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Curriculum Vitae

Philosophy Department
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Employment

Fordham University: Professor (2016—), Associate Professor (2012—2016), Assistant Professor (2008—2012)

University of Montana: Assistant Professor (2006—2008)

University of Notre Dame, Edward Sorin Postdoctoral Fellow (2005—2006)

Education

University of Notre Dame: Philosophy, Ph.D., 2005

University of Toronto, St. Michael's College: Theology, M.A., 1996

Williams College: B.A., 1993

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology • Philosophy of the Humanities

Areas of Competence

Ethics • Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence • Philosophy of Religion • John Henry Newman
• Wittgenstein

Publications

Books

A Philosophy of the Humanities (with Rik Peels and Rene van Woudenberg). New York:
Oxford University Press. (Forthcoming, 2024)

Varieties of Understanding: New Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology. Ed. Stephen R. Grimm. New York: Oxford University Press. (2019)

Making Sense of the World: New Essays in the Philosophy of Understanding. Ed. Stephen R. Grimm. New York: Oxford University Press. (2018)

Explaining Understanding: New Essays in Epistemology and Philosophy of Science. Eds. Stephen R. Grimm, Christoph Baumberger, and Sabine Ammon. New York: Routledge. (2016)

Series Editor for Oxford University Press line *Guides to the Good Life* (a series of trade books featuring the idea of “philosophy as a way of life” in various figures and traditions)

Special Journal Issue

Wisdom and Adversity. Special Issue of *The Journal of Value Inquiry.* Eds. Laura Blackie, Stephen R. Grimm, and Eranda Jayawickreme. (2019)

Articles

"An Epistemology of the Humanities." *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume.* Forthcoming.

"John Henry Newman, Dogmatism, and the Illative Sense." In *Newman and Contemporary Philosophy.* Eds. Frederick Aquino and Matthew Levering. New York: Routledge.

"John Henry Newman on Assent and Inquiry." In *A Companion to Newman's Grammar of Assent.* Eds. Frederick Aquino and Matthew Levering. Stuebenville, OH: Emmaus Academic Press

"How Can We Tell Which Philosophical Ways of Life Are More Successful Than Others? An Evaluative Framework." In *Philosophy as a Way of Life: New Research Directions.* Ed. Matthew Sharpe. Leiden: Brill. Forthcoming.

"Jesuit Formation and Philosophy." Special issue, Philosophy as a Spiritual Exercise. *Jesuit Sources: Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies.* Forthcoming.

“Understanding, Know-How, and Wisdom as Forms of Knowledge.” In *Forms of Knowledge: Essays on the Heterogeneity of Knowledge and Understanding*. Ed. Lucy Campbell. New York: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

"Understanding." *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

URL=<<https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2021/entries/understanding/>>. (2021)

"What is Philosophy as a Way of Life? *Why* Philosophy as a Way of Life?" (with Caleb Cohoe) *European Journal of Philosophy*. (2020)

- Translated into Chinese, by Wei-Kai Liao.

"What it Takes to Live Philosophically: Or, How to Progress in the Art of Living." (with Caleb Cohoe) *Metaphilosophy* 51: 391-410. (2020)

- Reprinted in *Philosophy as a Way of Life: Historical, Contemporary, and Pedagogical Perspectives*. Eds. J. Ambury, T. Irani, and K. Wallace. Malden, MA: Wiley. (2020)

“Transmitting Understanding and Know How.” In *What the Ancients Offer to Contemporary Epistemology*. Eds. Stephen Hetherington and Nicholas Smith. New York: Routledge. (2020)

"Does Adversity Make Us Wiser than Before? Addressing a Foundational Question Through Interdisciplinary Engagement." (with Laura Blackie and Eranda Jayawickreme) *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 53: 343-48. (2019)

"A Process Model of Wisdom from Adversity." (with Michel Ferrari, Igor Grossman, and Julia Staffel) *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 53: 471-73. (2019)

“Varieties of Understanding.” In *Varieties of Understanding: New Perspectives from Philosophy, Psychology, and Theology*. Ed. Stephen R. Grimm. New York: Oxford University Press. (2019)

“Understanding as an Intellectual Virtue.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Virtue Epistemology*. Ed. Heather Battaly. New York: Routledge. (2019)

- Translated into Chinese, with commentaries by Jiaming Chen, Xingming Hu, and Zhu Xu.

“The Ethics of Understanding.” In *Making Sense of the World: New Essays on the Philosophy of Understanding*. Ed. Stephen R. Grimm. New York: Oxford University Press. (2018)

“Introduction.” In *Making Sense of the World: New Essays on the Philosophy of Understanding*. Ed. Stephen R. Grimm. New York: Oxford University Press. (2018)

“Why Study History? On Its Epistemic Benefits and Its Relation to the Sciences.” *Philosophy* 92: 399-429. (2017) [special commendation in Philosophy of History essay competition]

“Wisdom in Theology.” In *The Oxford Handbook for the Epistemology of Theology*. Eds. William Abraham and Fred Aquino. New York: Oxford University Press. (2017)

“How Understanding People Differs from Understanding the Natural World.” *Philosophical Issues (Nous supplement)* 26: 209-225. (2016)

“Understanding and Transparency.” In *Explaining Understanding: New Essays in Epistemology and Philosophy of Science*. Eds. Stephen R. Grimm, Christoph Baumberger, & Sabine Ammon. New York: Routledge. (2016)

“The Value of Reflection.” In *Performance Epistemology: Foundations and Applications*. Ed. Miguel Angel Fernandez. New York: Oxford University Press. (2016)

“Knowledge, Practical Interests, and Rising Tides.” In *Epistemic Evaluation: Purposeful Epistemology*. Eds. John Greco and David Henderson. New York: Oxford University Press. (2015)

“The Logic of Mysticism.” *European Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 7: 131-145. [special issue on mysticism] (2015)

- Translated into Russian by Valeria Sleptsova, in *Philosophy of Religion: Analytic Researches*.

“Wisdom.” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 93: 139-154. (2015)

“Understanding as Knowledge of Causes.” In *Virtue Epistemology Naturalized: Bridges Between Virtue Epistemology and Philosophy of Science (Synthese Library)*. Ed. Abrol Fairweather. New York: Springer. (2014)

“Getting it Right.” (with Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij) *Philosophical Studies* 166: 329-347. (2013)

“The Value of Understanding.” *Philosophy Compass* 7: 103-117. (2012)

“What is Interesting?” *Logos and Episteme: An International Journal of Epistemology* 2: 515-542. (2011)

“On Intellectualism in Epistemology.” *Mind* 120: 705-733. (2011)

“Understanding.” In *The Routledge Companion to Epistemology*. Eds. Duncan Pritchard and Sven Berneker. New York: Routledge. (2011)

“The Goal of Explanation.” *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science* 41: 337-344. (2010)

“Understanding.” *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. New York: Oxford University Press. www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com (2010)

“Epistemic Normativity.” In *The Value of Knowledge*. Eds. Adrian Haddock, Alan Millar, and Duncan Pritchard. New York: Oxford University Press. (2009)

- Reprinted in *Virtue Epistemology: MIT Readers in Contemporary Philosophy*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. (2012)

“Reliability and The Sense of Understanding.” In *Philosophical Perspectives on Scientific Understanding*. Eds. Henk de Regt, Sabina Leonelli, and Kai Eigner. Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh University Press. (2009)

“Epistemic Goals and Epistemic Values.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 77: 725-744. (2008)

“Explanatory Inquiry and the Need for Explanation.” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 59: 481-497. (2008)

“Review Essay: Kvanvig’s *The Value of Knowledge and the Pursuit of Understanding*.” (with Michael DePaul). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 74: 498-514. (2007)

“Easy Cases and Value Incommensurability.” *Ratio* 20: 26-44. (2007)

“Is Understanding a Species of Knowledge?” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 57: 515-535. (2006)

“Kant’s Argument for Radical Evil.” *The European Journal of Philosophy* 10: 160-177.

(2002)

“Ernest Sosa, Knowledge, and Understanding.” (With a response by Sosa). *Philosophical Studies* 106: 171-191. (2001)

“Cardinal Newman, Reformed Epistemologist?” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 75: 497-522. (2001)

Encyclopedia Entries

“Understanding.” *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*. 3rd Edition. Ed. Robert Audi. New York: Cambridge University Press. (2015)

Book Reviews

Review of *The Nature and Value of Knowledge*, by Duncan Pritchard, Allan Millar, and Adrian Haddock. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. (2011)

Review of *Aiming at Truth*, by Nicholas Unwin. *Mind*, 118: 886-889. (2009)

Selected Honors and Awards

Distinguished Research Award in the Humanities, Fordham University (2022)

President of Philosophers in Jesuit Education (2016-2019)

Undergraduate Teaching Award in the Humanities, Fordham University (2017)

Outstanding Externally Funded Research Award for the Humanities, Fordham University (2017)

Liu Boming Lecturer in Philosophy, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China (2017)

Simian Humanity Lecturer, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China (2017)

Life Member, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge (2017—)

Visiting Fellow, Clare Hall, University of Cambridge (2016—2017)

John C. and Jeanette D. Walton Lecturer in Science, Philosophy, and Religion, Fordham University (2014)

Faith and Culture Lecturer, Villanova University (2014)

Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Graduate School Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in the Humanities, University of Notre Dame (2005)

Grant Activity

2021—2025: \$300,000 award from the Teagle Foundation to run the “Visions of the Good in the Bronx” program, a summer program in philosophy for underserved high school students from the Bronx

2018—2021: Lead Faculty Advisor, Mellon Foundation grant to Meghan Sullivan (Notre Dame) for “Philosophy as a Way of Life” Project

2017—2018: \$136,452 award from National Endowment for the Humanities to fund 2018 Summer Seminar on “Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life.” Co-directors: Stephen Angle and Meghan Sullivan.

2016: \$1,500 Fordham interdisciplinary faculty Mellon grant. Topic: The Inklings and the Creative Imagination.

2015—2017: \$140,140 award from Wake Forest University and the Templeton Religion Trust for collaboration on project *Does Adversity Make Us Wiser than Before?: Addressing a Foundational Question*. To organize a week-long Fordham seminar on wisdom during the summer of 2017, in conjunction with psychologists from Wake Forest University and the University of Nottingham.

2014: \$641,514 supplemental award from John Templeton Foundation for Varieties of Understanding Project.

2013—2016: \$3,564,871 million-dollar award from John Templeton Foundation for Varieties of Understanding Project. The project examined the various ways in which human beings understand the world, how these types of understanding might be improved, and how they might be combined to produce an integrated understanding of the world.

2013—2016: \$40,000 award from Henry Luce Foundation for Varieties of Understanding Project.

Selected Interviews

Interview with Weiping Zheng of Xiamen University; appeared in the Chinese journal *Philosophical Trends*, vol. 4, pp. 104-108. (2018)

“Understanding Understanding.” Interview with Richard Marshall of *3:AM Magazine*. April, 2018.

Service

To Profession:

Co-Organizer, 4th Annual Scientific Understanding and Representation Conference, New York (2022)

Philosophers in Jesuit Education: President (2016-2019); Vice-President (2015-2016); Secretary & Treasurer (2013-2015)

APA Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement (2009—2014) appointed member, responsible for drafting and evaluating guidelines on career opportunities and placement

Book or Journal Referee: Bloomsbury, Cambridge University Press, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave MacMillan, Routledge; *Acta Analytica*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Ancient Philosophy Today: Dialogoi*, *Annals of Philosophy*, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Axiomathes*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *Dialectica*, *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, *Episteme*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Forum Philosophicum*, *Heythrop Journal*, *Human Affairs: Postdisciplinary Humanities & Social Sciences Quarterly*, *Humana Mente: Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Idealistic Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, *Journal for General*

Philosophy of Science, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of Philosophical Theological Research, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Value Inquiry, Kantian Review, Mind, Minds and Machines, Newman Studies Journal, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophy of Science, Ratio, Res Philosophica, Review of Metaphysics, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Roczniki Filozoficzne, Science & Education, Social Philosophy, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Teaching Philosophy, Theophron, Theoria, Topoi

Proposal or Program Referee: Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies; National Science Foundation (U.S.); National Endowment for the Humanities (U.S.); Belgium Research Foundation; Israel Science Foundation; British Academy; Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research; Annual Society for Philosophy & Psychology Conference; Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions COFUND Fellowship Programme; University of Vienna REWIRE Programme; Swiss National Science Foundation; Annual American Catholic Philosophical Association Conference; Canadian SSHRC Insight Grant; Scientific Understanding and Representation Conference

Invited Evaluator for *The Philosophical Gourmet Report* (evaluator for general rankings, plus epistemology and philosophy of religion specialty rankings): 2011, 2014, 2017, 2021

Invited Evaluator for *Times Higher Education World University Rankings*: 2011, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2024

Invited Evaluator for *QS Global Academic Survey*: 2021, 2022, 2023

PhilPapers Section Editor for “Understanding” & “Wisdom”

Executive Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers (2014—2017)

Eastern APA Committee, Society of Christian Philosophers (2014—2017)

Organizer, Society of Christian Philosophers Satellite Sessions, American Catholic Philosophical Association (2008—2013)

To Department:

Department Chair (2023—)

Associate Director, Master of Arts in Philosophy and Society (2020-2023)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2022)

Philosophy Graduate Program Review Committee (2020—2022)

Organizer, Fordham Epistemology & Ethics Workshops (2011—2016; 2020—2021)

Philosophy of Science Search Committee (2019—2020)

Organizer, Philosophy Department Brown Bag lecture series (2018—2020)

Department Chair (2017—2020)

Graduate Admissions Committee (2016)

Department Merit Committee (2016, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Department Climate Committee (2014—2016)

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Search Committee (2014, 2015, 2018)

Metaphysics and Epistemology Search Committee (2013—2014)

Placement Director (2011—2012)

Kant or Hegel Search Committee (2011—2012)

Metaphysics and Epistemology Search Committee (2010—2011)

Panelist, "What Do Search Committees Want?" Fordham Philosophical Society Meeting
(2011)

Ethics Search Committee (2009—2010)

Curricular Models Committee (2009—2010)

Philosophy Department Merit Committee (2010)

MAPR Oral Exam Committee (2010)

Organizer, Epistemic Normativity Conference (April 2010)

To University:

Faculty Senate, Senator (Fall 2018—Spring 2022; Fall 2023—)

University Commencement Committee (Fall 2020—)

University Research Council (Fall 2019—)

Tenure and Reappointment Appeals Committee (Fall 2020—Spring 2021)

Referee, 2020 Fordham Distinguished Research Award (Spring 2020)

Faculty Policy and Resource Committee (Fall 2018—Spring 2019)

Co-Chair (with Patrick Hornbeck), First Studies Academic Program Committee (Fall 2018—
Spring 2019)

First Studies Steering Committee (Fall 2018—Spring 2019)

Provost Search Committee (2018)

Faculty Speaker, Fordham Parents' Leadership Council (2018)

Continuous University Strategic Planning (CUSP) Committee (2017-2018)

Faculty Speaker, Senior Class Dean's List Ceremony (2017)

Faculty Speaker, Fordham Admitted Student Day Panel (2016)

University Research Council (2015—2106)

Search Committee for Dean of Fordham College at Rose Hill (2014—2015)

Faculty Speaker, Fordham Development Office Retreat (2014)

Selection Committee for Humanities Grants Officer (2014)

Arrupe Seminar (2014—2015)

“Envisioning Fordham’s Future” Advisory Group (2013—2014)

Editorial Board, *Fordham Undergraduate Research Journal* (FURJ) (2012—2015)

“Essential Features of Academic Programs at Jesuit Colleges and Universities” Response Committee (2012)

Fordham Humanities Institute Planning Committee (2011—2012)

University Task Force on Research Competiveness (2010—2011)

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Academic Affairs Committee (2010—2012)
advise the dean of the GSAS on a regular basis

Peer Reviewer, Fordham Faculty Research Grant applications (2010, 2013, 2014)

Panelist, New Faculty Orientation, Fordham University (2009)

Other Professional Activity

External Affiliate, Rutgers Center for Philosophy of Religion (2013—)

Cambridge University Press, Editorial Assistant (1996—1998)

Jesuit Volunteer Corps, New Orleans (1993-1994)