

**EDUCATION**

PhD Philosophy                      University of Birmingham, England—2018  
MA Philosophy                      Biola University, California—2014 (*Magna Cum Laude*)  
MA Apologetics                      Biola University, California—2011 (*Cum Laude*)  
BA History                              University of Washington, Seattle—2007

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATION**

Neo-Thomistic hylomorphism 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  
2018-                          Co-Advisor of Philosophy (internal): Brian Clayton

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

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Mind  
Metaphysics of Mind

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Philosophy of Neuroscience  
Philosophy of Religion  
Analytic Theology

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

Owen, M. (2015) ‘Physicalism’s Epistemological Incompatibility With A Priori Knowledge.’  
*Teorema: International Journal of Philosophy*, XXXIV/3, 123-139.

Owen, M. (2018) ‘Neural Correlates of Consciousness & the Nature of the Mind.’ In Mihretu Guta (ed.), *Consciousness & the Ontology of Properties* (New York, NY: Routledge).

## *Works In-Progress*

‘Aristotelian Causation & Neural Correlates of Consciousness.’

Guest editor with Fred Sanders. *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*. Special forthcoming issue on the topic of the Son of God.

## **POPULAR PUBLICATIONS**

‘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 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.

‘Neuroplasticity & consciousness of neural correlates.’ Research poster.

*NeuroFutures 2016: 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.

‘Neural Correlates of Consciousness & the Conscious Mind.’ Research paper.

Northwest ETS Annual Conference. Western Seminary: Mar. 3, 2018.

‘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.

*Northwest ETS Annual Conference*. Multnomah University: Mar. 4 2017.

‘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.

*EPS Far-West Annual Conference.* Vanguard University: Apr. 19, 2013.

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

*Northwest ETS Annual Conference.* Multnomah University: Mar. 5 2016.

‘Is the Trinity Having a Leibnizian Identity Crisis?’ Research paper.

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

‘Is the Trinity Having a Leibnizian Identity Crisis? A Philosophical-Biblical-Theological Reply to Tuggy.’ Research paper.

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

*ETS Far-West Annual Conference.* Providence Christian College: Apr. 11 2014.

‘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/).

## **ADDITIONAL 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.

‘Is the Trinity Having a Leibnizian Identity Crisis?’ Horizon College, Denver: Apr. 22 2014.

‘The Trinity & the Meaning of *Is*.’ Davenant Institute Convivium Irenicum West: Aug. 18 2017.

## **SUMMER SCHOOLS & WORKSHOPS**

Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies. Advance 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. My participation was 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.

Head Organizer. *Biblical Inerrancy: A Panel Discussion*. Participants: Alan Hultberg (New Testament scholar); Mark Saucy (theologian); Garry DeWeese (philosopher). Biola University: Mar. 29 2012.

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**

Apologia Intern-Director—Biola University, Fall 2011-Spring 2012. Description: Oversaw campus organization. Planned and organized special lectures on topics relevant to faith and philosophy. Mentored student director. Taught philosophy of religion.

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. Description: Represented UW as a cross-country and track student-athlete in the NCAA.

## **ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

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

American Philosophical Association, Member (since 2013)

Evangelical Philosophical Society, Member (since 2011)

Society of Christian Philosophers, Member (since 2016)

## **REFERENCES**

Dr. Nikk Effingham  
Professor of Philosophy  
*University of Birmingham*

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*