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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2023-Pres.	Morehead State University Assistant Professor – Legal Studies (Tenure Track) Legal Studies Program Coordinator
2014-21	Columbia College (Missouri) Instructor

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2023-current	Attorney Private
2019-23	Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy Staff Attorney
2017	U.S. Attorney’s Office – Western District of Kentucky Summer Associate

EDUCATION:

2019	J.D., University of Kentucky College of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">Articles Editor – KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL Vol. 107Top Class Awards (Criminal Law, Intellectual Property)
2016	Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Missouri <i>Defending States and Protecting Individuals: A Critical Examination of the Principle of Nonintervention</i> Advisor: Peter Vallentyne
2012	M.A., Philosophy, University of Tennessee
2006	B.A., Philosophy, University of Kentucky

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Criminal Law, Bioethics, Healthcare Law, Social-Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Law

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Intellectual Property, Constitutional Law, Applied Ethics, Epistemology, Logic

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2024** | “Jail Time for a Growling Dog? In Kentucky, Maybe...” *Bench & Bar Magazine* 88:2.
- 2020** | “Justice in Intellectual Property.” *Ethics, Politics & Society* 3:1.
- 2018** | “We Should Not Take Human Rights So Seriously.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 34:1.
- 2017** | “Are Non-Evidentially Based Beliefs Epistemically Evaluable?: Miriam McCormick’s *Believing Against the Evidence*.” *Syndicate Philosophy*.
- 2016** | “Defending an Expressivist Account of Reasons.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 32:1.
- 2016** | “Good Athlete, Good Person?: Commentary on Mary Gwin’s ‘Personal Worth and Sport.’” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 32:2.
- 2010** | “Crummy Commercials and BB Guns” (w/ E. Haire) In S. Lowe, *Christmas – Philosophy for Everyone: Better Than a Lump of Coal* (pp. 80-90). Malden: Blackwell Publishing.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS:

- 2020** | “Justice in Intellectual Property”
-Midsouth Philosophy Conference (44th Annual Meeting), March
- 2017** | “We Should Not Take Human Rights So Seriously”
-Southwestern Philosophical Society (79th Annual Meeting), November
-Kentucky Philosophical Association, April
- 2015** | “Defending an Expressivist Account of Reasons”
-Southwestern Philosophical Society (77th Annual Meeting), November
- 2014** | -American Philosophical Association (Pacific – Main Program), April
- 2013** | “Attention and Justified Believing”
-Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Conference, October
- 2012** | “(Mis)Understanding Rawls’ Wide View of Public Political Culture”
-Central States Philosophical Association, September
- 2011** | “Practical Considerations for Belief and Evidential Neutrality”
-Mid South Philosophy Conference, March

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS (CONT'D):

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| 2010 | “Character and Moral Luck”
-Mid South Philosophy Conference, March
-Central States Philosophical Association, September |
| 2010 | “Outlining a Future for Environmental Virtue Ethics: Anthropocentric vs. Non Anthropocentric Approaches to Environmental Virtue”
-Mississippi Philosophical Association Conference, February
-International Society for Environmental Ethics/International Association for Environmental Philosophy Conference on Env. Philosophy, June |

COMMENTARIES:

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| 2014 | Critical comments on Scott Aikin’s <i>Evidentialism and the Will to Believe</i>
Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Conference, October (Author Meets Critic Session) |
| 2011 | “Reply to Jamie Watson’s <i>A Priori Justification and Testimony</i>”
Mid South Philosophy Conference, March |
| 2010 | “Reply to James Montmarquet’s <i>Culpable Ignorance, ‘Benighting Acts,’ and Epistemic Character</i>”
Mid South Philosophy Conference, March |
| 2009 | “Reply to Steven Weimer’s <i>The Autonomous Maintenance of Pro-Attitudes</i>”
Tennessee Philosophical Association Annual Conference, November |

AWARDS:

FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2015-16 | Kline Fellowship, University of Missouri Department of Philosophy |
| 2014-15 | Kline Fellowship, University of Missouri Department of Philosophy |
| 2012-13 | Kline Fellowship, University of Missouri Department of Philosophy |

BEST STUDENT PAPER

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| 2010 | Mississippi Philosophical Association Conference (Topic: Environmental Ethics), February |
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