EDUCATION

Ph.D., Purdue University, Philosophy – August 2008 Dissertation: "Leibniz on Monadic Action & Divine Concurrence" Committee: Jan Cover, Director; Jeffrey Brower; Michael Jacovides; Christopher Pincock

M.A., University of Mississippi, Philosophy, 2003

B.A., Millsaps College, Philosophy, History, & Religious Studies, 2001

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

• Early Modern Philosophy, Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

• History of Philosophy [esp. Medieval, Early Analytic], Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

EXPERIENCE

- University of South Alabama, Department of Philosophy, Associate Professor, August 2014present
- University of South Alabama, Department of Philosophy, Assistant Professor, August 2008-July 2014

AWARDS

- 2016 "Top Prof" Award, Azalea Chapter of Mortar Board Society
- 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Alabama
- 2010 "Top Prof" Award, Azalea Chapter of Mortar Board Society
- 2009 University of South Alabama College of Arts & Sciences Summer Professional Development Award
- 2008 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Purdue University
- 2004 Ross Fellowship, Purdue University

PUBLICATIONS

- *Dissenting Philosophers: Voices Against the Political Current of the Academy*, (eds.) T. Allan Hillman and Tully Borland (Rowman & Littlefield, 2021).
- "Introduction: Thoughtcrime Revealed" (co-authored with Dr. Tully Borland) in *Dissenting Philosophers: Against the Political Current of the Academy*, (eds.) T. Allan Hillman and Tully Borland (Rowman & Littlefield, 2021), 1-28.
- "Duns Scotus on the Nature of Justice," (co-authored with Dr. Tully Borland) *Studia Neo-Aristotelica* 16(2): 2019, 273-303.
- "In Defense of Criminal Profiling and its Racial Component" in *Ethics: Left and Right*, (ed.) Bob Fischer (Oxford University Press, 2019), 577-585.

- "Response to Annabelle Lever's 'Against Racial Profiling'" in *Ethics: Left or Right*, (ed.) Bob Fischer (Oxford University Press, 2019), 587-594.
- "Duns Scotus on the Metaphysics of Virtue and Conformity to Right Reason," (co-authored with Dr. Tully Borland) *South African Journal of Philosophy* 37(3): 2018, 284-301.
- "Scotus and God's Arbitrary Will: A Reassessment," (co-authored with Dr. Tully Borland) *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, 91 (3); Summer 2017, 399-429.
- "The Value of Philosophy in a Liberal Arts Education," (co-authored with Dr. Tully Borland) *Journal of Liberal Arts & Sciences* 21 (1); Fall 2016, 20-46.
- "Faulkner the Stoic: Honor and the Snopeses in *The Snopes Trilogy*," *Philosophy & Literature* 39 (1A); September 2015, 260-279.
- "Leibniz and Luther on the Non-Cognitive Component of Faith," *Sophia* 52 (2): June 2013, pp. 219-234.
- "Leibniz and the Imitation of God: A Criticism of Voluntarism" (co-authored with Dr. Tully Borland), *Philosophy & Theology* 23(1); 2011, pp. 3-27.
- "Leibniz on the *Imago Dei*" in *Oxford Studies in Early Modern Philosophy Volume V* (eds.) Daniel Garber & Steven Nadler (Oxford University Press, 2010), pp. 171-213.
- "Substantial Simplicity in Leibniz: Form, Predication, & Truthmakers," *Review of Metaphysics* LXIII (1): September 2009, pp. 91-138.
- "The Early Russell on the Metaphysics of Substance in Leibniz and Bradley," *Synthese* 163 (2): July 2008, pp. 245-261.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Leibniz on Love & Self-Interest," Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2024.
- "Hobbes, Power, and Elite Theory," Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2023.
- "Enacting Hatred: A Criticism (or Two)," Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2019.
- "Against Political Correctness," Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2018.
- "Scotus on the Nature of Justice Take Two," Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2017.
- "Scotus' Anselmian Moral Psychology, Libertarianism, & Pelagianism," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, March 2017.
- "Scotus' Anselmian Moral Psychology, Libertarianism, & Pelagianism," Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2016.
- "Punishment & Hate Crime: Is the 'Extra' Punishment Really Justified?" Midsouth Philosophy Conference, March 2016 [also presented at Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2015]
- "Scotus & God's Arbitrary Will: A Reassessment," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, March 2015
- "Duns Scotus on the Nature of Justice," Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2014
- "The Nature of Philosophy Is...What, Exactly?" Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2014.
- "Philosophy & a Liberal Arts Education," Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2013.
- "Faulkner the Stoic: Honor and the Snopeses in *The Snopes Trilogy*," Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2012.
- "God's Hiddenness, Coerced Persons, and the Threat of Moral Nihilism," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2012
- "Ontological Voluntarism and Human Nature," Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2011
- "Leibniz Contra Voluntarism: Moral Psychology and the Problem of Imitating God," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, March 2011

- "Leibniz & Luther: the Non-Cognitive Component of Faith," Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2010
- "Leibniz on the Nature of Goodness," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, March 2010.
- "Leibniz & Internal Monadic Determinism," Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2008.
- "Russell on Leibniz and Substance," Bertrand Russell Society Conference, May 2006.

LANGUAGES

- Latin (Reading)
- French (Reading)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(University of South Alabama)

- Philosophy 110: Introduction to Philosophy (Usually in Fall)
- Philosophy 110 Honors (Fall 2021, Fall 2024)
- Philosophy 131: Introduction to Ethics (Summer 2010, Fall 2013)
- Philosophy 220: Medical Reasoning (Every Fall)
- Philosophy 245: Renaissance-Enlightenment Philosophy (Every other Spring)
- Philosophy 312: Renaissance Political Thought (Every other Spring)
- Philosophy 331: Constitutional Law (Fall 2020, Spring 2021) cross-listed with Criminal Justice & Political Science
- Philosophy 333: Biomedical Ethics (Spring 2014; Online Spring 2019-20)
- Philosophy 336: Legal Theory (Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2024) cross-listed with Criminal Justice & Political Science
- Philosophy 337: Liability & Punishment (Fall 2016; Online every summer from 2017) crosslisted with Criminal Justice & Political Science
- Philosophy 345: Post-Kantian Anglo-American Philosophy (Fall 2014)
- Philosophy 351: Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2009, Fall 2012, Fall 2019, Fall 2023)
- Philosophy 390: Special Topics Truth (Spring 2010)
- Philosophy 390: Special Topics Existentialism & the Philosophy of Literature (Summer 2013, Fall 2014)
- Philosophy 390 (Honors): Special Topics Goodness and the Ultimate Nature of Reality in Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2011)
- Philosophy 390 (Honors): Special Topics The Life & Death of Socrates (Spring 2019)
- Philosophy 431: Advanced Ethics Metaethics (Fall 2008)
- Philosophy 431: Advanced Ethics Contemporary Political Philosophy (Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2019)
- Philosophy 461: Senior Seminar Metaphysics (Spring 2013-2018)
- Philosophy 494: Directed Study Religious Epistemology (Fall 2010, Spring 2015)
- Philosophy 494: Directed Study Free Will & Predestination in Christian Thought (Spring 2013)
- Philosophy 494: Directed Study Just War, Realism & Military Ethics (Fall 2014)
- Philosophy 494: Directed Study Aristotle (Spring 2016)
- Philosophy 494: Directed Study Existentialism & Film (Spring 2024)
- Religion 100: Introduction to Religion (Every semester)
- College of Arts & Sciences 100: The Moral Reality of War (Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016)
- College of Arts & Sciences 100: Introduction to South (Fall 2020)

(Honors Thesis Committee Chair)

- Connor Favreau (2011-12)
- Katherine Sweet (2015-16)
- Mitchell Chambers (2021-22)
- Hayden Britt (2021-22)

PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- <u>University Service</u>: Co-Chair, *Common Read/Common World* program, 2014-2016; University Faculty Senate, 2009-2012; Honors Program Student Organization Faculty Advisor, 2010-2011; Students for Life Faculty Advisor, 2015-18; Students for Conceal & Carry Advisor, 2014-2016; Faculty Development Committee, 2018-2022; Turning Point USA Faculty Advisor, 2020-present.
- <u>College Service</u>: Undergraduate Grade Grievance Committee, 2010-2014; Academic Programs & Planning Committee, 2013-2015, 2021-23; Freshman Orientation Summer Advising Team, 2014-2015; Faculty Honors & Awards Committee, 2016-2017; Tenure Committee, 2017-2018; Sabbatical Committee, 2018-2020; College Faculty Awards Committee, 2023-24; Summer Professional Development Awards Committee, 2024-25
- <u>Departmental Service</u>: Curriculum Committee, 2008-present; Evaluation Committee, 2008-present; Ancient Philosophy Assistant Professor Tenure-Track Hiring Committee, 2014-2015; (General) Philosophy Assistant Professor Tenure-Track Hiring Committee, 2015-2016; Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor, 2008-2011, 2014-15; Mid-Tenure Review Committee (Chair) for Dr. Samuel Baker, 2017-18; Mid-Tenure Review Committee (Chair) for Dr. Anne Jeffrey, 2018-19; (General) Philosophy Assistant Professor Tenure-Track Hiring Committee Chair, 2018; USA Employee Giving Campaign Departmental Representative, 2018-present; (General) Philosophy Visiting Assistant Professor Hiring Committee Chair, 2019; Tenure Review Committee (Chair) for Dr. Alli K. Thornton; (General) Philosophy Assistant Professor Tenure-Track Hiring Committee Chair, 2021; Diversity & Inclusion Committee (Chair), 2021-22; Comprehensive Chair Review Committee (Chair), 2023-24.
- <u>Professional Service</u>: Southern Society of Philosophy & Psychology annual conference submission referee, 2010; Midsouth Philosophy Annual Conference submission referee, 2011-2012; Secretary-Treasurer of Alabama Philosophical Society, 2009-2010; Vice-President of Alabama Philosophical Society, 2010-2011; President of the Alabama Philosophical Society, 2011-2012; Journal of the History of Analytical Philosophy article reviewer, 2013-2014, 2016; Lexington Books (Rowman & Littlefield) academic publisher book-manuscript reviewer, 2014; International Journal for Philosophy of Religion article reviewer, 2015; Palgrave-MacMillan academic publisher book-manuscript reviewer, 2015; Routledge academic publisher bookmanuscript reviewer, 2016; South African Journal of Philosophy article reviewer, 2017; Studia Neo-Aristotelica article reviewer, 2018; Rowman & Littlefield academic publisher bookmanuscript reviewer, 2021; chair/moderator at Philosophy, Politics, & Economics Society 6th, 7th, and 8th Annual Meeting; manuscript reviewer for the journal Religions, 2024

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