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## Education

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**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill** 2015 – 2021

PhD, Philosophy (2021)

Dissertation: “Immanent Structuralism: A Neo-Aristotelian Account of Mathematics”

MA, Philosophy (2017)

Thesis: “Essence and Counterfactuals”

**University of California, Los Angeles** 2012 – 2014

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy

**San Bernardino Valley College** 2008 – 2011

Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts

## Research Areas

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**Areas of Specialization:**

Political Philosophy

Ancient Philosophy

Philosophy of Science

**Areas of Competence:**

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

## Employment History

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- Duke Department of Philosophy | Assistant Research Professor  
Fall 2023 – Present
- Transformative Ideas Program at Duke | Executive Director  
Fall 2023 – Present
- Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University | Postdoctoral Fellow  
Fall 2021 – Summer 2023
- Duke University | Summer Teaching Fellow  
Summer 2017 – Summer 2020

- UNC Department of Philosophy | Teaching Fellow  
Fall 2016 – Spring 2021
- UCLA Department of Philosophy | Teaching Assistant  
Fall 2014 – Spring 2015
- CSU San Bernardino Department of Philosophy | Logic Lab Tutor  
Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

## Teaching Experience

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### Primary Instructor:

- PHIL 213/NEUROSCI 233 – Exploring Science and Religion  
Fall 2024, Fall 2023 – Duke University
- POLSCI 337/CLST 277 – How to Rule the World  
Fall, 2024 Spring 2023, Fall 2023 – Duke University
- ECON 225S/POLSCI 247S – Liberalism and Its Critics (co-taught w/ Bruce Caldwell)  
Fall 2022 – Duke University
- POLSCI 256/CLST 276S – Contemporary Nationalism and Classical Political Theory  
Spring 2022 – Duke University
- PHIL 160 – Introduction to Ethics  
Spring 2021 – UNC Chapel Hill
- PHIL 215 – Medieval Philosophy  
Spring 2019 – UNC Chapel Hill
- PHIL 110 – Introduction to Philosophy via Great Works  
Spring 2018 – UNC Chapel Hill
- POLSCI 175 – Introduction to Political Philosophy  
Summer 2018, Summer 2019, Summer 2020 – Duke University
- ECON 361 – Prisoner's Dilemma and Distributive Justice (Intro to PPE)  
Summer 2017 – Duke University

### Teaching Assistant:

- PHIL 160 – Introduction to Ethics  
Spring 2017 – UNC Chapel Hill
- PHIL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy

Fall 2017, Fall 2018 – UNC Chapel Hill

- PPE 384 – Introduction to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)  
Fall 2016 – UNC Chapel Hill/Duke University
- Philos 100B – History of Medieval Philosophy  
Winter 2015 – UCLA
- Philos 7 – Introduction to Philosophy of Mind  
Fall 2014, Spring 2015 – UCLA

Formal Logic Tutoring:

- Philos 31 – First Course in Logic, UCLA
- Philos 132 – Second Course in Logic, UCLA
- Philos 135 – Metalogic, UCLA
- Phil 200 – Propositional Logic, CSU San Bernardino
- Phil 300 – Predicate Logic, CSU San Bernardino

## Research and Publishing

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- “Kallipolis in Motion: Grand Strategy in Plato’s *Republic*” (Forthcoming, *Polis: The Journal for Ancient Greek and Roman Political Thought*)
- “Plato the Constructivist: International Norms in *Republic 5*” (Work in progress)
- “Empire as a Regulative Ideal: Hegemony and Authority” (Work in progress)
- “Explaining *De Re* Mathematical Necessities” (Work in progress)

## Conference and Workshop Presentations

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- “Public Choice and Elite Theory: Friends or Foes?” February 2022  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Conference – Cincinnati, Ohio
- “Explaining *De Re* Mathematical Necessities”  
Duke Department of Philosophy Faculty WIP Series – Duke University
- “Bitcoin, Monetary Policy, and Justice,” October 2023  
2023 Mercatus Center Markets & Society Conference – George Mason University

- “Empire as a Regulative Ideal,” October 2022  
Duke Political Theory Workshop (Zoom)
- “Some Questions for Epistocracy,” April 2022  
Barry Fellows Spring 2022 Paper Workshop (Zoom)
- “Aquinas and Locke on Property,” August 2019  
Classical Liberals in the Carolinas 2019 Annual Conference – Wake Forest University
- “Some Questions for Epistocracy,” July 2019  
Duke PPE Symposium: Buchanan Camp – Park City, Utah
- “Mathematical Reduction, Treating-as, and Abstraction,” October 2017  
Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Conference – Houston Baptist University
- “Mathematical Reduction, Treating-as, and Abstraction,” February 2017  
2017 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society – UNC Wilmington
- “Mathematical Reduction, Treating-as, and Abstraction,” June 2016  
14<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics and Physics Conference – University of Western Ontario
- “Heavyweight Realism in Metaphysical Disputes: A Defense,” February 2014  
2014 Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society – UNC Chapel Hill

## Service and Advising

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- Organizer: Arete Summer Seminar on Philosophy, Ethics and Religion (2022)
- Co-Organizer: Duke Civil Discourse Undergraduate Fellowship
- Co-Organizer: Duke Civil Discourse Faculty Roundtables (x2)
- Grant Author/Co-Author: 7 grants
- Faculty Advisor: Duke Iterate CS Club