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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Florida State University, 2011.
M.A., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University, 2004.
B.A., History, Kennesaw State University, 2002.

Employment

Professor of Philosophy, Flagler College, 2026-present.
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Flagler College, 2022-2026.
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Flagler College, 2017-22.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Flagler College, 2016-17.
Lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, East Tennessee State University, 2012-16.
Big Questions in Free Will Postdoctoral Fellow, Florida State University, 2011-12.
Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Biola University, 2005-07.

Areas of Specialization

Ethics; Moral Psychology; Philosophy of Action (esp. free will and moral responsibility);
Philosophy of Religion

Awards/Honors

Kenan Distinguished Professorship, Flagler College, 2024-2027.
Kahler Grant, Flagler College, 2020.
Dean's Award for Excellence in Scholarship, Flagler College, 2018.
Research and Creativity Award, Florida State University, 2011.

Book

Moral Responsibility and the Flicker of Freedom. Oxford University Press, 2023.

Edited Issue

Symposium on John Martin Fischer's *Death, Immortality, and Meaning in Life* (Oxford University Press, 2020) *The Journal of Ethics* 26, no. 3 (2022): 339-414.

Articles and Chapters

- “Against Frankfurt Cases,” in progress for the *Routledge Handbook of Compatibilism*.
- “Resistible Grace without (Semi) Pelagianism.” *Faith and Philosophy* (forthcoming).
- “On Repentance.” *The Philosophical Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- “Theological Determinism and God’s Standing to Blame.” *Faith and Philosophy* 41 (2025): 531-551.
- “On Penance.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 108 (2024): 607-620.
- “The W-defense Defended.” *Ergo* 11 (2024): 335-348.
- “Unavoidable Actions.” *Philosophical Explorations* 27 (2024): 57-73.
- “Libertarianism and Agentive Experience.” *Philosophical Issues* 33 (2023): 33-44.
- “Manipulation and Direct Arguments.” In *A Companion to Free Will*, eds. Joseph Keim Campbell, Kristin M. Mickelson, and V. Alan White, 144-156. Blackwell, 2023.
- “Hard Theological Determinism and Divine Forgiveness Are Incompatible.” In *Theological Determinism: New Perspectives*, eds. Leigh Vicens and Peter Furlong, 165-183. Cambridge University Press, 2022.
- “Against (Modified) Buffer Cases.” *Philosophical Studies* 179 (2022): 711-723.
- “Does the Direct Argument Beg the Question?” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 59 (2022): 81-95.
- “Incompatibilist (Non-deterministic) Theories of Free Will,” with Randolph Clarke and Philip Swenson. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2021 edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <<https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2021/entries/incompatibilism-theories/>>.
Previous versions published in 2017 and 2013 with Randolph Clarke.
- “Strict Moral Liability.” *Social Philosophy and Policy* 36 (2019): 52-71.
- “What the Consequence Argument is an Argument For.” *Thought* 8 (2019): 50-56.
- “Rule A” [with P. Roger Turner]. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99 (2018): 580-595.
- “Death, Betrayal, and a Guardian Angel.” *Philosophical Papers* 46 (2017): 191-210.
- “Freedom with Causation.” *Erkenntnis* 82 (2017): 327-338.

“Frankfurt Cases: The Fine-grained Response Revisited” [with Philip Swenson]. *Philosophical Studies* 174 (2017): 967-981.

“Incompatibilism and the Transfer of Non-responsibility.” *Philosophical Studies* 173 (2016): 1477-1495.

“Blameworthiness and Buffered Alternatives.” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 53 (2016): 270-280.

“The Flicker of Freedom: A Reply to Stump.” *Journal of Ethics* 18 (2014): 427-435.

“Gut-wrenching Choices and Blameworthiness.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 48 (2014): 577-585. Special issue on moral responsibility edited by Andrew Khoury.

“Mitigating Soft Compatibilism.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 87 (2013): 640-663.

“Blameworthiness without Wrongdoing.” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 93 (2012): 417-437.

“Action, Responsibility, and the Ability to Do Otherwise.” *Philosophical Studies* 158 (2012): 1-15.

“The W-defense.” *Philosophical Studies* 150 (2010): 61-77.

“Can Downward Causation Save Free Will?” *Philosophia* 38 (2010): 131-142.

Book Reviews

“Review of *Aspects of Agency: Decisions, Abilities, Explanations, and Free Will* by Alfred Mele (Oxford University Press, 2017).” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17 (2020): 683-685.

“Review of *Free Will & Theism: Connections, Contingencies, and Concerns* edited by Kevin Timpe and Daniel Speak (Oxford University Press, 2016).” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 84 (2018): 153-157.

“Review of *Building Better Beings: A Theory of Moral Responsibility* by Manuel Vargas (Oxford University Press, 2013).” *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 13 (2016): 245-248.

“Review of *Death, Posthumous Harm, and Bioethics* by James Stacey Taylor (Routledge, 2012).” *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 17 (2014): 181-182.

“Review of *Rationality + Consciousness = Free Will* by David Hodgson (Oxford University Press, 2012).” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2012): <https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/rationality-consciousness-free-will/>

Presentations

“Resistible Grace without (Semi) Pelagianism.” Rutgers Analytic Theology Seminar. Rutgers Center for Philosophy of Religion, June 2026.

“Moderate Libertarianism: Some Philosophical and Theological Considerations.” Philosophy of Religion Workshop. University of North Florida, November 2024.

“Theological Determinism and God’s Standing to Blame.” Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Samford University, March 2024.

“On Penance.” Society of Christian Philosophers 45th Anniversary Conference, Calvin College, September 2023.

“The Scope and Degree of Responsibility.” Online Workshop on Free Will and Moral Luck, Ohio Northern University, May 2023.

Comments on Carolina Sartorio’s “What is the Default View of Free Will?” Agency and Responsibility Research Group, December 2021.

Comments on Nathan Hauthaler’s “For No Particular Reason,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Symposium on Reasoned Action, April 2021.

“Free will and Neuroscience.” Flagler Forum, January 2020.

“Forgiveness for Free Will Skeptics.” The Philip L. Dulmage Memorial Workshop, Wayne State University, April 2019.

Panelist, “The Ethics of Eating Meat,” Flagler College, April 2019.

“Morality and Meat.” North Florida Philosophy Slams, May 2018.

Comments on Garrett Pendergraft’s “The Austerity Argument for Compatibilism,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, January 2018.

“Strict Moral Liability.” Moral Responsibility: The Next Generation, The Arizona Center for the Philosophy of Freedom, University of Arizona, December 2017.

“Strict Moral Liability.” Workshop on Moral Responsibility, Rutgers University, April 2017.

“Death, Betrayal, and a Guardian Angel.” Florida Philosophical Association, November 2016.

“Rule A” [with P. Roger Turner]. University of North Florida Metaphysics and Epistemology Workshop, September 2016.

“The Metaphysics of Moral Responsibility.” Flagler College, July 2016.

Comments on Christopher Franklin's "Cares, Identification, and Agency Reductionism," Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2015.

"Free Action: Neither Uncaused nor Agent Caused." Center for Cognition and Neuroethics, October 2014.

"Incompatibilism and the Transfer of Non-responsibility." Young Philosophers Lecture Series, SUNY-Fredonia, April 2014.

"Is the Fear of Death Irrational?" Young Philosopher Lecture Series, SUNY-Fredonia, April 2014.

"Incompatibilism and the Transfer of Non-responsibility." Tennessee Value and Agency Conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, November 2013.

Comments on Adam R. Thompson's "Frankfurt Cases, Gettier, and the Principle of Alternative Possibilities," Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, February 2012.

Comments on Hugh McCann's "Divine Nature and Divine Will," Divine Freedom Workshop, Tallahassee, FL, March 2012.

"Blameworthiness without Knowledge" [with Daniel J. Miller]. Talbot Philosophical Society Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2011.

"Blameworthiness without Knowledge" [with Daniel J. Miller]. UF/FSU Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2011.

"Freedom Emerges." Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, April 2008.

Comments on George Belic's "Compatibilism, the 4-case argument, and How Others Would Fare," UF/FSU Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 2008.

"Alternative Possibilities, Responsibility, and the Failure of the Direct Argument." Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, February 2007.

"Widerker's Defense of the Principle of Alternative Possibilities." Central Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, April 2006.

Public Philosophy

"The W-defense Defended." *Ergo Blog* (2024): <https://ergoblog.org/justin-capes-the-w-defense-defended/>

“Is Free Will Compatible with Determinism?” Debate with Taylor Cyr for *The Analytic Christian* (2024): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLw05Z4397I&t=1232s>

“The Principle of Alternative Possibilities.” *The Free Will Show* (2024): <https://thefreewillshow.com/episode-71/>

“Three Philosophical Reasons to Reject Calvinism.” *The Analytic Christian* (2023): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mmKEVc4ixM>

“Doing Penance.” *New Work in Philosophy* (2023) <https://newworkinphilosophy.substack.com/p/justin-capes-flagler-college-on-penance>

Courses Taught

Flagler College: A Life Well Lived (x 5); Ethical Theory (x 2); Ethics and Animals; Ethical Controversies (x 18); First Year Seminar on Liberal Education and Citizenship (x 8); History of Modern Philosophy; Honors Freshman Seminar; Introduction to Philosophy (x 10); Life, Death, and Immortality; Metaphysics (x 4); Philosophy of Law (x 2); Philosophy of Religion (x 4); Philosophy Senior Seminar (x2); Seminar on Making Amends; Research Seminar on Divine Providence and Human Freedom.

East Tennessee State University: Ethics and Animals (independent study); Introduction to Ethics (x 16); Food Ethics; Death and Dying; Modern Philosophy (x 2); Philosophy as Conversation (x 14); Philosophy of Religion.

Florida State University: Ethical Issues and Life Choices (x 4); Free Will (graduate seminar, co-taught with Alfred Mele); Philosophy of Religion; Modern Philosophy

Biola University: Introduction to Philosophy (x7).

Professional Service

Associate Editor, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2023-present.

Associate Editor, *The Journal of Ethics*, 2021-present.

Category Editor (Free will), *PhilPapers*, 2016-present.

Article referee: *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022; *Analysis*, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2022; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 2012, 2023; *Dialectica*, 2016, 2017; *Ergo*, 2017, 2026; *Erkenntnis*, 2012, 2013, 2022, 2025; 2026; *Ethics*, 2026; *European Journal of Philosophy*, 2013; *Faith and Philosophy*, 2019; *The Heythrop Journal*, 2022; *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 2024; *Inquiry*, 2022; *Journal of Analytic Theology*, 2016; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2013, 2023; *Journal of Philosophy*, 2018, 2020, 2023; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 2017, 2024; *Journal of Value Inquiry*, 2016; *Mind*, 2015

x2, 2016, 2019 x2; *Neuroethics*, 2013; *Nous*, 2015, 2019, 2023; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 2015; *Philosopher's Imprint* (2018, 2024); *Philosophia*, 2011, 2012; *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2015, 2025; *Philosophical Explorations*, 2013, 2018; *Philosophical Papers*, 2012; *Philosophical Studies*, 2011, 2014, 2016 x2, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2025 x2; *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020; *Philosophical Psychology*, 2014; *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 2020; *Ratio*, 2013; *Res Philosophica*, 2019; *Synthese*, 2017, 2020; *The Journal of Ethics*, 2017, 2018 x3; *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 2013; *Thought*, 2023; *Utilitas*, 2016.

Book referee: Bloomsbury, 2019; Routledge, 2018 x2, 2025 x3.

Conference paper referee: Florida Philosophical Association, 2016, 2024.

Textbook reviewer: Oxford University Press, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018; W.W. Norton & Company, 2016.

Institutional Service

Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Flagler College, 2026-2027.
Faculty Senate, At-Large Representative, Flagler College, 2026-2027.
Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee, Flagler College, 2026-2027.
Chair, Philosophy Search Committee, Flagler College, 2023.
Liberal Studies Program Coordinator, Flagler College, 2022-2024.
Faculty Senate, Humanities Department Representative, Flagler College, 2021-2023.
Committee on Academic Advisement and Standards, Flagler College, 2021-2022.
COVID-19 Vaccine Committee, Flagler College, 2021.
English Search Committee, Flagler College, 2021.
Ethical Reasoning Literacy Mentor, Flagler College, 2020-present.
Philosophy and Religion Program Coordinator, Flagler College, 2020-present.
Philosophy and Religion Honors Faculty Advisor, Flagler College, 2019-present.
Great Works Mentor, Honors Program, Flagler College, 2019.
Flagler College Institutional Review Board, 2018-present.
First Year Experience Committee, Flagler College, 2018-19.
Criminology Search Committee, Flagler College, 2018.
Student Success Committee, Flagler College, 2016-18; co-chair 2017-18.
QEP Topic Selection Committee, Flagler College, 2017.

References

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