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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology · Logic · Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics · Political Philosophy · Metaphysics

EMPLOYMENT

Fellow by Examination (JRF), Magdalen College, Oxford University	2019 – 2021
Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh	2019 – present
Resident Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh	2019 – present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2014 – 2019
Minor: Mathematical Logic	
Dissertation: <i>Modest Epistemology</i>	
Committee: Roger White (Chair), Branden Fitelson, Kieran Setiya, Robert Stalnaker	
B.A. in Philosophy & Political Science, Washington University in St. Louis	2010 – 2014
<i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	
Thesis: <i>Reviving Joyce's Error Theory</i>	

PUBLICATIONS

- ‘Evidence: A Guide for the Uncertain’. (Forthcoming). *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- ‘Abominable KK Failures’. (2019). *Mind* 128 (512): 1227–1259.
- ‘Higher-Order Uncertainty’. (2019). In M. Skipper and A. Steglich-Petersen (eds.), *Higher-Order Evidence: New Essays*, Oxford University Press, 35–61.
- ‘Lockeans Maximize Expected Accuracy’. (2019). *Mind* 128 (509): 175–211.
- ‘Can the Knowledge Norm Co-Opt the Opt-Out?’ (2014). *Thought* 3 (4): 273–282.

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- ‘Why Rational People Polarize’. (2019). *The Phenomenal World*, January 24.

REVIEW

- *Epistemic Consequentialism* by Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij and Jeffrey Dunn (eds.), *Philosophical Review*. (Forthcoming).
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AWARDS

- MIT Graduate Student Council travel grant, 2018.
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 - Marc Sanders Graduate Student Award for ‘A Contextualist Solution to Miner Disagreements’. (Top 3 graduate student papers at the 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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REFEREED/INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Overconfidence in Overconfidence

- Pacific APA (Symposium), San Francisco, April 2020.
- University of Bristol, December 2019.
- Legal Epistemology Workshop, University of Sydney, August 2019.

Rational Polarization

- University of Oxford Jowett Society, November 2019.
- Pacific APA, Vancouver, April 2019.
- National University of Singapore, February 2019.
- University of Pittsburgh, February 2019.
- Indiana University, January 2019.
- Prindle Institute for Ethics at DePaul University, June 2018.

Evidence of Evidence: A Higher-Order Approach (Branden Fitelson & Brooke Husic)

- Foundations of Probability Seminar, Rutgers, May 2019.
- Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson, February 2019.
- The Significance of Higher-Order Evidence, University of Cologne, September 2018.
- Colloquium on Reasoning in a Social Context, University of Amsterdam, June 2018.

Abominable KK Failures

- Central APA, Chicago, February 2018.
- The Northern New England Philosophical Association, Stonehill College, November 2017.

Two Cheers for Akrasia

- Eastern APA (Symposium), Savannah, January 2018.

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.

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.
- NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference, NYU, March 2015.

A Contextualist Solution to Miner Disagreements

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

Lockeans Maximize Expected Accuracy

- Epistemic Consequentialism: Problems and Prospects, University of Kent, June 2015.
- Central APA, February 2015.

Graded Epistemic Logic and a Barrier to Entailment

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

COMMENTS

- David Thorstad, "Norms of Inquiry," Harvard Workshop on Bounded Rationality, Boston, October 2019.
- 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.

SERVICE

- Co-organizer of Oxford Philosophy of Probability Reading Group, 2020 – present.
- MIT Conference Czar, 2018 – 2019.
- Co-organizer of the MIT Graduate Workshop, 2016 – 2018.
- Co-organizer of the MIT Epistemology Reading Group, 2015 – 2017
- Co-organizer of Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference, 2015.

- Referee for: *Mind*, *The Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Studies*, *The Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Episteme*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Erkenntnis*, *Synthese*, *European Journal of Philosophy of Science*.
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REFERENCES

Roger White (advisor)

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