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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology · Logic · Language

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics · Political Philosophy · Metaphysics

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## EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology <i>Minor in Mathematical Logic</i> Dissertation: <i>Modest Epistemology</i>	2014 – present
B.A. in Philosophy & Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	2010 – 2014

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## PUBLICATIONS

1. ‘Lockeans Maximize Expected Accuracy’. (Forthcoming) *Mind*.
  2. ‘Higher-Order Uncertainty’. (Forthcoming) In M. Skipper and A. Steglich-Peterson (eds.), *Higher-Order Evidence: New Essays*, Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.
  3. ‘Can the Knowledge Norm Co-Opt the Opt-Out?’ (2014) *Thought* 3 (4): 273–282.
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## PRESENTATIONS

(\* = Refereed/Invited)

### **Evidence of Evidence: A Higher-Order Approach** (with Branden Fitelson)

- \*The Significance of Higher-Order Evidence, University of Cologne, September 2018.
- \*Colloquium on Reasoning in a Social Context, University of Amsterdam, June 2018.

### **Rational Polarization**

- \*Applied Epistemology Research Retreat, Prindle Institute for Ethics at Depauw University, June 2018.

### **Abominable KK Failures**

- \*Central APA, Chicago, February 2018.
- \*The Northern New England Philosophical Association, Stonehill College, November 2017.
- MIT Graduate Workshop, November 2017.

### **Two Cheers for Akrasia**

- \*Eastern APA (Symposium), Savannah, January 2018.
- MIT Graduate Workshop, February 2017.

### **Evidence: A Guide for the Uncertain**

- \*Formal Epistemology Workshop, University of Washington, May 2017.
- \*The St. Louis Area Conference on Reasons and Rationality, St. Louis, May 2017.
- \*The Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Calgary, May 2017.
- \*Pacific APA (Symposium), Seattle, April 2017.
- \*Northern New England Philosophical Association, Keene State University, October 2016.
- MIT Work in Progress Series, October 2016.

### **Trustworthy E=K Implies KK**

- \*Mark Shapiro Graduate Conference, Brown University, November 2016.

### **Paradoxes of Higher-Order Evidence**

- \*Central APA (Symposium), Chicago, March 2016.
- \*Decisions, Games, and Logic, London, June 2015.
- MIT Graduate Workshop, April 2015.
- \*NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference, NYU, March 2015.

### **A Contextualist Solution to Miner Disagreements**

- \*Eastern APA, Washington DC, January 2016. (Marc Sanders Graduate Student Award.)

### **Consequentialist Evidentialism**

- MIT Epistemology Reading Group, October 2015.

### **Epistemic Logic as Epistemology**

- MIT Epistemology Reading Group, September 2015.
- MIT Work in Progress Series, October 2014.

### **Lockeans Maximize Expected Accuracy.**

- \*Epistemic Consequentialism: Problems and Prospects, University of Kent, June 2015.
- \*The Central APA, February 2015.
- MIT Epistemology Reading Group, February 2015.

### **Graded Epistemic Logic and a Barrier to Entailment**

- \*The Philosophers' Cocoon Philosophy Conference, University of Tampa, July 2014.

## COMMENTS

- Nevin Climenhaga, ‘The Structure of Epistemic Probabilities’, Eastern APA, Baltimore, January 2017.
  - Sophie Horowitz, ‘Epistemic Value and the “Jamesian Goals” ’, St. Louis Area Conference on Reasons and Rationality, St. Louis, May 2015.
  - Ray Briggs, ‘An Accuracy-Dominance Argument for Conditionalization’, MITing of the Minds, Cambridge MA, January 2015.
  - Bob Beddor, ‘An Attitudinal Semantics for Moral and Epistemic Evaluations’, Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference, Tampa, July 2014.
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## AWARDS

- Marc Sanders Graduate Student Award for ‘A Contextualist Solution to Miner Disagreements.’ (Top 3 graduate student papers at 2016 Eastern APA.)
  - Student Scholarship to attend NASSLLI 2016.
  - Co-winner of the 2014 Nishi Luthra Prize for Excellence in Philosophy at Washington University in St. Louis.
  - 2014 Helen Stenner Memorial Essay Prize in Philosophy at Washington University in St. Louis.
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## TEACHING

### INSTRUCTOR

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

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- The Ethics of Climate Change (Hare, Setiya), Spring 2018.
- Moral Problems and the Good Life (Setiya), Fall 2017.
- Justice (Kates), Spring 2017.
- Ethics (Shapiro), Fall 2016.
- Problems in Philosophy (Hare), Fall 2015.

### GUEST LECTURES

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

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## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

(\* = audit)

### EPISTEMOLOGY

- Social Epistemology (Sorensen; Washington University), Fall 2012.
- \*Topics in Epistemology (Williamson, Hawthorne, Magidor, Dorr; Oxford), Spring 2013.
- Formal Epistemology (Staffel; Washington University), Spring 2014.
- \*Topics in Ethics and Epistemology (Hare, White; MIT), Spring 2015.
- Independent Study in Formal Epistemology (White; MIT), Fall 2015.
- \*Self-Knowledge (Byrne, Paul; MIT), Fall 2015.

### LOGIC AND MATHEMATICS

- Mathematical Logic (Russell; Washington University), Spring 2012.
- Philosophy of Logic (Russell; Washington University), Fall 2013.
- Frege's *Basic Laws of Arithmetic* (McGee; MIT), Fall 2014.
- Modal Logic (Yablo; MIT), Spring 2015.
- Logic II (McGee; MIT), Spring 2016.
- \*Modal Logic (Stalnaker; MIT), Spring 2016.
- \*Calculus with Theory (McBreen; MIT), Fall 2016.
- Introduction to Stochastic Processes (Bufetov; MIT), Spring 2018.

### LANGUAGE

- Pragmatics (Sorensen; Washington University), Fall 2013.
- 'Ought' and Ought (Khoo, Spencer; MIT), Fall 2014.
- Advanced Semantics (von Fintel; MIT), Spring 2015.
- \*Vagueness (McGee; MIT), Fall 2015.
- \*Conditionals (Khoo, McGee; MIT), Fall 2017.

### OTHER

- Metaethical Constructivism (Kurth; Washington University), Fall 2012.
- Proseminar I (Spencer, Yablo; MIT), Fall 2014.
- Proseminar II (Haslanger, Rayo; MIT), Spring 2015.
- Buddhist Philosophy (Patil; Harvard), Fall 2015.
- \*Noncognitivism (Fitelson, Spencer; MIT), Fall 2016.
- British Moralists 1650–1800 (Shapiro; MIT), Spring 2017.

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## SERVICE

- Tutor for PIKSI-Logic at Northeastern University, Summer 2018.

- MIT Conference Czar, Spring 2018 – present.
- Organizer for MIT Graduate Workshop, Fall 2016 – Spring 2018.
- Organizer for Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference, Spring 2015.
- Referee for: *Philosophy of Science*, *European Journal of Philosophy of Science*, *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*.