

Kile Jones

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Education

Degrees

Boston University, Masters of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.) student

Boston University, Masters of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)

Faith Seminary, Bachelors of Theology (B.Th.)

Certificates

Boston Theological Institute, Certificate in Science and Religion

Areas of specialisation

Science and Religion, Philosophy of Religion, History of Free thought

Areas of competence

Pre-Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science

Research projects

I am currently editing a review I have written on the VO/CTNS series. This is a seven volume series that examines the ways in which divine action may be understood in light of contemporary science. I am also working on my own philosophy of religion in the form of an article titled "An Agnostic Theology."

My previous research was in philosophy and religion, specifically philosophical theology and history of philosophy. I have written articles relating to Science and Religion, Philosophy of Religion, Causal Closure, and David Hume.

Publications

"Falsifiability and Traction in Theories of Divine Action," accepted for publication in *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, forthcoming

"An Agnostic Theology," The Secular Web, located at:
http://www.infidels.org/library/modern/kile_jones/agnostic-theology.html

"Analytic and Continental Philosophy: Explaining the Differences," *Philosophy Now*, issue 74 (July-August 2009)

"Agnosticism and Theology: Compatible or Conflicting?" Proceedings of the *Conference of the International Journal of Arts and Sciences* (ISSN 1943-6114)

"The Causal Closure of Physics: An Explanation and Critique," *World Futures*, vol. 64, number 3, 2008, pp. 179-186

Book Reviews

Victor J. Stenger's *The New Atheism: Taking a Stand for Science and Reason* (Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books, 2009), *Australian Ejournal of Theology*, issue 15, April 2010

Conference Papers

"Lest We Forget: Free-thought and the Environment," accepted for presentation at 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, BTI Student Climate and Energy Essay Conference, Boston University, April 23, 2010

"Falsifiability and Traction in Theories of Divine Action," accepted for presentation at the XIII European Conference on Science and Theology, Edinburgh, U.K., April 7-11, 2010

"The Theology of the Hermetica and its Influence on Giordano Bruno," Medieval and Renaissance Forum, Plymouth State University, April 24-25, 2009

"Hume, Causation, and The New Hume Debate," British Society for the History of Philosophy, University of York, March 25-27, 2008

"A Comparison between Manichean and Christian Views of Evil," Graduate Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Biblical World, Trinity College Dublin, February 23-25, 2008

Seminar Papers

Cambridge Centre for Adult Education (www.ccae.org)

- "Karl Jaspers on Tragedy, Religious Faith, and Transcendence," April 5, 2010
- "Contemporary Issues in Science and Religion: Special Divine Action," February 22, 2010

Michael Jackson's course "The Shock of the New," Harvard Divinity School

- "Michael Jackson's Existential Anthropology," November 11, 2009

Doctoral Seminar, "The Concept of Revelation in 20th Century Theology," Dr. Kirk Wegter-McNelly, Boston University School of Theology:

- "How Revelation as a Concept Destroys Itself," April 29, 2009
- "Chicana/o Theology," April 9, 2009
- "David Brown's Theory of Imagination," March 26, 2009

- “Jean-Luc Marion’s ‘Saturated Phenomena,’” March 5, 2009
- “Timothy Gorrige and the Spirit of Revelation,” February 26, 2009
- “David Tracy’s ‘Analogical Imagination,’” February 19, 2009
- “Ronald Thiemann on Revelation,” February 12, 2009
- “Paul Tillich and the Ground of Revelation,” January 29, 2009

Postgraduate Seminar, University of Glasgow:

- “Hume’s Epistemic Neutrality towards an External World,” March 20, 2008
- “Hume and Causation,” October 12, 2008

Academic societies

David Hume Society-Member since 2007

Scottish Postgraduate Philosophical Association- Member since 2007

Academic service

Examiner

I am the Boston Free-thought examiner for www.examiner.com

Referee

Praxis, an international peer-reviewed and refereed postgraduate journal of philosophy, with specialisation in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind (including psychology and the emotions), aesthetics, ethics and the history of analytic philosophy (www.praxisjp.org)

Organiser

Showing of “The Green Patriarch” at the Centre for the Study of World Religions (www.hds.harvard.edu/cswr) Harvard Divinity School, December 17, 2009

Organiser

Showing of three films relating to Religion and Natural Science, Boston University School of Theology, February 22, March 15, and April 5, 2010

Organiser and Moderator

“Does God Exist: An unbeliever and a believer debate the question.”

Held at Boston University School of Theology, November 30, 2007

Organiser and Teacher

The Dead Philosophers Society, a philosophical discussion group held in various locations throughout the Boston area. Topics included the Existence of God, World Religions, Pre-Socratic Philosophy, and Free Will.

Guest Speaker

Hosted by the Infidel Guy and Apologia podcasts

- Debate with Jim Lazarus over the Transcendental Argument for God’s Existence, Jan 12, 2007
- Debate with Gregory Lopez over the Existence of God, Feb 22, 2007
- Discussion with the Reggie Finley and Paul Manata over Apologetics in Reformed Theology, March 20, 2007

Academic employment

Tutor 1M Moral and Political Philosophy

University of Glasgow, Spring 2008

Taught three undergraduate tutorials per week for 1M Moral and Political Philosophy. Topics included Deontology, Hedonism, Psychological Egoism, Utilitarianism, the Euthyphro Dilemma, Abortion, Anarchism, Political Obligation, and Socialism.

Non-academic employments

Direct Care Supervisor

Beaverbrook Step, Watertown, Ma

June 2009-now Per Diem

Direct Care Supervisor

Serving People in Need (SPIN), Lynn, Ma

June 2008-June 2009

Direct Care Counselor

National Family Institute, Newton, Ma

August 2006-June 2007