

Cameron (Gracie) Van Orden
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EDUCATION

Baylor University, Waco, TX, August 2023 – Present
PhD in Philosophy

Samford University, Birmingham, AL, April 2023
BA in Philosophy with minors in Mathematics and Psychology

PRIMARY RESEARCH INTERESTS

Logic, Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind

COURSEWORK

Western Intellectual Tradition I-IV	Logic	History of Philosophy: Ancient & Medieval
Virtues	Ethics	Pascal
Properties, Objects, and Persons	Philosophy of Religion	Philosophical Writing
Medieval Moral Philosophy	Existentialism	Sensation and Perception
Theories of Learning	Aristotelian Metaphysics	Cognitive Psychology
Topics in Epistemology: The Fine-Tuning Argument		

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Baylor University

The Ethics of Food and Poverty
Civil Discourse

Fall 2023
Spring 2024

Preceptor

University Fellows Program, Samford University

August 2021 – December 2021

- Assisted in undergraduate honors class of 40+ students
- Planned and led weekly discussion groups and provided outside writing instruction

Tutor

Academic Enhancement Center, Samford University

October 2020 – April 2023

- Provided both individual and group tutoring to student athletes for various classes, including philosophy, calculus, introductory Spanish, biblical history, and writing seminar
- Observed students' strength and weakness and utilized appropriate style of instruction and encouragement

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

AEI Science, Energy, and Environment Intern

American Enterprise Institute (AEI)

May 2023 – August 2023

- Assisted resident scholar for the Science, Energy, and Environment Department with various research projects on the history of governmental science and institutional trust.
- Duties included data organization and management, copyediting, and source summaries

ASPIRE Recipient

Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University

June 2022 – August 2022

- Conducted independent research on modal logic and ontology under the guidance of a faculty instructor

Siegler Fellow

Alabama Holocaust Education Center (AHEC)

February 2022 – May 2022

- Authored a paper examining the intellectual climate of Germany both before and during the Third Reich as related to specific Nazi propaganda pieces

ERLC Intern

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission

June 2020 – July 2020

- Assisted the director of research with a project investigating the ethics of artificial intelligence

PRESENTATIONS

Van Orden, G. March 2024. *Gauker on Imaginative Justification*. Presentation at Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Meeting. Birmingham, AL

Van Orden, G. July 2022. *How? The Philosophy and Psychology of Nazi Propaganda*. Presentation at the Alabama Holocaust Education Center. Birmingham, AL

Van Orden, G. October 2022. *A Naturalistic Conception of Necessity*. Presentation at Southern Conference Undergraduate Research Forum. Spartanburg, SC

AWARDS AND HONORS

University Fellow

August 2019 – Present

Samford University

- Member of undergraduate honors program designed to provide a comprehensive overview of Western intellectual tradition using a classical education style

Dean's List

December 2019 – April 2023

Samford University

Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society

September 2020 – Present

- Recognized for academic achievement in the first year of postsecondary education

Trow Scholarship Award Recipient

August 2021

Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society (ALD)

- Received international ALD merit scholarship

Howard Scholar

August 2021 – Present

Howard College of Arts and Sciences, Samford University

- Participated in town halls concerning topics related to human flourishing
- Assisted in promoting a culture of scholarship, service, and respect across the university campus

Lunceford and Bayless Scholarship Recipient

May 2021 – May 2022

Department of Classics and Philosophy, Samford University

- Received department merit scholarship

Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society

April 2021 – Present

- Recognized for academic achievement within the Samford Department of Classics and Philosophy