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**AOS:** Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, and Ethics

**AOC:** Philosophy of Language and Philosophy of Science

## Employment:

(2022 – Present) Associate Professor, University of Houston

(2017 – 2022) Assistant Professor, University of Houston

(2016 – 2017) Visiting Lecturer, University of Massachusetts Lowell

## Education:

(2016) Ph.D. Philosophy – University of Massachusetts Amherst

(2014) M.A. Philosophy – University of Massachusetts Amherst

(2010) B.A. Philosophy – Calvin College

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## Grants and Awards:

1. (2018-2023) *LATAM Bridges in the Epistemology of Religion* – \$1.3 Million international project funded by the John Templeton Foundation. (<https://uh.edu/class/philosophy/latam/>)
2. (2021-2022) Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity – Assistant Professor Level. University of Houston.
3. (2024-2025) Elizabeth D. Rockwell Center on Ethics and Leadership Faculty Fellow.

## Edited Books:

1. (forthcoming) *Kornblith and His Critics*. Wiley-Blackwell. Co-edited with Josh DiPaolo.
2. (2023) *Externalism About Knowledge*. Oxford University Press.
3. (2022) *Propositional and Doxastic Justification: New Essays on Their Nature and Significance*. Routledge. Co-Edited with Paul Silva.
4. (2020) *Common Sense Metaphysics: Themes from the Philosophy of Lynne Rudder Baker*. Routledge. Co-Edited with Kevin Corcoran.

## Publications:

1. (2024) "Propositional Justification and Doxastic Justification" (with Paul Silva), in *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Evidence*, edited by Maria Lasonen-Aarnio and Clayton Littlejohn. Routledge: 395-407.
2. (2023) "God and Gratuitous Evil: Between the Rock and the Hard Place," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 94(3): 317-345.
3. (2023) "Skeptical Theism: A Panoramic Overview (Part I)," *Philosophy Compass*, 18 (10): 1-14
4. (2023) "Skeptical Theism: A Panoramic Overview (Part II)," *Philosophy Compass*, 18 (10): 1-11
5. (2023) "Externalism About Knowledge: A Brief Introduction," in *Externalism About Knowledge*, edited by Luis Oliveira. Oxford University Press: 1-21.
6. (2023) "Aesthetic Higher-Order Evidence for Subjectivists" (w/ Christy Mag Uidhir), in *British Journal of Aesthetics* 63(2): 235-249.
7. (2022) "Defending the Free Will Defense: A Reply to Sterba," *Religions* 13 (11): 1126-1138.
8. (2022) "Epistemic Consent and Doxastic Justification," in *Propositional and Doxastic Justification: New Essays on Their Nature and Significance*, edited by Luis Oliveira and Paul Silva. Routledge: 286-312.
9. (2022) "Hermeneutic Injustices: Practical and Epistemic" in *Interpretation und Geltung*, edited by Andreas Mauz and Christiane Tietz. Brill: 107-123.
10. (2021) "W.K. Clifford," *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro. Wiley-Blackwell.
11. (2021) "Teísmo Cético: Passado e Futuro" ["Skeptical Theism: Past and Future"], in *Compêndio de Filosofia da Religião*, edited by Fabio Bertato, Agnaldo Portugal, and Nicola Salvatore. Coleção CLE, Vol. 87, Campinas: Brazil.
12. (2021) "Vagueness and the Problem of Evil: a New Reply to van Inwagen," *Manuscrito - Revista Internacional de Filosofia*, 44 (4): 49-82.
13. (2021) "Evading the Doxastic Puzzle by Deflating Epistemic Normativity," in *Epistemic Duties: New Arguments, New Angles*, edited by Scott Stapleford and Kevin McCain. Routledge: 44-62.
14. (2020) "Sceptical Theism and the Paradox of Evil," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98 (2): 319-333
  - Translated to Portuguese by Sergio Miranda and Reprinted in (2021) *Themes in Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Fabio Bertato, Nicola Salvatore, and Marcin Trepczyński, Coleção CLE, Vol. 86, Campinas: Brazil.
15. (2020) "Quatro Desafios Céticos ao Saber" ["Four Skeptical Challenges to Knowledge"], in *Direito e Filosofia: Em Busca do Saber*, edited by Antonio José Pêcego. Editora Brazil Publishing: 144-176.
16. (2018) "Deontological Evidentialism and Ought Implies Can," *Philosophical Studies* 175 (10): 2567-2582.
17. (2018) "Ampliative Transmission and Deontological Internalism," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*. 99 (2): 174-185.
18. (2017) "Como Ser um Naturalista Filosófico Responsável?" ["How to be a responsible Philosophical Naturalist?"] *Revista Brasileira de Filosofia da Religião*. 4 (1): 9-25.
19. (2017) "Cornell Realism, Explanation, and Natural Properties" (with Timothy Perrine), *European Journal of Philosophy* 25 (4): 1021-1038.
20. (2017) "Deontological Evidentialism, Wide-Scope, and Privileged Values," *Philosophical Studies* 174 (2): 485-506.
21. (2016) "Rossian Totalism About Intrinsic Value," *Philosophical Studies* 173 (8): 2069-2086.

22. (2015) “Non-Agential Permissibility in Epistemology,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 93 (2): 389-394.

**Presentations:**

1. (2024) University of St. Thomas: “On the Theistic Problem of Reflective Normative Unintelligibility.”
2. (2024) Midwest Epistemology Workshop (UC Boulder): “Doxastic Agency and Epistemic Reasons”
3. (2023) Cal State San Bernadino: “On the Theistic Problem of Reflective Normative Unintelligibility.”
4. (2023) Houston Institute (Rice University): “Evil and Trust in God”
5. (2023) University of Delaware: “The Symmetry Problem of Evil.”
6. (2021) Western Carolina University: “The Symmetry Problem of Evil.”
7. (2020) University of Cologne, Germany: “Epistemic Consent and Doxastic Justification.”
8. (2020) Rice University: “Doxastic Agency and Doxastic Reasons.”
9. (2020) UNICAMP, Brazil: “Vagueness and the Problem of Evil.”
10. (2019) VU Amsterdam: “Hermeneutic Injustices: Practical and Epistemic.”
11. (2018) *Colloquium at Eastern APA* (Savannah): “Skeptical Theism and the Paradox of Evil.”
12. (2018) Universidade Federal de São João Del-Rei, Brazil: “If God Exists, then Everything is Permitted.”
13. (2018) Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, Brazil: “If God Exists, then Everything is Permitted.”
14. (2018) Universidade Estadual do Centro-Oeste, Brazil: “If God Exists, then Everything is Permitted.”
15. (2017) *Kansas State University*: “Skeptical Theism and the Paradox of Evil.”
16. (2017) *7th Brazilian Congress on Philosophy of Religion* (PUC-SP, Brazil): “Evidence and Intellectual Humility.”
17. (2017) *14th Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming* (UMass Amherst): “Skeptical Theism and the Paradox of Evil.”
18. (2017) Co-Keynote (with Stephen Wykstra) on *The Problem of Evil and the Hiddenness of God Conference* hosted by the Brazilian Association for Philosophy of Religion at the Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto, Brazil.
19. (2017) *7th Annual Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference* (Dallas): “Crowd-Sourcing Targeting Algorithms” (with Heidi Furey).
20. (2017) *Society for Exact Philosophy* (U. Calgary): “Skeptical Theism and the Paradox of Evil.”
21. (2017) *Colloquium at Central APA* (Kansas City): “Expressing the ‘Ought’ of Most Reason.”
22. (2017) *Colloquium at Eastern APA* (Baltimore): “Evidentialism and Ought Implies Can.”
23. (2016) *Reason and Agency Conference* (Toronto): “Evidentialism and Ought Implies Can.”
24. (2016) *Colloquium at Eastern APA* (Washington, DC): “On Evading the Deontic Puzzle.”

## Teaching:

### Graduate

#### Seminars

- Epistemic Normativity (Fall 2024)
- Epistemic Justification and Normativity (Fall 2022)
- The Problem of Evil (Spring 2021)
- Doxastic Agency (Fall 2019)
- Epistemic Normativity (Fall 2017)

#### Independent Studies

- Liberation Theology (Lauren Romo, Spring 2024)
- The Forms and Norms of Epistemic Accountability (Jordan Myers, Spring 2024)
- Buddhism and the Self (Gates Ely, Spring 2023)
- Suspension of Judgment (Tyler Porter, Spring 2020)
- Suspension of Judgment (Jonathan Weid, Spring 2020)
- Doxastic Agency and Responsibility (Sam Ridge, Fall 2018)

### Undergraduate

#### Courses

- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2018 – Spring 2024)
- Theory of Knowledge (Spring 2018, 19, 22, Fall 2023)
- Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2018, Spring 2020, 23, 24)
- Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2017)

#### Independent Studies

- The Problem of Evil (Brendan Hughes, Spring 2022)
- Foundationalism and the Sellarsian Dilemma (Jeff Gonzales, Fall 2017)

## University Service:

### Department Level

- Graduate Admissions Committee (Spring 2018 - Present)
- Research Liaison to CLASS Associate Dean for Research
- Webmaster
- Alumni Outreach
- Honors Thesis Director:
  1. Phillip Kieval (2018-19) “On the Epistemic Harm of Normative Masculinity.”
  2. Jeremy Brandt (2018-19) “Skeptical Theism and the Scope of Moral Horizons.”
  3. Marwan Tayyan (2019-20) “The Problem of Evil from an Islamic Perspective”
  4. Layla Mayorga (2019-20) “How to Refer to God.”

### College Level

- CLASS Research and Scholarship Committee (Fall 2023 - Present)
- CLASS Undergraduate Scholarship Committee (Spring 2019 - Present)
- CLASS Academic Honesty Hearing Panel (Spring 2019)

### University Level

- Faculty Senate (Fall 2020 – Spring 2021)
- Faculty Senate Research and Scholarship Committee (Fall 2020 – Spring 2021)
- Mellon Scholar Faculty Mentor:
  1. Layla Mayorga (2019-20) “Wittgenstein and Religious Language.”

### Professional Service:

Referee for *Nous*, *Mind*, *PPR*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of the APA*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Synthese*, *Ergo*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Acta Analytica*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Sophia*, *Inquiry*, *Hypatia*, *Philosophia Christi*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, and *Brazilian Journal for Philosophy of Religion*.

### References:

- Hilary Kornblith (Umass Amherst) - [kornblith@philos.umass.edu](mailto:kornblith@philos.umass.edu)
- Robert Audi (Notre Dame) - [robert.audi.1@nd.edu](mailto:robert.audi.1@nd.edu)
- Sanford Goldberg (Northwestern) - [s-goldberg@northwestern.edu](mailto:s-goldberg@northwestern.edu)