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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- October 2009—Current
University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
Senior Lecturer (permanent) and the Director of Undergraduate Studies and the MA Programme in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Department of Philosophy
- January 2006—September 2009
University of Birmingham, United Kingdom
Lecturer (permanent) and the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Philosophy
- June 2004—November 2005
Australian National University, Australia
Research Fellow and Deputy Program Manager of the Ethics and Biotechnology Program, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics
- December 2004—May 2005
University of Alberta, Canada
Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Philosophy
- July 2003—November 2003
Macquarie University, Australia
Fixed-Term Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

EDUCATION

- September 2000—May 2004
Ph.D. in Philosophy, Australian National University, Australia
Supervisors: Daniel Stoljar, Martin Davies, and Frank Jackson
- July 1996—May 2000
B.A. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy (Minor: Applied Mathematics), State University of New York at Stony Brook, USA

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Mind, Applied Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Epistemology

PUBLICATIONS

Books: Monographs

2008

- *God and Phenomenal Consciousness: A Novel Approach to Knowledge Arguments*, Cambridge University Press. **Winner of the 2008 Templeton Award for Theological Promise.** (Reviewed in *Notre Dame Review of Philosophy*, *Metapsychology*, *Times Higher Education* and *Philosophy in Review*)

In Progress

- *The Existence of God: From Anselm to Big Bang Cosmology*, under contract with Routledge.

Books: Collections

2008

- *New Waves in Philosophy of Religion* (edited with Erik Wielenberg), Palgrave Macmillan. (As part of the *New Waves in Philosophy* series this volume aims to gather together papers written by some of the best philosophers of religion of the new generation. Reviewed in *Notre Dame Reviews of Philosophy* and *The Heythrop Journal*.)

2004

- *There's Something About Mary: Essays on Phenomenal Consciousness and Frank Jackson's Knowledge Argument* (edited with Peter Ludlow and Daniel Stoljar), MIT Press. (Reviewed in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, *Iride: Filosofia e Discussioni Pubbliche*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Metapsychology*, *New Scientist*, *Notre Dame Review of Philosophy*, *Philosophy in Review*, *Psyche*, and *Rivista di Filosofia*.)

Articles

Forthcoming

- 'The Knowledge Argument and Epiphenomenalism', *Erkenntnis*.
- 'The Ontological Argument and the Devil', *Philosophical Quarterly*.
- 'Australasian Dualism', Graham Oppy and Nick Trakakis (eds.), *A Companion to Australasian Philosophy*.

2009

- 'Foreword' to John Hick and Arthur McGill (eds.), *The Many-Faced Argument: Recent Studies on the Ontological Argument for the Existence of God* (new edition), Eugene, Oregon, Wipf and Stock.
- 'Immortality without Boredom' (with Lisa Bortolotti), *Ratio* 22, pp. 261-277.
- 'The Knowledge Argument', in Tim Bayne, Alex Cleeremans and Patrick Wilken (eds.), *The Oxford Companion to Consciousness*, Oxford University Press, pp. 395-397.

2008

- ‘A New Defence of Anselmian Theism’, *Philosophical Quarterly* 58, pp. 577-596. **Winner of the 2007 Philosophical Quarterly Essay Prize.**
- ‘Introduction’ (with Erik Wielenberg), Yujin Nagasawa and Erik Wielenberg (eds.), *New Waves in Philosophy of Religion*, Palgrave Macmillan.

2007

- ‘Millican on the Ontological Argument’, *Mind* 116, pp. 1027-1040.
 - Reply to this paper: Millican, Peter (2007), ‘Ontological Arguments and the Superiority of Existence: Reply to Nagasawa’, *Mind* 116, pp. 1041-1054.
- ‘Grounds of Worship Again: A Response to Crowe’ (with Tim Bayne), *Religious Studies* 43, pp. 475-480.
- ‘Formulating the Explanatory Gap’, *The American Philosophical Association Newsletter on Philosophy and Computers* 7. (<http://www.apaonline.org/apa/publications/newsletters/v07n1/Computers/06.asp>)
- ‘Proxy Consent and Counterfactuals’, *Bioethics* 22, pp. 16-24.
- ‘A Further Reply to Beyer’, *Sophia* 46, pp. 65-67.
- ‘Surgeon Report Cards and the Concept of Defensive Medicine’, in Steve Clarke and Justin Oakley (eds.), *Informed Consent and Clinical Accountability: The Ethics of Auditing and Reporting Surgeon Performance*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 255-265.

2006

- ‘A Place for Protoconsciousness?’, Symposium on Gregg Rosenberg’s *A Place for Consciousness*, *Psyche* 12 (<http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/symposia/rosenberg/Nagasawa.pdf>).
- ‘The Grounds of Worship’ (with Tim Bayne), *Religious Studies* 42, pp. 299-313.
 - Reply to this paper: Crowe, Benjamin (2008), ‘Reasons for Worship: A Response to Bayne and Nagasawa’, *Religious Studies*.

2005

- ‘Physicalism and Omniscience: A Reply to Beyer’, *Sophia* 44, pp. 55-58.
 - Reply to this paper: Beyer, Jason (2006), ‘Reply to Nagasawa’, *Sophia* 45, pp. 127-130
- ‘Anything You Can Do God Can Do Better’ (with Campbell Brown), *American Philosophical Quarterly* 42, pp. 221-227.
- ‘The Best of All Possible Worlds’ (with Campbell Brown), *Synthese* 143, pp. 309-320.
- ‘Chappell on the Consistency of Criticisms of Christianity’, *Ratio* 18, pp. 104-106.
- ‘I Can’t Make You Worship Me’ (with Campbell Brown), *Ratio* 18, pp. 138-144.
 - Reply to this paper: Blaauw, Martijn (2007), ‘Worship Me!: A Reply to Brown and Nagasawa’, *Ratio* 20, pp. 236-240.

2004

- ‘Introduction’ (with Daniel Stoljar) in *There is Something About Mary: Essays on Frank Jackson’s Knowledge Argument*, MIT Press, pp. 1-36.
- ‘Skeptical Theism and Moral Skepticism: A Reply to Almeida and Oppy’ (with Nick Trakakis), *Ars Disputandi* 4 (<http://www.arsdisputandi.org/publish/articles/000178/article.htm>).
 - Reply to this paper: Almeida, Michael and Graham Oppy (2005), ‘Reply to Trakakis and Nagasawa’, *Ars Disputandi* 5 (<http://www.arsdisputandi.org/publish/articles/000220/article.htm>).

- ‘Subjective Character of Experience in Medical Ethics: A Reply to Atkins’, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 21, pp. 219-223.
- ‘Salvation in Heaven?’ (with Graham Oppy and Nick Trakakis), *Philosophical Papers* 33, pp. 95-117. Reprinted in Graham Oppy (2006) *Arguing About Gods*, Cambridge University Press, pp. 314-330.

2003

- ‘Thomas vs. Thomas: A New Approach to Nagel’s Bat Argument’, *Inquiry* 46, pp. 377-394.
 - Reply to this paper: Gorman, Michael (2005), ‘Nagasawa vs. Nagel: Omnipotence, Pseudo-Tasks, and a Recent Discussion of Nagel’s Doubts About Physicalism’, *Inquiry* 48, pp. 436-447.
- ‘Divine Omniscience and Experience: A Reply to Alter’, *Ars Disputandi* 3 (<http://www.arsdisputandi.org/publish/articles/000098/index.html>).
- ‘Divine Omniscience and Knowledge *De Se*’, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 53, pp. 73-82.
- ‘Moral Evil and Human Freedom: A Reply to Tierno’, *Sophia* 42, pp. 107-111.
 - Reply to this paper: Tierno, Thomas (2004), ‘On the Alleged Connection Between Moral Evil and Human Freedom: Response to Nagasawa and Trakakis’, *Sophia* 43.
- ‘SARS and Health Care Workers’ Duties’, *Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics* 13, p. 208.
- ‘God’s Point of View: A Reply to Mander’, *The Heythrop Journal* 44, pp. 60-63.
- ‘I Trust You, You’re a Doctor’, *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics* 5, pp. 70-73.
 - Reply to this paper: Clarke, Steve (2004), ‘Doctor, Doctor, Gimme the News: A Response to Nagasawa’, *Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics*.

2002

- ‘Externalism and the Memory Argument’, *Dialectica* 56, pp. 335-346.
- ‘The Knowledge Argument Against Dualism’, *Theoria* 68, pp. 205-223.

2000

- “‘Very-Slow-Switching’ and Memory: A Critical Note on Ludlow’s Paper”, *Acta Analytica* 15, pp. 173-175.

Book Reviews and Notes

Forthcoming

- ‘Review of Daniel A. Dombrowski’s *Rethinking the Ontological Argument and A Platonic Philosophy of Religion*’, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*.

2008

- ‘Review of David Benatar’s *Better Never to Have Been*’, *Mind* 467, pp. 674-677.
- ‘Review of Robert Kirk’s *Zombies and Consciousness*’, *Philosophical Books* 49, pp. 170-171.

2006

- ‘Note on Colin McGinn’s *Consciousness and Its Objects*’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 84, pp. 472-473.

2005

- ‘Critical Notice of Richard Swinburne’s *The Evolution of the Soul* (Revised Version)’, *The Secular Web*.
(http://www.infidels.org/library/modern/yujin_nagasawa/soul.html).
- ‘Note on Mark Rowlands’ *Externalism*’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83, pp. 150-151.

2004

- ‘Review of John Perry’s *Knowledge, Possibility and Consciousness*’, *Psyche* 10.
(http://psyche.cs.monash.edu.au/book_reviews/perry/)
- ‘Note on Robert Kirk’s *Mind and Body*’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 82, pp. 368-369.

2002

- ‘Review of Michael Palmer’s *The Question of God*’, *Teaching Theology and Religion* 5, pp. 246-247.
- ‘Review of Joseph Levine’s *Purple Haze*’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 80, pp. 245-247.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

2009

- ‘God and Universal Value Commensurability’, British Society for Philosophy of Religion, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, 16 September.
- ‘God and Universal Value Commensurability’, Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion Conference, University of Texas, San Antonio, 28 March.
- ‘God and Universal Value Commensurability’, the Fourth Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference, Baylor University, Texas, 2 February.

2008

- ‘A New Defence of Anselmian Theism’, Philosophical Theology Workshop, King’s College, London, April 28.

2007

- ‘Is God a Delusion?’, Birmingham Debating Society, University of Birmingham, November 22.
- ‘An Anselmian Non-Omni God’, British Society for the Philosophy of Religion Conference, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, UK, September 12.

2006

- ‘Defending Anselm’s Ontological Argument for the Existence of God’, Belief and Metaphysics Conference, Instituto de Filosofía Edith Stein, Granada, September 17.
- ‘On the ‘Most Powerful’ Objection to the Knowledge Argument’, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Southampton, July 7.
- ‘Reply to Adams’, Robert Merrihew Adams’s public lecture sponsored by the Royal Institute of Philosophy, University of Birmingham, June 8.

2004

- ‘Defensive Medicine and the Disclosure of Surgeons’ Performance Data’, Publishing Performance Data on Individual Surgeons: the Ethical Issues, University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, November 16.

2003

- ‘Salvation in Heaven?’ (with Graham Oppy), Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Adelaide, July 10.

2002

- ‘Divine Omniscience and Knowledge *De Se*’, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Program, Philadelphia, December 29.
- ‘The Knowledge Argument Against Dualism’, Toward a Science of Consciousness, University of Arizona, April 9.
- ‘Divine Omniscience and Knowledge *De Se*’, Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Regional Meeting, Whitworth College April 6.

2001

- ‘Externalism and the Memory Argument’, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of York, July 7.
- ‘The Knowledge Argument, Dualism, and the Parity of Reasons Objection’, Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, University of Melbourne, April 19.

2000

- ‘Social Externalism, Slow-Switching, and Memory’, the Australasian Association of Philosophy (New Zealand Division) Conference, Victoria University of Wellington, December 6.

Seminars

2009

- ‘The Knowledge Argument and Epiphenomenalism’, University of Kyoto, 14 July.
- ‘God and Universal Value Commensurability’, LOGOS, University of Barcelona, 3 June.
- ‘The Knowledge Argument and Epiphenomenalism’, Open University, 17 May.
- ‘God and Universal Value Commensurability’, Oxford Brookes University, 29 April.
- ‘God and Universal Value Commensurability’, University of Texas at Austin, 26 March.
- ‘God and Universal Value Commensurability’, University of Birmingham, 2 February.

2008

- ‘A New Defence of Anselmian Theism’, University of Heidelberg, 26 May.
- ‘Can the Devil Take Revenge on the Ontological Argument for the Existence of God?’, University of Reading, February 12.
- ‘On a Shallow Logical Objection Response to the Ontological Argument’, Joseph Butler Society, Oriel College, Oxford, January 29.
- ‘Is it Obligatory to Worship God?’, Open End (John Hick), University of Birmingham, January 10.

2007

- ‘An Anselmian Non-Omnigod’, University of York, December 6.
- ‘The Knowledge Argument and Epiphenomenalism’, University of Rijeka, October 17.
- ‘The Knowledge Argument and Epiphenomenalism’, University of Ljubljana, October 15.

- ‘Defending Anselm’s Ontological Argument’, Open End (John Hick), University of Birmingham, February 15.
- ‘Anselm’s Ontological Argument’, Heythrop College, London, February 7.
- ‘Anselm’s Ontological Argument’, University of Birmingham, January 22.

2006

- ‘Knowledge Argument, Epiphenomenalism and Causal Theories of Knowledge’, University of Birmingham, March 20.

2005

- “‘The Most Powerful Reply’ to the Knowledge Argument”, Australian National University, Canberra, October 4.
- ‘Proxy Consent and Counterfactuals’, Bilkent University, Turkey, March 8.
- ‘Proxy Consent and Counterfactuals’, Philosophy Colloquia, University of Alberta, February 10.

2004

- ‘Substituted Judgment, Counterfactuals and the End of Life’, Australian National University, September 1.
- ‘Substituted Judgment, Counterfactuals and the End of Life’, Charles Sturt University, August 12.
- ‘Substituted Judgment, Counterfactuals and the End of Life’, Australian National University, August 3.

2002

- ‘Divine Omniscience and Knowledge *De Se*’, Australian National University, November 5.
- ‘Thomas vs. Thomas: A New Approach to the “What Is It Like To Be” Argument’, Australian National University, May 21.
- ‘Anything You Can Do God Can Do Better’ (with Campbell Brown), Australian National University, April 30.

2001

- ‘Externalism and the Memory Argument’, Australian National University, June 12.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Principal investigator, ‘Toward a Nonphysicalist Monist Solution to the Mystery of Consciousness’, the John Templeton Foundation, £22,250, 2009-2011.
- Principal investigator, ‘Perfect-being Theology and the Cognitive Science of Religion’, funded by the Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, the University of Oxford, £12,110, 2008-2009.
- The John Templeton Award for Theological Promise, the University of Heidelberg and the John Templeton Foundation, US\$20,000, 2008.
- The *Philosophical Quarterly* Essay Prize, £1,500, 2007.
- Dean’s Special Initiative Fund, ‘Death and Dying in the 21st Century’ (with Lisa Bortolotti), £1,430, 2007.
- Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellowship, the Killam Trust and the University of Alberta, CA\$50,000, 2004-2005.
- Foreign Scholar Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association, US\$500, 2002.

- Conference Grant, the Aristotelian Society, 2001.
- ANU Graduate School Scholarship Funded by the Endowment for Excellence, Australian National University, 2000-2004.
- ANU PhD Scholarship, Australian National University, 2000-2004.

TEACHING

University of Birmingham

Postgraduate:

Medical Ethics (x3, MA and PhD, School of Health Sciences, University of Birmingham)

Ethics (MA and MPhil)

God, Freedom and the Meaning of Life (MPhil, MA—Convener)

Research Methods in Theology and the Study of Religion (MA—Convener)

Philosophy of Mind (MPhil, MA—Convener x 2)

Postgraduate Seminar (PhD, MPhil, MA—Convener)

Thesis supervision (PhD x 1, MPhil x 4 including AHRC funded, MA x 1)

Academic advising (PhD x 2, MPhil x 2, MA x1)

Undergraduate:

Logic

Philosophy of Religion (x 3—Convener)

Philosophical Projects (more than 25 projects as of 2008)

Macquarie University

Philosophy of Religion (Convener)

Philosophy of Mind (Convener)

Language, Logic and Computation (TA)

Australian National University

Critical Thinking and Logic (TA)

University of the Third Age, Inc.

Consciousness

Philosophy of Mind

QUALIFICATION

- Graduate Teaching Program (completed with merit), Australian National University, 2001.

SERVICE

- Director of the MA Programme in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, University of Birmingham, 2009—current.
- School International Student Officer, University of Birmingham, 2009—current.
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, University of Birmingham, 2008—current.
- Year Abroad Programme and Erasmus Programme Coordinator, 2008—current.
- Chair of the Undergraduate Committee, University of Birmingham, 2008—current.
- Member of the Undergraduate Staff-Student Committee, University of Birmingham, 2008—current.

- Member of the School Academic Committee, 2008—current.
- Member of the School Learning and Teaching Committee, 2008—current.
- Member of the Library Committee, University of Birmingham, 2007—current.
- Website Manager, University of Birmingham, 2006—current.
- Mitigation Officer, University of Birmingham, 2006—current.
- Plagiarism Officer, University of Birmingham, 2006—current.
- Member of the Examination Sub-Committee, University of Birmingham, 2006—current.
- Member of the Undergraduate Program Committee, University of Birmingham, 2006—current.
- Member of the Search Committee, University of Birmingham, 2007, 2008.
- Senior Tutor, University of Birmingham, 2006—2008.
- Career Officer, University of Birmingham, 2007—2008.
- Member of the School's IT Forum, University of Birmingham, 2006—2008.
- Deputy Program Manager, Ethics and Biotechnology Program, Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics, Australian National University, 2004—2005.
- Convener of ANU Philosophy Society (weekly departmental seminar series), Philosophy Program, Australian National University, 2002.

CONFERENCE/PUBLIC LECTURE ORGANIZATION

- Towards a Nonphysicalist Monist Solution to the Mystery of Consciousness (Sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation), 2010.
- The Concept of God and the Cognitive Science of Religion (Sponsored by the Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, the University of Oxford), 2009.
- Happiness and the Meaning of Life (Sponsored by the Royal Institute of Philosophy and the *European Journal of Philosophy*), 2007.
- Robert Merrihew Adams's public lecture, 'The Problem of Evil and Love' (Sponsored by the Royal Institute of Philosophy), 2006.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Member of the Advisory Board, Woodbrook College, Birmingham, 2009—current.
- Treasurer, the British Society for Philosophy of Religion, 2009—current.
- External Examiner, Department of Philosophy, University of Leeds, 2009—current.
- External referee, MA Programme in Philosophy, Theology and Ethics, University of York, 2008.
- Referee of grant applications for: AHRC Research Grant (x2), AHRC Research Leave
- Referee of book manuscript for: Oxford University Press (x3), Cambridge University Press, Broadview Press, Palgrave Macmillan (x2), Routledge.
- Referee of articles for: *Ratio*, *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, *Bioethics*, *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, *Sophia*, *Mind* (x2), *Noûs*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x2), *Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Erkenntnis* (x2), *Psyche* (x2), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Inquiry* (x2), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Dialogue*.
- Referee of PhD theses for: University of New South Wales, University of Birmingham.

REFERENCES

- Martin Davies, Wilde Professor of Mental Philosophy, Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford, Oxford, OX1 4JF, martin.davies@philosophy.ox.ac.uk.
- Frank Jackson, Distinguished Professor, Philosophy Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 0200, Australia, fcj@coombs.anu.edu.au.
- Peter Ludlow, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University, Kresge Hall, 1880 Campus Drive, Evanston, IL 60208-2214, USA, peterjludlow@gmail.com.
- Thaddeus Metz, Professor and Acting Head of Department, Department of Philosophy, University of Witwatersrand, Private Bag 3, WITS 2050, South Africa, thaddeus.metz@wits.ac.za.
- Peter Menzies, Professor, Department of Philosophy, Macquarie University, North Ryde, Sydney, NSW 2109, Australia, pmenzies@scmp.mq.edu.au.
- Graham Oppy, Professor and Associate Dean, Research, Department of Philosophy, School of Philosophy and Bioethics, Monash University, Clayton, VIC 3168, Australia, Graham.Oppy@arts.monash.edu.au.
- Daniel Stoljar, Professor and Head of Program, Philosophy Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 0200, Australia, dstoljar@coombs.anu.edu.au.