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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Oregon, expected June 2030.

Pursuing a Graduate Specialization in Food Studies.

M.Div., University of Chicago, 2025.

Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies.

Thesis: “Whose Table? Which Ethics?: Food & Eating as Ethical Practice.”

B.A. Philosophy, concentration in Religion, *summa cum laude*, from the Brinson Honors College, Western Carolina University, 2022.

Thesis: “A Conversation Between James & Wesley: The Pragmatic Methodist’s Dyad.”

B.S. Mathematics, concentration in Traditional Mathematics, *summa cum laude*, from the Brinson Honors College, Western Carolina University, 2022.

Capstone Project: “A Set of Complex Trinomials and Their Unimodular Roots.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, “Living Well During Climate Change” Workshop, funded by a grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), University of Chicago Divinity School, 2024-2025.

Programming Intern, Pilot Light: Food Education Nonprofit, Chicago, IL, 2023-2024.

Sabbatical Fellow and Archival Researcher, Manchester Wesley Research Centre, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, England, Summer 2023.

Research Bursary Awardee and Archival Researcher, Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England, Summer 2023.

SECU Public Fellow and Programs Intern, Mountain Area Nutritional Needs Alliance (MANNA) FoodBank, Asheville, NC, Summer 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Employee (Discussion Section Leader) for PHIL 220: Food Ethics, Philosophy Department, University of Oregon, Fall 2025.

Supplemental Instruction Leader for MATH 255: Calculus II, Writing & Learning Commons, Western Carolina University, Winter & Spring 2021.

Lead Tutor, Mathematics & Computer Science Tutoring Center, Western Carolina University, 2020-2022.

Level I Tutor Certification, College Reading & Learning Association, 2020.

Level II Advanced Tutor Certification, College Reading & Learning Association, 2021.

Level III Master Tutor Certification, College Reading & Learning Association, 2022.

PUBLICATIONS

The Food Education Standards, revised and updated edition. Co-authored with Alexandra DeSorbo-Quinn, Megan Gottlieb, Taylor Meredith, Isabel Perez-Correa, Elizabeth Stark, and Lynn Tucker. Chicago: Pilot Light, 2025.

PRESENTATIONS

- Comments on “Mary Kingsbury Simkhovitch and the Religious Character of Democracy” by Scott R. Stroud, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Howard University, Mar. 15, 2025.
- Comments on “Strong Objectivity and the Beloved Community: The Ideal Science as a Universal Community of Interpretation” by Hunter Clark, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Howard University, Mar. 15, 2025.
- “British Methodism’s ‘Progressive’ Traditionalists: Same-Sex Marriage, Gay Clergy, and No Schism,” Gender and Sexuality Studies Working Group, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality at the University of Chicago, Jan. 7, 2025.
- “British Methodism’s ‘Progressive’ Traditionalists: Same-Sex Marriage, Gay Clergy, and No Schism,” 15th Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, History Working Group, Keble College at the University of Oxford, Aug. 9, 2024.
- “Redemption & Penance: Physical Humiliation, Bodily Harm, and Death Not Included,” National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Apr. 8, 2022.
- “The Pragmatic Methodist’s Dyad,” Wesleyan Theological Society, Duke University, Mar. 11, 2022.
- “Redemption & Penance: Physical Humiliation, Bodily Harm, and Death Not Included,” National Collegiate Research Conference, Harvard University, Jan. 23, 2022
- “A Conversation Between James & Wesley,” SoCon Undergraduate Research Forum, Wofford College, Oct. 30, 2021.
- “The Pragmatic Methodist’s Trilateral,” National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Apr. 13, 2021.
- “Applying James to Wesley: A Methodist Misconception and a Pragmatic Solution,” Virtual Research and Scholarship Conference, Western Carolina University, Mar. 24, 2021.
- “Applying James to Wesley: A Methodist Misconception and a Pragmatic Solution,” NC Religious Studies Association, Appalachian State University, Mar. 5, 2021.
- “The Search for God and the Advancement of Mathematics,” Mathematical Association of America, High Point University, Mar. 13, 2020.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Oregon

Joseph K. Starr Scholarship, 2025-2026.

United Methodist General Scholarship, 2025-2026.

University of Chicago

William Barnett Blakemore Ecumenical Scholar, Disciples Divinity House, 2023-2025.

United Methodist General Scholarship, 2023-2025.

Full-Tuition Scholarship, Divinity School, 2022-2025.

Western Carolina University

University Scholar, 2022.

Mike Jones Award for Outstanding Work by a Graduating Senior in Philosophy, 2022.

Dean’s Outstanding Scholar Award for Mathematics, College of Arts & Sciences, 2022.

Barry Breitenbach Scholarship for Mathematics, 2021-2022.

Compass Award for Mentorship, Mathematics & Computer Science Tutoring Center, 2021.

Curtis and Enid Meltzer Scholarship for Philosophy, 2020-2022.

Crum Math Scholarship, 2020-2022.

Western Carolina University, continued

Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society, 2019-2022.

Chancellor's and Dean's Lists for Academic Excellence, all semesters, 2018-2022.

Honors College Distinguished Achievement Scholarship, 2018-2022.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Oregon

Steward (Philosophy), Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation Union, 2025-present.

University of Chicago

President, Disciples Divinity House Council, 2023-2024.

Treasurer, Divinity Students Association, 2022-2025.

Western Carolina University

Alumni Representative, Philosophy & Religion Department, 2024.

Alumni Representative, Mathematics & Computer Science Tutoring Center, 2023.

Honors Ambassador, Brinson Honors College, 2021.

Student Representative, Philosophy & Religion Department, 2020-2021.

Student Ambassador, Mathematics & Computer Science Department, 2020-2021.

COMMUNITY-BASED EMPLOYMENT

Counselor, Camp Lookout, Rising Fawn, GA, July 2024.

Dishwasher, Disciples Divinity House, Chicago, IL, 2022-2023.

Support Staff Supervisor and Outpost Staff, Camp Lookout, Rising Fawn, GA, Summer 2022.

Resource and Outpost Staff, Camp Lookout, Rising Fawn, GA, Summer 2019.

Support Staff and Counselor, Camp Lookout, Rising Fawn, GA, Summer 2018.

COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE

Musician, 9:05 Band, Cullowhee United Methodist Church, Cullowhee, NC, 2021-2022; 2025.

Guest Musician, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Western Carolina University, Fall 2021.

Offseason Volunteer, Camp Lookout, Rising Fawn, GA, 2019-2021.

Musician, Wesley Band, The Wesley Foundation, Western Carolina University, 2018-2022.

Musician, Praise Band, Broad Street United Methodist Church, Cleveland, TN, 2018-2020.

Musician, Praise Band, Mill Grove United Methodist Church, Indian Trail, NC, 2018-2020.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy (SAAP), 2022-present.

John Dewey Society, 2024-present.

Wesleyan Theological Society, 2022-present.