

# TAYLOR W. CYR

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Action (esp. Free Will), Ethics, Metaphysics

### AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Mind, History of Philosophy, Logic

### EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, **Samford University**, 2019-present

Lecturer, **Washington University in St. Louis**, 2018-2019

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, **University of California, Riverside**, 2018

M.A. in Philosophy, **Florida State University**, 2013

B.A. in Philosophy, **Florida State University**, 2010, *Summa Cum Laude*

B.A. in Religion, **Florida State University**, 2010, *Summa Cum Laude*

### ARTICLES

18. "Semicompatibilism and Moral Responsibility for Actions and Omissions: In Defense of Symmetrical Requirements," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming.
17. "Atemporalism and Dependence," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, forthcoming.
16. "Timelessness and Freedom," *Synthese*, forthcoming.
15. "Freedom, Foreknowledge, and Dependence: A Dialectical Intervention" (with Andrew Law), *American Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming.
14. "Manipulation and Constitutive Luck," *Philosophical Studies*, 177 (8), 2020: 2381-2394.
13. "Manipulation Arguments and Libertarian Accounts of Free Will," *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 6 (1), 2020: 57-73.
12. "Why Compatibilists Must Be Internalists," *Journal of Ethics* 23 (4), 2019: 473-484.
11. "Moral Responsibility, Luck, and Compatibilism," *Erkenntnis* 84 (1), 2019: 193-214.
10. "Moral Responsibility without General Ability" (with Philip Swenson), *Philosophical Quarterly* 69 (1), 2019: 22-40.
9. "Carving a Life from Legacy: Free Will and Manipulation in Greg Egan's 'Reasons to Be Cheerful'," *Journal of Science Fiction and Philosophy* 1, 2018: 1-15.

8. "Free Will, Grace, and Anti-Pelagianism" (with Matthew T. Flummer), *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 83 (2), 2018: 183-199.
7. "Is Semicompatibilism Unstable?" *Disputatio* 9 (45), 2017: 245-264.
6. "Semicompatibilism: No Ability to Do Otherwise Required," *Philosophical Explorations* 20 (3), 2017: 308-321.
5. "Moral Responsibility for Actions and Omissions: A New Challenge to the Asymmetry Thesis," *Philosophical Studies* 174 (12), 2017: 3153-3161.
4. "Death's Badness and Time-Relativity: A Reply to Purves," *Journal of Ethics* 20 (4), 2016: 435-444.
3. "A Puzzle About Death's Badness: Can Death Be Bad for the Paradise-Bound?" *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 80 (2), 2016: 145-162.
2. "The Parallel Manipulation Argument," *Ethics* 126 (4), 2016: 1075-1089.
1. "Rationally Not Caring About Torture: A Reply to Johansson," *Journal of Ethics* 18 (4), 2014: 331-339.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

4. "Compatibilists about Moral Responsibility and (Natural) Determinism Should Be Compatibilists about Moral Responsibility and Theological Determinism," in Leigh Vicens and Peter Furlong (eds.), *New Essays on Theological Determinism*. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
3. "Election and Human Agency" (with Leigh Vicens), in Edwin Chr. Van Driel (ed.), *T&T Clark Companion to Election*. T&T Clark, forthcoming.
2. "Prenatal and Posthumous Nonexistence: Lucretius on the Harmlessness of Death," in Erin Dolgoy, Kimberly Hurd Hale, and Bruce Peabody (eds.), *Political Philosophies of Aging, Dying, and Death*. Routledge, forthcoming.
1. "How Does Death Harm the Deceased?" In John K. Davis (ed.), *Ethics at the End of Life: New Issues and Arguments*. Routledge, 2017: 29-46.

## BOOK REVIEWS

2. Review of *Manipulated Agents: A Window to Moral Responsibility*, by Alfred R. Mele, *Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming.
1. Review of *Causation and Free Will*, by Carolina Sartorio, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 15, 2018: 475-478.

## POPULAR PHILOSOPHY

3. "Time Travel and Causal Loops in Dark," andphilosophy.com (The Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series), 2020.
2. "Manipulation and Moral Responsibility," *1000-Word Philosophy*, 2019.
1. "Time Travel," *1000-Word Philosophy*, 2018. [Italian translation published by *L'Indiscreto*, 2019.]

## PRESENTATIONS

- "Is Free Will Compatible with Divine Omniscience?"
  - Interview on Crash Course Apologetics (YouTube Channel), Jul. 2020
- "Dependence and the Freedom to Do Otherwise"
  - Fischer Legacy Agency Workshop, Oct. 2019

“The Inescapability of Moral Luck”

- Blog Post at PEASoup.us, Oct. 2019
- Alabama Philosophical Society, Sep. 2019

“Moral Responsibility without General Ability” (with Philip Swenson)

- American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Jan. 2019

“Time Travel and Determinism” (with Andrew Law and Jonah Nagashima)

- Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, May 2018

“Manipulation and Constitutive Luck”

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster Sessions), Aug. 2017
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Apr. 2017

“Freedom, Foreknowledge and Dependence: A Dialectical Intervention” (with Andrew Law)

- Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Regional Meeting, Apr. 2017

“Is Semicompatibilism Unstable?”

- II Blasco Disputatio: Does Free Will Require Alternative Possibilities?, University of Valencia, Sep. 2016

“Semicompatibilism: No Ability to Do Otherwise Required”

- Free Will and Consciousness Summer School, Moscow Center for Consciousness Studies, Riga, Latvia, Jul. 2016
- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Mar. 2016

“Taking Hobart Seriously”

- SoCal Philosophy Conference, Oct. 2015
- Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference, Florida State University, Sep. 2015
- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Poster Sessions), Aug. 2015

“Death’s Badness and Time-Relativity: A Reply to Purves”

- The Immorality Project’s Younger Scholars Workshop, May 2015

“Rationally Not Caring About Torture: A Reply to Johansson”

- International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying, Nov. 2014

“Moral Responsibility, Luck, and Compatibilism”

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Mar. 2013
- Florida Philosophical Association, Nov. 2012
- Alabama Philosophical Society, Oct. 2012

## COMMENTARIES

“Reply to Ryan Cummings and Adina Roskies’s ‘Frankfurt, Free Will, and the Problem of Self-Control’”

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Mar. 2018

“Reply to Duncan Purves’s ‘Desire Satisfaction, Death, and Time’”

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Aug. 2017

“Reply to Phil Robichaud and Jan Willem Wieland’s ‘Blame Transfer’”

- Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Aug. 2015

“Reply to Tyler Paytas’s ‘I’m Sorry I Cared: The Relationship between Agency and Apology’”

- Florida State University Graduate Philosophy Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Sep. 2012

## INTENSIVE SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

Free Will and Consciousness Summer School, Moscow Center for Consciousness Studies, Riga, Latvia, Jul. 2016

The Immorality Project's Younger Scholars Workshop, University of California, Riverside, May 2015

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Samford University

*January Term 2021*

- Introduction to Philosophy (online)

*Fall 2020*

- History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (independent study)
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Cultural Perspectives I (two sections)

*Spring 2020* (second half online due to coronavirus)

- Metaphysics
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Cultural Perspectives II

*Fall 2019*

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Cultural Perspectives I (two sections)

Washington University in St. Louis

*Spring 2019*

- Biomedical Ethics
- Introduction to Environmental Ethics
- Present Moral Problems

*Fall 2018*

- Introduction to Environmental Ethics (two sections)
- Present Moral Problems

University of California, Riverside

*Summer 2017*

- Introduction to Logic

*Summer 2015*

- Mortal Questions

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Departmental Teaching Excellence Award, Philosophy Department, University of California, Riverside, 2016-2017

Travel Award, The John Templeton Foundation, Manipulation and Moral Responsibility in Ethics and Philosophy of Religion Conference, University of Edinburgh, Jul. 2016

Distinguished Chancellor's Fellowship, University of California, Riverside, 2013-2014

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Alabama Philosophical Society

International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying

Society for the Philosophy of Agency

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

### Book Referee

- 2020: Oxford University Press, Routledge

### Journal Referee

- 2020: *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophia Christi*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Topoi*
- 2019: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Topoi*
- 2018: *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Ethics*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*
- 2017: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Journal of Science Fiction and Philosophy*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*
- 2016: *Dialectica*, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ratio*, *Synthese*
- 2015: *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophia*

Editor, PhilPapers.org's "Topics in Free Will" Category, 2018-present

Director of Social Media, International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying, 2019-2020

Conference Referee, Second Annual UCR Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 2018; Inaugural UCR Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 2017; Florida State University Graduate Philosophy Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, 2012

Conference Session Chair, Washington University Workshop in Ethics, Oct. 2018; Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Aug. 2017; UCR Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, June 2017; Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Regional Meeting, Apr. 2017; Manipulation and Moral Responsibility in Ethics and Philosophy of Religion Conference, University of Edinburgh, Jul. 2016; American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Apr. 2014

Conference Co-Organizer, Second Annual UCR Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 2018; Inaugural UCR Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 2017

Workshop Coordinator, Agency Workshop, University of California, Riverside, 2015-2017

High School Ethics Bowl Judge, Cal Poly Pomona, Jan. 2016

Chair, Program Committee, Florida State University Graduate Philosophy Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility, Sep. 2012

## SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Faculty-Led Cadre, "Does Science Support Naturalism or Theism?" Spring 2020

Discussion on "Time Travel" with 2019-2020 Howard Scholars, Samford University, Sep. 2019

Student Advisor for First-Years and Juniors, Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis, 2018-2019

Committee Member, First Generation Program, University of California, Riverside, 2017-2018

Graduate Student Representative, Philosophy Department, University of California, Riverside, 2016-2018

Graduate Student Representative, Highlander Day (for Prospective Students), University of California, Riverside, Apr. 2016

Committee Member, Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Programs, University of California, Riverside, 2015-2017

## REFERENCES

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