

## Kate Finley

### **Employment**

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2018 – present	Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Hope College
2022 – present	Instructor of Record, Hope-Western Prison Education Program
2019	Instructor of Record, Calvin Prison Initiative
2018	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Notre Dame
2018	Instructor of Record, Westville Prison Education Initiative
2015 – 2018	Instructor of Record, University of Notre Dame
2013 – 2014	Graduate Assistant, Center for Philosophy of Religion

### **Education**

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2018	University of Notre Dame, Ph.D., Philosophy Dissertation: <i>Perception, Cognition, and Prediction</i> Committee: Ted Warfield (direct), Jeff Speaks, Robert Audi, Larry Shapiro
2012	University of Notre Dame, B.A. Philosophy & Theology, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

### **Areas of Specialization**

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Philosophy of Mind & Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Religion

### **Areas of Competence**

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Epistemology, Ethics (especially Applied Ethics), Social Philosophy

### **Publications**

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- Finley, K. (forthcoming). A Defense of Cognitive Penetration & the Face-Race Lightness Illusion. *Philosophical Psychology*
- Finley, K. (2022). Adoption, Abortion, & the Demands of Integrity, *Pregnancy, and Persons: Essays in Defense of Human Life*. Routledge
- Finley, K. (2021). Philosophy of Mind. *T&T Clark Encyclopedia of Christian Theology*. T&T Clark / Bloomsbury
- Finley, K. and Seachris, J. (2021). Narrative, Theology, and Philosophy of Religion. *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*. Wiley-Blackwell
- Finley, K. (2019). Petitionary Prayer: A Philosophical Investigation, by Scott Davison. *Faith and Philosophy* 36.3 (2019): 390-395
- Finley, K. (2019). Review of Ritualized Faith by Terence Cuneo. *Religious Studies, Wiley-Blackwell*
- Finley, K. (2018). Perception, Cognition, and Prediction. University of Notre Dame (Dissertation)

### **Under Review & In Preparation**

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“Embodied Cognition & the Grip of Computationalism” (*revise & resubmit - Synthese*)  
“Mental Disorder, Meaning-making, & Religious Cognition” (*invited submission - TheoLogica*)  
“Intellectual Disability & Embodied Religious Understanding”  
“Identity, Narrative, and Meaning-making in Mental Disorder”  
“Trapped in Your Own Story: self-narrative, suffering, & faith”  
“An Improved Account of Thought Insertion”

### **Selected Grants**

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“Explorations of Mental Disorder, Neurodiversity, & Embodiment - and Connections with Religious Engagement” | *Tomsley Research Scholars grant (\$58,000) 2022-2025 (principal investigator)*

“Mental Disorder & Psychological Stability in Christianity” | *Calvin Scholar-Teacher research grant (\$17,896) 2022 (principal investigator)*

“The ‘Emotional Prosperity Gospel’ and Mental Disorder” | *New Visions in Theological Anthropology, University of St. Andrews, (\$5,000) 2022 (principal investigator)*

“Mental Disorder & Psychological Stability in Christianity” | *Nyenbuis research grant (\$4,900) 2022 (principal investigator with student research collaborator Cristina Chiazza)*

“NetVUE Across The Academy Grant,” | *Hope College, Integrating Vocation into Coursework (\$2,000) 2022*

“Transformative Narratives of Mental Disorder & Religion” | *Blueprint 1543 research grant (\$14,644) 2021 (principal investigator)*

“Transformative Narratives of Mental Disorder & Religion” | *Nyenbuis research grant (\$7,488) 2021 (principal investigator with student research collaborator Megan Jacobs)*

“Symptoms of Mental Disorder & Components of Faith” | *Nyenbuis research grant (\$7,088) 2020 (principal investigator with student research collaborator Emma Passaglia)*

Graduate School Scholarship | *Beinecke Foundation (\$60,000) 2012-2016*

### **Selected Workshops & Seminars**

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Non-ideal Philosophy of Religion Workshop | *University of Notre Dame & Calvin University, (invited participant, fully funded - travel, lodging, etc.), 2022*

Summer Seminars in Neuroscience and Philosophy | *Duke University (selected participant, \$1,000 + fully funded - travel, lodging, etc.), 2022*

NViTA Science-Engaged Theology Conference | *University of St. Andrews (selected participant, fully funded - travel, lodging, etc.)*

Rutgers Cognitive Science of Religion Workshop | *Rutgers University, (invited participant & commentator, \$500 + fully funded - travel, lodging, etc.), 2022*

Psychopathology & Religious Experience Workshop | *University of Leeds (invited participant, funded), 2022*

- “Scientific & Theological Explanations of Mental Disorder” | *SET Foundations: science-engaged theology seminar, Loyola University (selected participant, \$4,000) 2021*
- “Self-Narrative & the Problem of Evil” | *TheoPsych: bringing theology to mind seminar, Fuller Theological Seminary (selected participant, \$2,000) 2020*
- "Trapped in Your Own Story: Self-narrative reconsidered." | *Logos workshop, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame. (selected participant, fully funded) 2020 (rescheduled for 2021)*
- "Trapped in Your Own Story: Self-narrative reconsidered." | *Junior Workshop in Philosophy of Religion, APA Central, 2020 (invited keynote)*
- “Teaching Philosophy with Marginalized Groups” | *Philosophy as a Way of Life Workshop, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, University of Notre Dame, 2019*
- “Embodied Cognition in Religion” | *Templeton Interfaith Workshop, The Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, Jordan, (invited participant, funded) 2017*
- “Embodied Religious Experience & Disability” | *Embodied Religious Experience Workshop, Princeton University, (selected participant, funded) 2016*

### **Other Selected Presentations**

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- “A Module on Ethics and Social Implications of Computing for Introductory Engineering Computing Courses” with Brooke Odle, American Society for Engineering Education, Minneapolis, 2022
- "Mental Disorder & Psychological Stability in Christianity" Calvin Symposium on Worship, 2022
- “The Relationship Between Mental Disorder & Religion” Hope College Continuum Scholars Lecture Series, 2022
- “Empirical Work on Mental Disorder & Religious Cognition”, Invited Presentation, Hillsdale College, 2022
- "Evangelical Philosophy in an Exvangelical World" Invited Presentation, Evangelical Philosophical Society, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Conference, Chicago, 2022
- “Identity, Narrative, and Meaning-making in Mental Disorder” Invited Presentation, Center for Philosophy of Religion Reading Group, Notre Dame, 2022
- “Mental Disorder Transforms Faith” Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Incubator Conference, 2021
- "Psychiatric Disorder & Religious Transformation." Institute on Theology and Disability, Western Theological Seminary (2020, rescheduled for 2021)
- “Embodied Cognition & the Grip of Computationalism.” Alabama State University, 2021 (invited)
- “Thought Insertion in Schizophrenia”, Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry Annual Conference, San Francisco, 2019
- “Embodied Faith in Intellectual & Psychiatric Disability”, Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, Western Theological Seminary, 2019
- “Future Directions in Christian Philosophy” Panel Presentation, The Society of Christian Philosophers 40th Anniversary Conference, Calvin College, 2018

- “Delusions, Rationality, and the Self”, Women in Philosophy WIPHICA Conference, Northwestern University, 2018
- “A New Understanding of Perception and Cognitive Penetration”, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Conference, Savannah, 2018
- “A Defense of Cognitive Penetration”, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Conference, Seattle, 2017
- “Harmful Mindsets, Threats, and Biases”, Notre Dame Minorities and Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 2016
- “Religious Experience and Intellectual Disability”, Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Evangel University, 2016
- “An Improved Account of Thought Insertion”, The NCH Mind and Brain Conference, New College of the Humanities, London, United Kingdom, 2016
- “Self-Narrative and the Problem of Evil”, Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Spring Hill University, 2015
- “Self-Narrative and the Problem of Evil”, University of Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, 2015
- “Tycho Brahe and the Aesthetics of Scientific Revolution”, History of Philosophy of Science Conference, University of Ghent, Belgium, 2014
- “Tycho Brahe and the Aesthetics of Scientific Revolution”, Scientiae Conference, University of Vienna, Austria, 2014
- “Tycho Brahe and the Aesthetics of Scientific Revolution”, Society for Literature, Science and the Arts Conference, University of Notre Dame, 2013
- “A Unified Account of Thought Insertion,” Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference, Florida State University, 2013

### **Public Philosophy**

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- “Mental Disorder & Religious Cognition”, *The Reluctant Theologian podcast*, 2022
- “Mental Disorder & Religion”, *Church of the Savior*, November 2021
- “Mental Disorder Transforms Faith”, *The Analytic Christian YouTube interview*, August 2021
- "The Power of Beliefs", *Broken People blog post*, July 2021
- "Trapped in Your Own Story", *Broken People blog post*, May 2021
- "Feminism & Philosophy", *She's the Man radio interview*, March 2021
- "Hearing Different Voices", *Broken People blog post*, March 2021
- “Key Topics in Philosophy of Mind”, *HLASP organization*, 2019

### **Other Awards, Honors, & Grants**

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Theta Gamma Pi Honorary Membership, Multicultural student organization (2019)  
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Dept of Arts & Letters, Office of Digital Learning, Notre Dame (2017–2018)  
Community-Based Course Development Grant, Center for Social Concerns, Notre Dame (2017)  
Community Engagement Faculty Institute, Center for Social Concerns, Notre Dame (2017)  
Certificate in Community Engagement & Public Scholarship, Center for Social Concerns, ND (2017)  
Department Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)  
National Science Foundation Travel Grant (2014)  
Graduate School Conference Presentation Grant, Notre Dame (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)  
Graduate Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, Notre Dame (2013, 2014)  
Rivendell Graduate Student Institute selected participant, Yale (2012)  
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (2012)  
Glynn Family Honor's Program, Notre Dame (2008 – 2012)  
Dean's Fellows Honor Society, Notre Dame (2008 – 2012)

## **Teaching Experience**

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*Courses taught at Hope College:* Philosophy of Mind (2x); Senior Capstone Seminar: Philosophy of Mind and Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Ability, Race, and Gender; Philosophy of Disorder & Disability; Applied Ethics (3x); Aesthetic Understanding; Self, Narrative, & Reality (7x)

*Directed Research & Reading at Hope College:* Mental Disorder & Religion (5x), Suffering, Trauma, & Religion

*Courses taught at the University of Notre Dame:* Religion, Identity, and Social Justice (*community-engaged course*); Ethics & Personhood; Moreau First Year Seminar (2x); God & the Good Life (TA); Introduction to Philosophy (Head TA); Medical Ethics (TA)

*Outreach Teaching:* Applied Ethics & Mental Health (*Hope-Western Prison Education Program, upcoming*); Introduction to Philosophy (*Calvin Prison Initiative*); Applied Ethics (*Westville Prison Education Initiative*); Philosophy, Ethics, & Identity (*South Bend Center for the Homeless*)

## **Selected Service & Other Professional Activities**

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Reviewer, SET Foundations Workshop (2022)  
Innovation Foundations Workshop, Office of Possibilities, Hope College (2022)  
Faculty Research Project Mentor, 11 students, Hope College (2020, 2021, 2022)  
Virtual Reality interest group, Office of Possibilities, Hope College (2021 – present)  
Reviewer, American Philosophical Association Journal, (2021)  
General Education Council, Cultural Heritage representative (2020 – present)  
Culture & Inclusion Initiative, department representative (2020 – present)  
Student-Faculty Judicial board member (2020 – 2021)  
Reviewer, The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, (2020)  
Presenter, "How to Think" Panel Response, Faculty & Staff Retreat, Hope College (2020)  
General Education Council member (2019 – present)  
Philosophy Club, faculty leader (2019 – present)  
Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid member (2019 – 2020)  
Co-Organizer of Templeton Christian Women in Philosophy Workshop (2018)  
Commenter, The Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Calvin College (2018)  
Community Engagement Faculty Institute, Center for Social Concerns, Notre Dame (2017)  
Graduate Student Mentor, Notre Dame (2016, 2017)  
Commenter, Notre Dame/Northwestern Epistemology Conference, Notre Dame (2013, 2015)  
Graduate Assistant, Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion (2013 – 2014)  
Climate Committee member, Notre Dame (2013 – 2014)  
Referee, Notre Dame/Northwestern Epistemology Conference (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)  
Graduate Student Recruitment Organizer, Notre Dame Philosophy Department (2013)  
Research Assistant, Katherine Brading, Digital Visualization Project, Notre Dame (2011 – 2013)