Curriculum Vitae for Nevin Climenhaga

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Senior Lecturer (Level C), Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University (2024–)

Senior Research Fellow (Level C), Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University (2020–2024)

Research Fellow (Level B), Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University (2019–2020)

Research Fellow (Level B), Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University (2018–2019)

Postdoc, Managing Editor for *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Part A*: University of Notre Dame (2017–2018)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy: Notre Dame (2017)

> Graduate Minor in History and Philosophy of Science
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> Comprehensive Exams in Ancient & Medieval Philosophy, Modern Philosophy
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> Oral Exam in Epistemology
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> Dissertation: *Knowledge and Certainty*
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> Committee: Robert Audi (chair), Branden Fitelson, Fritz Warfield, Blake Roeber

M.A. in Philosophy: Western Michigan University (2011)

B.A. in Humanities, Peace & Conflict Studies: Messiah University (2009)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology (esp. fallibilism and infallibilism, rationality and justification, metaepistemology, Bayesian epistemology, applied epistemology)

Philosophy of Science (esp. philosophy of probability and statistics, confirmation theory, explanation, causal inference, philosophy of social science)

Philosophy of Religion (esp. natural theology, metaphysics of theism, theism and morality)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics (esp. causation, grounding, chance, modality)

Ethical Theory (esp. metaethics, practical rationality, normative ethics)

Applied Ethics (esp. the ethics of war and peace, contemporary social issues)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"If We Can't Tell What Theism Predicts, We Can't Tell Whether God Exists: Skeptical Theism and Bayesian Arguments from Evil", *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion* (Vol. 11, forthcoming), ed. Lara Buchak and Dean Zimmerman

"Epistemic Probabilities are Degrees of Support, not Degrees of (Rational) Belief," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (Vol. 108: 1, 2024), pp. 153–176

"How Infallibilists Can Have It All," *The Monist* (Vol. 106: 4, 2023), pp. 363–380

"Molinism: Explaining our Freedom Away" (first author; with Daniel Rubio), *Mind* (Vol. 131: 522, 2022), pp. 459–485

"Causal Inference from Noise" (first author; with Lane DesAutels & Grant Ramsey), *Noûs* (Vol. 55: 1, 2021), pp. 152–170

"Papias's Prologue and the Probability of Parallels," *Journal of Biblical Literature* (Vol. 139: 3, 2020), pp. 591–596

"The Structure of Epistemic Probabilities," *Philosophical Studies* (Vol. 177: 11, 2020), pp. 3213–3242

"Infinite Value and the Best of All Possible Worlds," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (Vol. 97: 2, 2018), pp. 367–392

"Intuitions are Used as Evidence in Philosophy," *Mind* (Vol. 127: 505, 2018), pp. 69–104

"Inference to the Best Explanation Made Incoherent," *Journal of Philosophy* (Vol. 114: 5, 2017), pp. 251–273

"How Explanation Guides Confirmation," *Philosophy of Science* (Vol. 84: 2, 2017), pp. 359–368

"A Problem for the Alternative Difference Measure of Confirmation," *Philosophical Studies* (Vol. 164: 3, 2013), pp. 643–651

BOOK CHAPTERS

"An Unsurpassable World," in *Optimism and the Best Possible World: A Philosophical History* (Routledge, forthcoming), ed. Justin Daeley

"Images of Mercy: Narrating the Gospel through a Rwandan Catholic Shrine" (second author; with Alison Fitchett-Climenhaga), in *Philosophical and Theological Engagements with Biblical Narratives* (Routledge, 2024), ed. Eleonore Stump and Judith Wolfe, pp. 199–218

"Evidence and Inductive Inference," in *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Evidence* (Routledge, 2024), ed. Clayton Littlejohn and Maria Lasonen-Aarnio, pp. 435–449

"A Cumulative Case Argument for Infallibilism," in *Skeptical Invariantism Reconsidered* (Routledge, 2021), ed. Christos Kyriacou and Kevin Wallbridge, pp. 57–79

"Holy Peace and Holy War," in *At War for Peace* (Brill, 2010), ed. Mohammadbagher Forough, pp. 21–32

IN PREPARATION

Epistemology: The Basics (under contract, Routledge)

Knowledge and Certainty: A Defense of Classical Infallibilism

"You Never Know What's Going to Happen"

"Are Simpler Worlds More Probable?"

"A Defense of Statistical and Character Evidence in the Law"

"Unequal Risks of Mistaken Conviction are Unavoidable: Why Profile Evidence is not Uniquely Unfair"

BOOK REVIEWS

Review: Tyron Goldschmidt and Kenneth Pearce, *Idealism: New Essays in Metaphysics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (Vol. 96: 1, 2024), pp. 93–97

Review: Mark Murphy, *God's Own Ethics: Norms of Divine Agency and the Argument from Evil* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (Vol. 17: 5, 2020), pp. 587–590

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

"When are Intuitions a Good Guide to Reality?" *Institute of Art and Ideas*, https://iai.tv/articles/when-are-intuitions-a-good-guide-to-reality-nevin-climenhaga-auid-2409

"Can We Know God? New Insights from Religious Epistemology," *John Templeton Foundation*, https://www.templeton.org/religious-epistemology

"The Concept of Probability is Not as Simple as You Think," *Aeon Magazine*, https://aeon.co/ideas/the-concept-of-probability-is-not-as-simple-as-you-think

"Is it Right to Use Intuition as Evidence?," *OUP Blog*, https://blog.oup.com/2019/04/using-intuition-evidence/

PRESENTATIONS

"Noumenal Molinism"

 Comparative Philosophy of Religion Conference, ACU (November 2024)

"A Defense of Statistical and Character Evidence in the Law"

 Australian National University Colloquium (October 2024) – invited presentation

 ACU School of Philosophy Seminar Series (September 2024)

 University of Sydney Workshop on Legal Epistemology (August 2019) – invited presentation

"A Unified Theory of Probability"

 How Should We Reason? Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives, Munich (October 2023) – invited keynote speaker

 Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting (July 2023)

 Johns Hopkins University Colloquium (May 2023) – invited presentation

 University of Delaware Colloquium (May 2023) – invited presentation

 University of Pittsburgh Center for Philosophy of Science Lunchtime Talk Series (December 2022) – invited presentation

 Messiah University Philosophy Club (November 2022) – invited presentation

 Australian Catholic University Workshop on Probability in Philosophy (November 2019)

"Are Simpler Worlds More Probable?"

 Carnegie Mellon University Colloquium Series in Formal Epistemology (December 2022)

"Images of Mercy: Narrating the Gospel through a Rwandan Catholic Shrine" (with Alison Fitchett-Climenhaga)

 Wrestling with Life: Analytic Theology and Biblical Narrative, online (August 2022)

"An Introduction to Bayes' Theorem and its Applications"

 Bayes and Bible Online Research Seminar (March 2022)

"A Transcendental Bayesian Argument for a First Cause"

 Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference (May 2021)

"An Unsurpassable World"

 American Academy of Religion Meeting (November 2020)

"If We Can't Tell What Theism Predicts, We Can't Tell Whether God Exists: Skeptical Theism and Bayesian Arguments from Evil"

 Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (November 2019)

 Society of Christian Philosophers 40th Anniversary Meeting (September 2018)

Muslim-Christian Workshop on Science and Faith, Dubai (March 2018) – invited presentation

Indiana Philosophical Association Fall 2012 Meeting (November 2012)

"A Cumulative Case Argument for Infallibilism"

Deakin University Colloquium (March 2021)

APA Pacific Division Meeting (April 2019) – colloquium presentation

45th Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy (May 2017)

"The Structure of Epistemic Probabilities"

Australian National University Colloquium (March 2019) – invited presentation

APA Eastern Division Meeting (January 2017) – symposium presentation

Munich-Sydney-Tilburg (MuST) 9: Evidence, Inference, and Risk (April 2016)

Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (September 2015)

5th Annual Houston Baptist University Philosophy Conference (September 2015)

"(Epistemic) Probabilities are Degrees of Support, not Degrees of (Rational) Belief"

Western Michigan University Colloquium (September 2018) – invited presentation

Northwestern Epistemology Brownbag Series (September 2018) – invited presentation

Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Meeting (July 2018)

APA Central Division Meeting (February 2018) – colloquium presentation

Central States Philosophical Association Meeting (October 2017)

"Molinism: Explaining our Freedom Away" (with Daniel Rubio)

Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (September 2017)

4th International Conference on Contemporary Philosophy of Religion, Tehran (January 2016)

"You Never Know What's Going to Happen"

24th World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing (August 2018)

"Modal Realism Implies Inductive Skepticism" (with Dustin Crummett)

18th Annual Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference (November 2017)

"Causal Inference from Noise" (with Grant Ramsey and Lane DesAutels)

Perspectives on Scientific Error, Tilburg (June 2017)

"Infallibilism without Skepticism?"

Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters (March 2017)

"Inference to the Best Explanation Made Incoherent"

4th Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science (February 2016)

"How Infallibilists Can Have it All"

    Northwestern Epistemology Brownbag Series (January 2017) – invited presentation

    9th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference (December 2015) – invited presentation as distinguished alumni speaker

"Infinite Value and the Best of all Possible Worlds"

    Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion Discussion Group Meeting (September 2014)

"Intuitions Are Used as Evidence in Philosophy"

    42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy (June 2014)

"Cartesianism and Epistemic Normativity"

    APA Eastern Division Meeting (December 2013) – colloquium presentation

    8th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, Athens (May 2013)

    4th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2013)

"Disagreement, Epistemic Norm Uncertainty, and Self-Refutation"

    39th Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy (May 2011)

    2nd Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2011)

"Holy Peace and Holy War"

    7th Global Conference, War and Peace: Probing the Boundaries, Prague (May 2010)

"Do We Have a Moral Obligation to Obey the Law?"

    17th Annual Kent State Graduate Philosophy Conference (March 2010)

COMMENTS

Simon Huttegger, Sean Walsh, and Francesca Zaffora Blando, "Bayesian Randomness"

    20th Annual Formal Epistemology Workshop (July 2024)

Terence Cuneo & Russ Shafer-Landau, "Why Be Moral?"

    Notre Dame-ACU International Ethics Conference (April 2022)

Commentator at Large

    11th Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop: Coherence (May 2019)

Melanie Sarzano, "Self-Deception and Pragmatic Encroachment: A Dilemma"

    10th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2019)

Will Fleisher, "How to Endorse Conciliationism"

    APA Pacific Division Meeting (April 2019)

Samuel Freeman, "Democracy, Religion, and Public Reason"

ACU Rome Seminar: Religion and Democracy (March 2019)

Wes Siscoe, "Conceptual Knowledge of Grounding"

9th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2018)

Justin Tosi & Brandon Warmke, "Why Grandstanding is Destroying Public Discourse"

2018 Workshop on Heterodox Moral and Political Philosophy (March 2018)

Nick Leonard, "A Puzzle about Probabilism"

14th Annual Formal Epistemology Workshop (May 2017)

David Thorstad, "Permissivism, Evidence, and Precision"

8th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2017)

Corey Dethier, "Indirect Instrumentalism about Epistemic Rationality"

Indiana Philosophical Association Fall 2016 Meeting (November 2016)

Daniel Padgett, "Updating with the Theory Theory of Conditionals"

7th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2016)

Robert Audi, "Doxasticism: Belief and the Information-Responsiveness of Mind"

Notre Dame Colloquium (September 2015)

Mike Ashfield, "A Credal-Reductive Account of Rational Agnosticism"

6th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2015)

Edward Hinchman, "Self-Trust and Higher-Order Evidence"

2014 Summer Conference in Social Epistemology, Notre Dame (August 2014)

Commentator at Large

6th Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop: Traditional Epistemic Internalism (May 2014)

Sarah Raskoff, "How Not to Defend the Factoring Account"

5th Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2014)

Sam Taylor, "What Seemings Seem to Be"

3rd Annual Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (April 2012)

Nick Frank, "On a Possible Source for the Duty to Obey the Law"

5th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference (December 2011)

Jerry Green, "How Not to Defend Virtue Ethics from Situationism"

4th Annual Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference (December 2010)

HONORS & AWARDS

"Intuitions are Used as Evidence in Philosophy" one of three *Mind* articles named in Oxford University Press's 2018 "Best of Philosophy" collection

Invited Participant, St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion – selective seminar for junior scholars with research stipend (2015)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Language, Meaning and Truth, ACU (Semester II 2024, team-taught with Clayton Littlejohn)

History of Western Epistemology, ACU (Semester I 2024)

Introduction to Philosophy, Notre Dame (Spring 2017)

Philosophy of Science, Notre Dame (Fall 2014 & Spring 2015)

Critical Reasoning, Western Michigan (Spring 2011)

The Ethics of War and Peace, Western Michigan (Fall 2010)

Philosophy & Public Affairs, Western Michigan (Summer I & Summer II 2010)

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Principal supervisor, Floris Eskens, Ph.D. thesis title: "Timeless Causation: Towards a Better Understanding of Causation, Change, and Spacetime" (2024–)

Co-supervisor, Danny Wardle, Ph.D. thesis title: "How Many Things There Are" (2024) [temporary supervision following closure of Dianoia and preceding Wardle's transfer to ANU]

Co-supervisor, Paul Litchfield, Ph.D. thesis title: "Models of Ultimate Reality" (2022–)

Respondent for Final Year Ph.D. Review (2024) and Confirmation of Ph.D. Candidature (2022), Joey McCollum, thesis title: "Bayesian Stemmatology and Its Application to the Text of Ephesians"

Respondent for Mid-Candidature Ph.D. Review, Danny Wardle, thesis title: "How Many Things There Are" (2023)

REVIEWING

Associate Editor, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (from 2022)

Journal reviewer (2014–) for *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis* (x3), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x5), *British Journal for Philosophy of Science* (x7), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (x2), *Dialectica*, *Episteme* (x2), *Ergo* (x3), *Erkenntnis* (x4), *Ethics and Global Politics*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Faith and Philosophy* (x3), *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophy* (x3), *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Mind* (x3), *Mind &*

Language, *The Monist*, *Noûs* (x3), *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), *Philosophia*, *Philosophia Christi*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies* (x5), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science* (x4), *Religious Studies*, *Res Philosophica*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* (x2), *Sophia* (x3), *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* (x3), *Synthese* (x7), *Theoria*

Book reviewer for Cambridge University Press (2021), Oxford University Press (2022)

Book chapter reviewer for edited collections by Routledge (2020), Oxford University Press (2020)

Book proposal reviewer for Routledge (2022), Oxford University Press (2023)

Conference reviewer for Bayes by the Sea (2019), Notre Dame/Northwestern Graduate Epistemology Conference (2012, 2014, 2015)

SERVICE

Elected Academic Staff Representative, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy Research Workload Committee (2023–2024)

Organizer, Dianoia Seminar Series in Philosophy, and Chair, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy Colloquia Committee (2021–2023)

Dianoia Representative on Research Excellence Subcommittee, Faculty of Theology and Philosophy Research Standing Committee (2022–2023)

Member, 2023 Australasian Association of Philosophy Meeting Planning Committee (2021–2023)

Member, Dianoia Graduate Recruitment Committee (2021), Graduate Program Committee (2020–2022), Graduate Admissions Committees (2020, 2021, 2022)

Member, Dianoia Hiring Committees (2020, 2021)

Organizer, Dianoia Workshop on Probability in Philosophy (2019)

Vice-President, Graduate Student Association of Philosophy, Western Michigan (2010–2011)

Member of Graduate Conference Planning Committee, Western Michigan (2009–2010)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Templeton-funded Project on Contemporary Moral Theory and the Problem of Evil (led by Jim Sterba), Notre Dame (Fall 2013 & Spring 2014)

Research Assistant, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, Notre Dame (Spring 2013)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Christian Philosophers

Heterodox Academy

REFERENCES

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