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Education

Ph.D., University of South Carolina, 2016

Dissertation: *Divine Ideas for Metaphysical Realism* (Director: Christopher Tollefsen)

Committee: Jeremiah Hackett, George Khushf, Christina Van Dyke (external)

Defended: December 7, 2015

M.A., Philosophy, University of South Carolina, 2012

B.A., Summa Cum Laude, Columbia International University, 2007

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics; Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence

Medieval Philosophy; Russian Philosophy; Epistemology; Early Modern Philosophy

Academic Positions

- Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Religious Experience Project, 2016–2017
Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame
- Graduate Student Instructor, Philosophy Department, University of 2012–2016
South Carolina
- Assistant for Curriculum Development, Philosophy Department, Spring 2015; Spring 2016
University of South Carolina
- Adjunct Faculty, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Summer 2013; Summer 2015
Cultures, University of South Carolina
- Adjunct Faculty, Prison Initiative, Columbia International Spring 2013
University
- Adjunct Faculty, Humanities, Columbia International University Fall 2012
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, University of 2010–2012
South Carolina
- Graduate Student, Philosophy Department, University of South 2010– 2016
Carolina

Published Articles

- Invited Review of *The Blackwell Companion to The Problem of Evil* ed. Justin P. McBrayer and Daniel Howard-Snyder. Forthcoming in *Religious Studies Review*
- “Created and Uncreated Things: A Neo-Augustinian Solution to the Bootstrapping Problem,” *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 56 (2016): 99-112.
- “The Russian Artist in Plato’s Republic,” Гуманистическое наследие просветителей в культуре и образовании: материалы Международной научно-практической конференции. (The Humanistic Heritage of the Enlightenment in Culture and Education: Proceedings of the International Scientific-Practical Conference), Ufa, Russia, 2012

Works in Progress

- “Immutability and Impassibility,” invited contribution to *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion* (Forthcoming)
- “Defining Religious Trauma: Philosophical Reflections on Religious Trauma, Worship, and Deconversion” (Under Review)
- “The Simplicity of Divine Ideas” (Under Review)
- “Holenmeric Horcruxes: The Metaphysics of Soul-splitting”(Co-authored with Julie Swanstrom)
- “Distorting Concepts, Obscured Experiences: On the Role of Hermeneutical Injustice in Religious Trauma,”
- “Suffering, Evidence, and the Pastoral Problem of Evil”

Presentations

- “Distorting Concepts, Obscured Experiences: On the Role of Hermeneutical Injustice in Religious Trauma,” Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame December 2016
- “When Religion Harms: Philosophical Reflections on Religious Trauma and loss of Faith,” The Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Meeting October 2016
- “Defining Religious Trauma: Philosophical Reflections on Religious Trauma, Worship, and Deconversion,” Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame October 2016
- “The Epistemological Significance of Suffering and the Problem of Evil,” The Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwest Meeting September 2016

- “Defining Religious Trauma: Philosophical Reflections on Trauma, Worship, and Deconversion,” St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, University of St. Thomas June 2016
- Invited Comments on “Skepticism About Dispositional Conceptions of Evil” by Peter Brian Barry, American Philosophical Association, Central Division March, 2016
- “Holenmeric Horcruxes,” co-authored with Dr. Julie Swanstrom, Joint meeting of the South Carolina and North Carolina Societies for Philosophy February, 2016
- “Simplicity of Divine Ideas,” Queen St. Symposium, University of South Carolina February, 2016
- Invited Comment on “God’s Omnipresence: A Defense of the Classical View” by Joseph Jedwab, American Catholic Philosophical Association October, 2015
- “Created and Uncreated Things,” South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, Furman University March 2014
- “Created and Uncreated Things” Plenary Address October, 2013
Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Region, University of Southern Florida
- “The Russian Artist in Plato’s Republic,” South Carolina Society of Philosophy Conference, College of Charleston March, 2013
- “The Russian Artist in Plato’s Republic,” Southern Conference for Slavic Studies, Greensboro, North Carolina March, 2013
- “Divine Ideas for Metaphysical Realism,” Joint meeting of The Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy and The Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science, Fordham University October, 2011
- “On Immortality of the Soul: a Critique of Kant,” South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, University of South Carolina March, 2011

Workshops

- St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, University of St. Thomas June, 2016
- *Logos* Workshop in Philosophical Theology, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame May, 2016
- Junior Metaphysicians Workshop, Texas Christian University March, 2016
- Classical Theism Workshop, University of St. Thomas July, 2015

- Hylomorphism Workshop on *Metaphysical Themes: 1274-1671* by Robert Pasnau, Wake Forrest July, 2014

Awards

- Two Thumbs Up Award, awarded by the Department of Disability Services for making a difference in the life of one or more of their students. March, 2015
- Graduate Student of the Year, awarded by the Philosophy Department, University of South Carolina May, 2014
- Best Graduate Student Paper, “Created and Uncreated Things,” awarded by Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Division October, 2013
- Graduate Student Teacher of the Year, awarded by the Philosophy Department, University of South Carolina May, 2013
- James Oliver Award, awarded by the Philosophy Department, University of South Carolina, for superior work in formal logic and its philosophical applications. May, 2011

Languages

English, Russian, Ukrainian, Elementary Latin

Teaching Experience

- **PHI 4810: Senior Seminar in Philosophy of Religion**
Instructor of Record (Columbia International University, Fall 2012)
- **PHI 3310: Classical Philosophy**
Instructor of Record (Columbia International University, Fall 2012)
- **PHIL 110: Introduction to Formal Logic**
Instructor of Record (University of South Carolina: Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)
- **PHIL 211: Contemporary Moral Issues**
Teaching Assistant (University of South Carolina: Fall 2010, Spring 2011)
Instructor of Record (University of South Carolina: Fall 2013)
- **PHIL 102: Introduction to Philosophy**

Teaching Assistant (University of South Carolina, Fall 2011)

Instructor of Record (Columbia International University, Prison Initiative, Spring 2013)

- **PHIL 102h: Honors Introduction to Philosophy**

Instructor of Record (University of South Carolina, Honors College, Spring 2016)

- **PHIL 101S: Philosophy of Sex**

Teaching Assistant (University of South Carolina, 2012)

- **PHIL 210: Philosophical Themes in Literature: God and Man in 20th Century Russian Literature**

Syllabus developed and submitted for approval to satisfy University of South Carolina's "Carolina Core: Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding" Requirement

- **RUSS 121: Elementary Russian I**

Instructor of Record (University of South Carolina, Summer 2013)

- **RUSS 202: Intermediate Russian II**

Instructor of Record (University of South Carolina, Summer 2015)

- **GRE, GMAT, SAT, ACT Prep Instructor**

Continuing Education and English Program for International Students, University of South Carolina (Employed by Educational Testing Consultants, January 2010-2016)

References

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- Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, Director of the Center for Philosophy of Religion

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- Judith Kalb, Professor of Russian, University of South Carolina

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