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EMPLOYMENT	2025–present. Professor of Philosophy, University of Wyoming 2024–present. Director, Bitcoin Research Institute, University of Wyoming 2022–present. Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Wyoming 2018–2022. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Wyoming 2017–2018. Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Fordham University 2014–2017. Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Baylor University	
EDUCATION	2014. University of Notre Dame, Ph.D., Philosophy 2008. Biola University, M.A., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics 2004. Crown College, Bachelor of Science	
AOS	Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Cryptocurrency	
AOC	Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Ethics	
BOOKS	2025. <i>The Problem of Divine Personality</i> , Cambridge University Press (with Andrew M Bailey). ISBN 978-1009269247 2024. <i>Resistance Money: The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of Bitcoin</i> , Routledge (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke). ISBN 978-1032777801	
ARTICLES	2025. “Might All be Saved?”, <i>Faith and Philosophy</i> (with Andrew M Bailey) 2024. “The Presence of Evil and the Absence of God”, <i>The Philosophy of Ted Chiang</i> , Palgrave Macmillan, ed. David Friedell 2024. “Properties as Truthmakers”, <i>Routledge Handbook on Properties</i> , ed. Anna-Sofia Maurin, Alexander Fisher. Routledge: p38-47 2023. “Presentism, Actualism, and Fatalism”, <i>Metaphysics</i> 6(1): 13-23 2021. “Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of Cryptocurrency: The Moral Landscape of Monetary Design”, <i>Philosophy Compass</i> (with Andrew M. Bailey and Craig Warmke) 2021. “Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of Cryptocurrency: Money Without State”, <i>Philosophy Compass</i> (with Andrew M. Bailey and Craig Warmke)	

2021. "Ways of Thinking about Ways of Being", *Analysis* 80(4): 712-722
2020. "Epistemic Duties and Implicit Bias", *Epistemic Duties*, Kevin McCain & Scott Stapleford (eds.). Routledge: pp. 125-145. (with Lindsay Rettler)
2019. "Quantification in the Ontology Room", *dialectica* 73(4): 563-585
2019. "Bundle Theory and the Identity of Indiscernibles", *Res Philosophica* 96(4): 495-508 (with Philip Swenson)
2018. "Mereological Nihilism and Puzzles about Material Objects", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99(4): 842-868
2018. "Analysis of Faith", *Philosophy Compass* 13(9): e12517, <https://doi.org/10.1111/phc3.12517>
2017. "Object", *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (with Andrew M. Bailey)
2017. "Grounds and 'Grounds'", *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 47(5): 631-655
2017. "A Possible Worlds Solution to the Puzzle of Petitionary Prayer", *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 9(1): 178-186 (with Ryan Matthew Parker)
2016. "The General Truthmaker View of Ontological Commitment", *Philosophical Studies* 173(5): 1405-1425
2015. "Review of *Ontology and Metaontology: A Contemporary Guide*", *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*
2012. "McTaggart and Indexing the Copula", *Philosophical Studies* 158(3): 431-434

TEACHING

Free Will, F2025
 Money, Wyoming Honors College, F2024
 Introduction to Philosophy, Wyoming, F2024, S2022, S2020, F2018; Notre Dame, S2013
 Critical Thinking, Wyoming, F2023, S2023, F2019
 Metaphysics, Wyoming, F2023, F2021, F2018; Fordham, S2018; Baylor, F2014
 Philosophy of Language, Wyoming, F2022, F2019
 First Year Seminar: Philosophy as a Way of Life, Wyoming, F2022, F2020
 Philosophy of Religion, Wyoming, S2024, S2022, S2021, S2019; Baylor, S2017, F2016, F2015
 Philosophy & Science Fiction (Online Asynchronous), Wyoming, S2024, F2021, F2020
 Seminar: Money, Wyoming, S2021
 Seminar: Divine Hiddenness, Wyoming, S2020
 Seminar: Metametaphysics, Wyoming, S2019
 Philosophy of Human Nature, Fordham, S2018 (2 sections)
 Philosophical Ethics, Fordham, F2017 (3 sections)
 Logic, Baylor, S2016

Moral Problems, Notre Dame, S2014 (2 sections), F2013 (2 sections)

TALKS

(“*” = INVITED)

- 2025. “What Bitcoin is Freedom From”, *MIT**
- 2025. “Is There an Object/Property Distinction?”, *Boise State**
- 2025. “Resistance Money”, *Boise State**
- 2024. “Book Talk: *Resistance Money*”, *Princeton**
- 2024. “Four Arguments from Divine Hiddenness”, *Rutgers*
- 2024. “Money for the Marginalized”, *University of Wyoming Faculty Senate Speaker Series*
- 2024. “Objections to Bitcoin”, *Cornell University**
- 2023. “Some Metaphysics of Money”, *Eastern APA**
- 2023. “On-Chain Evidence of Off-Chain Truth”, *Princeton**
- 2022. “Might All Be Saved?”, *University of Notre Dame**
- 2022. “Where Bitcoin Fits”, *Wyoming Blockchain Stampede**
- 2022. “A Perpetual Argument from Hiddenness: The Problem of Divine Hiddenness in Ted Chiang’s ‘Hell is the Absence of God’”, *Union College*
- 2022. “Properties as Truthmakers”, *Properties: an online philosophy workshop**
- 2022. “Privacy in a Public Ledger”, *University of Chicago**
- 2022. “Digital Currencies: The Philosophy behind the Technology”, *University of Wyoming*
- 2020. “Four Arguments from Divine Hiddenness”, *University of Liverpool**
- 2019. “Is There an Object/Property Distinction?”, *Midwestern Annual Workshop in Metaphysics**
- 2017. “Is There an Object/Property Distinction?”, *Junior Metaphysics Workshop**
- 2017. “A Dozen or so Metaphysics of the Eucharist”, *California Metaphysics Conference**
- 2016. “Mereological Nihilism and Puzzles about Material Objects”, *University of North Florida**
- 2015. “Four Arguments against Truthmaker Necessitarianism”, *Alabama Philosophical Society*
- 2015. “Prolegomena to an Analysis of Faith”, *Central APA, SCP Group Meeting**
- 2014. “A Simple Coincidence Puzzle”, *Pacific APA*
- 2014. “Generalism and Particularism in Teaching Applied Ethics”, *BAPT**
- 2013. “The Fundamental Quantifier is Restricted”, *Pacific APA*
- 2013. “The Fundamental Quantifier is Restricted”, *Junior Metaphysics Workshop**
- 2013. “Substances are Truthmakers”, *University of Geneva**
- 2012. “A Truthmaker View of Ontological Commitment”, *Pacific APA*
- 2012. “A Simple Coincidence Puzzle”, *Illinois Philosophical Association*

- 2012. “How to think about Grounding”, *Central States Philosophical Association*
- 2012. “How to Think about Grounding”, *Baylor Philosophy of Religion Conference**
- 2012. “A Truthmaker View of Ontological Commitment”, *University of Texas*
- 2010. “No Epistemic Norm of Assertion”, *Central APA*
- 2010. “No Epistemic Norm of Assertion”, *University of Colorado*
- 2009. “Simple Persistence”, *USC-UCLA*
- 2009. “No Epistemic Norm of Assertion”, *Central States Philosophical Association*
- 2009. “Presentism and Fatalism Revisited”, *Northwest Philosophy Conference*
- 2009. “Presentism, Minkowski, and Quantifier Variance”, *Biola*
- 2009. “Simple Persistence”, *Pacific APA*
- 2008. “Simple Persistence”, *Western Michigan University*
- 2007. “‘Ought Implies Can’ Implies Indeterminism”, *Northwest Conference for Philosophy*
- 2007. “Divine Timelessness and the A-Theory”, *Pacific SCP*

PUBLIC
SCHOLARSHIP

- 2025. “The Importance of Monetary Privacy”, *Bitcoin Policy Summit*, Ronald Reagan Building, Washington DC
- 2025. “Debating Bitcoin”, *Grounded, Not Divided* (with Andrew M Bailey)
- 2025. “Bitcoin is Resistance Money”, *The Internet is Crack*
- 2025. “From Philosophy Professor to Bitcoin Research Pioneer”, *All in Bitcoin*
- 2024. “Bitcoin CoinJoins Protect Democracy Protestors”, *Forbes*
- 2024. “How to Write a Book”, *Human Rights Foundation’s Global Bitcoin Summit*, Nashville, TN
- 2024. “Beyond Resistance Money”, *Bitcoin Amsterdam*, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2024. “Why Bitcoin is Different”, *Bitcoin Policy Summit*, National Press Club Ballroom, Washington DC
- 2024. “Bitcoin Can Protect Freedom and Help Win Elections”, *Newsweek* (with Andrew M Bailey, Craig Warmke, Troy Cross, and Kyle Saunders)
- 2024. “Bitcoin and Philosophy”, *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*
- 2024. “Why Bitcoin Needs Philosophy”, *Bitcoin Magazine* interview (with Craig Warmke)
- 2024. “Bitcoin is Resistance Money”, *What Bitcoin Did* (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke)
- 2024. “Resistance Money”, *Cheat Code*, Bedford, UK
- 2024. “A Philosophical Case for Bitcoin”, *Bitcoin Magazine*

- 2024. "Bitcoin's Halving is a Major Spectacle – that's the whole point", *Blockworks* (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke)
- 2024. "Decoding Bitcoin's True Value Proposition", *Barron's Advisor* (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke)
- 2024. "Bitcoin is Resistance Money", *The Progressive Bitcoiner*
- 2024. "A Philosophical Case for Bitcoin", interview with *Bitcoin Magazine* (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke)
- 2024. "Bitcoin Research, Metaphysics, and Money", *The Bitcoin Podcast*
- 2024. "Resistance Money", *Simply Bitcoin*
- 2024. "Bitcoin is Resistance Money", *Abundant Mines*
- 2024. "Bitcoin Changed My Worldview", *Bitcoin for Millennials*
- 2024. "Bitcoin proves its mettle as an instrument of freedom", *Moneyweb*
- 2024. "Bitcoin's Role in Resisting Authoritarianism", *Proof of Words*
- 2024. "Is bitcoin really a bubble?" *CogX* (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke)
- 2024. "Bitcoin is Resistance Money", *The Progressive Bitcoiner*
- 2024. "Bitcoin's Role in Resisting Authoritarianism", *Proof of Words*
- 2024. "Bitcoin proves its mettle as an instrument of freedom", *Moneyweb*
- 2023. "Why We Make Bad Decisions", *FML FPL*
- 2023. "Bitcoin and Progressivism", *The Progressive Bitcoiner*
- 2023. "What Makes Bitcoin Unique Among Cryptocurrencies", *Bitcoin Policy Summit*, National Press Club Ballroom, Washington DC
- 2023. "A Philosophical Case for Bitcoin", *What Bitcoin Did*
- 2022. "Bitcoin is For Anyone – Left or Right", *USA Today* (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke)
- 2022. "Bitcoin Stands Apart from other Cryptocurrencies", *Cointelegraph*
- 2022. "Bitcoin's Not a Right-Wing Plot", *Julie Mason Mornings*
- 2022. "Bitcoin FAQ", *The Progressive Bitcoiner*
- 2022. "Philosophy of Stateless Money," *What is Money?*
- 2021. "Governments should invest in the Bitcoin Network", *Newsweek* (with Andrew M Bailey)
- 2021. "An Orange New Deal", *Bitcoin Magazine* (with Andrew M Bailey)
- 2021. "Hard Forks are Fan Fiction", *CoinDesk*
- 2021. "The Richer Get Richer, the Poor Get Bitcoin", *Institute for Arts and Ideas*
- 2021. "Another Way to Think about Bitcoin's Value", *Bitcoin Magazine*
- 2021. "On Confidently Misunderstanding Bitcoin", *Bitcoin Magazine*
- 2021. "On Having Fun Staying Poor", *CoinDesk*
- 2021. "How Bitcoin can Help the Poor", *Scott Melker Channel*
- 2021. "Bitcoin and Philosophy as a Way of Life", *Digital Money Advisor*
- 2021. "Bitcoin and Epistemic Trespassing". *Cigars and Crypto*
- 2021. "Why Bitcoin has More Ideological Flexibility than You Think." *The Breakdown with NLW*, (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke)
- 2021. "Bitcoin Philosophy". *Smart People Sh*t*, (with Craig Warmke)

	2021. “Bitcoin: Is it Money and Is it Good?” <i>Open to Truth</i> (with Andrew M Bailey)
	2021. “This Week in Bitcoin”, <i>BitcoinMeister Channel</i>
	2021. “Introduction to Religious Disagreement”. <i>Wallop Civic Engagement Project</i> , for WY middle/high schoolers
	2021. “Introduction to Bitcoin”. <i>Wallop Civic Engagement Project</i> , for WY middle/high schoolers
	2020. “Why Bitcoin Needs Philosophy”, <i>CoinDesk</i> (with Andrew M Bailey and Craig Warmke)
GUEST LECTURES	2025. “How to Argue Constructively”, <i>ASUW</i>
	2022. “Ethics and the Internet: Cryptocurrency”, <i>Ethics and the Internet</i> , New York University
	2022. “Ethics of Co-authorship and Citation”, <i>Scholarly Writing Practices</i> , University of Wyoming
	2020. “Can Petitionary Prayer Be Effective?”, <i>Philosophy of Religion</i> , University of Missouri
	2018, 2019. “The Soul” <i>Religion Capstone</i> , University of Wyoming
	2016. “Does God have a Gender?” <i>Baylor Undergraduate Philosophy Club</i>
	2016. “Should we all be Vegetarians?” <i>Baylor Undergraduate Philosophy Club</i>
	2015. “Is Faith Compatible with Doubt?” <i>Baylor Undergraduate Philosophy Club</i>
	2015. “The Metaphysics of Race”, <i>Baylor Undergraduate Philosophy Club</i>
COMMENTS	2022. Comments on Kenneth Pearce’s “Monistic Metaphysical Rationalism Requires Grounding Indeterminism”, <i>Central APA</i>
	2021. Comments on Aradhana Gupta’s “Sums and Wholes: Alike But Different”, <i>Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference</i>
	2020. Comments on Craig Warmke’s “What are [Bitcoin] Chain Splits?”, <i>Metaphysics on the Mountain</i>
	2019. Comments on Li Kang’s ‘The Interdependence of All Things: A Contemporary Construct of Huayan Buddhism’, <i>Early Career Metaphysics Workshop</i>
	2018. Comments on James Darcy’s ‘Grounding Necessitarianism and Composition’, <i>Eastern APA</i>
	2018. Comments on Jonathan Barker’s ‘Grounding and Ontological Innocence’, <i>Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference</i>
	2016. Comments on David Fisher’s ‘A Conflict Between van Inwagen’s Ontology and Metaontology’, <i>Central States Philosophical Association</i>
	2016. Comments on Anne Peterson’s ‘A Methodological Mess: Formulating the Universal/Particular Distinction’, <i>Junior Metaphysics Workshop</i>

- 2016. Comments on Daniel McKaughan's 'Action-Centered Faith, Doubt, and Rationality', *Faith Conference*
- 2015. Comments on Aaron Griffith's 'The Metaphysics of Social Construction: A Grounding Account', *Junior Metaphysics Workshop*
- 2015. Comments on Jeremy Goodman's 'Williamson's Earrings', *Pacific APA*
- 2014. Comments on Ryan Preston-Roedder's 'Three Varieties of Faith', *Nature of Faith Conference*
- 2013. Comments on David Hunt's 'Fatalism for Presentists', *Philosophy of Time Society Group Meeting, Eastern APA*
- 2011. Comments on Sara Bernstein's 'Overdetermination and Counterfactual Sensitivity', *Pacific APA*
- 2011. Comments on Luke Elwonger's 'Physical Constants and Essentialist Arguments for Necessitarianism', *Central APA*
- 2007. Comments on Daniel Callcut's 'Mill, Sentimentalism and the Problem of Moral Authority', *Northwest Philosophy Conference*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2025. A&S Extraordinary Merit in Research Award
- 2024. Bitcoin Research Institute Seed Grant, Mark and Carrie Casey Family Fund, \$1,500,000
- 2022. College of Arts and Sciences Research and Creative Activity Grant, \$5,900
- 2021. WIHR (Wyoming Institute for Humanities Research) Humanities Research Group Faculty Fellowship, \$3,000 + 1 course reduction
- 2021. Provost Strategic Investment Fund Grant, \$5,000. "Next-Generation Secure Digital Ecosystems at the Nexus of Climate and Energy". PIs Soheil Saraji (Petroleum Engineering), Mike Borowczak (Computer Science)
- 2021. UW Grand Challenges Initiative Grant, \$20,000. "Next-Generation Secure Digital Ecosystems at the Nexus of Climate and Energy". PIs Soheil Saraji (Petroleum Engineering), Mike Borowczak (Computer Science).
- 2021. UW Extraordinary Merit in Research Award Finalist
- 2019. PIE Award (Promoting Intellectual Engagement in the First Year)
- 2013. Graduate Student Professional Development Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Notre Dame, \$850
- 2013, 2014. Analytic Theology Summer Institute, Travel Grant, 2 x \$1000
- 2010. St Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion, Summer Stipend and Travel Grant, \$3,000
- 2008, 2010. Metaphysical Mayhem, Travel Grant, 2 x \$800
- 2008-2014. APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend. 4 x \$300

REFeree WORK

Presses: Oxford University Press (3), Routledge
Journals (50 total): *American Philosophical Quarterly* (3), *Analysis* (3),

Analytic Philosophy, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (3), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (3), *dialectica* (3), *Ergo* (3), *Erkenntnis* (3), *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Faith and Philosophy*, *Mind* (3), *Oxford Bibliographies*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Papers*, *The Philosophical Quarterly* (3), *Philosophical Studies* (4), *The Philosophical Review*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (3), *Religious Studies*, *Res Philosophica* (2), *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese* (3), *The Thomist*

Conferences: Canadian Philosophical Association, Florida Philosophical Association, Junior Metaphysics Workshop, Notre Dame/Northwestern Epistemology Conference (3)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2025–present. Member, Shared Governance Committee
 2025–present. Member-at-Large, UW Faculty Senate Executive Committee
 2024–2025. Chair, Philosophy of Science Search Committee
 2024–2025. Member, World Christianity Search Committee
 2024. Chair, UW College of Arts & Sciences Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Committee
 2023–2024. Member, UW USP Subcommittee for H
 2023–2024. Member, UW Humanities Summit Committee
 2022–present. Member, UW College of Arts & Sciences Central Committee
 2022–2024. Member, UW College of Arts & Sciences Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Committee
 2022–present. Member, UW Faculty Senate
 2023. Member, UW First-Year Experience Committee
 2022–present. Thesis Committee Member. Finlay McIlwaine (M.S. in Computer Science), Taylor Ragland (M.A. in English)
 2021–2022. Member, UW Strategic Planning Team
 2021–present. Curriculum Committee, Philosophy & Religious Studies
 2019. Member, Philosophy and Religious Studies Search Committee, Buddhism
 2018–present. Faculty Advisor, Philosophy Club

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024. APA Blog: Philosophy & Bitcoin
 2023–present. Chair, Conference Committee, Pacific SCP
 2022–2023. Member, Program Committee, Central APA
 2020. Organizer, Early Career Metaphysics Workshop (postponed due to COVID-19)
 2018–present. Area editor, PhilPapers, “Simples and Gunk”
 2016. APA Blog: [How to Chair a Q&A](#)

ACTIVITY

2023. Workshop on *Resistance Money*, Seattle
 2022, 2020, 2017, 2016. Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Invited Participant and Chair

2019-2021. Philosophy as a Way of Life Project, Invited Participant
2014-2016. Junior Metaphysics Workshop, Steering Committee
2015, 2014. Baylor Works-in-Progress Reading Group, Organizer
2015, 2014. Summer Seminar on the Nature and Value of Faith, Invited Participant
2013, 2012. 1st and 2nd Annual California Metaphysics Conferences, Assistant to the Organizers
2012, 2011. St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, Assistant to the Organizers
2010, 2008. Metaphysical Mayhem, Travel Grant and Invited Participant
2010. St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, Invited Participant
2010. Logos, Invited Participant