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Appointments

Director, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study, July 2019-Present.

Professor with tenure, University of Notre Dame, Department of Philosophy, 2017-Present.

Rev. John A. O'Brien Collegiate Professorship, 2017-Present.

Director of the God and the Good Life Program, 2019-Present.

Director of the University Philosophy Requirement, 2016-2019.

Associate Professor with tenure, University of Notre Dame, Department of Philosophy, 2015-2017.

Rev. John A. O'Brien Collegiate Associate Professorship, 2015-2017.

Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame, Department of Philosophy, 2011-2015.

Rev. John A. O'Brien Collegiate Assistant Professorship, 2013-2015.

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, Rutgers University, 2011

Presidential Fellow

Dissertation: *The A-Theory: A Theory*

B.Phil. Philosophy, University of Oxford (Balliol College), 2007

Rhodes Scholar (United States)

Qualifying Exams: Metaphysics/Epistemology, Moral Philosophy, Frege

B.A. Philosophy and Politics (*Highest Distinction*) University of Virginia, 2005

Jefferson Scholar

Book

1. Sullivan, Meghan. *Time Biases: A Theory of Rational Planning and Personal Persistence*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.

Reviewed in NDPR (Tim Campbell, 28 Apr 2019)

Books: In Progress

1. *God and the Good Life* with Paul Blaschko. Under contract with Penguin Press (Penguin Random House)

Pitched to broad audience, this book articulates a Neo-Aristotelian approach to wrestling with core questions of belief, morality, faith, and meaning.

2. *Agapism: A Theory of Our Inner Lives and Outer Commitments*

A research monograph on love and the foundations of moral and religious reasoning.

Articles

All co-authored pieces listed are equal contribution.

1. Sullivan, Meghan. "Teaching Evil." *Christian Philosophy: Conceptions, Continuations and Challenges*. ed. J. Aaron Simmon. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
2. Sullivan, Meghan. "Personal Volatility." *Philosophical Issues*. (supplement to *Nous*) 2017. Special Issue: Metaphysics. No. 27, 2017.
3. Sullivan, Meghan. "A Philosophy for the End (Whenever it Comes)." *Georgetown Journal of Law and Public Policy*. Vol. 15, pp. 927-940.
4. Sullivan, Meghan. "Boring Ontological Realism." *Res Philosophica*. Vol. 94, No. 3 (July 2017) pp. 399-413.
5. Finochiarro, Peter and Meghan Sullivan. "Yet Another 'Epicurean' Argument." *Philosophical Perspectives*. Vol. 30 Issue 1 (2016) pp.135-159.
6. Sullivan, Meghan. "Are There Essential Properties? No." *Current Controversies in Metaphysics*. ed. Elizabeth Barnes (New York: Routledge, 2017), pp. 45-61.
7. Sullivan, Meghan. "An A-Theory Without Tense Operators." *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* Vol. 46 Issue 4-5 (2016) pp. 735-758.
 Reprinted in *Williamson on Modality*. eds. Juhani Yli-Vakkuri and Mark McCullagh (London: Routledge, 2018).
8. Sullivan, Meghan. "The Semantic Problem of Hiddenness." in *Hidden Divinity and Religious Belief: New Perspectives* eds. Eleonore Stump and Adam Green. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015) pp. 35-52.
9. Sullivan, Meghan. "The Irrelevance of Essence." *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. 91, No. 2, Sep 2015, pp. 499-507.
10. Greene, Preston and Meghan Sullivan. "Against Time Bias". *Ethics*. Volume 125 (July 2015), pp.1-24.
11. Sullivan, Meghan. "Modal Oecumenism." *Analysis*. Vol. 75, Issue 2 (2015), pp. 271-283.
12. Sullivan, Meghan and Peter van Inwagen. "Metaphysics (Revised and Updated)." *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. (Oct 2014)
13. Sullivan, Meghan. "Change We Can Believe In (and Assert)." *Nous*, Vol. 48, Issue 3 (Sep 2014), pp. 474-495.
14. Sullivan, Meghan. "Modal Logic as Methodology." *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. Vol. 88, Issue 3 (May 2014) pp. 734-743.
15. Sullivan, Meghan. "Peter van Inwagen's Defense." *Blackwell Companion to the Problem of Evil*. eds. Daniel Howard-Snyder and Justin McBreuer. (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), pp. 396-410.
16. Sullivan, Meghan. "The Minimal A-Theory." *Philosophical Studies*. Vol. 158, Issue 2 (2012), pp. 149-174.
17. Sullivan, Meghan. "Problems for Temporary Existence in Tense Logic." *Philosophy Compass*. (Jan 2012), pp. 43-57.
18. Sullivan, Meghan. "Semantics for Blasphemy." *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*. Vol. 4 (2012), pp. 159-173. Finalist for the 2010 Younger Scholars Prize in Philosophical Theology.

Book Reviews and Other Short Original Articles

1. "The Problem with Lazarus" *Commonweal*. (May 2019)
2. Review of *Objective Becoming* by Bradford Skow for *The Philosophical Review*. (April 2018)
3. Review of *Midlife: A Philosophical Guide* by Kieran Setiya for *Commonweal*. (March 2018)
4. Review of *The Practice of Catholic Theology* by Paul Griffiths for *Commonweal* (Oct 2016)
5. Review of *The Moving Spotlight: An Essay on Time and Ontology* by Ross Cameron for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. (Aug 2016).
6. Review of *The Future of Philosophy of Time*. ed. Adrian Bardon for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. (Feb 2012).

Articles and Reviews: In Progress

1. "Time Bias, Rationality and Value." for *Philosophy Compass*
2. "Time." Updated entry for *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. (Co-authoring with Nina Emery and Ned Markosian)
3. "Temporal Discounting in Psychology and Philosophy: Four Proposals for Mutual Research Aid" for *Temporal Asymmetries in Philosophy and Psychology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ed. Christoph Hoerl, Teresa McCormack and Alison Fernandes.
4. "Modal Logic and the Methodology of Metaphysics: A Case Study in the Relationship Between Formalism and Abduction"
5. "The Love Imperative: A Defense"
6. "Catholic Philosophy as a Way of Life"
7. "Public Conversion, Private Reason and Institutional Crisis"
8. "Scheduling Deliberation"

Grants

Solo PI unless otherwise noted.

Mellon Foundation Grant "Philosophy as Way of Life" (2018-2021)

\$806,000 for workshops, postdocs, graduate studentships and seed funding.

Templeton Foundation Planning Grant "Philosophy and Religion Engaged with the Public" (2018-2019)

\$234,000 for workshops and research.

NEH Summer Institute for College and University Faculty (2017-2018)

\$137,045 for Institute on Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life.

Co-PIs: Steve Angle (Wesleyan), and Stephen Grimm (Fordham)

Immortality Project Grant, UC Riverside (2014-2015)

\$75,000 grant funding the Time Bias and Immortality Project.

New Agendas in Philosophy of Time Grant, University of Sydney (2014-2015)

\$10,000 grant funding research and travel for project on temporal discounting.

Other Grants (each under \$10k): Nature of Faith Project, Baylor University (2014), Henkels Large Grant (ND 2012-2013), Skepticism Project (Purdue 2011)

Selected Colloquia, Invited Lectures and Conference Talks

2020 (scheduled)

Worship and the Human Conference, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Workshop on Ethics and Metaphysics, College of William and Mary

Plenary Speaker: New Currents in Teaching Philosophy, Council of Independent Colleges

Keynote: SCP Eastern Conference: Philosophy and the Public Sphere, USF

2019 (scheduled)

Oxford Philosophy Colloquium (Jowett Society)

Cambridge University Moral Sciences Club

Ethical Inquiry Lecture, Brown University

Renard Lecture, Creighton University

Keynote: International Association of Philosophy of Time Conference, UC Boulder

Pedagogy of the Good Life Workshop, Yale and Pepperdine

George Fox University Philosophy Lecture

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Philosophy Colloquium

Apocalypse Now: Time, Ethics and Eschatology Seminar, Harvard-Radcliffe Institute of Advanced Study

Wheaton College Philosophy Colloquium

Distinguished Woman Faculty Visitor: Purdue Philosophy Department

Philosophy as a Way of Life Symposium, North American Association for Philosophy and Education

Author Meets Critics on Aspiration (Agnes Callard), North American Association for Philosophy and Education

Valparaiso Philosophy Colloquium

2018

Abduction and Modeling in Metaphysics, University of Dusseldorf

Newman Lecture: University Church Dublin

Plenary Speaker, ACPA San Diego: Philosophy, Catholicism and Public Life

Hesburgh Lecture, King's College, Wilkes Barre PA

Mt Holyoke Philosophy Colloquium

2018 Distinguished Lecture, Weber State University Philosophy Department

SWIP Analytic Lecture, CUNY New York

Cognition, Brain, and Behavior Study Group, Notre Dame Psychology Department

Pontifical Universidad Catolica de Chile

OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference: Value, Dubrovnik

Boise State University Philosophy Colloquium

Layman Lecture, Seattle Pacific University

University of Chicago, Practical Philosophy Workshop

Keynote: Texas Tech Grad Conference

Time and the Observer Conference UCSD

Author Meets Critics Session: What Makes Time Special? (Craig Callendar), Pacific APA
Washington University-St Louis Philosophy Colloquium
Temporal Asymmetries in Philosophy and Psychology Conference, University of Warwick
Analytic Theology Seminar Series Lecture, Fuller Seminary

2017

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Philosophy Colloquium
SPAWN Conference-First Order Metaphysics, Syracuse University
Open Future Workshop, University of Milan
Time in the History of Metaphysics Conference, University of Toronto
Transformative Experience Pre-Conference, Pacific APA
Desert Philosophy Workshop, Moab Utah
Georgetown Philosophy Department Colloquium
University of St. Thomas Philosophy Colloquium
Aquinas Lecture, Borromeo Seminary, Diocese of Cleveland
California Metaphysics Workshop, USC
Author Meets Critics Session: The Moving Spotlight (Ross Cameron), Eastern APA

2016

Time and Religion Conference, University of Cambridge
Workshop on Existence, Uppsala University
Institute for the Study of Markets and Ethics, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University
University of Alaska Anchorage Department Colloquium
Columbia Philosophy Department Colloquium
Truth in the Liberal Arts: Providence College Symposium, Providence College
Workshop on Logical Space, UNAM Mexico City
Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Orange Beach AL
Keynote: Gateway Graduate Conference, UMSL St Louis
Henle Conference on Nature of Necessity, St Louis
Author Meets Critics Session: Modality and Explanatory Reasoning (Boris Kment), Pacific APA
Princeton Philosophy Department Colloquium
Author Meets Critics Session: Objective Becoming (Brad Skow), Central APA
Keynote: Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, UNC-Asheville
Notre Dame Law School Lunch Colloquium
SCP Group Session, Eastern APA

2015

Iris Einheuser Memorial Lecture, Duke Philosophy Department
University of Utah Philosophy Department Colloquium
Theism: An Axiological Investigation Conference, Ryerson University
Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Workshop

CEU Summer School on Ontology, Budapest (One of five lecturers for two week summer master-class)

The Future of the Study of Time Multidisciplinary Conference, Grindavik Iceland

Temporal Experience and Transformation Conference, University of Sydney

Immortality Project Capstone Conference, UC Riverside

University of Vermont Philosophy Department Colloquium

PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, University of Barcelona

University of Manitoba Philosophy Department Colloquium

Keynote: SCP Midwest Conference, Spring Hill College

Australian National University Philosophy Department Colloquium

Centre for Time, University of Sydney

Lingnan University Philosophy Department Colloquium

Hong Kong University Philosophy Department Colloquium

Syracuse University Philosophy Department Colloquium

Nanyang Technological University Philosophy Department Colloquium

National University of Singapore Philosophy Department Colloquium

2014

Invited Session on Philosophy of Time, Eastern APA

University of Arizona Philosophy Department

Keynote: University of Iowa Graduate Conference

UC Irvine Philosophy Department Colloquium

Bogaziçi University Philosophy Department Colloquia

Plenary Address: Randomness and Foreknowledge Conference

Hope College Colloquium

Workshop on Logical and Modal Space, NYU

SCP Group Session, Pacific APA

Albertus Magnus Lecture, Niagara University

MIT Philosophy Department Colloquium

INPC: Metaphysics on the Mountain, Sun Valley Idaho

University of Virginia Philosophy Department

2013

PERSP Workshop on As and Bs of Philosophy of Time, Barcelona

Jowett Society, Oxford University Philosophy Faculty

Leeds Philosophy Department

Birmingham-Nottingham Philosophy of Time Workshop, University of Birmingham

Keynote Address, Northwest Student Philosophy Conference

Theoretical Virtues in Metaphysics Conference, Western Michigan University

2012

Rutgers 30th Anniversary Conference

BGND Philosophy of Religion Conference, San Antonio
ETS Session on Theology without Metaphysics, Milwaukee WI
NIU Philosophy Department Colloquium
Toronto Philosophy Department (Metaphysics and Epistemology Group)
Carolina Metaphysics Workshop, Duck NC
Meiguo Metaphysics Workshop, Peking University
Aquinas Forum Lecture, Siena Heights University

2011

PERSP Space and Time Workshop on the Open Future, Barcelona
Calvin College Philosophy Department Colloquium
BGND Philosophy of Religion Conference, Georgetown University
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, WWU

2010

Notre Dame Philosophy Department Colloquium
Princeton Seminary Philosophy Colloquium
SCP Satellite Session-ACPA 2010, Baltimore
UT-Austin/Baylor Philosophy of Religion Conference, UT-Austin
Evolution and Ethics Conference, Peking University

Seminar Presentations and Philosophical Talks for General Audiences

Meriwether-Lewis Leadership Program Keynote, University of Virginia, July 2019
Center for Christianity and Scholarship and Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke, Apr 2019
Humanities Education for a Global Area, China Forum for Civilizational Dialogue, USF Ricci Institute/Georgetown, Aug 2018

The Veritas Forum

Series of public keynote lectures on rationality and religious faith at Middlebury College, Mt. Holyoke, Boston College, University of Alaska Anchorage, Montana Tech, UNLV, Whitman College, University of Chicago, Colorado State University, and MIT. Keynote Speaker for the 2018 and 2019 Augustine Collective conferences for undergraduate students.

Notre Dame Alumni Clubs

Speaker for ND Clubs: London Global Gateway, Cedar Rapids IA, Hanover Township PA, Charleston SC

Templeton Prize Ceremony Speaker (Laureate: Alvin Plantinga), Sep 2017

Brown University SIPP Program Conference, July 2016.

University of Utah: Modal Logic and Metaphysics Graduate Seminar, Oct 2015.

Yale-NUS Philosophy Rector's Tea Talk, Jan 2015

University of Alabama-Birmingham, Oct 2014

Philosophy of Language Capstone Course, Hope College, Sep 2014

Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, July 2013

Time, Truth, and Fate Course (Joint Session with Kris McDaniel), Dartmouth, May 2013
 Realism, Objectivity and Metaphysics Course (Joint Session with Kris McDaniel), Dartmouth,
 May 2013

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

Rutgers Presidential Fellowship, Top University-Wide Graduate Merit Fellowship, 2007-2009
 Rhodes Scholarship (Virginia & Balliol), 2005-2007
 Jefferson Scholarship, Full Undergraduate Merit Scholarship to University of Virginia, 2001-2005
 Phi Beta Kappa, University of Virginia, 2005
 Lewis Hammond Award for Best Philosophy Thesis, University of Virginia, 2005
 Raven Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Leadership, University of Virginia, 2005

Service to the Profession

Editorial Boards

Co-Editor for Philosophy of Religion Portfolio, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2016-Present
 Board of Editorial Consultants for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 2017-Present
 Board of Editorial Consultants for *Faith and Philosophy*, 2018-Present

Professional Committees and Panels

APA Executive Committee Member-at-Large: Central Division, 2019-2022
 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship Panel, 2018, 2019
 Advisory Committee: US-British China Summer School in Philosophy 2018-Present
 APA Nominating Committee - Central Division, 2017-2018
 SCP Executive Committee, 2016-2019
 SCP Investment Committee, 2017-2018
 APA Standing Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession, 2014-2017
 SCP Diversity Committee, 2014-2017
 APA Program Committee: Central Division , 2014

Conference Organization

PREP: Philosophy and Religion Engaged with the Public, June 2019
 Mellon Network: Philosophy as a Way of Life, June 2019, June 2020, June 2021
 With Stephen Grimm (Fordham) and Steve Angle (Wesleyan)
 NEH Institute: Reviving Philosophy as a Way of Life, July 2018
 With Stephen Grimm (Fordham) and Steve Angle (Wesleyan)
 The Ethical Time Traveller Book Workshop, Notre Dame, May 2018
 Workshop for Christian Women Philosophers, San Diego, Mar 2018
 Time Bias and Future Planning Workshop, Vancouver BC, Apr 2015
 With Preston Greene (NTU)

Co-Founder, Midwest Annual Workshops in Metaphysics, 2011-2015

With Jonathan Jacobs (SLU) and Timothy Pawl (St. Thomas)

Local Host, MAWM 2013 at Notre Dame, funded with Large Henkels grant from ISLA (Notre Dame)

Co-Organizer, Northwest Time and Rationality Workshop, Leavenworth WA, Apr 2012

With Lara Buchak (Berkeley) and Tom Dougherty (Sydney)

University-Level Service

NDLead, 2019-2020 Cohort

Provost's Learning Initiative, 2018-Present

Arts and Letters Dean Search Committee - Elected Member, 2017

College Council, 2017-2020

Laetare Medal Committee, 2017-2020

Provost's Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Advising, 2017-2018

University Committee on the First Year of Studies, 2016-Present

Faculty Advisory Committee, Center for Ethics and Culture, 2017-Present

Rhodes/Marshall/Mitchell/Gates Nomination Committee, Notre Dame, Fall 2011-Present

Leadership 2000 Closing Speaker, University of Virginia, Summer 2016

Jefferson Fellows Selection Committee, Jefferson Scholar Foundation, University of Virginia, Spring 2016

Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Philosophy Review Committee, Fall 2015

Hesburgh-Yusko Scholarship Selection Committee, Spring 2013, Spring 2014

Keynote Speaker, University Honor Convocation, University of Virginia, Aug 2013

Head Graduate Mentor, Bunting-Cobb Program, Rutgers, Fall 2007- Spring 2011

Supervised all aspects of academic programming, tutoring and mentoring in dorm for 100 undergraduate women pursuing math, science and engineering

Rhodes and Marshall Scholarship Practice Interviewer, Rutgers, 2007- 2011

Kickoff Speaker, Campaign for the University of Virginia, Sep 2006

Keynote Speaker, UVa President's Retreat, Mar 2005

Department-Level Service

Committee on Appointments and Promotions, 2016-2019

Full Professor Committee, 2018-2019

Ethics Professor Search Committee, 2016-2017

Director of Initiative to Develop GGL Curriculum, 2015-2016

Graduate Committee, 2012-2014, 2015-2016, 2017-2019

Departmental Climate Committee, 2013-2014

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2012-2013

Assistant Professor Search Committee, 2012-2013

Teaching

University of Notre Dame-Undergraduate Courses

God and the Good Life: Large Lecture Introduction to Philosophy

Summer (2016—Online Pilot), Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018 (double section), Fall 2019

The Examined Life Seminar

Spring 2017, Fall 2017

The Good Class: Exploratory Seminar on the Philosophy and Production of The Good Place

Fall 2019 (scheduled)

Team Taught with Christine Becker and Richard Herbst (Film, Television and Theater)

Introduction to Philosophy—Large Lecture Version

Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2015

College Seminar- Experiencing Time. (Interdisciplinary seminar for sophomores in Arts and Letters)

Spring 2013, Spring 2014

Honors Intro Philosophy Seminar

Fall 2011, Fall 2012

Metaphysics Seminar for Majors

Fall 2011

Directed Readings

Rational Belief and Scientific Paradigms (Spring 2018)

Analytic Theology and Ecclesiology (Spring 2018)

University of Notre Dame-Graduate Courses

Philosophy Teaching Practicum

Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Diachronic Rationality and Personal Persistence

Spring 2016

Alternative Theories of Modality (team-taught with Sam Newlands)

Spring 2014

Proseminar: 20th Century Metaphysics, Language, and Epistemology

Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Time in Metaphysics and Logic

Spring 2012

Directed Readings

Necessitism, Permanentism and the Metaphysics of Modal Logic (Fall 2018)

Rutgers University-Undergraduate Courses

Applied Symbolic Logic-Metalogic and Modal Logic

Fall 2010

Introduction to Symbolic Logic

Spring 2010, Summer 2010, and Spring 2011

Current Moral and Social Issues

Summer 2008

Co-Organizer, Metaphysics and Religion Reading Group (with Dean Zimmerman), Fall 2007-Spring 2011

Advising

Dissertation Director: Ting Lau (PhD June 2019), Ross Jensen

Dissertation Committee Member (Internal): Kenny Boyce (PhD Summer 2013–Univ. Missouri (TT)), Brad Rettler (PhD Fall 2013–Univ. Wyoming (TT)), Amy Seymour (PhD Fall 2015–Fordham (TT)), Peter Finocchiaro (PhD Fall 2016–Wuhan (TT)), Rebecca Chan (PhD Spring 2017–San Jose State (TT)), Jeff Snapper (PhD Summer 2017), Ben Rossi (PhD Summer 2017), David Pattillo (PhD Summer 2017), Matt Getz (ABD Spring 2013), Michael Longenecker (PhD Spring 2018), Callie Phillips (PhD Summer 2018); Paul Blaschko (PhD Summer 2018–Mellon Postdoc) Mark Puestohl (ABD Spring 2017)

Dissertation Committee Member (External): Jason Cather (PhD 2017, University of Chicago Divinity School)

Oral Exam Committee Director: Peter Finocchiaro, Mark Puestohl, Ting Lau, Ross Jensen

Undergraduate Thesis Director: Grace Watkins (Philosophy) (BA 2017), Matthew Rehagan (Theology/Philosophy, co-director) (BA 2018), Teresa Kaza (Theology/Philosophy) (BA 2019), Cole Edwards (Philosophy/Neuroscience), Devin Dettman (Philosophy/Theology)

Undergraduate Research Supervisor: Samuel Kennedy, Lihao Yan, Conrad Palor, Julia French, Melissa Fenner, Noelle Johnson, Todd DeRose, Daniel Kokotajlo

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