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EDUCATION

Temple University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, May 2026

Dissertation: “Neither Political Liberalism Nor Illiberalism: Civility and Integrity in Democratic Society” | Committee: Brian Hutler (chair), Lee-Ann Chae, David Wolfsdorf, Japa Pallikkathayil (Pitt), Kok-Chor Tan (University of Pennsylvania)

University of St. Andrews

MLitt (unfinished, transfer to Temple), 2017

The King’s College (New York)

B.A. *cum laude*, Politics, Philosophy, & Economics, 2014

Thesis: “Mental Postures in Kierkegaard”

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Ohio University

Assistant Professor of Instruction, 2026 – present

University of Pennsylvania

Instructor, 2023 – 2026

Temple University

Instructor, 2018 – 2023

RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization: Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Concentration: Aesthetics, Ancient Greek Philosophy, Kierkegaard, Value Theory

PUBLICATIONS

“Anabaptist Two-Kingdom Dualism: Metaphysical Grounding for Nonviolence,” *Religious Studies* 58, no. 3 (2022): pp. 598-608.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Political Liberalism’s Conscientious Objector: Either Unjustified or Ungovernable”

Under review; manuscript available upon request

“Reasonable But Not Political Liberal: Agapic Pacifists in the Publicly Justified Polity”
Under review; manuscript available upon request

“Can Integralists Exercise Restraint?”
Under review; manuscript available upon request

PRESENTATIONS

“Conscientious Objectors, Not Political Liberals,” PPE Society London Meeting, Kings College London, July 2026

“Agapic Pacifists Cannot Be Political Liberals,” Philosophy of Religion and War, Weatherford College, April 2025

“Integralists, Not Perfectionists,” Work in Progress Series, Society of Christian Philosophers, October 2024

“Can Integralists Accept Political Liberalism’s Restraints?” Canadian Philosophical Society, Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers, McGill University, June 2024

“Political Liberalism and Nonperfectionist Integralism,” 5th Annual Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium, Boston College, October 2023

“Civil Disobedience and Religious Insubordination,” Philosophy of Religion and Politics, Weatherford College, March 2023

“Faithful Realist Metaethics,” Works in Progress Series, Temple University, November 2021

“Mental Postures,” Graduate Symposium, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, April 2017

“Truth, Fiction, and Literary Value,” Conference on Religion and Aesthetics, Philosophy Department, University of Nottingham, England, February 2017

COURSES TAUGHT

Social and Political Philosophy (Ohio University: Fall 2026)

History of Modern Western Philosophy (Ohio University: Fall 2026)

British Empiricism (graduate seminar, Ohio University: Fall 2026)

Fundamentals of Philosophy (Ohio University: Fall 2026)

Political Philosophy and the Social Contract (MLA seminar, University of Pennsylvania: Fall 2026; declined)

The Social Contract (University of Pennsylvania: Spring 2026)

Introduction to Philosophy (University of Pennsylvania: Fall 2023, Fall 2025)

Ancient Greek Philosophy (University of Pennsylvania: Spring 2024)

Philosophy of the Human (Temple University: Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

Intellectual Heritage: The Good Life (Temple University: Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

Intellectual Heritage: The Common Good (Temple University: Fall 2019)

Meaning of the Arts (Temple University: Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

Summer Research Grant: Philosophy Department, Bar-Ilan University, Tel-Aviv, Israel (2026)

Graduate Student Prize for Excellence in Teaching and Undergraduate Mentoring: Temple University (2023)

Graduate Fellow-in-Residence: Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College (Spring 2022)

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth: 3-week introduction to philosophy for students in grades 5-6 (June 2023)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Climate Committee Member: Philosophy Department, Temple University (2023 – 2025)

Program Co-Director: Undergraduate Mentorship Program, Philosophy Department, Temple University (2021 – 2023)

Undergraduate Mentor: Philosophy Department, Temple University (2018 – 2022)

International Committee Member: Society of Christian Philosophers (2022 – present)

Eudaimonia: Philosophical, Theological, and Psychological Perspectives: Seminar Coordinator, Collegium Institute, University of Pennsylvania (2024)

LANGUAGES

German (Reading, Writing: Proficient; Speaking: Novice)

Albanian (Reading, Writing, Speaking: Fluent)

REFERENCES

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