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## EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
**PhD**, Philosophy (In Progress) (expected) 2019

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
**MA**, Philosophy (In Progress) (expected) 2016  
Honors: Golden Key International Honour Society University Fellow

Duke University, Durham, NC  
**MDiv** 2013  
Honors: Summa Cum Laude

Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA  
**BS**, Mathematics 2008  
Minor: Chemistry  
Honors: Summa Cum Laude, Kappa Mu Epsilon Honor Society for Mathematics,  
Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

## RESEARCH

Specialization: Ethics, Philosophy of Religion  
Competence: Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Political Philosophy

## TEACHING

### Teaching Assistant

Ethical Issues & Life Choices (Gabriel DeMarco);  
Introduction to Modern Philosophy (Dr. John Roberts);  
Reasoning and Critical Thinking (Prof. Michael Bishop)

### High School Instructor

Advanced Mathematical Concepts; Algebra II; Calculus

### Tutor

Algebra I, Calculus I, Calculus II, Math for Everyone, Writing

## REFEREED CONFERENCE/FORUM PAPERS (11)

“Responsibility and Answers”

1. Presented at the 18th Annual Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL. 2015
2. Presented at the annual University of Florida and Florida State University Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, Tallahassee, FL. 2015
3. Presented at Texas Tech University’s 9th Annual Philosophy Graduate Student

- Conference on Metaethics, Lubbock, TX. 2015
4. Accepted to the Midsouth Philosophy Association's annual meeting, Memphis, TN (could not attend). 2015
- "Science, Religion, and Incompatibility: Can Philosophy of Science Help?"
1. Presented at the 2nd IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Conference, Mexico City, Mexico 2016
2. Presented at the 2015 Ways of Knowing: Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA. 2015
3. Presented at the eastern regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), Mechanicsburg, PA. 2015
4. Presented at the annual meeting for the Southeaster Commission for the Study of Religion (AAR), Atlanta, GA. 2014
- "The Good Society"
1. Accepted to the 2015 OLPP Graduate Student Conference, Ontario, Canada (could not attend). 2015
2. Accepted to the Mississippi Philosophy Association's annual meeting, Jackson, MS (could not attend). 2015
- "Exploring Wellness: What it is and why it Matters" – Wrote winning proposal for the annual 'Fellows Forum' at Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. Recruited speakers, planned, and organized the forum with other Fellows Society members. 2014

## NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- "Developing Proposals for the 2016 Fellows Forum" – 2016 Fellows Society Induction and Networking Session, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL. 2015

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Jesus Statue Withstands Typhoon. What Does it Mean?" *EthicsDaily.com*, A Division of the Baptist Center for Ethics 12/2013

## COMMENTARY

- "Two Senses of Ability" (Albert Hu) – Annual FSU Philosophy Graduate Conference for Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency, Tallahassee, FL. 2014

## WORK IN PROGRESS (3)

- "Science, Religion, & Incompatibility: Can Philosophy of Science Help?" (under review)
- "Aristotle and Virtue: What did Aristotle Mean?" (under review)
- "Revising Conly's 'Coercive Paternalism'" (under review)

## AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, GRANTS

- Travel Grant for Presentations (\$1100), Florida State University 2015 - 2016
- Travel Grant for Presentation (\$200), Florida State University 2015
- Advanced PIE Teaching Training Recognition 2015
- Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Training Recognition Certificate 2014

Travel Grant (\$160), Florida State University	2014
Full Tuition Scholarship, Liberty University	2003 - 2007

## COMPETITIVE GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Golden Key International Honour Society 2014 Graduate Scholarship (\$10,000)	2015
Legacy Fellowship (\$50,000), Florida State University	2014 - 2019
Teaching Assistantship (\$96,000), Florida State University	2014 - 2019
Baptist-Garland Scholarship, Duke Divinity School	2011 - 2012
Leo Kilgo Groome Scholarship, Duke Divinity School	2010 - 2012
Divinity School Scholarship, Duke Divinity School	2010 - 2012

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

### To the Profession

Referee for conference papers: Minds Online Conference, *The Brains Blog* (2015)

### To the University & Department

Secretary/Treasurer of Florida State University's Philosophy Graduate Student Council	2015 - 2016
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### To Public

Philosophy outreach, Grassroots School, Tallahassee, FL	2015 - 2016
Taught free ESL classes, Mexico City, Mexico	2010 - 2011
Organized and led a philosophy club, Global English School, Nonthaburi, Thailand	2008

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Actively involved in community service (homeless shelter, community building projects) and church service (teaching adult bible studies and youth).	2012 - 2015
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## LANGUAGES

English - Native Language  
 Spanish - speak conversationally and read/write with high proficiency  
 Attic & Koine Greek - read with proficiency  
 Hebrew - read and write with basic competence

## AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association - member  
 Philosophy of Science Association - member  
 Florida Philosophical Association - member  
 Florida State University Fellows Society - member  
 American Academy of Religion - member  
 Evangelical Theological Society - member

## REFERENCES

Randy Clarke (Florida State University), Professor

Michael Bishop (Florida State University), Professor

Curtis Freeman (Duke Divinity School), Professor

Raymond Barfield (Duke Divinity School & Medical School), Associate Professor

## STUDENT COMMENTS

- “He was very approachable and helpful no matter what question I asked”
- “He explained really well what was wrong with my papers ... he was very approachable”
- “The comments on my paper really helped me in writing the next paper”
- “I went to his office hours multiple times and he was very helpful. He went above and beyond when giving me feedback on my work”
- “Aaron is a very brilliant person! He understands the material and is able to communicate it very well to me. He helped me understand concepts and improve my writing/grammar skills!”