

**EDUCATION**

PhD Philosophy                      University of Birmingham, England—2018  
MA Philosophy                      Biola University, California—2014 (*Magna Cum Laude*)  
BA History                          University of Washington, Seattle—2007

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATION**

Neo-Thomistichylomorphism applied to mental causation and neural correlates of consciousness

Examiners: Anna Marmodoro (Durham University/University of Oxford); Henry Taylor (University of Birmingham)

Supervisors: Nikk Effingham; Jussi Suikkanen

**CAREER**

Gonzaga University      Elizabeth R. Koch Research Fellow for Tiny Blue Dot Consciousness Studies  
Spokane, WA              Lead Advisor of Neuroscience (external): Christof Koch  
July 2018-                  Co-Advisor of Philosophy (internal): Brian Clayton

Heritage University      Adjunct Faculty, Humanities Department  
Toppenish, WA  
Aug. 2015-May 2018

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Mind  
Metaphysics of Mind  
Philosophy of Neuroscience

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Philosophy of Science  
Philosophy of Religion  
Analytic Theology

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

Owen (forthcoming). ‘Exploring Common Ground Between the Integrated Information Theory of Consciousness and Aristotelian Metaphysics.’ *Journal of Consciousness Studies*.

Owen (2018). ‘Aristotelian Causation and Neural Correlates of Consciousness.’ *Topoi: An International Review of Philosophy*.

Owen (2018). 'Neural Correlates of Consciousness & the Nature of the Mind.' In Mihretu Guta (ed.), *Consciousness & the Ontology of Properties* (Routledge).

Owen (2015). 'Physicalism's Epistemological Incompatibility With A Priori Knowledge.' *Teorema: International Journal of Philosophy*, XXXIV/3.

#### *Works In-Progress*

Owen. 'Circumnavigating the Causal Pairing Problem via Hylomorphism and the Integrated Information Theory of Consciousness.' Under peer-review for *Synthese*.

Owen & Dunne. 'The Son of God & Trinitarian Identity Statements.' Under peer-review for *TheoLogica*.

Owen & Sanders (editors). *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*. Special issue due December 2018.

#### **POPULAR PUBLICATIONS**

'Dusting Off Dualism?' Blog of the American Philosophical Association. Forthcoming.

'Does Neuroscience Say Madonna is a Material Girl?' Blog of the American Philosophical Association. Nov. 8 2017.

'Dropping Wisdom.' *SBC: Skier Magazine*. SBCSkier.com. Mar. 4 2015.

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

'The sufficiency of neural mechanisms of consciousness'

Forthcoming at Consciousness Research Network 2019 Annual Meeting. Okazaki, Japan. Jan. 23-25 2019.

'The Integrated Information Theory of Consciousness & Hylomorphism: Exploring Common Ground.' Research paper.

Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference. Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland. June 27 2018.

Northwest Philosophy Conference 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Bellevue College: Nov. 19 2018.

'Neuroplasticity & consciousness of neural correlates.' Research poster.

NeuroFutures 2016 Conference: Circuit Structure & Dynamics. Allen Institute for Brain Science, Seattle: June 20, 2016. Hosts institutions: Allen Institute, University of Washington, University of British Columbia, Oregon Health Sciences University, Northwest Neuroscience Network.

'A Hylomorphic Solution to the Causal Pairing Problem.' Research paper.

Society of Christian Philosophers - Pacific Meeting. Biola University: Apr. 1 2017.

68<sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference. Gonzaga University: Oct. 15 2016.

‘The Causal Pairing Problem & Hylomorphism’s Simple Solution.’ Research paper.

67<sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference. North Idaho College: Oct. 10 2015. Research paper.

‘A Reply to Kim’s Causal Argument.’ Research paper.

SoCal Philosophy Conference. San Diego State University: Oct. 19 2013.

‘Physicalism’s Epistemological Incompatibility with A Priori Knowledge.’ Research paper.

65<sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference. Pacific University: Oct. 5 2013.

Embodied Reason – Philosophy Conference. California Baptist University: Apr. 12 2014.

‘The Trinity & the Meaning of *Is*’ Research paper.

66<sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference. Central Washington University: Nov. 8 2014.

Embodied Reason Philosophy Conference. California Baptist University: Apr. 12 2014.

Davenant Institute Convivium Irenicum West: Aug. 18 2017.

‘Environmental Ethics & Theism.’ Research paper.

The Fifth International Conference on Contemporary Philosophy of Religion. University of Tehran, Iran: Jan. 24-25 2017. Presentation cancelled for personal reasons. Abstract published here: [philorconf.org/2017/](http://philorconf.org/2017/).

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

‘The Integrated Information Theory of Consciousness & Hylomorphism.’ Tiny Blue Dot Meeting at the Medical University of South Carolina. April 6 2018.

‘Neuroscience and the Human Mind.’ New Saint Andrews College. May 3 2017.

‘Normative systems of ethics.’ Heritage University Ethics Bowl team meeting. February 2017.

‘An Analytic Remix of C.S. Lewis’s Argument From Reason.’ Talbot Philosophical Society Orientation. Biola University: Aug. 26 2014.

## **SUMMER SCHOOLS & WORKSHOPS**

Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies. Advanced Course: *Consciousness: From Theory to Practice*. Coordinator: Giulio Tononi. Island of San Servolo, Venice, Italy. June 30 – July 7 2018. My participation was graciously funded by the Tiny Blue Dot Foundation.

University of Oxford: Power Structuralism Project. *(Neo-)Aristotelian approaches to the metaphysics of the mind Summer School & Conference*. Director: Dr. Anna Marmodoro. Naples, Italy: Sept. 26 – Oct. 2 2016.

*Teaching With Learning in Mind: Practical Strategies for Increasing Student Success in Hispanic Serving Institutions*. Yakima Valley College, Yakima, WA: July 14 2017. Participation funded by ESCALA Educational Services.

## **COURSES DEVELOPED & TAUGHT**

Philosophy 210: Logic & Critical Thinking – Heritage University

Fall 2015 – two classes

Spring 2016 – one class

Fall 2016 – two classes

Spring 2017 – two classes

Fall 2017 – two classes

Spring 2018 – two classes

Environmental Science 440: Environmental Ethics – Heritage University

Spring 2016 – one class

## **ADMINISTRATION & ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Compensation committee. Heritage University. Fall 2016-Spring 2018.

Assistant Organizer. The Fifth Annual California Metaphysics Conference, on Parthood. University of Southern California: Jan. 15-16 2016.

Assistant Organizer. The Fourth Annual California Metaphysics Conference, on the Relationship Between Logic and Metaphysics. University of Southern California: Jan. 24 2015.

Session chair. Colloquium: Philosophy of Religion. American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Eighty-Ninth Annual Meeting. Vancouver, British Columbia: Apr. 4 2015.

Session chair. Topic: analytic theology. Society of Christian Philosophers – Pacific Meeting. Biola University: Mar. 31 2017.

Session chair. The Fifth Annual California Metaphysics Conference. University of Southern California: Jan. 16 2016.

Session chair. The Fourth Annual California Metaphysics Conference. University of Southern California: Jan. 24 2015.

Session chair. 65<sup>th</sup> Northwest Philosophy Conference. Pacific University: Oct. 5 2013.

Session host. 3<sup>rd</sup> Center for Christian Thought Conference: Psychology and Spiritual Formation. Biola University: May 9 2014.

Session host. Center for Christian Thought Conference: Psychology and Spiritual Formation. Biola University: May 9 2014.

Panel participant. Talbot Philosophical Society Orientation. Biola University: Aug 26 2014.

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Track and Field Assistant Coach—Biola University, Fall 2008-Spring 2010. Description: Guided training & competition of student-athletes. Taught race strategy, training principles, technique, and life skills. Motivated, mentored, and recruited student-athletes.

Track & Field Student-Athlete—University of Washington, Fall 2002-Spring 2007. Member of the Student-Athlete Leadership Team for Athletes In Action (2006-2007).

## **ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, Member (since 2016)

American Philosophical Association, Member (since 2013)

Society of Christian Philosophers, Member (since 2016)

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Christof Koch  
President & Chief Scientist  
*Allen Institute for Brain Science*

Dr. Anna Marmodoro  
Chair of Metaphysics  
*University of Durham*  
Research Fellow  
*University of Oxford*

Dr. Blake Slonecker  
Chair of Humanities  
*Heritage University*