

## Daniel Lightsey

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### Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Idealism

### Areas of Competence

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion

### Education

- **Ph.D. in Philosophy**, University of Notre Dame, 2023–present
- **B.A. in Philosophy** *summa cum laude*, Texas A&M University, 2022
- **B.S. in Physics** *summa cum laude*, Texas A&M University, 2022

### Works in Progress

- “If Proper Functionalism is True, Then God is Omni-Ignorant” (under review)
- “Substantivity in Nonfundamental Disputes: Feminist Metaphysics as A Case Study” (in preparation)
- “Analytical Phenomenalism” (in preparation)
- “A Problem for Nondescriptivist Two-Dimensionalism” (in preparation)

### Presentations and Talks

- “If Proper Functionalism is True, Then God is Omni-Ignorant”, Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Boston, November 2025
- “Analytical Phenomenalism,” Eastern Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers: The Philosophical Legacy of Robert Merrihew Adams, Princeton University, October 2025

## Teaching Experience

- **Teaching Assistant**

<i>Medical Ethics</i> (Lecture Experience)	Fall 2024
<i>American Political Thought</i> (Lecture Experience)	Spring 2025
<i>God and The Good Life</i>	Fall 2025

## 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

## Awards

<i>Undergraduate Essay Prize: Best Paper</i>	2022
<i>Philosophy Service Award</i>	2022
<i>Outstanding Performance Award in Physics:</i>	
<i>Finished Top of The Class</i>	2022