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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION
AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion
Logic, Language,

EMPLOYMENT

2022–present Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, **Brigham Young University**

EDUCATION

2018–2022 PhD in Philosophy, **The University of Texas at Austin**
Dissertation: Essence and Metaphysical Explanation
Committee: Jon Litland (Chair), Josh Dever (Chair), Rob Koons, Louis deRosset (External Member)
–Visiting Scholar (Summer 2019) **Arche Philosophical Research Center**

2016–2018 M.A. in Philosophy, The University of Texas at Austin
Thesis: In What Sense (If Any) Is Meaning Normative?
Supervisor: Ray Buchanan

2009–2016 B.A. in Philosophy, **Brigham Young University**

BOOKS/EDITED VOLUMES:

1. *Contemporary Philosophy and the Latter-day Saint Tradition* (co-edited with Katharina Paxman). Under contract with Routledge

ARTICLES/CHAPTERS

14. “Against Grounding Trinitarianism” with Derek Haderlie. *Faith and Philosophy* (forthcoming).
13. “Towards an Inferentialist Account of Essentialist Explanation” with Jon Litland. *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).

12. “On the Harm of Being Deputized by God” *Faith and Philosophy* (forthcoming)
11. “A God Who Came to Be but Never Was Not God” in *The Other Philosophies of Religion* eds. José Eduardo Porcher, Tasia Scrutton, and Hans Van Eyghen. (Bloomsbury, forthcoming)
10. “Joseph Smith and the Specter of Classical Theism” in *Contemporary Philosophy and the Latter-day Saint Tradition*, eds Taylor-Grey Miller and Katharina Paxman (Routledge, forthcoming).
9. “The Problem of Revelatory Evil” with Mike Ashfield. in *Epistemic Injustice and Religious Identities*, eds. Michelle Panchuk, Gilles Beauchamp and Maëlle Turbide (Bloomsbury, forthcoming)
8. “What Could it Mean to Say that Sex is Eternal” *Religious Studies* (2025)
7. “(Ir)Rational Inquiry” with Andrew del Rio. *Thought* (2024).
<https://doi.org/10.5840/tht202492337>
6. “Evil and Embodiment: Towards a Latter-day Saint Non-Identity Theodicy” with Derek Haderlie. *Religious Studies* (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0034412523001117>
5. “Nothing Explains Essence.” *Inquiry* (2023).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2269576>
4. “On the Reduction of Constitutive to Consequential Essence” *Ergo* 9:55 (2023).
<https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.3118>
3. “Essentialist Non-Reductivism” *Philosophers’ Imprint* vol 22. (2022).
<https://journals.publishing.umich.edu/phimp/article/id/1205/>
2. “Faith: How to be Partial while Respecting the Evidence,” with Derek Haderlie *Australasian Philosophical Review* 5.1 (2022): 67–72. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24740500.2021.2000193>
1. “Sider’s Puzzle and the Mormon Afterlife,” with Derek Haderlie. *Journal of Analytic Theology* 8.1 (2020): 131-151. <https://doi.org/10.12978/jat.2020-8.120817070004>

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2020–2021	Graduate Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
2019	Journal of Analytic Theology: Diversifying Analytic Theology Prize Competition Runner-Up

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

**= invited talk

July 2025	“Towards an Inferentialist Account of Essentialist Explanation” <i>Third Honk Kong Metaphysics Workshop</i>
June 2025	“A God who Came to be but Never Was not God” <i>Rutgers Analytic Theology Seminar</i>
November 2024	**“Essence Can’t Ground Modality” <i>Philosophy Department Lecture Series</i> Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK
September 2024	“Joseph Smith and the Specter of Classical Theism” <i>LDS Philosophy Conference</i> , Brigham Young University, UT
July 2024	“Against Grounding Trinitarianism” <i>Grounding and Metaphysical Explanation Workshop</i> Bristol, UK
April 2024	**“Evil and Embodiment” <i>LDS Theology and Divine Finitude Conference</i> Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
March 2024	“On the Harm of Being Addressed by God” <i>Rutgers Analytic Theology Seminar</i>
December 2023	“Run-About Theological Inference Tickets” <i>Toronto Philosophy of Religion Workshop</i>
June 2023	“Revelatory Evil and the Goodness of God” Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers (with Mike Ashfield)
April 2023	“Evil and Embodiment: Towards a LDS Non-Identity Theodicy” Global Philosophy of Religion Project <i>The Problem of Evil and Suffering Conference</i>
November 2022	“Grounding, Trinitarianism, and the LDS Conception of God” (with Derek Haderlie), <i>LDS Philosophical Theology Conference</i> , Brigham Young University, UT
June 2021	“How Unorthodox Must the Latter-day Saint Conception of God be?” (with Derek Haderlie), Global Philosophy of Religion Project <i>Existence and Nature of God and Other Deities Conference</i> .
February 2021	“The Knowledge Argument Without Knowledge” Colloquium Presentation, <i>APA Pacific Central Meeting</i> , New Orleans, LA
January 2020	“The Knowledge Argument Without Knowledge” <i>Mind and Moral Psychology Conference</i> , Michigan University (under the title “Essence and the Knowledge Argument”)
October 2019	“Reconciling Divine Justice at the Borderline” <i>Justice and the Philosophy of Religion Conference</i> , St. Louis University

July 2019 | ** “Trouble for Reducing Essence,” *Arche Metaphysics Group*
Arche Philosophical Research Centre

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Available Upon Request

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee: Acta Analytica, American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Asian Journal of Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Inquiry (x2), Journal of the APA, Mind, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Studies (x4), Religions, Religious Studies (x2), Faith and Philosophy, Sophia, Synthese (x6), Theologica, Theoria.

Co-founded and Co-organize the LDS Philosophy Project