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Education

Cornell University

Ph.D. (Philosophy), August 1992
(Dissertation: "Some Puzzles About Free Agency," xviii + 303 pp.)
M.A. (Philosophy), May 1991

University of Illinois, Chicago

M.A. (Philosophy), June 1989
B.A. (Philosophy), with College Honors and Distinction in Philosophy, June 1987

Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Religion

Competence: Epistemology, Early Modern Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Logic

Academic Positions

2006- Chair, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University
2005- Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University
2000-05 Associate Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University
1996-97 Gifford Research Fellow, Dept of Logic and Metaphysics, Univ. of St. Andrews
1993-2000 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University
1992-93 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame
1990-92 Lecturer/Asst. Instructor, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University
1987-89 Lecturer/Asst. Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Illinois, Chicago

Research Fellowships

2003-4 Indiana University Arts & Humanities Initiative Fellowship
2003-4 Indiana University COAS Humanities Fellowship
2006, 2001 Summer Faculty Research Fellowship (Indiana University)
1996, 1994
1996-97 Pew Scholars Program Research Fellowship
1996-97 Gifford Research Fellowship (University of St. Andrews)
1996 Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (Stanford),
Distinguished Fellowship: active nominee for biennial award
1995-96 Outstanding Junior Faculty Award (Indiana University)
1992-93 Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (University of Notre Dame)
1990-91 Graduate Research Fellowship (Cornell University)

1989-90 The Susan Linn Sage Fellowship (Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University)

Teaching Awards

2004 Faculty Learning Project, Fellow (Indiana University)

1999, 2000 Teaching Excellence Recognition Award (Indiana University)

1998 Summer Teaching Development Grant (Indiana University)

Publications

Books

Agents, Causes, and Events: Essays on Indeterminism and Free Will, edited with an introduction. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Persons and Causes: The Metaphysics of Free Will. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Philosophy of Mind: Contemporary Readings, co-edited with David Robb, with sectional essays. Routledge Press, 2003.

Theism and Ultimate Explanation: The Necessary Shape of Contingency. Wiley-Blackwell, 2008.

Companion to the Philosophy of Action, co-edited with Constantine Sandis, Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming.

Downward Causation And The Neurobiology Of Free Will, co-edited with George F. R. Ellis, and Nancey Murphy. New York: Springer Publications, forthcoming.

Articles

1. "The Impossibility of Middle Knowledge," *Philosophical Studies*, 66 (1992), 139-166.

2. "On the Transfer of Necessity," *Noûs*, 27 (1993), 204-218.

3. "Indeterminism and Free Agency: Three Recent Views," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 53 (1993), 499-526.

(Reprinted in John M. Fischer, ed., *Free Will*, Vol.III, Abingdon: Routledge Press, 2005.)

4. "Alternative Possibilities and Responsibility," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 31 (1993), 345-372.

5. "Scotus on the Existence of a First Efficient Cause," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 33 (1993), 17-32.

6. "Thomas Reid on Free Agency," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 32 (1994), 605-622.

7. "Emergent Properties," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 31 (1994), 91-104.

(To be reprinted in Carl Gillett, ed., *Emergence*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.)

8. "An Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism?" *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 24 (1994), 527-540.

9. "Agent Causation," in O'Connor, ed., *Agents, Causes, and Events*, 173-200.

(Reprinted in Gary Watson, ed., *Free Will*, 2nd Ed., Oxford University Press, 2003.)

10. "From First Efficient Cause to God: Scotus on the Identification Stage of the Cosmological Argument," in *John Duns Scotus: Metaphysics and Ethics*, ed. L. Honnefelder, R. Wood, and M. Dreyer. (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1996).

11. "Why Agent Causation?" *Philosophical Topics*, 24 (1996), 143-158.

12. "The Agent as Cause," in *Metaphysics: The Big Questions*, ed. P. van Inwagen and D. Zimmerman (Blackwell: Cambridge, MA, 1998).

(Reprinted in Robert Kane, ed., *Free Will*, Cambridge University Press, 2001.)

13. "Simplicity and Creation," *Faith and Philosophy*, 16 (1999), 405-412.
14. "Causation and Responsibility," *Encyclopedia of Ethics*, 2nd. ed., ed. Lawrence Becker and Charlotte Becker (New York: Garland Publishing), 2001, vol.I, 194-197.
15. "Causality, Mind, and Free Will," *Philosophical Perspectives 14: Action and Freedom*, ed. J. Tomberlin, 2000, 105-117.
(Reprinted in K. Corcoran, ed., *Persons, Bodies, and Survival*, Cornell U. Press, 2001.)
16. "The Problem of Evil," in William L. Craig, ed., *Philosophy of Religion*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2001.
17. "A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand: Plantinga on the Self-Defeat of Evolutionary Naturalism," in James Beilby, ed. *Naturalism Defeated? Essays on Plantinga's Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2001).
18. "Dualist and Agent-Causal Theories," in Robert Kane, ed., *Oxford Handbook on Free Will*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2002, 337-355.
19. "Free Will," *Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2002.
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/freewill/>. Revised in 2005.
(Reprinted in John M. Fischer, ed., *Free Will*, Vol.I, Abingdon: Routledge Press, 2005.)
20. "The Efficacy of Reasons," *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 40 (2002), 135-137.
21. "Emergent Properties," (with Hong Yu Wong) *Stanford Online Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2002. <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/properties-emergent/>
22. "Understanding Free Will: Might We Double Think?," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 67 (2003), 222-229.
23. "Emergent Individuals" (with Jon Jacobs), *Philosophical Quarterly*, 53 (2003), 540-555.
24. "Groundwork for an Emergentist Account of the Mental," special philosophy of mind issue of *Progress in Complexity, Information, and Design*, 2.3.1 (2003), 1-14.
25. "The Metaphysics of Emergence" (with Hong Yu Wong), *Noûs*, 39 (2005), 659-679.
26. "And This All Men Call God," *Faith and Philosophy*, 21 (2004), 417-435.
27. "Pastoral Counsel for the Anxious Naturalist: Daniel Dennett's Freedom Evolves," *Metaphilosophy*, 36 (2005), 436-448.
28. "Freedom and Determinism," in John M. Fischer, ed., *Free Will*, Vol.II, (Abingdon: Routledge Press, 2005), 129-144.
29. "The Metaphysics of Free Will," in John M. Fischer, ed., *Free Will*, Vol.III, Abingdon: Routledge Press, 2005, 195-211.
30. "Freedom With a Human Face," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, 29 (2005), 207-227.
(Reprinted in F. Castellani, and J. Quitterer, eds., *Agency and Causation in the Human Sciences*, Mentis, 2007.)
31. "Reasons Explanation And Agent Control: In Search Of An Integrated Account" (with John Ross Churchill), *Philosophical Topics*, 32 (2006), 241-254.
32. "Is It All Just a Matter of Luck?" *Philosophical Explorations*, 10 (2007), 157-161.
33. "Agent-Causal Power," in Toby Handfield, ed., *Dispositions and Causes*, Oxford University Press, 2008, forthcoming.
34. "Theism and the Scope of Contingency," in Jonathan Kvanvig, ed., *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Religion*, 1 (2008), 134-149, forthcoming.
35. "Nonreductive Physicalism or Emergent Dualism? The Argument from Mental Causation" (with John Ross Churchill), in George Bealer and Robert Koons, eds., *The Waning of Materialism: New Essays*, Oxford University Press, 2008, forthcoming.
36. "Theodicies and Human Nature: Dostoevsky on the Saint as Witness," in Kevin Timpe, ed., *Metaphysics and God*, Routledge Press, forthcoming.

37. "Human Freedom and the Emerging Sciences of Brain and Behavior," in George F. R. Ellis, Nancey Murphy, and Timothy O'Connor, eds., *Downward Causation And The Neurobiology Of Free Will*, New York: Springer Publications, forthcoming.
38. "The Significance of Persons" in Jesús Aguilar and Andrei A. Buckareff, eds., *Philosophy of Action: 5 Questions* from Automatic Press/VIP. (Part of the 5 Questions series of volumes.) Forthcoming.

Reviews

39. Christopher Hughes, On a Complex Theory of a Simple God, (with Norman Kretzmann) for *Faith and Philosophy*, 9 (1992), 526-535.
40. Brian Leftow, Time and Eternity, for *American Cath. Phil. Quarterly*, 66 (1992), 520-524.
41. Linda Trinkaus Zagzebski, The Dilemma of Freedom and Foreknowledge, for *The Philosophical Review*, 102 (1993), 139-141.
42. Peter van Inwagen, Metaphysics, for *The Philosophical Review*, 104 (1995), 314-317.
43. John Martin Fischer, The Metaphysics of Free Will, for *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 5 (1997), 125-129.
44. "Is Free Will Just Another Chaotic Process?," review of Richard Double, Metaphilosophy and Free Will, Thomas Pink, The Psychology of Freedom, and Robert Kane, The Significance of Free Will, for *Times Literary Supplement*, Dec.5, 1997.
45. Timothy Cleveland, Trying Without Willing: An Essay on the Philosophy of Mind, for *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 61 (2000), 242-4.
46. Derk Pereboom, Living Without Free Will, for *Philosophical Quarterly*, 53 (2003), 308-10.
47. Paul Pietroski, Causing Actions, (with Georg Theiner) for *The Philosophical Review*, 111, (2002), 291-294.
48. George Molnar, Powers, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, February 2004.02.10.
49. William Rowe, Can God Be Free?, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, April 2005.04.08.
50. Peter Unger, All the Power in the World, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, March 2007.03.10.

Under Review/In Progress:

- "Is Nonreductive Physicalism Viable Within a Causal Powers Metaphysic?" (with John Ross Churchill), in Graham and Cynthia Macdonald, eds., *Emergence*. Volume under review at Oxford University Press.
- "The Argument from Consciousness Revisited" (with Kevin Kimble), in Quentin Smith and Paul Pistone, eds., *Theism and Naturalism: New Essays*. Volume under review at Cambridge University Press.
- "The Dynamics of Emergence," in Timothy O'Connor and Antonella Corradini, eds., *Emergence in Science and Philosophy*. Volume under review at Routledge Press.
- "Reasons and Causes," to appear in Timothy O'Connor and Constantine Sandis, eds., *Companion to the Philosophy of Action*, Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming.
- Review of Timothy Williamson, *The Philosophy of Philosophy* (Blackwell, 2007), for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

Emergence in Science and Philosophy, co-edited with Antonella Corradini, under review at Routledge Press.

Talks (Commentaries in small type)

1990

- "The Impossibility of Middle Knowledge," Univ. of Nebraska, Lincoln.
- "The Facts," John Martin Fischer, Cornell University.

1991

- "Scotus on the Existence of a First Efficient Cause," Valparaiso University.
- "On the Transfer of Necessity," Cornell University.

1992

- "On the Transfer of Necessity," SCP Conference, Brigham Young University.
- "An Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism?" University of Notre Dame.

1993

- "Emergent Properties," Indiana University and Purdue University.

1994

- "From First Efficient Cause to God: Scotus on the Identification Stage of the Cosmological Argument," Bonn University (Germany), *International Conference on John Duns Scotus*.
- "Causal Levels and the Unity of Nature," The Free University (Amsterdam).
- "The Unity of Nature, Emergentism, and the Problems of Consciousness and Free Will." The Free University (Amsterdam).
- "Emergent Properties," Central Division APA.
- "Emergentism and the Unity of Consciousness," William Hasker, Conference on the Philosophy of Mind, University of Notre Dame.

1995

- "On An Argument for Incompatibilism," Thomas McKay and David Johnson, Central Division APA.

1996

- "The Metaphysics of Free Will," symposium paper, Central Division APA.
- "Why Agent Causation?," SCP Conference, Seattle Pacific University, and Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem I, University of Notre Dame.

1997

- "The Logic of Unavoidability," University of St. Andrews.
- A series of four University Lectures as Gifford Fellow: "God and Ultimate Explanation," University of St. Andrews.
- "Necessary Being, Modality, and Explanation," Free University (Amsterdam).
- "Religious Pluralism," Conference on the Philosophy of Religion, Gordon College.
- "The Metaphysics of Free Will," University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow, and University of St. Andrews.
- "Necessary Being, Modality, and Explanation," Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem II, University of Notre Dame.
- "Kanean Agent Causation," *The Significance of Free Will* Conference, Univ. of Arkansas.
- "God and Necessary Truth," Brian Leftow, Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem II, U. of Notre Dame.
- "Chisholming Away at Plantinga's Critique of Epistemic Deontology," Kevin Meeker, Indiana Phil. Assoc.

1998

- "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Anselm?" Seattle Pacific University.
- "Modality, Explanation, and Necessary Being," Western Washington University and Franklin and Marshall College.
- "Agency and Mechanism," Colloquium on Action Theory, Cornell University, and National Taiwan University.

- "Persons and Freedom," Fifth Sino-American Symposium on Philosophy and Religious Studies, Beijing University (People's Republic of China).
- "The Logic of Inability," Academia Sinica (Taiwan).

Talks and Commentaries (cont.)

- "Causality and Dualism," Jaegwon Kim, Conference on Varieties of Dualism, University of Notre Dame.
- "Alternative Possibilities and Responsibility: The Flicker of Freedom," Eleonore Sump, Pacific Division APA.
- "Parts, Wholes and Eternity," Brian Leftow, Pacific Division APA.
- "The Irrelevance of Indeterministic Counterexamples to Principle Beta," Thomas Crisp and Ted Warfield, Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem III, University of Notre Dame.

1999

- "Four Dimensionalism," Ted Sider, Mighty Midwest Metaphysical Mayhem IV, University of Notre Dame.

2000

- "Causality, Mind, and Free Will," Davidson College and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- "Emergence, Identity, and Survival," Calvin College.
- "The Metaphysics of Emergence," University of Iowa and University of Georgia.

2001

- John Martin Fischer, "Responsibility and Agent Causation: A Reply to O'Connor," Pacific Division APA.
- Randolph Clarke, "Two Problems of Control for Libertarianism," Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference.
- William Jaworski, "A 'Split Action' Solution to the Problem of Mental Causation," Indiana Philosophical Association.

2002

- "Modal Knowledge," Indiana University.
- Galen Strawson, "Free Agents," *Persons and Freedom* conference, Indiana University.

2003

- "The Metaphysics of Emergence," Symposium paper, Pacific Division APA, and University of Colorado at Boulder.
- "On the Origin of Worlds," Oxford University and University of Colorado at Boulder.
- "Action and Purpose," Center for Theoretical Study, University of Prague.
- "Knowledge and Necessity," Central European University (Budapest).
- "Is the Conscious Will an Illusion?," Towards the Science of Consciousness 2003 Conference, Center for Theoretical Study, U of Prague, and Birkbeck College, U. of London.
- Sarah McGrath, "Causation by Omission: A Dilemma," Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University.

2004

- "Perfect Freedom," Tenth Sino-American Symposium on Philosophy and Religious Studies, Beijing University (People's Republic of China).
- "Freedom With a Human Face," Wheaton College Philosophy Conference, St Louis U.

2005

- "Freedom With a Human Face," University of Florida (Action Theory Conference), Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Univ. of Trento, Italy (Causation in the Social Sciences Conference).
- "Emergence," Rutgers University (Descrying the World in Physics Conference).
- "Theodicies and Human Nature: Dostoevsky on the Saint as Moral Witness," Russian Academy of the Sciences, Moscow (Symposium on the Problem of Evil).

2006

- "Is the Conscious Will an Illusion?," National Taiwan University.
- "On Knowing What Might Have Been and What Must Be," Soochow University (Taiwan).

- "Realistic Freedom," National Chung Cheng University (Taiwan), University of Rome.
- "Reasons Explanation And Agent Control: In Search Of An Integrated Account," Bled (Slovenia) Conference on Freedom and Determinism.

2007

- "Theism and the Scope of Contingency," Azusa Pacific U. and University College Dublin.

Talks and Commentaries (cont.)

- "Is Nonreductive Physicalism Viable Within a Causal Powers Metaphysic?" Queens U. Belfast (Conference on Emergence); Catholic U. of Milan (Conference on Emergence in Science and Philosophy); Saint Louis University (Keynote address to Graduate Conference)
- "Agent-Causal Power," Trinity College Dublin.
- "Why Are They Trying to Get Rid of Me?" Yosemite National Park (Inter-disciplinary Conference: "Top-Down Causation and Volition," organized by Christoph Koch.)
- "Human Freedom and the Emerging Sciences of Brain and Behavior," plenary lecture at the meetings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, Milwaukee.
- "God's Creation: Why It Might Be a *Lot* Bigger than You (or Cosmologists) Think," Hope College.
- Richard Holton, "Disentangling the Will," Agency and Responsibility Conference, Indiana University.

2008

- "Self-Awareness in Action and the Degrees of Human Freedom and Responsibility," Jean Nicod Institute, Paris, and scheduled for the International Workshop on Belief, Responsibility, and Action, University of Valencia (Spain).
- "Is There a Place for the Will in the Emerging Sciences of Human Action?" invited lecture to the 21st German Congress of Philosophy, Essen, Germany.

Teaching Responsibilities

Courses Taught

Graduate

Ontology of Mind

Ontology

Free Will

Modality

Skepticism

Contemporary Epistemology

Philosophy of Religion

Science and Religion

(Tsinghua U., Beijing)

Aspects of Responsibility

(Central European U., Budapest)

Upper Division

Metaphysics

Philosophy of Mind

Medieval Philosophy

Action Theory

Philosophy of Religion

Early Modern Philosophy

Seminar on Free Will

Lower Division

Introductory Symbolic Logic

Elementary Logic

Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy and Its Problems

God, Evil, and Evidence

Ph.D. Thesis Director

James Edwards, "Justification as Intra-Personal Argumentation," 1999.

Karen Brown, "Unthought-of Possibilities and the Sources of Belief," 2002.

Brian Morton, "Ineffability and Self-Refutation: Non-Monotonic Logic in the Thought of Pseudo-Dionysius, Sextus Empiricus, and the Astasahasrika Prajnaparamita," 2003.

Jennifer Wolsing, "Free at Last: A Libertarian Defense of Free Will," 2005.

Kevin Kimble, "Phenomenal Character and Intentional Content: A Non-reductive Proposal," 2006.

Jonathan Jacobs, "Causal Powers: A Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysic," 2007.

Georg Theiner, "The Extended Mind," 2008.

Jaeho Lee, "Humean Supervenience and Humean Theories of Scientific Explanation," in progress.

John Ross Churchill, "Causal Exclusion and the Nature of the Mental," in progress.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor

Brian Sweeney, "'Common Sense' and the Theory of Knowledge," 1996.

Benjamin Singer, "Complete Liberation: The Sacred Biography of Tibetan Buddhist Master Gyalwang Lama Karma Lobsang," 1999.

Hong Yu Wong, "Making Sense of Multiple Realizability," 2001.

Paul Weaver, "A More Robust Understanding of Basicity," 2001.

Eric Charles, "Material Composition," 2005.

Matthew Laird, "The Evolution of Freedom," 2006.

Derrick Murphy, "The Problem of Universals," 2007.

Christopher Austin, on essentialism, in progress.