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AOS: Philosophy of Mind, Buddhist Philosophy

AOC: Asian Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy University of Notre Dame, May 2021

*Exploring the Self: a Metaphysical, Practical, and Linguistic Perspective*

In three interrelated papers about the self, I argue for a novel version of the view that the self is, essentially, a narrative. I then turn to a related account of the self from Buddhism and explore how these kind of accounts handle a classic objection about future planning. Finally, I turn to the words we use to refer to selves. I give a novel account of slurs and show two specific ways that these words manage to cause harm.

M.A. Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, May 2018

B.A. Philosophy, University of Arizona, May 2013

summa cum laude with Honors

## Publication

“Review of Why I Am Not A Buddhist by Evan Thompson” forthcoming in *Faith and Philosophy*

“Pragmatic Belief Formation and Upaya”. In Laura Specker Sullivan and Masato Ishida (Ed.) *Locating and Losing the Self in the World: Cross-Cultural Reflections on Self-Awareness and Self-Transcendence* (pp. 111-20). Newcastle upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Pub, 2014.

## Articles in Preparation

The Narrative Account of the Self: The Untold Story.

No-Self and a Roth IRA: Should Buddhists Save for Retirement?

“Fat” is not a slur

## **Selected Presentations**

The Property Box Account of Slurs [Rescheduled from 2020]

Indiana Philosophical Association, Virtual, April 2021 [FUTURE]

Canadian Philosophical Association, Virtual, May 2021 [FUTURE]

Grad-Student Caregivers and Teaching

Central APA for the AAPT-APA Teaching Hub, Chicago, February 2020

The Self, The Two Truths, and the Narrative Account

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Conference, Bath, UK June 2019

Comments on “The Moral Parody Argument Against Panpsychism” by Zach Blaes

Eastern APA New York City, New York, January 2019

Creating the Self through Story Telling: Daniel Dennett, Tim Bayne, and Evan Thompson

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Conference, Krakow, Poland, June 2018

The Self as Story Telling: Daniel Dennett, Tim Bayne, and Evan Thompson

Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 2018

Training for Theory Free Observations: Fodor, Churchland, and Dharmakirti

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Annual Conference, Beijing, China, June 2017

The Philosophical Debates of the Council of Nicaea

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Guest Lecture, San Diego, California, July 2013

The Importance of Direct Experience in Meditation

Arizona Meditation Research Interest Group Invited Lecture, Tucson, Arizona, April 2013

Pragmatic Belief Formation and Upaya

Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, March 2012

### **At Notre Dame**

What is Fatphobia?

Feminism and Philosophy Guest Lecture, January 2019

Is Buddhism Religion or Philosophy?

Minorities and Philosophy Meeting, January 2018

## Buddhism on Personal Identity

Introduction to Philosophy Guest Lecture, April 2016

## Russellian Monism and Yogacara Buddhism

Philosophy of Mind Guest Lecture, March 2016

# Teaching Experience

## Courses Taught

University of Notre Dame, undergraduate-level

Buddhist Philosophy – Fall 2018, Spring 2021

Cal State San Marcos, Continued Learning Program

Buddhism in Exile: The Dalai Lama's Religion - Summer 2014

University of Arizona, Outreach College for children in grades 6-8

Six Impossible Things Before Breakfast: Bringing Critical Thought to Everyday Life – Summer 2014

Team taught with Dr. Ethan Mills, and Anne Spire

International Buddhist Academy in Kathmandu, Nepal, Monastic Translation Program

Introduction to Western Philosophy – Summer 2012

## Teaching Assistantships

Ted Warfield's *Medical Ethics* – Fall 2020

Ted Warfield's *Philosophy of Law* – Spring 2020

Kaneb Center's *Online College Teaching Series* (Moderator) – Fall 2019

Richard Cross' *Introduction to Philosophy* – Spring 2016

Meghan Sullivan's *Introduction to Philosophy* – Fall 2015

David Owen's *Introduction to Symbolic Logic* (Preceptor) – Spring 2013

Karen Borek's *God and the Problem of Evil* (Preceptor) – Spring 2013

Ethan Mill's *Philosophy of Religion* (Preceptor) – Spring 2012

Margaret Reimer's *Philosophy of Religion* (Preceptor) – Fall 2011

## Training

American Philosophical Practitioners Association Certification – July 2020

Level 1 certification for practicing Philosophical Counseling

Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certificate – June 2019

A workshop series hosted by the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning

Online College Teaching – May 2019

An online course in pedagogy, design, and technology in online education

## **Grants**

Uehiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2018

Institute for Liberal Arts Notebaert Professional Development Fund

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, June 2017

Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant

“Faith and Reason in Tibetan Buddhism” research trip to Nepal and India, April 2012

The University of Arizona Honors College Undergraduate Research Grant

Study abroad at the International Buddhist Academy in Kathmandu, Nepal, April 2011

The University of Arizona Honors College Study Abroad Scholarship

Continued Research in the College of Social & Behavior Sciences, Fall 2012

Magellan Circle Scholarship

## **Service**

University of Notre Dame

Director of Undergraduate Mentoring – Fall 2017-Fall 2020

Graduate Student Mentor – Fall 2017-Present

Co-President Minorities and Women in Philosophy– Fall 2016-Spring 2019

Graduate Student Union Orientation Chair – Summer 2017, 2018, 2019

Research Assistant Center for Philosophy of Religion – AY 2016-2017

University of Arizona

Director of UA Philosophy for Kids – Summer 2014

Vice President of Philosophy Club – AY 2012-2013

Vice President of Honors Student Council – AY 2012-2013

Tutored Students with Learning Disabilities – Fall 2011-Spring 2014