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EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst, PhD, 2003

Bucknell University, B. A., Philosophy and Classics, 1996
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors in Philosophy

AREAS

Areas of Specialization

Free Will, Moral Responsibility, Philosophy of Action, Metaphysics

Areas of Teaching Competence

Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Early Modern Philosophy, Existentialism

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor, Davidson College (2017-present)

Associate Professor, Davidson College (2009-2017)

Assistant Professor, Davidson College (2005-2009)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Washington and Lee University (2003-2005)

Visiting Instructor, Lycoming College (2002-2003)

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

Philosophy and Science of Self Control grant, administered by Florida State University, funded by the John Templeton Foundation (August – December 2015)

National Humanities Center Fellowship, funded by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund (September 2007 – May 2008)

Phi Kappa Phi, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2002)

Nomination from Philosophy Department for Graduate School Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst (1998, 1999)

Puryear Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst (1996-7)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Free Will: The Basics. 2nd Edition. New York: Routledge, 2022 [2nd edition published September 2021]

Edited Volume

Routledge Companion to Free Will, edited with Neil Levy and Kevin Timpe. New York: Routledge, 2017

Articles and Chapters

“Meaning in the Middle: Responsibility, Narrative, and Agential History,” in *Freedom, Responsibility, and Value: Essays in Honor of John Martin Fischer*, edited by Taylor W. Cyr, Andrew Law, and Neal A. Tognazzini, New York: Routledge, 2024, 76-94

“Children and Moral Responsibility,” in *A Companion to Free Will*, edited by Joseph Campbell, Kristin M. Mickelson, and V. Alan White, Wiley-Blackwell, 2023, 337-354

“Children, Responsibility for Self-Control Failures, and Narrative Capacity,” in *Surrounding Self-Control*, edited by Alfred R. Mele, Oxford University Press, 2020, 142-163

“Narrative Capacity and Moral Responsibility,” *Social Philosophy and Policy* 36 (1) (2019), 93-113

“Some Speculations about Semicompatibilism,” *Science, Religion and Culture*, 4(2) (2017), 4-14

“Agent Causation” in *Routledge Companion to Free Will*, edited by Kevin Timpe, Meghan Griffith, and Neil Levy, New York: Routledge, 2017, 72-85

“Agent Causation and Theism” in *Free Will and Theism: Connections, Contingencies, Concerns*, edited by Daniel Speak and Kevin Timpe. New York: Oxford, 2016, 172-194

“Free Will and Determinism,” *Dialogue*. (April 2015) 44: 36-42

“Based on a True Story: Narrative and the Value of Acting Freely,” *Social Theory and Practice* (January 2011) 37:19-34

“Why Agent-Caused Actions Are Not Lucky,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* (January 2010) 47:43-56

“Freedom and Trying: Understanding Agent-Causal Exertions,” *Acta Analytica* 22.1 (42) (March 2007)

“Does Free Will Remain a Mystery? A Response to Van Inwagen,” *Philosophical Studies* Volume 124, Number 3 (June 2005): 261-269

Critical Notice

Free Will and Modern Science. *Analysis* (2013) 73: 168-176

Book Reviews

Paul Russell, *The Limits of Free Will: Selected Essays, Ethics* 130 (3):469-474 (2020)

John Martin Fischer, *Deep Control: Essays on Free Will and Value*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, June 24, 2012, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/31438-deep-control-essays-on-free-will-and-value/>.

E.J. Lowe, *Personal Agency: The Metaphysics of Mind and Action*, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, June 15, 2009, <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=16329>.

Pedro Alexis Tabensky, *Judging and Understanding: Essays on Free Will, Narrative, Meaning and the Ethical Limits of Condemnation* (Ashgate Publishing, 2006), Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, 2008 <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=12964>.

Invited Online Publications

“Free will vs determinism: Can you escape fate?” *IAI News*, August 13, 2021

“Narrative Capacity and Moral Responsibility,” *Imperfect Cognitions*, December 15, 2020

In Progress

“Reading the World: Narrative Know-How and Moral Agency,” draft

Children, Responsibility, and Narrative, monograph project, in progress

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

Keynote Address, “Learning to Read: Narrative Know-How and Moral Agency,” 9th Annual Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference, Florida State University Philosophy Graduate Student Association, February 12, 2021 (conference held remotely)

“What Happens When Someone Disappears,” "Libertarian Agency and Metaphysics: Themes from Clarke" Workshop, Lund Gothenburg Responsibility Project, Lund University, June 5, 2018

Invited Comments, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, January 2018, (August Gorman’s paper “How Should Deep Self Theorists Account for Weakness of Will?”).

Invited Comments, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, January 2018, Author Meets Critics session, Group Program (Alfred Mele’s book, *Aspects of Agency*).

Invited Comments, 8th Annual Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology, University of Notre Dame, May 7, 2016 (Jesse Couenhoven’s paper, “Can Animals Sin?”).

“Children, Responsibility for Self-Control Failures, and the Narrative Self,” The Philosophy and Science of Self-Control Conference, Florida State University, December 4-6, 2015.

Keynote Address, “Agent Causation and Temporality,” Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Conference, November 7-8, 2014.

Invited Comments, 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, comments read in absentia by session chair, August 2009 (Randolph Clarke’s paper, “Because She Wanted To”).

“Freedom and Agency,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (affiliated with Duke University), January 31, 2008.

“How to Go Agent-Causal,” North Carolina State University, November 1, 2007.

“How to Go Agent-Causal,” invited paper, Conference on Responsibility, Agency, and Persons, University of San Francisco, October 27, 2007.

“Luck Happens,” Ninth Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 6, 2007.

Invited Comments, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, April 6, 2007 (Facundo Martin Alonso’s paper, “Reliance in Shared Intention.”).

“Luck Happens,” Wake Forest University, March 20, 2007.

“Freedom and Trying: Understanding Agent-Causal Exertions”, invited paper, Bled Philosophical Conference, May 30, 2006.

“Agent Causation, Luck, and Possible Worlds,” Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Regional Meeting, April 21, 2006.

“Actions as Processes: A New Account of Free Action,” Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 17, 2006.

“Plato on Akrasia,” DePauw University, February 2005.

“Agency, Luck, and Aristotle,” Davidson College, January 12, 2005.

“Free Will: Passengers or Drivers?” Southern Virginia University, November 6, 2003.

“Does Free Will Remain a Mystery? A Response to Van Inwagen,” 64th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Philosophical Association, October 17, 2003.