Making (online / designed).
 - GU 101 – Student Success (online).
 - GU 199 – Special Topics (online).
 - GU 299 – General Education Capstone (online).

- PL 401 – Philosophy of Science and Technology (online).
- PL 301 – Practical Philosophy (online).
- PL 201 – Introduction to Philosophy (online / designed).
- HU 410 – Ideas that Changed the World (online / designed).
- CA 408 – Research Methods (online).
- CA 499 – Professional Strategies (online).
- ET 100 – Engineering and Ethics (online).
- CJ 480 – Criminal Intelligence Analysis (online).
- HU 310 – Principles of Leadership (online).
- Park University
 - PH 221 – Ethics and Society.
 - PH 102 – Introduction to Ethical Thinking.
 - PH 103 – Fundamentals of Logic.
- Johnson County Community College
 - PHIL 121 – Introduction to Philosophy (online and on-site).
 - PHIL 124 – Logic and Critical Thinking.
 - PHIL 143 – Ethics (online and on-site).
 - PHIL 140 – Business Ethics.
- Florida Gulf Coast University
 - PHI 1000 – Introduction to Philosophy.
 - PHI 2000 – The History of Ideas (designed).
 - SLS 1501 – Effective Learning.
- Florida SouthWestern State College
 - PHI 2600 – Ethics.
 - PHI 2010 – Introduction to Philosophy.

As Teaching Assistant

- Florida State University
 - PHI 2100 – Reasoning and Critical Thinking.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Book manuscript referee:
 - Rowman and Littlefield.
 - Routledge.
- Journal referee:
 - The National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly.
 - Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy.
 - European Journal for the Philosophy of Religion.
 - Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal.
 - Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics.
 - Food Ethics.
 - Academia Letters.
 - Philosophia.
- Conference referee: Kansas Philosophical Society, 2x.
- Reader, AP Seminar Exam, 3x
- Judge: National Bioethics Bowl, 2x
- Session Moderator: Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting.

- PhilPapers Section Editor for Gun Control.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Heterodox Academy.
- Evangelical Philosophical Society.
- National Association of Scholars.
- Kansas Association of Scholars.
- University Faculty for Life.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- University of Arkansas Grantham Professional Development Grant.
- Johnson County Community College Special Conference Grant.
- Johnson County Community College Professional Development Grant.
- IHS Humane Studies Fellow / Dan Searle Fellow.
- Legatus Christi Award.
- Institute for Humane Studies Research and Conference Grant.
- Institute for Humane Studies Graduate PhD Application Fee Waiver Grant.
- FSU Congress of Graduate Students Travel Grant.
- Florida Bright Futures Academic Scholarship (undergraduate and graduate).

REFERENCES

- Suzie Tousey, Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator of Criminal Justice (Kansas City, Kansas Community College): ctousey@kckcc.edu
- Ashley Page, Instructor of Communications (Fort Scott Community College): ashleyp@fortscott.edu
- T. Allan Hillman, Associate Professor of Philosophy (University of South Alabama): hillman@southalabama.edu