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Ph.D. University of California, Irvine, Philosophy.  
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#### RESEARCH:

*AOS*: Early Modern Philosophy; Descartes; Locke; Epistemology.

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- "Fine-Tuning and Human Suffering: Toward a Theodicy for Natural Evil", Department of Physics Colloquium, BYU, Jan 17, 2020.
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