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Current position

Ph.D. Student, University of Notre Dame

(Intended) Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Idealism

(Intended) Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Early Modern Philosophy

Education

2023	Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
–present	
2022	BS in Physics <i>summa cum laude</i> , Texas A&M University
2022	BA in Philosophy <i>summa cum laude</i> , Texas A&M University

Grants, honours & awards

2022	Undergraduate Essay Prize in Philosophy : Best paper
2022	Outstanding Performance Award in Physics: Finished top of the class

Publications and Talks

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Under Review	“If Proper Functionalism is True, Then God is Omni-Ignorant” (This paper argues for the truth of the conditional in the title which, if true, undermines a major motivation for proper functionalism—namely, theism.)
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WORKS IN PROGRESS

- In Progress “Analytic Phenomenalism” (This paper argues for a form of phenomenism building off of the recent work from Michael Pelczar, Robert Smithson, and others but makes use of the resources of analytical functionalism to give an account of physical objects.)
- In Progress “Substantivity, Relative Joint-Carving, and Feminist Metaphysics” (This paper argues for a notion of substantivity in terms of joint-carving which has been put forward by Ted Sider and develops a notion of relative joint-carving; this notion is then applied to areas in feminist and social metaphysics.)

Teaching and TA-ing

TA-ING

- 2024 Medical Ethics with Ted Warfield (lecture experience)
- 2025 American Political Thought with Paul Weitmann (lecture experience)

Graduate Coursework

- Fall 2023 Properties, Relations, and Propositions with Jeff Speaks and Daniel Nolan
Proseminar with Kris McDaniel
Epistemology with Blake Roeber
Medieval Theories of Universals with Richard Cross
- Spring 2024 Social Metaphysics with Sara Bernstein
The Philosophy of Edith Stein with Kris McDaniel
Directed Readings in Philosophy of Action and Free Will with Ted Warfield
- Fall 2024 Intermediate Logic with Curtis Franks
Metaphysics of Mind with Brian Cutter
Modern Theories of The Metaphysics of Evil with Samuel Newlands
Aristotle: Ontology, Language, and Logic with Paolo Crivelli
- Spring 2025 Belief and Rationality with Edward Elliot
Difference Making and Ethics with Sara Bernstein and Zach Barnett
Directed Readings in Philosophy of Language with Jeff Speaks