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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT **Asbury University**, Wilmore, KY
Instructor, Fall 2013, Spring 2015–to present
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Instructor, Spring 2016
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2014
The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
Visiting Assistant Professor, Spring 2014
Merton College, Oxford, UK
Junior Research Fellow, 2010–2013

EDUCATION **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY, USA
Ph.D., Philosophy, May 2011
Dissertation Title: 'Francisco Suárez on Practical Reason and Action'
Dissertation Committee: Scott MacDonald (chair), Andrew Chignell,
Terence Irwin, and Sukjae Lee
M.A., Philosophy, January 2009
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK
Visiting student, Hilary Term 2008
Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
B.A., History and Philosophy (*magna cum laude*), June 2005
History thesis: 'Sixteenth-Century Anabaptists and the Miraculous'
Advisor: Carlos M. N. Eire
Philosophy thesis: 'Kant on the Emotions'
Advisor: Michael Weber
Acadia University, Wolfville, NS, Canada
History and Philosophy, 2001–03
Rosedale Bible College, Irwin, OH, USA
A.A. in Biblical Studies, May 2001

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Medieval, Early Modern

AREAS OF COMPETENCE History of Ethics, Metaphysics, Ancient, Philosophy of Religion,
Moral Psychology

PUBLISHED AND
FORTHCOMING
PAPERS

- 'Renaissance Debates about the Will and Its Freedom', in *Philosophy of Mind in the Late Middle Ages and Renaissance*, edited by Stephan Schmid, forthcoming
- 'Four Kinds of Intention: Actual, Habitual, Virtual, and Interpretative', *Pensamiento* 74 (2018): 91–121
- 'Free Will', in *The Routledge Companion to Sixteenth Century Philosophy*, edited by Benjamin Hill and Henrik Lagerlund (New York: Routledge, 2017), 493–515
- 'Why Do Medieval Philosophers Reject Polyadic Accidents?', in *The Metaphysics of Relations*, edited by Anna Marmodoro and David Yates (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 55–79
- 'Final Causality: Suárez on the Priority of Final Causation', in *Suárez on Aristotelian Causality*, edited by Jakob Leth Fink (Leiden: Brill, 2015), 121–48
- 'Free and Rational: Suárez on the Will', *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 95, no. 1 (2013): 1–35
- 'Suárez on the Reduction of Categorical Relations', *Philosophers' Imprint*, 13, no. 2 (2013): 1–24
- 'Rodrigo de Arriaga on Relations', *The Modern Schoolman* 89, no. 1–2 (2012): 25–46

ENCYCLOPEDIA
ENTRIES

- 'Suárez, Francisco', *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro (Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, forthcoming)
- 'Francisco Suárez (1548-1617)', *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by James Fieser and Bradley Dowden (2015)
- 'Relation', *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, Supplement 2012–13 (Detroit: Gale, 2013), vol. 4, 1319–22

BOOK
REVIEWS

- Review of *Ens rationis from Suárez to Caramuel: A Study in Scholasticism of the Baroque Era*, by Daniel D. Novotný, forthcoming in the *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
- Review of *After Certainty: A History of Our Epistemic Ideals and Illusions*, by Robert Pasnau, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2018
- Review of *Universals in Second Scholasticism*, by Daniel Heider, *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 2.2 (2015): 314–16
- Review of "Auctoritas omnium legum": Francisco Suárez's *De legibus zwischen Theologie, Philosophie und Jurisprudenz*, edited by O. Bach, N. Brieskorn, and G. Stiening, *Renaissance Quarterly* 67 (2014): 649–51
- Review of *Metaphysical Themes, 1274–1671*, by Robert Pasnau, *The Philosophical Review* 123 (2014): 107–12
- "The Pope and Prince of All the Metaphysicians": Some Recent Works on Suárez', *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 21, no. 2 (2013): 393–403 (essay reviewing four recent books on Suárez)
- Review of *Suarezismus. Erkenntnistheoretisches aus dem Nachlass des*

Jesuitengenerals Tirso González de Santalla (1624–1705), by Sven K. Knebel, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 50 (2012): 459–60

AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

NEH Summer Institute (Between Medieval and Modern: Philosophy from 1300-1700), 2015
Society for Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy Founders Award, 2010
Cornell University Sage Fellowship, 2005–2006, Spr. 2008, and Spr. 2009
Andrew D. White Prize (for best senior essay in European history), 2005
Mellon Research Grant, 2004
Honours Summer Research Award, 2003
E. Blanche Thomas History Prize, 2002
Kirkconnell Scholarship, 2002
Traditio (Pew Younger Scholars), 2002

PRESENTATIONS

TBD, *Legal Foundations and Themes in Grotius's De jure belli ac pacis*, University of Leuven, November 2018
'A Unified Account of Unified Wholes: Suárez's Arguments for Substantial Forms', *Substance in Early Modern Scholasticism*, University of Groningen, June 2018
'Suárez on Substantial Forms: A Heroic Last Stand?', Seville, Spain, June 2018
'Final Causes and Divine Actions', *The Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, University of Colorado, Boulder, April 2018
'Medicine or Poison? Aquinas on Lying', Transylvania University, February 2018
'Hurtado on the Individuation of Effects', *Pedro Hurtado de Mendoza (1578–1641)*, University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, Czechia, November 2016
'Epistemic Conditions on Causation', 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2016
'Comments on Suárez, DM 10.1', The Moody Workshop on Medieval Logic, UCLA, February 2016
'"The Word of God is My Dutch Tube": Geulincx, Occasionalism, and Eudaimonism', *Controversies in Early Modern Psychology*, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, July 2015
'Suárez and Malebranche on Necessary Causes'
- NEH Summer Institute, University of Colorado, Boulder, July 2015
- *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, May 2015
Commentary on Brian Embry's 'Truthmaking as a Suárezian Legacy', *APA Central*, February 2015
'Suárez on Mid-level Goods and the Ultimate End', Colgate University, December 2014
'Renaissance Debates about the Will and Its Freedom', Berlin, Germany, October 2014
'Suárez on Universals', *How Universal are Universals*, University of

Cambridge, UK, April 2014
 'Suárez on the Priority of Final Causation', *APA Central*, February 2013
 '“An Accident That Is Simultaneously in Two Subjects”: Leibniz and Some Predecessors on the Possibility of Two-Subject Accidents', *APA Eastern*, December 2012
 'On Polyadic Accidents', *Medieval Philosophy in the UK Autumn 2012 Meeting*, November 2012
 'Aquinas on Lying and Happiness', *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, May 2012
 'Suárez on Final Causation', University of Copenhagen, February 2012
 'Interpretative Intention in Suárez', *The University of Toronto Colloquium in Mediaeval Philosophy*, September 2010
 Commentary on Kurt Smith's 'Many Bodies or One', *A Cartesian Colloquium*, Syracuse University, March 2010
 'Termini and Final Causation', Discussion Club, Cornell University, December 2009
 'Free and Rational: Suárez on the Will'
 - *APA Eastern*, SMRP session, December 2010 (presented in my absence due to illness)
 - *Cornell Summer Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*, May 2009
 Commentary on Stephen Zylstra's 'Ockham's Teleology in Silhouette', *Canadian Philosophical Association 53rd Annual Congress*, Carleton University, May 2009
 'Suárez on Intellect and Will', *Canadian Philosophical Association 53rd Annual Congress*, Carleton University, May 2009
 'Scotus's Two Affections of the Will in the Early Modern Period'
 - *North Sea Early Modern Philosophy Workshop*, Leiden, February 2009
 - Department Workshop, Cornell University, February 2009
 Commentary on James Gordley's 'Suárez and Natural Law', *Francisco Suárez, S.J. (1548-1617): Last Medieval or First Early Modern?*, University of Western Ontario, September 2008
 'A Dualism of Theoretical Reason?', Department Workshop, Cornell University, April 2008
 'Disagreement, Reasonableness, and Epistemic Values', Department Workshop, Cornell University, March 2007
 Commentary on Andrew Bailey's 'Classical Theism and Supervenience', *Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Conference*, January 2007

FORMAL
 WORKSHOP
 PARTICIPATION

Cornell/UMassAmherst/Vermont Augustine Lectio
 An annual one-day working seminar on a designated text by Augustine. Each participant is responsible for presenting part of the text. 2006 (*Confessiones XI*), 2007 (*De duabus animabus*), 2008 (*Contra Julianum 3*), 2009 (*De quantitate animae*), and 2010 (*De magistro*).

Bonn/Cornell Workshop on Augustine's Philosophy of Mind

A series of three-day seminars on *De Trinitate* bringing together German and American scholars. Spring 2009 (*De Trinitate* IX and X), Fall 2009 (*De Trinitate* XI and XII), and Fall 2011 (capstone conference).

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Asbury University, Wilmore, KY

PHL 200: Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2018
PHL 231: Ethics, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017,
Spring 2018
LA 100: Liberal Arts Seminar, Fall 2016, Fall 2017
PHL 212: Modern Philosophy, Spring 2016, Fall 2017
PHL 441: Philosophical Theology, Spring 2015, Spring 2017
PHL 343: Political and Social Philosophy, Fall 2016
PHL 322: Metaphysics, Fall 2015

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

PHI 100: Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2016

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

PHIL 3210: Medieval Philosophy, Fall 2014
PHIL 6210: Medieval Philosophy (Suárez on Causation), Fall 2014

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

PHILOS 3220: History of Medieval Philosophy, Spring 2014
PHILOS 5850: Philosophy of Religion, Spring 2014

Merton College, Oxford

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Hilary 2012, Trinity 2012, Michaelmas 2012
Aquinas, Michaelmas 2012

Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Oxford

PHI/5: Ethics and the Good Life, Michaelmas 2011

Cornell University (teaching assistanships not listed)

PHIL 1112: The Good Life, Fall 2009 & Spring 2010

DISSERTATION
ABSTRACT

In my dissertation I explore the ethical views of Francisco Suárez (1548–1617), a philosopher who, although widely seen as one of the primary conduits between medieval scholasticism and early modern philosophy and once highly-regarded, has been strangely ignored in recent scholarship. I argue that, contrary to some recent suggestions, Suárez fits into the tradition of Aristotelian eudaemonism, although he develops the view in response to challenges raised by his predecessors.

NON-PHILOSOPHY
PUBLICATIONS

'Swiss Anabaptists and the Miraculous', *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 80 (2006): 207–28

OTHER ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE AND
SERVICE

Journal referee: *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Filosoficky Casopis*, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *The Thomist*, *Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*

Co-organizer of Suárez on relations reading seminar, 2011

Organizer of Malebranche reading group, 2009–2010

Graduate Student Representative, Fall 2008

Indexer for *The Oxford Handbook of Plato* (ed. Gail Fine), Spring 2008

Co-ordinator and co-founder of Cornell's Graduate Student Visiting Philosopher Series, 2007–2009

Job search committee member, Fall 2007

Discussion Club reception organizer, 2005–2006

LANGUAGES

Plautdietsch, English, Latin (reading), German (reading)

REFERENCES

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