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### EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Rochester, 2016  
Dissertation: *An Evidentialist Epistemology of Testimony*  
Director: Richard Feldman  
M.A., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University, 2007  
B.A., Philosophy, Biola University, 2002

### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Epistemology  
History of Early Modern Philosophy

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Philosophy of Religion  
Ethics  
Applied Ethics  
Metaphysics

### PUBLICATIONS

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2018 “An Evidentialist Social Epistemology” in *Believing in Accordance with the Evidence: New Essays on Evidentialism* ed. Kevin McCain (forthcoming).  
2014 “Pick Your Poison: Beg the Question or Embrace Circularity” with Kevin McCain *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* 4.2  
2012 “Evidence of Evidence and Testimonial Reductionism” *Episteme* 9.4

### TEACHING

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#### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, LECTURER

Taking it on Trust: Knowledge, Cooperation, and Vulnerability (Fall 2017 and Spring 2018, three sections per semester)

#### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Ethics at the Edges of Life (Fall 2016 and Spring 2017, two sections per semester)

#### UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, TEACHING FELLOW

Ethics at the Edges of Life (Fall 2015 and Spring 2016, two sections per semester)  
Ethics in Biomedical Research (Fall 2014 and Spring 2015, two sections per semester)  
Ethics in Biomedical Research (Fall 2012 and Spring 2013)  
The Ethics of Discovery (Fall 2011 and Spring 2012)  
Knowledge and Skeptical Puzzles (Fall 2010 and Spring 2011)

#### NAZARETH COLLEGE, LECTURER

Philosophical Inquiry: Problems of Knowledge (Spring 2013 – Spring 2014)

Philosophical Inquiry: Problems of Science (Fall 2012, two sections)

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, TEACHING ASSISTANT

Ethics (Spring 2010)  
 Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2009)  
 Science and Reason (Spring 2009)  
 Philosophy of Law (Fall 2008)

#### PRESENTATIONS

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- 2016 “In Search of a Virtue of Faith,” Nature and Value of Faith Summer Seminar, Bellingham, Washington
- 2016 “In Search of a Virtue of Faith,” St. Thomas Summer Seminar, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 2014 “Testimonial Reduction Through Explanation?” Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Lewiston, New York, 2014
- 2014 “Comments on ‘Resolving Fodor’s Puzzle About Concept Learning’” by Derek Anderson, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, California.
- 2012 “Comments on ‘Reducing Testimony’ by Trent Dougherty,” University of Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, Rochester, New York, 2012.
- 2012 “Comments on ‘A New Cost for Denying Closure’ by Daniel Eaton,” Talbot Philosophical Society Graduate Conference, La Mirada, California.
- 2011 “Comments on ‘Evidentialism, Attitudinalism, and a Causal-Construal of the Supports Relation’ by Ryan Byerly,” American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2011 “Evidence of Evidence and Testimonial Reductionism” Mountain/Pacific Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Newburg, Oregon.
- 2010 “Comments on ‘Pritchard, Safety, Value’ by Daniel Immerman,” University of Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, Rochester, New York.
- 2008 “Comments on ‘The Epistemic Point of View’ by J. Adam Carter,” University of Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, Rochester, New York.
- 2007 “A Critique of Adams’s and Quinn’s Modified Divine Command Theory,” Talbot Philosophical Society Graduate Conference, La Mirada, California, 2007

#### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- Writing, Speaking, and Argumentation Program Teaching Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2014 – 2016
- Raymond M. Ball Dissertation Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2013 – 2014
- Dudley Doust Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2012 – 2013
- College Writing Program Teaching Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2010-2012
- Teaching Assistantship, University of Rochester, 2008-2010
- University Fellowship, University of Rochester, 2007-2008

## SERVICE

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Referee for *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*  
 Referee for *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*  
 Referee for Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, 2014, 2012, 2010  
 University of Rochester, Department of Philosophy, Graduate Admissions  
 Committee 2009 – 2010

## COURSEWORK

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(unofficial audit indicated by “\*”)

PhD, Philosophy, University of Rochester, 2007-2016

Theory of Knowledge	Jeff Glick
Philosophy of Language	David Braun
Rationalism	Ralf Meerbote
Logical Methods	David Braun
Metaphysics	Alyssa Ney
Selected Topics in Ancient Philosophy	Deborah Modrak
Philosophical Theology: Trinity and Incarnation	Edward Wierenga
Philosophical Theology: Religious Epistemology	Edward Wierenga
Writing Pedagogy	Tanya Bakhmetyeva and Rachel Lee
Writing Practicum	Deborah Rossen-Knill
Epistemology of Peer Disagreement Seminar	Richard Feldman
Virtue Ethics Seminar	Earl Conee
Readings in Higher-Level Evidence	Richard Feldman
Epistemology of Testimony Seminar	Jeff Glick
Theories of Vision in Berkeley and Reid	Ralf Meerbote
Contemporary Theories of Knowledge	Earl Conee
Reductionism	Alyssa Ney and Kevan Edwards
Evidentialism and its Discontents	Richard Feldman and Earl Conee
Leibniz and Locke Seminar	Ralf Meerbote
Readings in Topics in Contemporary Epistemology*	Earl Conee
Readings in Topics in Contemporary Epistemology*	Richard Feldman
Kant: Critique of Pure Reason*	Ralf Meerbote
Readings in Topics in Group Belief and Knowledge*	Richard Feldman

MA, Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University, 2004-2007

Philosophy of Mind	J. P. Moreland
Metaphysics	J. P. Moreland
Epistemology	Doug Geivett
Philosophical Theology	W. L. Craig
History and Normative Systems of Ethics	David Horner
Symbolic Logic	Thomas Crisp
Metaphysics of Modality	Thomas Crisp
Readings in Philosophy of Language	R. Scott Smith
Philosophy of Religion	W. L. Craig
Ethical Issues	Scott Rae
Origins of Consciousness	J. P. Moreland
Virtue Epistemology and the Ethics of Belief	Doug Geivett

## SEMINARS

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- 2016 Nature and Value of Faith Summer Seminar, Bellingham, Washington.  
Directors: John Kvanvig, Daniel Howard-Snyder, Trent Dougherty
- 2016 St. Thomas Summer Seminars in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology,  
University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, Minnesota  
Directors: Dean Zimmerman, Michael Rota
- 2009 Thomistic Seminar: Elizabeth Anscombe on Religion, Politics and Ethics  
Witherspoon Institute, Princeton, New Jersey  
Director: John Haldane
- 2002 Pew Younger Scholar Program, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana  
Philosophy Section: Alvin Plantinga

## REFERENCES

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