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Employment

Current Associate Professor of Philosophy, Hope College
Visiting Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh

Instructor of Record, Hope-WTS Prison Program
Instructor of Record, Calvin Prison Initiative
Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Notre Dame
Instructor of Record, Westville Prison Education Initiative
Instructor of Record, University of Notre Dame
Graduate Assistant, Center for Philosophy of Religion

Education

University of Notre Dame, Ph.D., Philosophy
Dissertation: *Perception, Cognition, and Prediction*
Committee: Ted Warfield, Jeff Speaks, Robert Audi, Larry Shapiro

University of Notre Dame, B.A. Philosophy & Theology, *Summa Cum Laude*

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind & Cognitive Science, Bioethics

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

Publications (published, forthcoming)

- Finley, K. Pérez-Gay Juarez, F. (forthcoming) “Neuroscience of narrative and perspective-taking: stigma towards those experiencing psychosis” De Brigard, F., & Sinnott-Armstrong, W. (Eds.) *Neuroscience & Philosophy*. MIT Press.
- Finley, K. (forthcoming) “The over-medicalization of mental disorder, suffering, & meaning-making” Loughheed, Kirk (Ed.) *Faith and Meaning-Making: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Finley, K. (2025). “Embodied Cognition and the Grip of Computational Metaphors.” *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy*, 12(5).
- Finley, K. (2024) “Models of Psychopathology & Religion: suffering, psychosis, and neurodiversity” *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*, 31(3), 261-264.
- Finley, K. (2024) “Potential Iatrogenic Effects of Returning Individual Research Results from Digital Phenotyping in Psychiatry”, *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 24(2), 110-112.
- Finley, K., Odle, B., Longfield, V., & Serrao, R. (2024) “The Ethical and Social Dimensions of Computing in Engineering”. In *Bias & Machine Learning*. McGraw-Hill.

- Finley, K. (2023). "Narrative & Spiritual Meaning-making in Mental Disorder". *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*.
- Finley, K. (2022). "Mental Disorder, Meaning-making, & Religious Engagement". *TheoLogica*.
- Finley, K. (2022). "A Defense of Cognitive Penetration & the Face-Race Lightness Illusion". *Philosophical Psychology*.
- Finley, K. (2022). "Adoption, Abortion, & Integrity: The Demands of Integrity for Opponents of Abortion". In *Pregnancy and Persons*. Routledge.
- Finley, K. & Brooke, O. (2022) "A Module on Ethics and Social Implications of Computing for Introductory Engineering Computing Courses". *American Society for Engineering Education*.
- 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). Review of "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.

Publications (under review, in progress)

- "Agency & Attention in Addiction" *with Samantha Fede (under review)*
- "Examining Mad Pride: Well-being, madness, & hermeneutic injustice" *(under review)*
- "Madness as strategy or dysfunction: adaptation, well-being, and clinical implications" *(invited, under review)*
- "Mental Disorder, Faith, & Flourishing in Religious Communities" *Theologica (invited, in preparation)*
- "Other Minds, Other Bodies: Validation of a self-reported narrative embodiment questionnaire" *with Durkee, E., Matthews, L., Pérez Gay Juárez, F. (in preparation)*
- "Memory metaphors, mnemonic humility, and neurodiversity: illuminating conceptions and experiences of recollection" *with Marina Trakas (in preparation)*
- "AI and Self-knowledge" *(in preparation)*
- "Inter-religious Differences in Religious Scrupulosity: Religious Obsessions & Compulsions in Christianity, Islam, & Judaism" *with Erin Moran (in preparation)*
- "Metaphors for the Mind: Reshaping experiences of psychopathology & suffering"
- "Mnemonic Injustice: How Social Embeddedness Shapes Moral Memory"

Selected Grants

- "The Philosophy and Neuroscience of Agency: Beliefs about the brain, neurofeedback interventions, and emotional control" | *Baylor University, Illuminating Theological Inquiry and Christian Ethics Through Training in*

Psychological Science Cross-training grant (\$103,257.64) 2025 with Samantha Fede (Social Cognition and Affective/Moral Processing Imaging Research Lab)

“Hope College Humanities AI Research Center: artificial intelligence reshaping information in medicine”
| *NEH Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence (pending/ under review, \$567,822) 2024-2026 (PI) with Zachary Adams, Heidi Kraus, Roger Baumann, Annie Dandavati, Erika Frost, Michael DeNotto, Victoria Longfield, Thomas Sura*

“Accounts of psychopathology and addiction: neurofeedback interventions & philosophical implications”
| *Baylor University, Illuminating Theological Inquiry and Christian Ethics Through Training in Psychological Science Cross-training grant (~\$31,000) 2024-2025 with Samantha Fede (Social Cognition and Affective/Moral Processing Imaging Research Lab)*

"OCD & Religious Scrupulosity in Abrahamic Religions" | *Nyenhuis research grant (\$9,700) 2024 (PI) with student research collaborator Erin Moran*

“Prosocial & Emotional Effects of Narratives: The Role of Perspective-taking Brain Networks in stigma towards those experiencing psychosis" | *Duke University, (\$26,684) 2022-2023 (co-PI) with Fernanda Pérez Gay Juárez, Samantha Fede, Rodrigo Díaz, and Laura Matthews*

“Group Membership Modulation of Memory and Judgments for Morally Ambiguous Actions" | *Duke University, (\$26,860) 2022-2023 (PI) with Ryan Daley, Marina Trakas, and Laura Soter*

“Mental Disorder, Religious Engagement, & Emotional Stability” | *University of St. Andrews, New Visions in Theological Anthropology, (\$26,209) 2022-2023 (PI)*

"OCD & Religious Scrupulosity in Abrahamic Religions” | *Nyenhuis research grant (\$4,900) 2023 (PI) with student research collaborator Erin Moran*

“Narratives of Mental Disorders in Religious Communities” | *Global Health Interdisciplinary summer research (\$14,600) 2022 (PI) with Stephanie Pangborn*

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

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

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

"Mental Disorder & Psychological Stability in Christianity” | *Nyenhuis research grant (\$4,900) 2022 (PI) 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 (PI)*

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

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

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

Selected Fellowships, Workshops, & Seminars

- Visiting Faculty Fellow | *University of Pittsburgh, Center for Philosophy of Science*, 2025
- Psychology Cross-training Fellowship | *Baylor University (fully funded)*, 2023-2024
- Faith & Chronic Illness Workshop | *Western Theological Seminary*, 2023
- Anthropology Cross-training Workshop | *Yale University (fully funded)*, 2023
- Mental Health & Faith Workshop | *University of Notre Dame (invited participant, fully funded)*, 2022
- Non-ideal Philosophy of Religion Workshop | *University of Notre Dame & Calvin University, (invited participant, fully funded)*, 2022
- Beyond the Ivory Tower Public Writing Workshop | *Northeastern University, New York Times, (selected participant, funded)* 2022
- Summer Seminars in Neuroscience and Philosophy | *Duke University (selected participant, fully funded)*, 2022
- New Currents in Teaching Philosophy Workshop | *Council of Independent Colleges (selected participant, fully funded)*, 2022
- NViTA Science-Engaged Theology Conference | *University of St. Andrews (selected participant, fully funded)*, 2022
- Rutgers Cognitive Science of Religion Workshop | *Rutgers University, (invited participant & commentator, fully funded)*, 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, fully funded)* 2016

Other Selected Presentations

- Title TBD (invited), *International Academy for Bioethical Inquiry Symposium, St. Louis University*, upcoming 2026

Title TBD, *Center for Philosophy of Science Lunchtime Talk, University of Pittsburgh*, upcoming 2025

Biogenetic Explanations of Mental Disorder & Mechanistic Metaphors, (invited), *International Academy for Bioethical Inquiry Symposium, St. Louis University*, 2025

AI & Self-knowledge, *AI, Consciousness, & Culture, Calvin University*, 2025

Attention Biases & Agency in Addiction with Samantha Fede, *Society for Philosophy and Neuroscience*, 2025

The Power of Metaphor: shaping understanding of the mind and mental disorder, *The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, 2025

Between Over-Spiritualization and Over-Medicalization: Combatting hermeneutic injustice and marginalization through investigating conceptual frameworks for mental disorder in religious communities, *The Conference on Medicine and Religion*, 2025

“My Brain Made Me Do It”: insights on agency & psychopathology from neuroscience & philosophy, with Samantha Fede (invited), *Medical and Health Humanities Speaker Series, Auburn University*, upcoming 2025

Philosophy of Mental Health and Illness Plenary Session, (invited presenter), *APA Central 2025*, 2025

Attention Biases & Agency in Addiction, with Samantha Fede, *Baylor University, Illuminating Theology with Psychological Science Workshop*, 2025

The Emotional Prosperity Gospel: Christianity, Psychopathology, and Mad Pride, (invited), *Symposium of the International Network for Theology, Mental Health, and Dementia, Duke University*, 2024

Panel on: Future Directions for Experimental Philosophy of Religion, (invited) *Launching Experimental Philosophy of Religion Capstone Conference*, 2024

Narratives of psychosis, perspective-taking, & empathy: neural mechanisms, psychological processes, and philosophical implications with Fernanda Pérez-Gay Juárez, (invited) *Summer Seminars in Neuroscience & Philosophy, Duke University*, 2024

"Hermeneutic Injustice, Metaphors & Meaning-making in Psychopathology", *Conference on Medicine & Religion*, 2024

“Panel on: Psychopathology and religious experience: both-and approaches” (invited) *European Academy of Religion Annual Conference*, 2024

“The influence of racial group membership on moral memory and judgment”, *Society for Personality & Social Psychology Annual Conference, San Diego*, 2024

“Over-medicalizing & Over-spiritualizing Views of Mental Disorder: conceptual frameworks, practical effects, and ways forward”, (invited) *Medicine, Spirituality, & Religion Program, Yale University*, 2023

“Beyond the 'Broken Brain': cross-cultural & religious models of madness” *Invited Presentation, Medical Humanities Workshop, Stanford University*, 2023

“The over-medicalization of mental disorder, suffering, & meaning-making”, *Faith & Meaning-making Workshop, LCC International University, Lithuania*, 2023

“Mad Pride & Religion”, *Mental Health & Faith Workshop, University of Notre Dame*, 2023

“Empirical Work on Mental Disorder & Religious Cognition”, *Invited Presentation, Calvin University*, 2022

- "Meaning-making & Supernatural Etiologies of Mental Disorder", *Hope College & Western Theological Seminary Theology Seminar*, 2022
- "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." *Guest Lecture, Alabama State University*, 2021
- "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

“Religious Belief, Meaning, and Mental Health”, *National Alliance on Mental Illness annual conference, Michigan branch, 2023 (with student researcher, Erin Moran)*

“Light in the Darkness: Discipleship and Witness for Christians with Chronic Mental Illness”, *Faith & Chronic Illness Initiative, 2023*

Development and Expansion of FaithNet presentation materials, *National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2023*

“Mental Disorder & Religious Community”, *Hope Church presentation, 2022*

“Mental Disorder & Religious Identity”, *Hope Church presentation, 2022*

“Christian Over-spiritualization of Mental Disorders”, *Christian Scholar's Review blog post, 2022*

“Interfaith Perspectives on Mental Disorder”, *National Alliance on Mental Illness annual conference, Michigan branch, 2022*

“Mental Disorder & Religious Cognition”, *The Reluctant Theologian podcast interview, 2022*

“Mental Disorder & Religion”, *Church of the Savior presentation, 2021*

“Mental Disorder Transforms Faith”, *The Analytic Christian YouTube interview, 2021*

"The Power of Beliefs", *Broken People blog post, 2021*

“Research on Mental Disorder & Religion”, *National Alliance on Mental Illness Board Meeting presentation, 2021*

"Trapped in Your Own Story", *Broken People blog post, 2021*

"Feminism & Philosophy", *She's the Man radio interview, 2021*

"Hearing Different Voices", *Broken People blog post, 2021*

“Key Topics in Philosophy of Mind”, *Hope Academy of Senior Professionals presentation, 2019*

Other Awards, Honors, & Grants

Faith Leader Award Nominee, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Michigan (2022)

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)
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 Honors Program, Notre Dame (2008 – 2012)
Dean's Fellows Honor Society, Notre Dame (2008 – 2012)

Teaching Experience

Courses taught at Hope College: Philosophy of Mind; Applied Ethics; Introduction to Ethics; Philosophical Problems; Minds, Intelligences, & Machines; Self, Narrative, & Reality; Philosophy Capstone: philosophy of mind & philosophy of religion; Philosophy of Ability, Race, and Gender; Philosophy of Disorder & Disability; Aesthetic Understanding; Independent Study; Directed Research

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

Outreach Teaching: Applied Ethics (*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

Council Member, Global Health Program, Hope College (2023 – present)
Member, Academic Computing Committee, Hope College (2023 – present)
Faculty Consultant, Hope Advocates for Invisible Conditions (2023 – present)
Volunteer, National Alliance on Mental Illness, West Michigan (2021 – present)
Faculty Leader, Innovation with Virtual Reality working group (2021 – present)
Volunteer, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Kent County (2019 – present)
Faculty Leader, Philosophy Club, (2019 – 2022)
Member, General Education Council (2020 – 2022)
Department Representative, Culture & Inclusion Initiative (2020 – 2022)
Member, Student-Faculty Judicial Board (2020 – 2021)
Presenter, "How to Think" Panel Response, Faculty & Staff Retreat, Hope College (2020)
Member, Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid (2019 – 2020)
Leader & Mentor, Youth Ministry Organizations (church-based, Young life, etc.) (2012-2018)
Co-Organizer, 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)
Member, Climate Committee, Notre Dame (2013 – 2014)
Referee, Notre Dame/Northwestern Epistemology Conference (2013 - 2017)
Graduate Student Recruitment Organizer, Notre Dame Philosophy Department (2013)
Research Assistant, Katherine Brading, Digital Visualization Project, Notre Dame (2011 – 2013)