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**Area of Specialization**: Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

**Area of Competence**: Ethics, Metaphysics, Ancient Philosophy

**Academic Appointments**

Full-Time Sessional Instructor, University of Edmonton. 2019-2020.

**Education**

Ph.D. Philosophy, McMaster University, 2019 (Convocated on 2019-11-21)

Dissertation: Disagreement and Change of View (Supervised by Nicholas Griffin)

Monash University, 2014-2015

Completed one year in the Ph.D. program (Supervised by Graham Oppy and Robert Mark Simpson)

M.A. Philosophy, Ryerson University, 2014

M.A. Interdisciplinary Humanities, Trinity Western University, 2012

B.A. (Honours), Philosophy, Tyndale University College, 2010

**Monograph**

25. (2020). *The Epistemic Benefits of Disagreement*. Studies in Applied Philosophy, Epistemology and Rational Ethics Series. Springer.

**Edited Anthology**

24. (forthcoming). *Four Views on the Axiology of Theism: What Difference Does God Make?* Bloomsbury.

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

23. (forthcoming). “Anti-Theism, Pro-Theism, and Gratuitous Evil.” *Philosophia Christi*.

22. (forthcoming). “On the Will Not to Believe and Axiological Atheism: A Reply to Cockayne and Warman.” *Sophia.*

21. (forthcoming). “Catherine Elgin on Peerhood and the Epistemic Benefits of Disagreement.” *Synthese*.

20. (forthcoming). “Schellenberg’s Ultimism as the Proper Object of Non-Doxastic Religion: A Reply to Palmqvist.” *Sophia*.

19. (forthcoming). “Religious Disagreement, Religious Experience, and the Evil-God Hypothesis.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion.*

18. (forthcoming). “On How (Not) to Argue for Preferring God’s Non-Existence.” *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*.

17. (2019). “Disagreement, Deep Time, and Progress in Philosophy.” *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* 9: 285-313.

16. (2019). “The Axiology of Theism.” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

15. (2019). “Epistemic Injustice and Religious Experience.” In *The Lost Sheep in Philosophy of Religion: New Perspectives on Disability, Gender, Race, and Animals*. Edited by Kevin Timpe and Blake Hereth. Routledge.

14. (2019). “Undermining the Axiological Solution to Divine Hiddenness.” With Perry Hendricks *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 86 (1): 3-15. [Second Author]

13. (2019). “The Goals of Philosophy of Religion: A Reply to Ireneusz Zieminski.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 11 (1): 187-199.

12. (2018). “On the Axiology of a Hidden God.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 10 (4): 79-95.

11. (2018). “Religious Commitment and the Benefits of Cognitive Diversity: A Reply to Trakakis.” *Sophia* 57 (1): 501- 513.

10. (2018). “Recognition and Epistemic Injustice in the Epistemology of Disagreement.” *Philosophical Forum* 49 (3): 363-377.

9. (2018). “The Axiological Solution to Divine Hiddenness.” *Ratio* 31 (3): 331-341.

8. (2018). “Is Religious Experience a Solution to the Problem of Religious Disagreement?” *Logos & Episteme* IX (2): 173-197.

7. (2018). “The Epistemic Value of Deep Disagreements.” *Informal Logic* 38 (2): 263-292.

6. (2017). “The Role of Idealized Cases in the Epistemology of Disagreement.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 33 (2): 251-270.

5. (2017). “Anti-Theism and the Objective Meaningful Life Argument.” *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 56 (2): 337-355.

* See also Myron A. Penner (2018). “On the Objective Meaningful Life Argument: A Response to Kirk Lougheed.” *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review* 57 (1): 173-182.

4. (2017). “Indirect Epistemic Reasons and Religious Belief.” With Robert Mark Simpson. *Religious Studies* 53 (2): 151- 169. [First Author]

3. (2015). “Pro-Theism and the Added Value of Morally Good Agents.” With Myron A. Penner. *Philosophia Christi* 17 (1): 53-69. [Second Author]

2. (2014). "Divine Creation, Modal Collapse, and the Theistic Multiverse." *Sophia* 53 (4): 435-446.

1. (2014)."God and Possible Worlds." With Klaas J. Kraay and Aylish Chantler. *Oxford Bibliographies Online.* [Third Author]

**Book Reviews**

(2018). Review of Jonathan Matheson *The Epistemic Significance of Disagreement*. *Philosophia Christi* 20) (1): 301-303. [Invited]

(2017). Review of Phillip H. Wiebe. *Intuitive Knowing as Spiritual Experience*. *Dialogue: Canadian Review of Philosophy* 56(3).

(2015). Review of Klaas J. Kraay (eds). *God and the Multiverse*. *Faith and Philosophy* 32(4).

(2015). Review of Bryan Frances. *Disagreement*. *Dialogue: Canadian Review of Philosophy* 54(3).

(2013). Review of Michael Griffin. *Leibniz, God and Necessity*. *Dialogue: Canadian Review of Philosophy* 52(2).

**Under Contract**

*The Axiological Status of Theism and Other Worldviews* (working title). Monograph under contract with Palgrave Macmillan (part of the Palgrave Frontiers in the Philosophy of Religion Series). 85 000 to 100 000 words. Due in December 2020.

*Epistemic Autonomy*. Co-edited with Jonathan Matheson. Edited collection under contract with Routledge (part of the Routledge Studies in Epistemology series). Due in January 2021. Contributors: Heather Battaly; J. Adam Cater; Finnur Dellsén; Katherine Dormandy; Chris Dragos; Catherine Elgin; Elizabeth Fricker; Sanford Goldberg; Liz Jackson; Javier González de Prado Salas; Robert Mark Simpson; Sarah McGrath; Robin McKenna; Maura Priest; Shane Ryan; Alessandra Tanesini; Jesús Vega-Encabo.

**Work in Progress**

1. A paper on epistemic paternalism. Under Review.
2. A paper on disagreement. Under Review.
3. “Medieval Philosophy, Epistemic Paternalism, and Inquiry” Proposal for at least two journal articles. Under Review. “On Whether There are Grounds for Worship.” Under review.
4. “The Puzzle of Epistemic Autonomy.” With Jonathan Matheson. Introductory chapter for *Epistemic Autonomy*. Under Contract.
5. *Value Beyond Theism: Essays on the Axiology of Divine* (working title). Proposal in early stages for an edited collection exploring the axiological status alternative conceptions of the divine.
6. Review of John Pittard’s *Disagreement, Deference, and Religious Commitment*. For *Faith and Philosophy.* [Invited]

**Publications for Non-Specialist Audiences**

“The Problem of No Best World,” in 1000-Word Philosophy at http://1000wordphilosophy.wordpress.com/. (March 24, 2014)

**Refereed Presentations**

“The Dignity Argument for Anti-Theism,” *The American Academy of Religion,* Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting. St. Joseph’s College, University of Alberta. Accepted for May 2020.

“The Privacy Argument for Personal Anti-Theism,” *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Meeting. University of Lethbridge, October 2019.

“The Privacy Argument for Personal Anti-Theism,” God, Axiology and Belief Symposium at the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Congress. University of British Columbia, June 2019.

“Epistemic Paternalism and Inquiry,” Epistemic Paternalism Symposium at the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Congress, University of British Columbia, June 2019.

“Epistemically Possible Worlds and the Counterpossible Objection to the Axiology of Theism.” Modal Metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)Possible VII. Slovak Metaphysical Society (Institute of Philosophy of the Slovak Academy of Sciences), May 2019.

“Religious Disagreement, Religious Experience, and the Evil God Hypothesis,” *New Perspectives in European Philosophy of Religion*. University of Maribor (Slovenia), November 2018.

“The Axiology of Schellenberg’s Ultimism,” *Summer School in the Nature of God: Personal and a-personal concepts of the divine,”* organized by the Nature of God Project. Innsbruck University, July/August 2018.

“Expanding and Refocusing the Philosophy of Religion on Religion,” *Situating Philosophy of Religion*, Annual Graduate Student Symposium. Hosted by the Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto, April 2018.

“Synchronic Reasons, Diachronic Reasons, and the Epistemic Benefits of Disagreement,” *Summer School in Social Epistemology* organized by the Social Epistemology Research Group (Copenhagen). Autonomous University of Madrid, August 2017.

“Religious Disagreement and Religious Experience,” Disagreement, Higher-Order Evidence, and New Arguments for Scepticism Symposium at the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Congress. Ryerson University, June 2017.

“Religious Experience and the Problem of Religious Disagreement,” *Theology and the Philosophy of Science: Analytic, Scholastic, and Historical Perspectives*. Concordia University (Edmonton), October 2016.

“Who is an Epistemic Peer and Why it Matters,” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Congress. University of Calgary, May/June 2016.

“Who is an Epistemic Peer and Why it Matters,” *The 3rd Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference.* University of Tampa Bay, November 2015.

“The Irrelevance of Simple Toy Cases to Religious Disagreement,” Epistemology of Religious Disagreement Symposium at the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Congress. University of Ottawa, June 2015.

“The Epistemology of Disagreement and Religious Diversity,” *Religion, Diversity and Governance. Australasian Association for the Study of Religion*, Annual Conference. Deakin University, December 2014.

“Pro-Theism and the Added Value of Morally Good Agents,” with Myron A. Penner. *Australasian Association of Philosophy*, Annual Conference. Australian National University, July 2014.

"Faith as Acceptance: A Tentative Solution to the Problem of Religious Disagreement," *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Midwest Region Meeting.Trinity Christian College, March 2014.

"A Dilemma for the Theistic Multiverse," *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Eastern Division Meeting 2013. University of South Florida, October 2013.

"A Dilemma for the Theistic Multiverse," *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Meeting. University of Manitoba, October 2013.

"An examination of the analytic/continental divide in contemporary philosophy," *Papers Please: Knowledge at the Borders of Disciplinarity*. York University, April 2013. (Graduate conference)

"A Critique of Contemporary Compatiblism," *Essays of Significance.* University of Windsor, March 2013. (Graduate conference)

“Divine Creation, the Principle of Sufficient Reason, and Modal Collapse,” *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Meeting. University of Lethbridge, October 2011.

“Leibniz, Divine Creation and the Principle of Sufficient Reason,” *The Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference*. University of Colorado (Denver), October 2011.

“The Problem of Divine Hiddenness,” *Brockport Philosophy Conference*. The College at Brockport (SUNY), April 2011. (Student conference)

**Non-Refereed Presentations**

“The Autonomy and Dignity Arguments for Anti-Theism,” *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group*. Ryerson University, November 2019 [via skype].

“The Privacy Argument for Personal Anti-theism,” *The CUE Theology & Science Research Cluster*. Concordia University of Edmonton, November 2019.

“Epistemically Possible Worlds and the Counterpossible Objection to the Axiology of Theism,” *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group*. University of Toronto, November 2018.

“Religious Disagreement, Religious Experience, and the Evil God Hypothesis,” *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group*. Ryerson University, September 2018.

“On the Axiology of a Hidden God,” *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group.* University of Toronto, January 2018.

“Disagreement, Deep Time, and Progress in Philosophy,” *Philosophy Department Speaker Series*. McMaster University, November 2017.

“Toy Cases in the Epistemology of Disagreement,” *Ph.D. Seminar Conference*. McMaster University, April 2017.

“The Goods of Atheism Argument: A Defense of Wide, Impersonal Anti-Theism,” *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group*. Ryerson University, March 2017.

“Religious Experience and the Problem of Religious Disagreement,” *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group.* Ryerson University, September 2016.

“Skepticism, Personal Anti-Theism, and the Meaningful Life Argument: A Reply to Myron A. Penner,” *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group*. Ryerson University, October 2015.

“Who is an Epistemic Peer and Why it Matters for Religious Disagreement,” *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group*. Ryerson University, May 2015.

“Arguing from Intuitions in the Epistemology of Disagreement,” *Graduate Student Work in Progress Group.* Monash University, April 2015.

“The Epistemology of Disagreement and the Epistemic Benefits of Research Diversity,” *Graduate Student Work in Progress Group.* Monash University, July 2014.

“Pro-Theism and the Added Value of Morally Good Agents,” with Myron A. Penner. *Philosophy of Religion Work in Progress Group*. Ryerson University, May 2014.

"Features of Religious Disagreement," *Graduate Philosophy Colloquium*. Ryerson University, January 2014.

"Faith as Acceptance: A tentative solution to the problem of religious disagreement," *Philosophy of Religion work-in-progress group*. Ryerson University, November 2013.

“A Critique of Contemporary Compatiblism,” *Graduate Philosophy Colloquium*. Ryerson University, January 2013.

“Roderick Firth’s Ideal Observer Theory,” *MA in Interdisciplinary Humanities Graduate Colloquium*. Trinity Western University, November 2010.

**Commentaries**

Comments on Joshua Brecka’s (Ryerson) “Ideal Aesthetic Observer Theories and the Euthyphro Dilemma” *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Meeting. University of Lethbridge, October 2019.

Comments on Klaas J. Kraay’s (Ryerson) “Is ‘Motivated Submaximization’ Good Enough for God?” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Meeting. Ryerson University, May 2017.

Comments on B. Franklin Curry’s (McMaster) “Individual Responsibility and Collective Action: Intervening Between Pogge and Ashford,” *Ph.D. Seminar*. McMaster University, January 2017.

Comments on Jonanna Tinus’s (Queen’s) “Naturalisation, Nationalism and Integration,” *Ontario Legal Philosophy Partnership Graduate Student Conference*. McMaster University, May 2016.

Comments on Richard Rowland’s (Warwick) “From Moral Disagreement to Non-Cognitivism,” *The 3rd Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference.* University of Tampa Bay, November 2015.

Comments on Dustin Olson’s (Rochester) “Quantitative Justification the Vagueness of Knowledge,” *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Meeting. University of Ottawa, May/June 2015.

Comments on Donald Bungum’s (Saint Louis) “When Disagreement twixt the Faith Plains: Testimonial Traditions and Religious Disagreement,” *Canadian Society for Christian Philosophers*, Annual Meeting. Brock University, May 2014.

**Research Funding**

Doctoral Fellowship, from the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada* 2016-2019, $60,000 ($20,000 per academic year)

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship, from the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*, 2011-2012: $17,500

**Academic and Financial Awards**

Philosophy Department Graduate Scholarship, McMaster University, 2015-2016, $12,000

Philosophy Department Entrance Scholarship, McMaster University, 2015-2016, $2,000

Monash Graduate Scholarship, 2014-2015, $25,000 AUD

Monash International Postgraduate Research Fellowship, 2014-2015. International student fees and health insurance.

Graduate Award, Ryerson University, 2013-2014, $2500

Graduate Award, Ryerson University, 2012-2013, $4000

Dean’s Scholarship, Trinity Western University, 2010, $2500

Academic Scholarship, Trinity Western University, 2010, $1000

TWU Student Grant, Trinity Western University, 2010, $1500

**Teaching Experience**

**As Instructor:**

Lower Level Undergraduate Courses:

*Introduction to Philosophy*. Responsible for creation of course syllabus, all lectures, and all associated grading. Concordia University of Edmonton. Fall 2019 x2 sections.

*Introduction to Ethics.* Responsible for creation of course syllabus, all lectures, and all associated grading. Concordia University of Edmonton. Fall 2019 x2 sections and under contract for Winter 2020 x3 sections.

Upper Level Undergraduate Courses:

*Theory of Knowledge*.

* Responsible for creation of course syllabus, all lectures, and all associated grading (approximate enrolment 50 students). McMaster University. Fall 207 and Winter 2019.
* Seminar-Style: Under contract for Winter 2020 at Concordia University of Edmonton.

**Other Teaching Experience:**

Fall 2018. Teaching Assistant for *Business Ethics* (taught by Jenifer Szende). Responsible for leading two tutorials for 25 students each and all associated grading. McMaster University.

Winter 2018. Head Teaching Assistant for *Ethics* (taught by James Sikkema). Responsible for leading two tutorials for 25 students each and all associated grading. Also responsible for student inquiries from entire lecture (200 students). McMaster University.

Winter 2016. Teaching Assistant for *Ethics* (taught by Jeff D’Souza): Responsible for leading two tutorials for 25 students each and all associated grading. McMaster University.

Fall 2015. Teaching Assistant for *Philosophy, Law and Society* (taught by Wil Waluchow): Responsible for leading two weekly tutorials for 25 students each and all associated grading. McMaster University.

Winter 2013. Grading Assistant for *History of Philosophy II* (taught by Richard Davis): Responsible for all grading associated with the course. Tyndale University College.

2012-213. Teaching Assistant for *Critical Reasoning* in 3 separate semesters(taught by Klaas Kraay; David Rondel; David Hunter, respectively): Responsible for leading two weekly tutorials for 25 students each and all associated grading. Ryerson University.

2010-2012: Learning Coach in 4 separate semesters: Responsible for supervising first year students on academic probation. Individual tutoring and group study seminars. Trinity Western University.

**Pedagogical Training:**

2018-2019. *Teaching and Learning Foundations Certificate of Completion* at the Paul R. MacPherson Institute for Leadership, Innovation & Excellence in Teaching, McMaster University. This includes the following two courses: (1) *Essential Skills in Teaching and Learning* and (2) *Instructional Skills Workshop*.

**Other Professional Experience**

July/August 2018. Participant at the *Summer School in the Nature of God: Personal and a-personal concepts of the divine,”* organized by the Nature of God Project. Hosted by Innsbruck University. Room, Board, and Travel included. [Selective]

August 2017. Participant at the *Summer School in Social Epistemology* organized by the Social Epistemology Research Group (Copenhagen). Hosted by the Autonomous University of Madrid. Room and Board included. [Selective]

Fall 2016/Winter 2017. Research Assistant for Institute for Ethics & Policy for Innovation. McMaster University.

Summer 2016. Research Assistant for Program for Ethics & Policy for Innovation. McMaster University.

Winter 2014. Research Assistant for Myron A. Penner. Ryerson University.

Summer 2013. Research Assistant for Klaas Kraay. Ryerson University.

**References to My Work**

*This list is in chronological order.*

Kraay, Klaas, J. (forthcoming). “Elgin’s Community Oriented Steadfastness.” *Synthese*.

Kraay, Klaas, J. (2019). “Theism, Pro-Theism, Hasker, and Gratuitous Evil.” *Oxford studies in Philosophy of Religion* 9: 31-53.

Metz, Thaddeus. (2019). *God, Soul and the Meaning of Life*. Cambridge University Press.

Matheson, Jonathan. (2018). “Deep Disagreements and Rational Resolution” *Topoi* [Online First View]

Penner, Myron A. and Benjamin H. Arbour. (2018). “Arguments from Evil and Evidence for Pro- Theism” in *Does God Matter? Essays on the Axiological Consequences of Theism*. Routledge.

Kahane, Guy. (2018). “If there is a hole, it is not God-shaped” in *Does God Matter? Essays on the Axiological Consequences of Theism*. Routledge.

Kraay, Klaas J. (2018). “Invitation to Axiology of Theism” in *Does God Matter? Essays on the Axiological Consequences of Theism*. Routledge.

Dumsday, Travis. (2016). “Anti-Theism and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.”*Sophia* 55.2: 179-95.

Mugg, Joshua. (2016). “The Quietest Challenge to the Axiology of Theism.” *Faith and Philosophy* 33.4: 441-460.

Kraay, Klaas J. (2015). “Introduction” in *God and the Multiverse: Scientific, Philosophical, and Theological Perspectives*. Routledge*.*

**Service to the Profession**

Organized a Symposium entitled “Epistemic Paternalism” at the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Congress. University of British Columbia, June 2019.

Organized a Symposium entitled “Disagreement, Higher-Order Evidence, and New Arguments for Scepticism” at the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Congress. Ryerson University, June 2017.

Co-organized (with Klaas J. Kraay) a Symposium entitled “Epistemology of Religious Disagreement” at the *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Congress. University of Ottawa, June 2015.

Journal Refereeing:

2019: *American Philosophical Quarterly; Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophy: A Journal of the Higher School of Economics*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Religious Studies*; *Sophia*

2018*: Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*

2017: *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophy Review*; *Religious Studies*

Other Refereeing:

2019: *Western Canadian Philosophical Annual Meeting*x2

**Departmental Service**

PhD Admissions Committee. Department of Philosophy, McMaster University. 2018-2019 (two admission cycles).

Adjudicator for Graduate Student Travel Awards. McMaster University. Spring 2016.

Benefits Officer for TAs, Adjuncts, and Post-docs. McMaster University. February 2016 – July 2016.

**References**

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