

# MARK SATTA

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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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### Wayne State University

<i>Associate Professor of Philosophy, Linguistics, and Law</i>	2024 – Present
<i>Assistant Professor of Philosophy</i>	2020 – 2024
<i>Director of Undergraduate Studies in Philosophy</i>	2021 – 2023

### University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion

<i>Visiting Assistant Research Professor</i>	2024 – 2025
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### Harter Secrest & Emery LLP

<i>Associate, Immigration Practice Group</i>	2019 – 2020
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## EDUCATION

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Harvard Law School—JD	2019
Purdue University—MA 2014; PhD in Philosophy	2016
The College at Brockport (SUNY)—BA, Philosophy	2012
Houghton College—BA, Psychology; Communication	2009

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Free Speech, Religious Liberty, First Amendment Law, LGBTQ Civil Rights, Philosophy of Law, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Constitutional Law, Social and Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Ethics, Bioethics, Philosophy of Religion, George Orwell

## DISSERTATION

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**Title:** “The Ambiguity Theory of ‘Knows’”

**Committee:** Matthias Steup (chair), Michael Bergmann, Rod Bertolet, Paul Draper, and Baron Reed

## ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

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1. “Epistemic Exhaustion and the Retention of Power.” *Hypatia* 39, 3 (2024): 510-529.
2. “Moral Grandstanding and the Norms of Moral Discourse.” co-authored with A. K. Flowerree. *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 10, 3 (2024): 483-502.

3. “A Disjunctive Argument Against Conjoining Belief Impermissivism and Credal Impermissivism.” *Erkenntnis* 89, 2 (2024): 625–40.
4. “Commercial Discrimination as Religious Messaging in *303 Creative v. Elenis*.” *Religions* 15, 37 (2024): 1–17.
5. “What Was Orwell’s Conception of Free Speech?” *George Orwell Studies* 8, 1 (2023): 61–76.
6. “Really Knowing: A Collocational Argument for an Infallibilist Sense of ‘Know’.” *The Monist* 106, 4 (2023): 394–408.
7. “Reasoning One’s Way Back into Skepticism.” *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* 13, 3 (2023): 202–224.
8. “Epistemic Trespassing and Expert Witness Testimony.” *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* 22, 2 (2022): 213–238.
9. “Multi-Forum Institutions, the Power of Platforms, and Disinviting Speakers from University Campuses.” *Public Affairs Quarterly* 35, 2 (2021): 94–118.
10. “George Orwell on the Relationship between Food and Thought.” *George Orwell Studies* 5, 2 (2021): 76–89.
11. “Evil Twins and the Multiverse: Distinguishing the World of Difference Between Epistemic and Physical Possibility.” *Synthese* 198, 2 (2021): 1153–1160.
12. “Is There a Duty-Generating Special Relationship of Creator to Creature?” *Sophia* 59 (2020): 637–49.
13. “Contextualism and the Ambiguity Theory of ‘Knows’.” *Episteme* 17, 2 (2020): 209–29.
14. “Semantic Blindness and Error Theorizing for the Ambiguity Theory of ‘Knows’.” *Analysis* 78, 2 (2018): 275–84.
15. “A Linguistic Grounding for a Polysemy Theory of ‘Knows’.” *Philosophical Studies* 175, 5 (2018): 1163–82.
16. “The Ambiguity Theory of ‘Knows’.” *Acta Analytica* 33, 1 (2018): 69–83.

#### ARTICLES IN LAW REVIEWS

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1. “Shantay Drag Stays: Anti-Drag Laws Violate the First Amendment.” *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law* 25, 1 (2023): 95–140.
2. “Political Partisanship and Sincere Religious Conviction.” *Brigham Young University Law Review* 47, 4 (2022): 1221–74.
3. “Unclear Hostility: Supreme Court Discussions of ‘Hostility to Religion’ from *Barnette* to *American Legion*.” *Buffalo Law Review* 68, 2 (2020): 641–708.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

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1. “Orwell on Money” in *Orwell in Context*, Nathan Waddell (ed.), Cambridge University Press. (forthcoming).

2. “Orwell and the Philosophy of Language” in *Routledge Companion to Orwell*, Tim Crook and Richard Lance Keeble (eds.), Routledge (forthcoming).
3. “Justified Social Distrust” (co-authored with Lacey J. Davidson) in *Social Trust: Foundational and Philosophical Issues*, Kevin Vallier and Michael Weber (eds.), New York: Routledge (2021): 122–47.
4. “Epistemology and HIV Transmission: Privilege and Marginalization in the Dissemination of Knowledge” (co-authored with Lacey J. Davidson) in *Making the Case: Feminist and Critical Race Philosophers Engage Case Studies*, Heidi Grasswick and Nancy Arden McHugh (eds.), SUNY Press (2021): 241–267.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA & ANTHOLOGY ENTRIES

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1. “Can Beliefs Be Unethical? W. K. Clifford’s The Ethics of Belief.” 2024. *The Philosophy Teaching Library*. Robert Weston Siscoe (ed.). <https://philolibrary.crc.nd.edu/article/can-beliefs-be-unethical/>.
2. “303 Creative LLC v. Elenis (Supreme Court).” *First Amendment Encyclopedia*. June 30, 2023. <https://mtsu.edu/first-amendment/article/2274/303-creative-llc-v-elenis>.
3. “303 Creative LLC v. Elenis (10th Circuit).” *First Amendment Encyclopedia*. April 7, 2023. <https://mtsu.edu/first-amendment/article/2209/303-creative-llc-v-elenis-10th-circuit>.
4. “George Orwell.” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. August 17, 2022. <https://iep.utm.edu/george-orwell/>.
5. “Philosophy of Law: An Overview.” *1000-Word Philosophy*. May 18, 2022. <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2022/05/18/philosophy-of-law/>.
6. “Shurtleff v. Boston.” *First Amendment Encyclopedia*. May 5, 2022. <https://mtsu.edu/first-amendment/article/2083/shurtleff-v-boston>.
7. “George Orwell’s Philosophical Views.” *1000-Word Philosophy*. December 17, 2021. <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2021/12/17/george-orwell/>.
8. “Freedom of Speech.” *1000-Word Philosophy*. February 4, 2021. <https://1000wordphilosophy.com/2021/02/04/free-speech/>.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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1. Review of *The Free Speech Century*, edited by Lee C. Bollinger and Geoffrey R. Stone, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 37, 2 (2020): 332-334.
2. Review of *Epistemology for the Rest of the World*, edited by Masaharu Mizumoto, Stephen Stich, and Eric McCready, *Philosophical Quarterly* 69, 275 (2019): 438-40.
3. Review of *God’s Own Ethics: Norms of Divine Agency and the Argument from Evil*, by Mark Murphy, *Philosophy in Review* 38, 2 (2018): 73-75.
4. Review of *Pragmatic Encroachment, Religious Belief, and Practice*, by Aaron Rizzieri *Claremont Journal of Religion* 4, 1 (2015): 169-78.

5. Review of *Knowledge Ascriptions*, edited by Jessica Brown and Mikkel Gerken, *Bibliographia* (2015).
6. Review of *Probability in the Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Jake Chandler and Victoria S. Harrison, *Bibliographia* (2015).
7. Review of *Religion without God*, by Ronald Dworkin, *Claremont Journal of Religion* 3, 1 (2014): 155-61.

## LAW REVIEW BLOGS & OTHER ONLINE LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

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- “*303 Creative v. Elenis, Groff v. DeJoy* and the Difference a Sentence Can Make.” *Canopy Forum*. Emory University Center for the Study of Law and Religion. October 26, 2023.
- “*303 Creative v. Elenis: Masterpiece Cakeshop 2.0?*” *Canopy Forum*. Emory University Center for the Study of Law and Religion. June 27, 2022.
- “Why You Can’t Sell Your Cake and Control it Too: Distinguishing Use from Design in *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado*.” *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review: Amicus Blog*. July 10, 2019.
- “The ‘Many’ Overlooked in the Supreme Court’s *American Legion* Decision.” *Harvard Law & Policy Review: Notice and Comment*. July 10, 2019.
- “*Masterpiece Cakeshop*: A Hostile Interpretation of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission.” *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review: Amicus Blog*. April 15, 2019.
- “Epistemic Humility as a Presidential Virtue.” *Harvard Law & Policy Review: Notice and Comment*. May 17, 2018.
- “Repealing the ACA Would be a Step Backwards in Treatment of HIV.” *Harvard Law & Policy Review: Notice and Comment*. March 25, 2017.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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- “The Supreme Court’s Refusal to Acknowledge Sexual Orientation Discrimination in *303 Creative v. Elenis*” (written for inclusion in *Challenges and Issues Facing Marginalized Groups in the United States*, edited by Maruice Mangum).
- “Freedom of Discussion” (worked in progress to be presented at the 2025 Eastern APA session on Norms of Public Discussion)
- “Free Speech for Liars?” (work in progress presented at the 2024 PPE Society Meeting)
- “Same-Sex Wedding Service Refusals and the *Obergefell* ‘Decent and Honorable’ Dicta”
- “Orwell and Philosophy: An Introductory Overview” (work in progress written as introductory article for a special issue of *The Monist* on George Orwell, scheduled for publication in 2026).

## PUBLIC FACING PUBLICATIONS

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- “What the US Supreme Court will consider when it rules on gender-affirming care for trans children.” *The Conversation*. December 12, 2024.
- “Free Speech for Political Campaign Lies?” *Justice Everywhere*. November 4, 2024.

- [“Nationalism is not patriotism: 3 insights from Orwell about Trump and the 2024 election.”](#) *The Conversation*. October 30, 2024.
- [“Oklahoma’s Superintendent Orders Public Schools to Teach the Bible—Relying on Controversial Views about Religious Freedom.”](#) *The Conversation*. July 8, 2024.
- [“Should the Law Protect People from Being Viewed as Bigots?”](#) *The Prindle Post*. March 11, 2024.
- [“Intellectually Humble Free Speech Law.”](#) *Justice Everywhere*. October 23, 2023.
- [“Anti-LGBTQ laws in the US are getting struck down for limiting free speech of drag queens and doctors.”](#) *The Conversation*. July 11, 2023.
- [“Why a federal judge found Tennessee’s anti-drag law unconstitutional.”](#) *The Conversation*. June 8, 2023.
- [“Why Tennessee’s law limiting drag performances likely violates the First Amendment.”](#) *The Conversation*. March 6, 2023.
- [“Supreme Court signals sympathy with web designer opposed to same-sex marriage in free speech case.”](#) *The Conversation*. December 6, 2022.
- [“A Social Ethics of Belief: Two Lessons from W. K. Clifford.”](#) *Justice Everywhere*. October 3, 2022.
- [“Jan. 6 hearing gives primetime exposure to violent footage and dramatic evidence – the question is, to what end?”](#) (with Claire Leavitt and Ken Hughes). *The Conversation*. June 10, 2022.
- [“Why the Supreme Court rejected Boston’s case against raising the Christian flag.”](#) *The Conversation*. May 3, 2022. (This is an updated version of the article published on January 6, 2022.)
- [“Putin’s Brazen Manipulation of Language is an Example of Orwellian Doublespeak.”](#) *The Conversation*. March 14, 2022.
- [“Virtue Signaling and Moral Discourse.”](#) (co-written with A. K. Flowerree). *Justice Everywhere*. February 28, 2022.
- [“Can a Christian flag fly at city hall? The Supreme Court will have to decide.”](#) *The Conversation*. January 6, 2022.
- [“The United States’ Perils of Presidentialism.”](#) *Justice Everywhere*. October 25, 2021.
- [“Orwell’s Ideas Remain Relevant 75 years After ‘Animal Farm’ was Published.”](#) *The Conversation*. August 12, 2021. (republished in Spanish as [“Las Ideas de Orwell Siguen Vigentes 75 Años Después de ‘Rebelión en la Granja.’](#))
- [“The Truth-Revealing Power of Courts.”](#) *Justice Everywhere*. February 22, 2021.
- [“A Brief History of the Term ‘President-Elect’ in the United States.”](#) *The Conversation*. January 12, 2021.
- [“Three Reasons for Epistemic Exhaustion, and What to Do About It.”](#) *The Conversation*. November 18, 2020.
- [“Amy Coney Barrett sizes up 30-year-old precedent balancing religious freedom with rule of law.”](#) *The Conversation*. November 13, 2020.
- [“Propagandists, Degrees of Reliability, and Epistemic Nihilism.”](#) *Justice Everywhere*. September 28, 2020.
- [“Democracy’s Unpluckable Feathers and Presidential Term Limits.”](#) *Justice Everywhere*. July 6, 2020.
- [“Sorites Authoritarianism.”](#) *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*. December 6, 2019.

- “The Buzz Aldrin Fallacy.” *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*. August 12, 2019.
- “Pernicious Epistemically Justified Distrust and Public Health Skepticism.” (co-written with Lacey J. Davidson.) *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. April 6, 2019.
- “Wealth Inequality is a Vital Public Health Issue.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center* March 29, 2019.
- “HIV Treatment: Functional Cures are Just One Aspect of Newsworthy Progress.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. March 6, 2019.
- “Spitting at Science: The Unjustified Criminalization of Spitting While HIV-Positive.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. February 25, 2019.
- “Repayment for Training as an Optimal Solution to Medical Brain Drain.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. January 25, 2019.
- “Successful HIV Criminalization Reform in California: Q & A with Sen. Scott Wiener.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. December 11, 2018.
- “Two Reasons Why Wealthy Nations Ought to Address Medical Brain Drain.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. December 11, 2018.
- “Drug Pricing Controls and the Power of Familiar Ideas.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. November 7, 2018.
- “Southern Indiana’s HIV Outbreak: A Lesson on the Importance of Incentivizing HIV Testing.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. October 25, 2018.
- “Health Care for All Requires More than Funding, It Requires Building Trust.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. October 3, 2018.
- “Teaching Critical Thinking as a Public Health Initiative.” *Bill of Health: A Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center*. September 13, 2018.
- “Epistemic Tribalism, Epistemic Chaos, and Epistemic Exhaustion.” *Partially Examined Life Blog*. August 28, 2018.
- “Harvard Law School’s Student Summer Contribution Policy Disadvantages Poorer Law Students.” *The Harvard Law Record*. February 20, 2017.
- “Developing Records with Trials: A Review of *Speak Now: Marriage Equality on Trial* by Kenji Yoshino.” *Partially Examined Life Blog*. August 4, 2016.
- “Voldemort as Plato’s Tyrant.” *Partially Examined Life Blog*. October 4, 2012.
- “Universal Salvation: One Hell of a Question.” *Partially Examined Life Blog*. September 17, 2012.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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*Wayne State University (Tenured/Tenure-Track Professor):*

Foundations of Law (Philosophy 3270) – Winter 2022, Winter 2024  
 Theory of Knowledge (Philosophy 3500) – Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022  
 Ethics, Law, and Health (Philosophy 5330) – Winter 2021, Winter 2023  
 Philosophy of Language (Philosophy 5570 & 7790/Linguistics 5570) – Fall 2022  
 Philosophical Foundations of Free Speech (Philosophy 5800) – Winter 2022, Winter 2024

*Harvard University (Teaching Assistant):*

Legal Research and Writing (Law 1006) – Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

*Indiana University Kokomo (Instructor):*

Philosophy of Law (Philosophy 375) – Fall 2015

*Purdue University (Instructor):*

Introduction to Philosophy (Philosophy 110) – Summer 2014

Introduction to Ethics (Philosophy 111) – Spring 2013

Critical Thinking (Philosophy 120) – Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

Principles of Logic (Philosophy 150) – Fall 2014

Religions of the East (Philosophy 230) – Summer 2012

*Purdue University (Teaching Assistant):*

Introduction to Philosophy (Philosophy 110) – Fall 2011

Religions of the East (Philosophy 230) – Spring 2012, Fall 2012

Environmental Ethics (Philosophy 290) – Spring 2015

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

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*Dissertation Committees:*

Griffin Kiegiel, dissertation in progress; Director

Dan Blaser, dissertation in progress; Director

Kirsty Ironside, dissertation in progress; Committee Member

Jessica Willson, PhD conferred Summer 2024; Committee Member

Graeme Cave, PhD conferred Fall 2021; Committee Member

Layla Saatchi, PhD conferred Fall 2020; Committee Member

*Qualifying Essay Committees for PhD Candidacy:*

Griffin Kiegiel, passed Winter 2024; Committee Member

Dan Blaser, passed Fall 2023; Supervisor

Kirsty Ironside, passed Summer 2022; Supervisor

Dovie Jenkins, passed Winter 2021; Committee Member

Jessica Willson, passed Winter 2021; Committee Member

*MA Thesis Committees:*

Adam Conigliaro (linguistics), in progress; Committee Member

Liz Harvin (linguistics), in progress; Committee Member

Ryan Biehl, MA conferred Winter 2024; Supervisor

Saba Dubaishi, MA conferred Fall 2022; Supervisor

*Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervision:*

Sukhmani Mandair, completed Fall 2023; Supervisor

Dayton Briggs, completed Fall 2023; Supervisor

Shane Tinsley, completed Winter 2023; Supervisor

Kit Tran, completed Winter 2023; Supervisor

Dominic Colaluca, completed Summer 2022; Supervisor

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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1. "Mill's Norms of Free Discussion." American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting. (Part of an invited symposium, Norms of Public Discourse.) New York, NY. January 2025.
2. Panelist for "Issues in Faculty Speech: What Can Philosophy Contribute?" Session for the APA Committee on Professional Rights and Academic Freedom at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting. New York, NY. January 2025.
3. "Free Speech for Liars?" Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting. (Part of the session "Free Speech, Lies, and Deceit.") New Orleans, LA. November 2024.
4. "The Unacknowledged Clash of Rights in *303 Creative v. Elenis*." Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society Annual Meeting. (Part of the session "Same-Sex Wedding Service Refusals: Philosophical, Political, and Legal Issues.") New Orleans, LA. November 2024.
5. "Same-Sex Wedding Service Refusals and the *Obergefell* 'Decent and Honorable' Dicta." Northern Illinois University Junior Law Scholars Conference. Chicago, IL. September 2024.
6. "Orwell on Language and Politics." Part of "Does Orwell Still Matter?" Panel Discussion. Saginaw Valley State University. March 2024.
7. "Orwell and Philosophy of Language." Wayne State University Humanities Center Brownbag Colloquium Series. March 2024.
8. "Accounting for Chilled Speech in an Intellectually Humble Free Speech Jurisprudence." Philosophy, Politics & Economics Society Annual Meeting. (Part of the session "Don't Speak! On Deterred Speech.") New Orleans, LA. November 2023.
9. "Dealing with Distrust in Democratic Free Speech Jurisprudence." Philosophy, Politics & Economics Society Annual Meeting. (Part of the session "Democracy and Distrust".) New Orleans, LA. November 2023.
10. "Commercial Discrimination as Religious Messaging in *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*." Wayne State Academy of Scholars. Detroit, MI. June 2023.
11. "Regulating Political Speech with Intellectual Humility." Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop. Orange Beach, AL. May 2023.
12. "Reasoning One's Way Back into Skepticism." Session for the Society for Skeptical Studies at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting. Denver, CO. February 2023.
13. "Teaching About Freedom of Speech." Session for the American Association of Philosophy Teachers at the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting. Denver, CO. February 2023.
14. "Democracy's Unpluckable Feathers." Indiana Philosophical Association Fall Meeting. Kokomo, IN. November 2022.
15. "Really Knowing: A Collocational Argument for Polysemy about *Know*." Wayne State University Linguistics Program. October 2022.
16. "Is Knowledge an Essentially Contested Concept?" Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition (CONCEPT). University of Cologne, Germany (online presentation). May 2022.



17. "Philosophical Orwell: Benefits and Challenges of Studying Orwell in Academic Philosophy." Critical Orwell Conference (online presentation). University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. April 2022.
18. "Hostility to Religion: A Case Study of Conceptual Engineering in Supreme Court Jurisprudence." Wayne State University Humanities Center Brownbag Colloquium Series (online presentation). April 2022.
19. "*Sburtleff v. Boston*: Freedoms of Speech and Religion." Wayne State University LawStart Presentation (online event). February 2022.
20. "Epistemic Exhaustion and the Retention of Power." State (In)stability Conference. Libertas International University. Zagreb, Croatia (online presentation). November 2021.
21. "Democracy's Unpluckable Feathers." Oakland University Department of Philosophy (online presentation). October 2021.
22. "A Disjunctive Argument Against Conjoining Belief Impermissivism and Credal Impermissivism." 75th Annual Meeting of the Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference (online presentation). October 2021.
23. "'Really Know': A Linguistic and Philosophical Analysis" (with Lacey J. Davidson and Augustus Wachbrit). First European Experimental Philosophy Conference (online presentation). June 2021.
24. "Epistemic Trespassing and Expert Witness Testimony." University of Central Florida Department of Philosophy and Center for Ethics (online presentation). March 2021.
25. "Unpluckable Feathers of Democracy." American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting 2021 (online presentation). February 2021.
26. "Epistemic Chaos and Epistemic Exhaustion." Social (Distancing) Epistemology Virtual Event (online presentation). May 2020.
27. "Multi-Forum Institutions, the Power of Platforms, and Disinviting Speakers from University Campuses." Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Philosophy. Richmond, VA. January 2020.
28. "Multi-Forum Institutions, the Power of Platforms, and Disinviting Speakers from University Campuses." The University of Alabama Department of Philosophy. Tuscaloosa, AL. January 2020.
29. "Really Knowing: A Collocational Argument for the Ambiguity of 'Know'." Wayne State University Department of Philosophy. January 2020.
30. "Pernicious Epistemically Justified Distrust" (with Lacey J. Davidson). American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting 2019. Vancouver, British Columbia. April 2019.
31. "Really Knowing: A Collocational Argument for the Ambiguity of 'Know'." Philosophy of Science, Language, Logic, and Epistemology Reading Group. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA. March 2019.

32. "Why You Can't Sell Your Cake and Control it Too: Distinguishing Use from Design in *Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado*." St. Bonaventure University. St. Bonaventure, NY. January 2019.
33. "Epistemically Justified Social Distrust" (with Lacey J. Davidson). Bowling Green State University Workshop in Applied Ethics and Public Policy. Bowling Green State University. Bowling Green, OH. April 2018.
34. "A Permissive Account of What's Permissible to Believe." Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. University of Cincinnati. Cincinnati, OH. April 2018.
35. "Understanding the Influence of Amicus Briefs" (with Sonia Chakrabarty, Jessica Lewis, and Brendan Roach). Harvard Law Systemic Justice Conference. Harvard Law School. Cambridge, MA. April 2017.
36. "Divine Hiddenness, Inculpable Nonbelief, and Revisionist Theologies." St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion. University of St. Thomas. St. Paul, MN. June 2016.
37. "Making the Case: Feminist and Critical Race Theorists Investigate Cases." (book panel discussion.) Third Annual Meeting of the Consortium for Socially Relevant Philosophy of/ in Science and the Sixth Annual Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference. University of Texas at Dallas. Dallas. TX. May 2016
38. "The Epistemology of HIV Transmission: Advancement, Uncertainty, and the Dissemination of Information" (with Lacey J. Davidson.) Bioethics: Preparing for the Unknown Conference. Western Michigan University Ethics Center. Kalamazoo, MI. March 2016.
39. "A Linguistic Grounding for a Polysemy Theory of 'Know'." IV Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science. Universidad de los Andes. Bogota, Colombia. February 2016.
40. "A Linguistic Grounding for a Polysemy Theory of 'Know'." North Carolina Philosophical Society. North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC. February 2015 (winner of the best graduate student paper prize).
41. "A Linguistic Grounding for a Polysemy Theory of 'Knows'." Northwestern Epistemology Brownbag Series. Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. February 2015.
42. "The Criteria for Personhood in C. S. Lewis's *Out of the Silent Planet*." Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C. S. Lewis and Friends. Taylor University. Upland, IN. May 2014.
43. "The Ambiguity Theory of 'Knowledge'." Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference. Northwestern University. Evanston, IL. April 2014.
44. "The Ambiguity Theory of 'Knowledge'." University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy Conference. University of Iowa. Iowa City, IA. April 2014.
45. "Why We Don't Have to Live with Tegmark's Duplicate Prediction" (with Chapman Waters). Indiana Philosophical Association. Butler University. Indianapolis, IN. March 2014
46. "Spinelessness about Messy Real-World Cases and the Equal Weight View." Kent State University May 4th Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. Kent State University. Kent, OH. March 2014.

47. “The Ambiguity Theory of ‘Knowledge’.” Southeastern Graduate Philosophy Conference. University of Florida. Gainesville, FL. February 2014.
48. “Why We Don’t Have to Live with Tegmark’s Duplicate Prediction” (with Chapman Waters). Southeast Philosophy Congress. Clayton State University. Morrow, GA. February 2014.
49. “Questioning the ‘Aprobability’ of Van Inwagen’s Defense: A Problem for ‘Defense-Based’ Skeptical Theism.” Kent State University May 4th Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. Kent State University. Kent, OH. March 2013.
50. “Does Modern Science Predict Duplicates?” (with Chapman Waters). Midwest Workshop in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. IPFW. Fort Wayne, IN. March 2013.
51. “Deliberation and the Denial of Libertarian Free Will: A Question of Consistency.” Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Indiana Philosophical Association. Indianapolis, IN. November 2012.

#### CONFERENCE COMMENTS

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- Comments on “The Military Officer’s Oath to the Constitution: Disobeying Legal but Unethical Orders in the Military” by Joshua Braver. Northern Illinois University Junior Law Scholars Conference. Chicago, IL. September 2024.
- Comments on *Private Censorship* by JP Messina (Book Symposium). American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. Portland, OR. March 2024.
- Comments on “Brains in Vats and Skepticism about Objectivity” by James Murphy. Indiana Philosophical Association Fall Meeting. Kokomo, IN. November 2022.
- Comments on “Epistemic Right and Epistemic Duties: Analysis and Taxonomy” by Lani Watson (part of the invited symposium “Epistemic Rights and Duties During Elections”). American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. Vancouver, British Columbia. April 2022.
- Comments on “Is There a Duty to Speak Your Mind?” by Michael Hannon (part of the invited symposium “Epistemic Rights and Duties During Elections”). American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting. Vancouver, British Columbia. April 2022.
- Comments on “When to Psychologize?” by A. K. Flowerree. Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference (online event). August 2021.
- Comments on “Religion and Public Justification, or Why Rawls Should Have Studied Religious Epistemology” by Brock Mason. Notre Dame Political Philosophy and Religion Workshop. Notre Dame, IN. November 2019.
- Comments on “Anti-Inflationism about Truth, Deflated” by Cory Wright. Indiana Philosophical Association, Indianapolis, IN. March 2014.
- Comments on “Branch-Relative Identity” by Christina Conroy. Midwest Workshop in Philosophy of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Fort Wayne, IN. March 2013.

- Comments on “Fallibilism and Epistemic Luck” by Greg Stoutenburg. Joint meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association and the North American Kant Society. New Albany, IN. March 2013.
- Comments on “Explaining the Difference Senses of Explanation” by Danny Pearlberg. Indiana Philosophical Association. Indianapolis, IN. November 2012.

### CONFERENCES, EVENTS, & SPECIAL ISSUES ORGANIZED

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- Special issue on George Orwell and Philosophy for *The Monist* (co-editing with Peter Brian Barry), slated for publication in January 2026.
- Political Philosophy and Religion Brownbag Series, Online, 2020–2021 (co-organized with Anne Jeffrey, Toni Alimi, and Ryan Davis).
- Political Philosophy and Religion Workshop, University of Notre Dame, November 2019 (co-organized with Anne Jeffrey, Toni Alimi, and Ryan Davis).

### SESSIONS CHAIRED

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- American Philosophy Association Eastern Division Meeting 2025; Session on Political Philosophy: Freedom and Property.
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economic Society Annual Meeting 2024; Session on Religion and Deliberative Democracy.
- “Speech on Campus: Perspectives, Implications and Ethics” Symposium at Wayne State University, February 2024; Panel on “Student, Faculty, and Institutional Perspectives.”
- Wayne Law Review 2023 Symposium on Evolving Religious Liberty; Opening Panel Discussion.
- American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting 2023; Talk by Zachary Gabor, “Rationality, Capacity-First.”
- Indiana Philosophical Association Fall Meeting 2022; Session on Epistemic and Racial Injustice.
- American Philosophy Association Central Division Meeting 2022; Talk by Peter Antich, “Rich Content and Gestalt Properties.”
- North Carolina Philosophical Society 2015; Session on Philosophy of Religion.

### GUEST APPEARANCES ON PODCASTS AND RADIO SHOWS

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- The Perri Small Show. WVON, Chicago. July 16, 2024. (Interview about Oklahoma superintendent’s order to teach the Bible in public schools.)
- The Academic Minute. September 14, 2023. “[First Amendment Violations in Anti-Drag Laws](#).” (Episode on how anti-drag laws violate the First Amendment.)
- Break into Law School Podcast with Sydney Montgomery. “[The Journey of Getting a JD/PhD](#).” July 7, 2022. (Interview and conversation about getting a JD and a PhD.)
- Clear As Mud Podcast with Ray Welling and Lawrence Ang. “[How to fight newspeak, gambling’s election gateway drug, karaoke for profit and Trivago’s muddy algorithms](#).” (Interview on Newspeak and propaganda in contemporary politics).

- Clear As Mud Podcast with Ray Welling and Lawrence Ang. March 31, 2022. “[Putin, Big Brother, deepfakes and \(shock horror\) lying politicians.](#)” (Interview on Putin’s propaganda and George Orwell’s *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.)
- This is Today Podcast. January 20, 2021. “[History of the President Elect & The Inauguration.](#)” (Interview on the history of the term ‘president-elect.’)
- Viewpoints with Todd Vanderheyden. CTV News, Toronto. November 21, 2020. (Interview about epistemic exhaustion.)

## **FELLOWSHIPS, MEMBERSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

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- University of Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion Faculty Fellowship, 2024-2025
- Wayne State University Labor@Wayne Fraser Fellowship, 2024-2025
- American Bar Association, 2024-Present
- Wayne State Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, 2023-2024
- Wayne State College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Faculty Teaching Award, 2022
- Wayne State University Academy of Scholars, Junior Faculty Award, 2022
- Wayne State University, University Research Grant, 2022
- Harvard Law School, Summer Academic Fellow, 2019
- Harvard Law School LGBTQ Writing Prize, 2019
- Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics Student Fellow, 2018-2019
- Harvard Law School, Summer Academic Fellow, 2018
- St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion Workshop Participant, Summer 2016
- Purdue University College of Liberal Arts, PROMISE Grant, 2016
- McBride Graduate Student International Travel Grant, 2016
- North Carolina Philosophical Society Best Graduate Student Paper Prize, 2015
- Purdue Philosophy Department Joyce & Edward E. Brewer Graduate Research Assistant in Applied Ethics, 2013-2014
- American Philosophical Association, 2014-Present
- Tau Sigma, National Honor Society, 2011-Present
- Psi Chi, National Psychology Honor Society, 2009-Present
- Houghton College Psychology Department Exceptional Senior Award, 2009
- Houghton College Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2006-2009

## **EDITORIAL AND REFEREE SERVICE**

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- Referee for *Philosophical Quarterly* (2024), *Philosophy Teaching Library* (2024), *Journal of Ethics & Social Philosophy* (2024), *Social Epistemology* (2023), *Episteme* (2023, 2021), *The Monist* (2023), the Canadian Philosophical Association (2023), *Erkenntnis* (2023; 2022; 2020), *Synthese* (2023, 2022; 2021; 2013), *Analysis* (2021), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2021; 2020), *Philosophia* (2020), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (2020), *Journal of Philosophical Research* (2018), and *Claremont Journal of Religion* (2015)
- *Justice Everywhere: A Blog about Philosophy in Public Affairs*, Contributor (2020-Present)
- *Bill of Health: Blog of the Petrie-Flom Center at Harvard Law School*, Contributor (2018-2019)

- *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, Executive Audio Editor (2018)
- *Harvard Law & Policy Review*, Executive Online Editor (2018), Senior Online Editor (2017), Articles Editor (2017-2018), Online Editor (2017), Junior Editor (2016-2017)
- *Harvard Law Record*, Staff Contributor (2017-2019)
- *Harvard Journal on Legislation*, Line Editor (2017-2018), Submissions Editor (2017)

## **PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- American Philosophical Association's Committee on LGBTQ People in the Profession, Committee Member, 2024-Present
- Wayne State University BA in Law Advisory Board, 2024-Present
- Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Selective Salary Committee, 2023-Present
- Philosophy Department Faculty Search Committee Member, 2023-2024
- Wayne State University Philosophy Department AAUP-AFT Union Council Representative, 2022-2024
- Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Recruitment Committee Member, 2021-2024
- Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Teaching Award Selection Committee, Fall 2023
- Wayne State University Philosophy Department Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2021-2023
- Wayne State University Nu Rho Psi National Honor Society in Neuroscience's Brains 101 Program Debate Judge, June 2022
- Michigan High School Ethics Bowl Judge, February 2022
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Review Panelist (Philosophy) for the 2022 Summer Stipend Program, Fall 2021
- Harvard Law Board of Student Advisers, 2017-2019
- Harvard Law Campaign for Political Equality, Vice President, 2018-2019; Co-President, 2017-2018
- Harvard Law and Philosophy Society, President, 2017-2018
- Harvard Health Law Society, Board Member, 2017-2018
- Lafayette Crisis Center, Rape Survivor Advocate, 2015-2016
- Mental Health America, Volunteer Outreach, 2015-2016
- Lafayette Crisis Center, Crisis Hotline Volunteer, 2014-2016
- Purdue University College of Liberal Arts Graduate Student Council, 2014-2015
- Purdue University Philosophy Department Graduate Student Representative, 2013-2014
- Purdue University College of Liberal Arts Grade Appeals Committee, 2013-2014

**REFERENCES** available upon request.

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