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EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy <i>University of Arizona</i>	Beginning in 2014
Masters of Arts in Philosophy <i>University of Missouri, Saint Louis</i>	Graduating in May 2014
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy Logic & Philosophy of Science <i>Sacramento State University</i>	May 2012

WORK

Instructor <i>University of Missouri, Saint Louis</i> Business Ethics	Spring 2013 - Present
Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>University of Missouri, Saint Louis</i> Assisting Andrew Black's "Major Ideas in Philosophy"	Fall 2012
Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>University of Missouri, Saint Louis</i> Assisting John Brunero's "Approaches to Ethics"	Fall 2012
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant <i>Sacramento State University</i> Assisting Christina Bellon's "The Good Life"	Spring 2012
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant <i>Sacramento State University</i> Assisting Matt McCormick's "Critical Thinking"	Fall 2011
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant <i>Sacramento State University</i> Philosophy Tutor for Sacramento State University Student Life Services Department	Fall 2011

AFFILIATIONS

Graduate Student Researcher
Brogaard Lab for Multisensory Research

President
UMSL Philosopher's Forum

Member
Center for Neurodynamics

Graduate Student Advisory Council
Representative
*University of Missouri, Saint Louis
Philosophy Department*

Vice President
*Sacramento State University
Philosophy Club*

AWARDS

Outstanding Overall Graduate Student Award
(2013-2014)
University of Missouri, St. Louis

2011 Weddle Student Essay Contest Winner
Sacramento State University



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PAPERS

“Plantinga’s Innocent Assumption: Self-Defeating Naturalism, and Churchland’s Response”
Res Cogitans: Vol. 3: Iss. 1, Article 5

STUDIES

“Alteration in the color experience of grapheme-color synesthetes in response to grapheme contrast and brightness variance”

with Rice K, Marlow K, and Brogaard B (in progress)

“Unconscious sound-symbolism in grapheme-color synesthesia”

with Rice K, Marlow K, and Brogaard B (in progress)

TALKS /

COMMENTS

Comments on Chad Marxen’s “Empiricism and the Argument from Queerness”

Coastal Ethics Conference online (Spring 2013)

Comments on Ryan Ausperk’s “The Primacy of the Good: The Absence of Evil in Platonic Ontology”

Gateway Graduate Conference, UMSL (Spring 2013)

“Why is God Hiding? In Search of Evidence for a Perfect God.”

UMSL Big Question Series, hosted by the Philosophers Forum (Fall 2012)

“Peer Disagreement: The Philosopher Problem”

California State University, Sacramento (Nov. 2012)

“Plantinga’s Innocent Assumption: Self-Defeating Naturalism, and Churchland’s Response”

Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2012)