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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Metaphysics (including Social Ontology)

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics (including Digital Ethics and Political Ethics); Logic; Philosophy of Language

## EMPLOYMENT

*Lecturer*, Texas A&M University, August 2017 — present

## EDUCATION

*Doctor of Philosophy*, anticipated Spring 2022

Texas A&M University, Department of Philosophy, College Station, TX, USA

Enrolled: August 2017 – May 2022

Dissertation: *Metaphysics, Social Ontology, and Conceptual Ethics: An Assessment of Which Metaphysical Features Are (or Should Be) Up to Us as Social Agents*

Committee: Christopher Menzel (Chair), José Bermúdez (Co-chair), Robert Garcia (Baylor University), Nathan Howard, and Harold Boas (Department of Mathematics)

*Master of Arts in Religion*, 2005

Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA

July 2002 – May 2005

*Bachelor of Arts*, 2002

Gordon College, Department of Philosophy, Wenham, MA

## RESEARCH

### PUBLICATIONS

*Revising for Invited Resubmission:*

“Using a Two-Dimensional Model from Social Ontology to Explain the Puzzling Metaphysical Features of Words” being revised for invited resubmission in *Synthese*

*Under Review:*

“Conceptual Engineering for Social Objects: Showing the Intrinsic Link Between the Fields of Social Ontology and Conceptual Engineering” under review in the *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*

*In Progress:*

Co-authored with Nathan Howard: “Truth, Honesty, and Deception” (part of the Templeton-funded Honesty Project)

“Property Rights and NFT’s: Explaining the Ontology and Ethics of Owning Digital Entities”

## CONFERENCES

“New Work for Social Ontology” at Social Ontology 2021 conference for the International Social Ontology Society (August 2021)

“Beyond Types and Tokens: A Case for Expanding the Ontology of Words” at the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the New Mexico – Texas Philosophical Society. (May 2021)

“Naturalism and Abstract Objects: A Proposal” at the Louisiana State University Graduate Philosophy Conference (April 2019)

“Natural Abstracta” at the Texas Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference (Keynote: Robert Stalnaker) (April 2019)

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

**Templeton Honesty Project Grant:** Co-author for funded research from *Honesty, Conscience, and the Self*; Co-authors: Nicholas Laskowski, California State University at Long Beach; Nathan Howard, Texas A&M University (6% acceptance rate) (Spring 2021)

**College of Liberal Arts Summer Dissertation Fellowship Award** by the Philosophy department (\$6,000) (Spring 2021)

**Mays Innovation Research Center PhD Research Grant** for ‘Conceptual Analysis and Engineering of Innovation Across Fields’ (\$5,000) (Spring 2021)

Texas A&M Philosophy Department monetary awards for both service and teaching.

TEACHING

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### Instructor of Record, Texas A&M University:

#### 2021

**Metaphysics and Social Ontology** (28 students), Fall 2021 (PHIL 361)

**The Ethics of Technology:** Contemporary Moral Issues (34 students), Spring 2021 (PHIL 111)

#### 2020

**The Ethics of Deepfake Technology** (supervised an undergraduate directed reading/research study), Fall 2020 (PHIL 491H)

**Political Ethics:** Contemporary Moral Issues (33 students), Summer 2020 (PHIL 111)

#### 2019

**Introduction to Logic** (39 students), Summer 2019 (PHIL 240)

- Videos I produced from this course are now featured on Stanford University's Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) site

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University**

Spring 2020, PHIL 240, Introduction to Logic, Dr. Christopher Menzel (88 students)

Fall 2019, PHIL 482, Engineering Ethics, Various

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019, PHIL 240, Introduction to Logic, Dr. Christopher Menzel

Fall 2017 – Spring 2018, PHIL 240, Introduction to Logic, Dr. Kenneth Easwaran

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### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Founder of TAMU's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (Spring 2022)

Chair for a colloquium at the APA Eastern Division Meeting in Chicago (Spring 2022)

YouTube logic videos featured at Stanford University's Center for the Study of Language and Information (CSLI) website; frequently used by logic students across various institutions.

Aggie Research Mentor and Team Leader (Fall 2020):

- The Ethical Dimensions of Deepfake Technology
- Sports Protests: Interpretive and Ethical Issues Surrounding the Kaepernick Controversy
- The Interpretive and Ethical Issues of Capitalizing 'Black'

Founder and Coordinator of Texas A&M University Philosophy Department's Group for Analytic Metaphysics and Epistemology (GAME)

- Bi-weekly meeting with inter-university faculty and graduate students, across multiple countries, across the U.S., Canada, and the U.K.
- Guests and participants include many from A&M's philosophy department, along with Edward Zalta (Stanford), Kevin Zollman (Carnegie Mellon), Maegan Fairchild (Michigan), Ram Neta (UNC Chapel Hill), Herman Cappelen (Hong Kong), Sarah Moss (Michigan), Christopher Howard (McGill), David Thorstad (graduate student at Harvard, now a postdoc at Oxford), among many others, and graduate students from Stanford, NYU

Graduate Student Co-Representative to the Philosophy Department (Fall 2020)

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### REFERENCES

Christopher Menzel

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