

A.G. (Anthony) Holdier

University of Arkansas
Department of Philosophy
318 Old Main
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Contact Information
Email: aholdier@uark.edu
Homepage: <https://agholdier.com>
ORCID: [0000-0002-4832-9687](https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4832-9687)

Education

Degrees Awarded or In-Progress

expected 2024	Ph.D., Public Policy , The University of Arkansas
expected 2023	Ph.D., Philosophy , The University of Arkansas
2020	M.A., Philosophy , The University of Arkansas Thesis title: " Perceptual Characterization: On Perceptual Learning and Perspectival Sedimentation " Committee: Jack Lyons, Amanda McMullen, Eric Funkhouser
2020	Grad. Cert., Sustainability , The University of Arkansas
2012	M.A., Philosophy of Religion , Denver Seminary
2009	B.A., Anthropology , Colorado State University

Research Areas

Social and Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Social Epistemology, Applied Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

Collaborative Research Projects

2021-2022	The Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project <i>Affiliated Graduate Fellow</i> University of Southern California PI: Mark Schroeder
2020-2021	The Reasoning in the Digital Age Project <i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> University of Arkansas PI: Eric Funkhouser

Publications

Refereed Articles

<i>forthcoming</i>	"Why a Storyteller Can't Change the Past: The Temporal Mechanics of <i>Arrival</i> and the Semantics/Pragmatics Divide" in <i>The Journal of Science Fiction and Philosophy</i> .
2021	"Teach Me to Do What's Right": Faith, Hope, and Love as Post-Religious Virtues" in <i>The Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory</i> 20, no. 3. Available at: https://jcr.org/archives/20.3/Holdier.pdf .
2021	"Kierkegaard's Three Spheres and Cinematic Fairy Tale Pedagogy in 'Frozen,' 'Moana,' and 'Tangled'" in <i>The Journal of Religion and Popular Culture</i> 33, no. 2: 105–119. DOI: 10.3138/jrpc.2018-0027
2020	"Is Heaven a Zoopolis?" in <i>Faith and Philosophy: Journal of the Society of Christian Philosophers</i> 37, no. 4, art. 6: 475–499. DOI: 10.37977/faithphil.2020.37.4.6
2018	"Divine Energies: The Consuming Fire and the Beatific Vision" in <i>Theologica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology</i> 2, no. 2, DOI: 10.14428/thl.v2i2.2233
2018	"On Superhero Stories: The Marvel Cinematic Universe as Tolkienesque Fantasy" in <i>Mythlore</i> 36, no. 2. Available at: https://dc.swosu.edu/mythlore/vol36/iss2/6
2016	"The Pig's Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism" in <i>The Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics</i> 29, no. 4: 631–642. DOI: 10.1007/s10806-016-9624-9

- 2015 "Meeting Mary in Myth: Pursuing Pre/Post/Modern Apologetics" in *The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 14, no. 2. Available at: <https://jcr.org/archives/14.2/index.shtml>

Edited Book Chapters

- 2020 "Dividing Lines: A Brief Taxonomy of Moral Identity" in *The Supervillain Reader*, eds. Robert Moses Peaslee and Robert G. Weiner (Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi).
- 2017 "The Agony of the Infinite: Heaven as Phenomenological Hell" in *Heaven and Philosophy*, ed. Simon Cushing (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press).
- 2016 "The Heart of the Matter: Forgiveness as an Aesthetic Process" in *The Philosophy of Forgiveness, Vol. II: New Dimensions of Forgiveness*, ed. Court D. Lewis (Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press).
- 2016 "Speciesistic Veganism: An Anthropocentric Argument" in *Critical Perspectives on Veganism and Meat Consumption*, eds. Jodey Castricano and Rasmus R. Simonsen (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan). DOI:10.1007/978-3-319-33419-6_3
- 2016 "Pursuing Pankalia: The Aesthetic Theodicy of St. Augustine" in *The Problem of Evil: New Philosophical Directions*, eds. Benjamin McCraw and Robert Arp (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press).

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2019 "Hell and Universalism" at *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology*
- 2018 "Complex Question" in *Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy*, eds. Robert Arp, Steven Barbone, and Michael Bruce (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell).
- 2018 "Chronological Snobbery" in *Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Fallacies in Western Philosophy*, eds. Robert Arp, Steven Barbone, and Michael Bruce (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell).

Selected Book Reviews

- 2021 *Experimental Games: Critique, Play, and Design in the Age of Gamification*, by Patrick Jagoda in *Metascience*.
- 2021 *Subhuman: The Moral Psychology of Human Attitudes to Animals*, by T.J. Kasperbauer in *The Journal of Moral Philosophy* 18, no. 2: 206–209.
- 2020 *Fellow Creatures: Our Obligations to Other Animals*, by Christine M. Korsgaard in *Between the Species* 23, no. 1
- 2017 *The Question of the Animal and Religion: Theoretical Stakes, Practical Implications*, by Aaron S. Gross in *Between the Species* 20, no. 1
- 2017 *Paul Ricoeur & Living Hermeneutics: Exploring Ricoeur's Contribution to Biblical Interpretation*, by Gregory J. Laughery in *Phenomenological Reviews*. DOI: 10.19079/pr.2017.3.hol
- 2015 *Seeing the Light: Exploring Ethics Through Movies*, by Wanda Teays in *Cinema: Journal of Philosophy and the Moving Image* 7. DOI: 10.34619/n8w6-r547

Research Presentations

Academic Conferences and Workshops

2022

- April "Illocuting Identity: Prayer and Pornography as Behabitive Speech Acts"
The Great Lakes Philosophy Conference | *Siena Heights University*

January	"On the Epistemic Threats of Counterfeit Memorials" The APA: Eastern Division, Main Program
2021	
October	"The Rights and Wrongs of Eating People (and Their Pets)" The Cogtweeto Workshop Series: Cogweirdo
October	"Malpractice on Human Souls: The Violence of Fake News" Co-author: Jacob Warren, jgwarren@uark.edu Concerned Philosophers for Peace 2021 Meeting <i>Pellissippi State Comm. Coll. and the Univ. of Notre Dame</i> Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award Winner: 3rd Place
October	"On Useless Wights: An Aristotelian Critique of Fake News" in the submitted panel on "The Inhumanity of Fake News" w/ J. Foster, M. Fritts, & S. Goldwasser The Sixth Public Philosophy Network Conference <i>George Mason University</i>
October	"How to Mean Things Without Words: On Performative, Signaling, and Slurring Silences" The Words Workshop <i>The University of Pittsburgh</i>
August	"On Deepfakes and Confederate Monuments: The Epistemic Threat of Counterfeit Memorials" The Fourteenth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME XIV) <i>The University of Colorado</i>
June	"Chewing on the QUD: Partisanship and the Cooperative Principle" The Words Workshop <i>The University of Pittsburgh</i>
May	"On the Epistemic Threats of Counterfeit Memorials" The NM-TX 2021 Conference <i>Baylor University</i>
May	"Christian Nationalism, QAnon, and COVID-19: On the Epistemology of Heresy" The Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Regional Conference <i>Azusa Pacific University</i>
March	"On the Epistemic Threats of Counterfeit Memorials" The UIGPS Graduate Philosophy Conference <i>The University of Iowa</i>
March	"On Useless Wights: An Aristotelian Critique of Fake News" The Cogtweeto Workshop Series <i>ok boomer: can the ancients tell us anything about today?</i>
March	"Christian Nationalism, QAnon, and COVID-19: On the Epistemology of Heresy" The 15th Gateway Graduate Conference <i>The University of Missouri, Saint Louis</i>
2020	
November	""Roll Initiative"": Make-Believe, Striving Games, and Cognitive Perspectivalism" The ASA Workshop on the Philosophy of Games <i>The University of Central Oklahoma</i> Rescheduled from April 2020 due to COVID-19
April	""Observation Reconsidered" Reconsidered: Theory-Ladeness, Epistemic Charge, and Norm-Sensitive Aliefs" The 2020 GPSC Research Colloquium <i>The University of Arkansas</i> Cancelled due to COVID-19
April	""Roll Initiative"": Make-Believe, Striving Games, and Cognitive Perspectivalism" Graduate Students in English Interdisciplinary Conference: Liminality <i>The University of Arkansas</i> Cancelled due to COVID-19
February	""Observation Reconsidered" Reconsidered: Theory-Ladeness, Epistemic Charge, and Norm-Sensitive Aliefs" The APA: Central Division Poster Presentation
February	""Teach Me to Do What's Right"": Faith, Hope, and Love as Post-Religious Virtues"

	The APA: Central Division Society for the Philosophic Study of the Contemporary Visual Arts
2019	
October	""The Sin That Dwells in Me": Theistic Ethics and Belief-Discordant Aliefs" The Fifth Annual Theistic Ethics Workshop <i>Georgetown University</i>
August	"Diathetic Justice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief" The Twelfth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME XII) <i>The University of Colorado</i>
April	"Diathetic Justice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief" The 2019 GPSC Research Colloquium <i>The University of Arkansas</i>
April	"Why a Storyteller Can't Change the Past: Contextualism, the Semantics/Pragmatics Divide, and Repetition with the Art of Time Travel Narratives" The Gettysburg College Philosophy and Film Seminar <i>Gettysburg College</i>
March	"Diathetic Justice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief" The Southern Journal of Philosophy Workshop: The Epistemology of Justice <i>The University of Memphis</i>
February	"Diathetic Justice: Factory Farms and the Ethics of Alief" The Graduate Student Philosophical Society ("Logoi") <i>The University of Arkansas</i>
2018	
April	""And Also Much Cattle": Theological Reflections of the Zoopolis" The Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture <i>Baylor University</i>
2017	
November	"He Descended into...Heaven?: Obdurationism and the Descent of Christ" The Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society
2016	
October	"Shantih Shantih Shantih: The Aporia of Solitude in <i>Children of Men</i> " The Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference <i>The Faith and Reason Institute, Gonzaga University & Whitworth University</i>
2015	
October	"The Pig's Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism" The 67th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference <i>North Idaho College</i>
August	"The Pig's Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism" The Eighth Annual Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME VIII) <i>The University of Colorado</i>
May	"Raising a Knight of Faith: Kierkegaardian Reflections on Three Cinematic Fairy Tales" The Western Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature <i>Seattle University</i>
2014	
November	"Embodied Magic: Phenomenology of Fantasy Inside Batman's Arkham Asylum" The 66th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference <i>Central Washington University</i>
April	"All Animals Are Equal: Dominion, Deontology, and De Facto Vegetarianism" The Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Pacific Regional Conference <i>Carroll College</i>
2013	
April	"Souperheroes: What Would Tolkien Think of Batman?" The Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference <i>The Faith and Reason Institute, Gonzaga University & Whitworth University</i>

Invited Presentations

2019–2021	Constructing a Syllabus TA Training Camp The Graduate Student Support Center and GPSC University of Arkansas
2019	Welcome Orientation TA Orientation Day The Graduate School and International Education University of Arkansas
2019	Writing Public Philosophy Ethics Writing Retreat The Janet Prindle Institute for Ethics DePauw University

Comments/Responses to Peers

April 2022	on "In Defense of Negativity: Why Echo Chambers Should Not Be Neutral" (Cassie Finley) Central States Philosophical Association 2022 Meeting (comment)
October 2021	on "Is Annihilationism More Severe than Eternal Conscious Torment?" (Eric Reitan) Southwestern Philosophical Society 2021 Annual Meeting (comment)
February 2021	on "Kant on Whether Plants Represent" (Tyke Nunez) APA Central Division (comment)
January 2021	on "Mono no Aware as Humane Action" (Johnathan Flowers) The Cogtweeto Workshop Series (comment)
February 2020	on "Pains as Objects of Perception" (Jesse Wilson) APA Central Division (comment)
August 2019	on "Temperance, Meat-Eating, and Virtue Ethics" (Raja Halwani) The Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals' Pre-ROME Workshop (comment)

Teaching Experience**University of Arkansas***Instructor; full teaching responsibilities, including course design*

Spring 2022	Introduction to Ethics
Fall 2021	Introduction to Philosophy
Spring 2020	Human Nature and the Meaning of Life
Spring 2020	Critical Reasoning: Discovery, Deduction, and Intellectual Self-Defense
Fall 2019	Introduction to Ethics
Summer 2019	Introduction to Ethics

Graduate Assistant; responsible for grading and weekly discussion sections

Spring 2019	Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 2018	Introduction to Philosophy

Colorado Technical University — Online*Instructor; full teaching responsibilities | Courses offered regularly every two months*

2019–2021	Contemporary Ethics in Action
2016–2021	Introduction to Ethics
2014–2016	Ethics for Professionals

Leadership and Service*Professional Service*

2022	Reviewer: <i>Lexington Press, Between the Species</i>
2021	Reviewer: <i>The Southwestern Philosophical Society, The Third Cogtweeto Workshop, The GPSC Research Colloquium</i>

Elected Service: Graduate-Professional Student Congress, University of Arkansas

2021–22	President Pro Tempore, <i>Legislative Assembly</i>
2020–21	Secretary, <i>Executive Cabinet</i>
2019–21	Member, <i>Research Council</i>
2018–20	Chair, <i>Academic and Teaching Committee</i>

Departmental Service: University of Arkansas, Philosophy

2019–20	President, <i>Graduate Student Philosophical Society ("Logoi")</i>
2018–20	GPSC Representative, <i>Graduate Student Philosophical Society ("Logoi")</i>
2018–21	Member, <i>Graduate Student Philosophical Society ("Logoi")</i>

Additional Service to the University of Arkansas

2019–21	Member, <i>Graduate Dean's Student Advisory Board, University of Arkansas</i>
2019–21	Tutor, <i>Writing Center, University of Arkansas</i>

Departmental Service: Colorado Technical University — Online

2019	Subject Matter Expert, <i>"Contemporary Ethics in Action" Development Committee</i>
2018–2021	Member, <i>General Education Assessment Committee</i>
2017	Subject Matter Expert, <i>"Introduction to Ethics" Development Committee</i>

Funding Activity

2021	Scientifically Engaged Lecture Grant The Society of Christian Philosophers		\$2000
2020–2024	Doctoral Academy Fellowship The University of Arkansas		\$48,000
2018–2020	GPSC Travel Grants (<i>multiple</i>) The GPSC University of Arkansas	Total:	\$1000
2018–2019	Graduate Travel Grants (<i>multiple</i>) The University of Arkansas	Total:	\$1200
2017	PhD Application Fee Waiver Grant The Institute for Humane Studies		\$250

Awards and Scholarships

2021	The SEC Emerging Scholars Program The Southeastern Conference
2020	The Alex Marino Service Award The Graduate-Professional Student Congress University of Arkansas
2020	Graduate Student Stipend APA Central Division Meeting The American Philosophical Association
2019–20	The Dr. Phillip S. Bashor Graduate Philosophy Scholarship Department of Philosophy University of Arkansas
2018–2020	Graduate Teaching Assistantship Department of Philosophy University of Arkansas

Community Publications

Periodicals

2018–2021	Regular contributions to The Prindle Post
-----------	---

Book Chapters

	"Should You Eat Baby Yoda?" forthcoming in <i>Star Wars and Philosophy Strikes Back</i> , eds. Jason Eberl and Kevin Decker
2022	"Sam and Dean Winchester: Übermenschen?"

- forthcoming in *Supernatural and Philosophy*, ed. Richard Greene
- 2019 "Fred Rogers and the Ethics of Care"
in *Mister Rogers and Philosophy*, eds. Eric Mohr and Holly Mohr (Peru, IL: Open Court)
- 2016 "Till This Moment I Never Knew Myself: Counterfactual Narrative Identities of a Zombie-Hunter"
in *Jane Austen and Philosophy*, ed. Mimi Marinucci (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield)
- 2016 "Where Have All the Übermenschen Gone?"
in *Superman vs. Batman and Philosophy*, ed. Nicolas Michaud (Peru, IL: Open Court)
- 2015 "I Found You in Words: The Mnemotechnics of Amy Pond"
in *Doctor Who and Philosophy: Regenerated*, eds. Paula Smithka and Court Lewis (Peru, IL: Open Court)
- 2014 "Use the Force, Luke(ifer): Augustinian Deprivation and Satan's Free Will"
in *The Devil and Philosophy*, ed. Robert Arp (Peru, IL: Open Court)
- 2014 "A T-Rex Swallowed My Pride," with Michael D. Stark
in *Jurassic Park and Philosophy*, ed. Nicolas Michaud (Peru, IL: Open Court)

Professional Affiliations

2021–2021	The Southwestern Philosophical Society
2021–2021	The Public Philosophy Network
2018–2021	The American Society for Aesthetics
2015–2021	The American Philosophical Association
2012–2021	The Society of Christian Philosophers

References

Jack Lyons

Chair of Logic and Rhetoric, Philosophy
University of Glasgow
jack.lyons@glasgow.ac.uk

E. Tucker Sechrest

Editor, The Prindle Post
The Janet Prindle Inst. for Ethics, Depauw Univ.
evansechrest@depauw.edu

Ed Minar

Department Chair, Philosophy
University of Arkansas
eminar@uark.edu

Eric Funkhouser

Professor of Philosophy
University of Arkansas
efunkho@uark.edu

Amanda McMullen

Associate Professor of Philosophy
University of Arkansas
akmcmull@uark.edu

J.D. Diloreto-Hill

Asst. Dir. for Student Government Leadership
University of Arkansas
diloreto@uark.edu

Last updated: February 2022