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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION  
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Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion  
Logic, Language,

## EMPLOYMENT

2022–present Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, **Brigham Young University**

## EDUCATION

2018–2022 PhD in Philosophy, **The University of Texas at Austin**  
Dissertation: Essence and Metaphysical Explanation  
Committee: Jon Litland (Chair), Josh Dever (Chair), Rob Koons, Louis deRosset (External Member)  
–Visiting Scholar (Summer 2019) **Arche Philosophical Research Center**

2016–2018 M.A. in Philosophy, The University of Texas at Austin  
Thesis: In What Sense (If Any) Is Meaning Normative?  
Supervisor: Ray Buchanan

2009–2016 B.A. in Philosophy, **Brigham Young University**

## PUBLICATIONS

7. “(Ir)Rational Inquiry” with Andrew del Rio (forthcoming) *Thought*
6. “Evil and Embodiment: Towards a Latter-day Saint Non-Identity Theodicy” with Derek Haderlie (forthcoming) *Religious Studies*.
5. “Nothing Explains Essence” (forthcoming) *Inquiry*
4. “On the Reduction of Constitutive to Consequential Essence” *Ergo* 9:55 (2023).  
<https://doi.org/10.3998/ergo.3118>
3. “Essentialist Non-Reductivism” *Philosophers’ Imprint* vol 22. (2022).  
<https://journals.publishing.umich.edu/phimp/article/id/1205/>

2. “Faith: How to be Partial while Respecting the Evidence,” with Derek Haderlie *Australasian Philosophical Review* 5.1 (2022): 67–72. <https://doi.org/10.1080/24740500.2021.2000193>
1. “Sider’s Puzzle and the Mormon Afterlife,” with Derek Haderlie. *Journal of Analytic Theology* 8.1 (2020): 131-151. <https://doi.org/10.12978/jat.2020-8.120817070004>

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2020–2021	Graduate Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
2019	Journal of Analytic Theology: Diversifying Analytic Theology Prize Competition Runner-Up

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

\*\*= invited talk

November 2024	**"Essence Can't Ground Modality" <i>Philosophy Department Lecture Series</i> Chinese University of Hong Kong, HK
September 2024	"Joseph Smith and the Specter of Classical Theism" <i>LDS Philosophical Theology Conference</i> , Brigham Young University, UT
July 2024	"Against Grounding Trinitarianism" <i>Grounding and Metaphysical Explanation Workshop</i> Bristol, UK
April 2024	**"Evil and Embodiment" <i>LDS Theology and Divine Finitude Conference</i> Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
March 2024	"On the Harm of Being Addressed by God" <i>Rutgers Analytic Theology Seminar</i>
December 2023	"Run-About Theological Inference Tickets" <i>Toronto Philosophy of Religion Workshop</i>
June 2023	"Revelatory Evil and the Goodness of God" Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers (with Mike Ashfield)
April 2023	"Evil and Embodiment: Towards a LDS Non-Identity Theodicy" Global Philosophy of Religion Project <i>The Problem of Evil and Suffering Conference</i>
November 2022	"Grounding, Trinitarianism, and the LDS Conception of God" (with Derek Haderlie), <i>LDS Philosophical Theology Conference</i> , Brigham Young University, UT
June 2021	"How Unorthodox Must the Latter-day Saint Conception of God be?" (with Derek Haderlie), Global Philosophy of Religion Project <i>Existence and Nature of God and Other Deities Conference</i> .

February 2021	“The Knowledge Argument Without Knowledge” Colloquium Presentation, <i>APA Pacific Central Meeting</i> , New Orleans, LA
January 2020	“The Knowledge Argument Without Knowledge” <i>Mind and Moral Psychology Conference</i> , Michigan University (under the title “Essence and the Knowledge Argument”)
October 2019	“Reconciling Divine Justice at the Borderline” <i>Justice and the Philosophy of Religion Conference</i> , St. Louis University
July 2019	** “Trouble for Reducing Essence,” <i>Arche Metaphysics Group</i> Arche Philosophical Research Centre

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

July 2019	Summer School on Truth Maker Semantics: University of Hamburg
June 2019	BPPA Master Class: Conceptual Engineering and its Consequences in Society. St Andrews Scotland.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Available Upon Request

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

**Referee:** Inquiry, Sophia, Philosophical Studies, Religions, Synthese, Erkenntnis, American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Mind, Religious Studies, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophers Imprint, Analytic Philosophy, Journal of the APA, Theoria.

Co-Founded the LDS Philosophical Theology Project