

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethical Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics, Population Ethics,
Anthropics, the Philosophy of
Artificial Intelligence, and the History
of Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Philosophy
University of Mary

Since September 2021

Assistant Professor of Philosophy
University of Mary

September 2017–August 2021

Lecturer in Philosophy
Louisiana Tech University

September 2016–August 2017

Lecturer in Philosophy
Santa Clara University

September 2015–August 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy
University of Notre Dame

August 2015

M.A. in Philosophy
University of Notre Dame

May 2011

B.A. in Philosophy and English
University of Notre Dame

May 2007

TEACHING AWARDS

Outstanding Faculty of the Year
Student Government
University of Mary

April 2020

Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award
Graduate Student Union
University of Notre Dame

May 2013

Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award
Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning
University of Notre Dame

April 2011

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

“Among Other Things, a Theological Solution to the Fermi Paradox”
Christian Bioethics 31, Number 1 (2025): 52–57

“The Trolley Meta-Problem”
Think: Philosophy for Everyone 21, Number 62 (2022): 87–90

“MacIntyre and Wyma on Investment Advising”
Business Ethics Journal Review 7, Number 1 (Spring 2019): 1–6

“Monumental Questions”
Northern Plains Ethics Journal 6, Number 1 (Fall 2018): 1–17

BOOK CHAPTERS PUBLISHED

“Elizabeth Anscombe on Rationalism”
In *Critics of Enlightenment Rationalism Revisited*
Edited by Eugene Callahan and Kenneth B. McIntyre (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022)

“Ludwig Wittgenstein on Rationalism”
In *Critics of Enlightenment Rationalism*
Edited by Eugene Callahan and Kenneth B. McIntyre (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020)

“Rationalism in Eric Voegelin”
In *Tradition v. Rationalism: Voegelin, Oakeshott, MacIntyre, Polanyi, Hayek, and Others*
Edited by Eugene Callahan and Lee Trepanier (Lanham: Lexington Books, 2018)

BOOK REVIEWS PUBLISHED

Review of *What We Owe the Future*, by William MacAskill
American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly 98, Number 1 (Winter 2024): 121–124

Review of *The Precipice: Existential Risk and the Future of Humanity*, by Toby Ord
American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly 97, Number 1 (Winter 2023): 147–150

Review of *Beyond the Self: Virtue Ethics and the Problem of Culture: Essays in Honor of W. David Solomon*, edited by Raymond Hain
American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly 96, Number 1 (Winter 2022): 149–152

Review of *This New Yet Unapproachable America: Lectures after Emerson after Wittgenstein*, by Stanley Cavell
American Political Thought 4, Number 2 (Spring 2015): 340–343

Review of *Did Darwin Write the Origin Backwards?* by Elliott Sober
Philosophy of Science 78, Number 4 (October 2011): 705–709
With the Notre Dame Evolution Working Group

Review of *The Development of Ethics: A Historical and Critical Study*,
“Natural Law and ‘Modern’ Moral Philosophy,” by Terrence Irwin
Philosophical Forum 42, Number 3 (Fall 2011): 292

Review of *On the Origin of Stories*, by Brian Boyd
Quarterly Review of Biology 86, Number 2 (June 2011): 137–138
With the Notre Dame Evolution Working Group

INVITED TALKS

“The Veil of Ignorance” Think and Drink Series Humanities North Dakota	April 2025
“The Firstborn Child of Humanity” Faculty Excellence Series University of Mary	January 2025
“Sportiello Empaneled” Joy of Teaching Panel University of Mary	August 2022
“Trolleyology” Faculty Excellence Series University of Mary	March 2021
“The Relevance of Ethics” Job Talk Saint Norbert College	February 2016
“Plato on Protagoras and Parmenides” Job Talk Santa Clara University	May 2015

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“On Teaching the History of Philosophy” ACPA Annual Conference: The Human Person University of Saint Thomas	November 2023
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<p>“Does Teaching Ethics Do Anything?” ISME Annual Conference: Cross-Cultural Encounters Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University</p>	June 2022
<p>“Does Teaching Philosophy Do Anything?” Third Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference North Dakota State University</p>	April 2022
<p>“MacIntyre and the MacIntyreans on Investment Advising” ISME Annual Conference: To What End? Narrative, Institutions, and Practices University of Notre Dame</p>	July 2019
<p>“Monumental Questions” First Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference North Dakota State University</p>	September 2018
<p>“Benedict, Alexander, and Diogenes” ISME Annual Conference: Traditions of Ideology Critique Saint Louis University</p>	July 2015
<p>“Plato and the Ninety-Nine Percent” TEDxUWMilwaukee: Generation Why Not? University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee</p>	September 2014
<p>“Wittgenstein on Faith and Morals” What Has Athens to Do with Jerusalem? Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology</p>	July 2014
<p>“Teleology as a Practical Postulate” ISME Annual Conference: Crafts, Traditions, Ideologies Grand Valley State University</p>	July 2013
<p>“Objectivity, Reflection, and Virtue” Naturalisms in Ethics Conference University of Auckland</p>	July 2011
<p>“Against Applied Ethics” ISME Annual Conference: MacIntyre as Critic and Educator Providence College</p>	July 2011
<p>“A Transcendental Argument for the Principles of Change” Aristotle: Nature, Logic, Being Boston College</p>	March 2011
<p>“MacIntyre and Williams on Relativism and Objectivity” Does Moral Theory Corrupt the Youth? University of Missouri–Saint Louis</p>	March 2010

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

“Scientific Arguments Good, Bad, and Ugly” Convocation Series Panel University of Mary	March 2025
“On the Hiddenness of God” Philosophy Program Aquinas Gala University of Mary	January 2025
“On Morality” Philosophy Program Aquinas Gala University of Mary	February 2024
“On Sydney” Convocation Series Panel University of Mary	April 2023
“On Human Enhancement” Convocation Series Panel University of Mary	February 2023
“On the Incarnation” Philosophy Program Aquinas Gala University of Mary	February 2023
“On Sin” Philosophy Program Aquinas Gala University of Mary	February 2022
“On Martin Heidegger” Seventh Annual Bloody Sunday Forum University of Mary	January 2022
“Against Analytic Philosophy” Philosophy Program Colloquium University of Mary	October 2020
“Trolleyology” Faculty Research Colloquium University of Mary	September 2020
“On the Ontological Argument” Philosophy Program Aquinas Gala University of Mary	February 2020
“The University as a Site of Resistance” Fifth Annual Bloody Sunday Forum University of Mary	January 2020

<p>“Does Natural Theology Rest on a Mistake?” Philosophy Program Colloquium University of Mary</p>	November 2019
<p>“On Creation” Philosophy Program Aquinas Gala University of Mary</p>	January 2019
<p>“Monumental Questions” Philosophy Program Colloquium University of Mary</p>	October 2018
<p>“The Crisis of Liberalism” Philosophy Program Colloquium University of Mary</p>	February 2018
<p>“On the Death Penalty” Philosophy Program Aquinas Gala University of Mary</p>	January 2018
<p>“On the Recent Election” Waggonner Center Post-Election Roundtable Louisiana Tech University</p>	December 2016
<p>“The Relevance of Ethics” Department of Philosophy Prior Conference Santa Clara University</p>	May 2016
<p>“Platonism as a Transcendental Argument” Department of Philosophy Colloquium University of Notre Dame</p>	January 2014
<p>“The Noble Lie, the Love of Fate, and the Practical Proof” Philosophy and History Workshop University of Notre Dame</p>	September 2012
<p>“The Archetypal Notre Dame Undergraduate” Department of Philosophy Training for Teaching Assistants University of Notre Dame</p>	September 2012

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

<p>Faculty Research Grant: Rationalism, Fideism, and Pedagogy Office of Academic Affairs University of Mary</p>	January 2022
<p>Faculty Research Grant: Trolleyology Office of Academic Affairs University of Mary</p>	November 2019

Hackworth Grant Markkula Center for Applied Ethics Santa Clara University	December 2015
Graduate Fellowship Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study University of Notre Dame	August 2014–May 2015
Graduate Professional Development Grant Nanovic Institute for European Studies University of Notre Dame	July 2014
Notebart Professional Development Award Graduate School University of Notre Dame	July 2011
Graduate Student Professional Development Award Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts University of Notre Dame	March 2011

TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY

Search for Truth Instructor	Seated, Online
Ethics Instructor	Seated, Online
Business Ethics Instructor	Seated, Online
Modern Philosophy Instructor	Seated, Independent Study
Contemporary Philosophy Instructor	Seated, Independent Study
Analytic Moral Philosophy Instructor	Seated, Independent Study
Philosophy Capstone Instructor	Independent Study
Eastern Philosophy Instructor	Independent Study
First-Year Experience Instructor	Seated

Benedict: Yesterday and Today Instructor	Seated
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TEACHING AT BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE

Introduction to Philosophy Instructor	Seated
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TEACHING AT LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Philosophy Instructor	Seated, Online
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Ethics Instructor	Seated
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Philosophy and Theology in the Axial Age Instructor	Seated
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The Later Wittgenstein Instructor	Independent Study
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TEACHING AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Ethical Issues in Business Instructor	Seated, Online
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Introduction to Ethics Instructor	Seated
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Ethical Issues in Society Instructor	Seated
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TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Ethics Instructor	Seated
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Disciplinarity and Its Discontents Instructor	Seated
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Introduction to Philosophy Instructor	Seated
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Nietzsche and Aristotle Instructor	Independent Study
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Morality and Modernity Teaching Assistant	Seated
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Ancient Wisdom, Modern Love Teaching Assistant	Seated
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Medical Ethics Teaching Assistant	Seated
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Introduction to Philosophy Teaching Assistant	Seated
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TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI–SAINT LOUIS

Informal Logic Instructor	Seated
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Philosophy of Science Teaching Assistant	Seated
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Philosophy of Religion Teaching Assistant	Seated
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WRITING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY

“On Martin Heidegger”
Saints and Scholars: A Journal of Irish Studies 2 (2023): 7–26

“The University as a Site of Resistance”
Saints and Scholars: A Journal of Irish Studies 1 (2021): 71–95

SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY

<i>Teaching Philosophy</i> Reviewer	Since Summer 2024
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Academic Appointment Committee Member	Since Spring 2024
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University of Mary AI Working Group Coordinator	Since Fall 2023
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Philosophy Program Course Scheduling Coordinator	Since Fall 2023
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<i>American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly</i> Reviewer	Since Summer 2023
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Fourth Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference Organizer	Spring 2023
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Year-Round Campus/Theodore Roosevelt Fellowship Faculty Tutor	Since Fall 2020
Second Annual Northern Plains Philosophy Conference Organizer	Fall 2019
Dining Committee Member	Spring 2019–Spring 2021
Philosophy Program Recruitment Coordinator	Since Fall 2017
Convocation Committee Member	Since Fall 2017
President's Seminar Assistant to Monsignor James Shea	Fall 2017

SERVICE AT LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

Major in Interdisciplinary Studies Coordinator	Fall 2016–Summer 2017
Minor in Philosophy Coordinator	Fall 2016–Summer 2017

SERVICE AT SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association Session Chair	Spring 2016
Curriculum Committee Member	Fall 2015–Spring 2016

REFERENCES

David Echelbarger, Ph.D. Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Philosophy University of Mary	dtechelbarger@umary.edu 701-355-8057
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