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### EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. 2019 (Expected) | Massachusetts Institute of Technology<br>Philosophy  |
| B.A. 2014             | Washington University in St. Louis<br>Philosophy & Political Science<br><i>Summa Cum Laude</i><br>Thesis: 'Reviving Joyce's Error Theory.' |

### AREAS OF INTEREST

- AOS: Epistemology, Logic, Language  
AOC: Ethics, Decision Theory

### PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 'Lockeans Maximize Expected Accuracy.' *Mind*. Forthcoming.  
2014 'Can the Knowledge Norm Co-Opt the Opt-Out?' *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 3 (4): 273-282. DOI: 10.1002/tht3.142.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### Refereed:

- Jan 2018 'Two Cheers for Akrasia.' The American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. Savannah, GA. [Symposium]  
Nov 2017 'Abominable KK Failures.' The Northern New England Philosophical Association. Easton, MA.  
May 2017 'Evidence: A Guide for the Uncertain.' The Formal Epistemology Workshop. Seattle, WA.  
May 2017 'Evidence: A Guide for the Uncertain.' The St. Louis Area Conference for Reasons and Rationality. St. Louis, MO.  
May 2017 'Evidence: A Guide for the Uncertain.' The Society for Exact Philosophy. Calgary, Canada.  
Apr 2017 'Epistemic Logic as Epistemology.' The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. Seattle, WA. [Symposium.]

- Nov 2016 ‘Trustworthy E=K Implies KK.’ Mark Shapiro Graduate Conference. Providence, RI.
- Oct 2016 ‘Epistemic Logic as Epistemology.’ The Northern New England Philosophical Association. Keene, NH.
- Mar 2016 ‘Paradoxes of Higher-Order Evidence.’ The American Philosophical Association Central Division. Chicago, IL. [Symposium.]
- Jan 2016 ‘A Contextualist Solution to Miner Disagreements.’ The American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. Washington DC.
- June 2015 ‘The Lockean Thesis Maximizes Expected Accuracy.’ Epistemic Consequentialism: Problems and Prospects. Canterbury, UK.
- June 2015 ‘Paradoxes of Higher-Order Evidence.’ The Eighth Workshop in Decisions, Games, and Logic. London, UK.
- Mar 2015 ‘Paradoxes of Higher-Order Evidence.’ NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference. New York, NY.
- Feb 2015 ‘An Epistemic Utility Argument for the Threshold View.’ The American Philosophical Association Central Division. St. Louis, MO.
- July 2014 ‘Graded Epistemic Logic and a Barrier to Entailment.’ The Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference. Tampa, FL.

Comments:

- Jan 2017 Nevin Climenhaga. ‘The Structure of Epistemic Probabilities.’ The American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. Baltimore, MD.
- May 2015 Sophie Horowitz. ‘Epistemic Value and the “Jamesian Goals.”’ St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality. St. Louis, MO.
- Jan 2015 Rachael Briggs. ‘An Accuracy-Dominance Argument for Conditionalization.’ MITing of the Minds. Cambridge, MA.
- July 2014 Robert Beddor. ‘An Attitudinal Semantics for Moral and Epistemic Evaluations.’ The Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference. Tampa, FL.

Other:

- Nov 2017 ‘Abominable KK Failures.’ MIT Graduate Workshop.
- Feb 2017 ‘Two Cheers for Akrasia.’ MIT Graduate Workshop.
- Oct 2016 ‘Evidence: A Guide for the Uncertain.’ MIT Work in Progress Series.
- Oct 2015 ‘Consequentialist Evidentialism.’ MIT Epistemology Group.
- Sep 2015 ‘Epistemic Logic as Epistemology: Under the Hood.’ MIT Epistemology Group.
- Apr 2015 ‘Paradoxes of Higher-Order Evidence.’ MIT Graduate Workshop.
- Feb 2015 ‘The Lockean Thesis Maximizes Expected Accuracy.’ MIT Epistemology Group.
- Oct 2014 ‘Epistemic Logic as Epistemology.’ MIT Work in Progress Series.
- Jan 2014 ‘Is the Moorean Shift a Fallacy?’ Washington University Philosophy Club.

## **AWARDS**

- 2016 Student Scholarship for the 2016 North American Summer School in Language, Logic, and Information (NASSLLI).
- 2015 Marc Sanders Graduate Student Award for 'A Contextualist Solution to Miner Disagreements.' [Top 3 graduate student papers at the Eastern APA.]
- 2014 Co-winner of the Nishi Luthra Prize for Excellence in Philosophy at Washington University.
- 2014 Helen Stenner Memorial Essay Prize in Philosophy at Washington University for 'Graded Epistemic Logic and a Barrier to Entailment.'
- 2013 Helen Stenner Memorial Essay Prize in Philosophy at Washington University for 'Consequentialization and the Structure of Morality.'

## **TEACHING**

### Course:

- Spr 2017 Formal Methods in Epistemology. (Mini-course, MIT January Term.)

### Lectures:

- Fall 2017 'Singer's Challenge,' Moral Problems and the Good Life (Setiya),
- Spr 2017 'Countermodels in Monadic Predicate Logic, and Binary Symbolizations,' Advanced Logic (Fitelson).
- Spr 2017 'Syntax and Symbolization in Sentential Logic,' Introductory Logic (Fitelson).
- Fall 2016 'The Experience Machine and Personal Good,' Ethics (Shapiro).
- Spr 2016 'Solving the Skeptical Problem,' Theory of Knowledge (White).
- Fall 2015 'Epistemic Contextualism,' Problems in Philosophy (Hare).
- Spr 2015 'Graded Epistemic Logic,' Modal Logic (Yablo).

### Teaching Assistant:

- Fall 2017 Moral Problems and the Good Life (Setiya). (1 section)
- Spr 2017 Justice (Kates). (1 section)
- Fall 2016 Ethics (Shapiro).
- Fall 2015 Problems in Philosophy (Hare). (2 sections)

## **GRADUATE COURSEWORK**

(\* indicates audit)

- Fall 2017 \*Conditionals (Khoo & McGee; MIT)
- Spr 2017 British Moralists 1650-1800 (Shapiro; MIT)
- Fall 2016 \*Noncognitivism (Fitelson & Spencer; MIT)  
\*Calculus with Theory (McBreen; MIT)
- Spr 2016 Logic II (McGee; MIT)

- Fall 2015 Formal Epistemology (White; MIT)  
 Buddhist Philosophy (Patil; Harvard)  
 \*Vagueness (McGee; MIT)  
 \*Self-Knowledge (Byrne & Paul; MIT)
- Spr 2015 Proseminar (Haslanger & Rayo; MIT)  
 Modal Logic (Yablo; MIT).  
 Advanced Semantics (von Fintel; MIT)  
 \*Topics in Ethics and Epistemology (Hare & White; MIT)
- Fall 2014 Proseminar (Spencer & Yablo; MIT)  
 Frege's *Basic Laws of Arithmetic* (McGee; MIT)  
 'Ought' and Ought (Khoo & Spencer; MIT)
- Spr 2014 Formal Epistemology (Staffel; Washington University)
- Fall 2013 Philosophy of Logic (Russell; Washington University)  
 Philosophy of Language: Pragmatics (Sorensen; Washington University)
- Spr 2012 \*Topics in Epistemology (Williamson, Hawthorne, Magidor, and Dorr; Oxford)
- Fall 2012 Social Epistemology (Sorensen; Washington University)  
 Metaethical Constructivism (Kurth; Washington University)
- Spr 2012 Mathematical Logic (Russell; Washington University)

## **SERVICE**

2016-18 Graduate workshop organizer at MIT

2015 Harvard/MIT Philosophy Graduate Conference (Organizer)

Referee: *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of Philosophy of Science*