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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Kentucky
Associate Professor of Philosophy, Linguistics Department Affiliate, 2018-present

Auburn University
Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2017-2018
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2016-2017

University of Kentucky
Promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure approved May, 2016
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Linguistics Program Affiliate, 2010-2016

Northwestern University
Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Lecturer in Philosophy, 2009-2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

PRIMARY: Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, Aesthetics, Philosophical Methodology
SECONDARY: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Metaethics

EDUCATION

University of Michigan
Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2009
Thesis: *Conflict and Content*
Peter Ludlow and Thony Gillies, co-chairs; Andy Egan; Peter Railton; Sam Epstein

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Visiting Student in Linguistics, 2004-2005

Linguistic Society of America
Summer Institutes in Linguistics, 2003 and 2005

Reed College
BA in Linguistics and Philosophy, Phi Beta Kappa, 2001
Thesis: *Competence, Normativity, and the Problem of Syntactic Rule-Following*
William Taschek and John Haviland, co-chairs; Mark Hinchliff; Daniel Reisberg

PUBLICATIONS

“Varieties of Metalinguistic Negotiation”
Co-author, with David Plunkett
2023, *Topoi*, DOI: 10.1007/s11245-023-09941-2

PUBLICATIONS CONT

“Generics and Metalinguistic Negotiation”

Co-author, with David Plunkett and Rachel Sterken

2023, *Synthese* 201 (50): 1-46

“Metalinguistic Negotiation and Matters of Language: A Response to Cappelen”

Co-author, with David Plunkett

2021, *Inquiry*, DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2021.1983456

“Changing the Subject”

2020, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50: 580-593, DOI: 10.1017/can.2020.6.

“Metalinguistic Negotiation and Speaker Error”

Co-author, with David Plunkett

2019, *Inquiry*, DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2019.1610055

“Aesthetic Negotiation”

2017, in *The Semantics of Aesthetic Judgment*, James Young (ed.) NY: Oxford University Press, pp. 82-105

“The Tasty, the Bold, and the Beautiful”

2016, *Inquiry* 59/6: 793-818

“Eligibility and Ideology in the Vat”

2016, in *The Brain in a Vat*, Sanford Goldberg (ed.) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 226-250

“Antipositivist Arguments from Legal Thought and Talk: The Metalinguistic Response”

Co-author, with David Plunkett

2014, In *Pragmatism, Law, and Language*, G. Hubbs and D. Lind (eds.) NY: Routledge, pp. 56-75

“Dworkin’s Interpretivism and the Pragmatics of Legal Disputes”

Co-author, with David Plunkett

2013, *Legal Theory* 19: 242-281

“Disagreement and the Semantics of Normative and Evaluative Terms”

Co-author, with David Plunkett

2013, *Philosophers’ Imprint* 13/23

“Disagreement, Error, and an Alternative to Reference Magnetism”

2012, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90/4: 743-759

“Disagreements About Taste”

2011, *Philosophical Studies* 155/2: 267-288

“Philosophy of Linguistics”

Co-Author, with Josh Brown and Peter Ludlow

2005, *The Philosophy of Science: An Encyclopedia*. S. Sarkar and J. Pfeifer (eds.) NY: Routledge, pp. 444-450

PRESENTATIONS

Comments On: Shereen Chang, “Banerry: Origination of Meaning in a Non-Human Animal”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Annual Meeting, March 2024

“Semantic Self-Determination” (with Thi Nguyen)
University of Zurich (virtual), October 2023

Comments On: Kevin Richardson, “Sexual Orientation in Context”
Auburn University Philosophy Conference on Language and Value, March 2023

“Content Determination for Conceptual Engineers”
American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 2023

“Semantic Self-Determination” (with Thi Nguyen)
Western Carolina University (virtual), January 2023

“Metalinguistic Negotiation and the Instability of Content”
Keynote, Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University, April 2022

“Content Determination for Conceptual Engineers”
LanCog Research Group, Universidade de Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal (virtual), March 2021

“Category Relativity in Aesthetic Disputes”
American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, (virtual), November 2020

“Generics and Metalinguistic Negotiation” (with Rachel Sterken and David Plunkett)
Nova Institute of Philosophy (IFILNOVA), Lisbon, Portugal (virtual), November 2020

“Meaning and Political Critique” (with David Plunkett)
Inter-University Workshop on Mind, Art and Morality: “Meaning and Power,” University of Barcelona, May 2018

Comments On: Patrick Greenough, “Neutralism and Conceptual Engineering”
Workshop on Conceptual Ethics, Zermatt, Switzerland, February 2018

“What the Disagreement’s About: Representational and Non-Representational Ethics”
University of Toronto Workshop on Conceptual Engineering, December 2017

Visiting scholar and guest participant: Andy Egan, graduate seminar on “Diagonalization and Communication”
Rutgers University, Spring 2017

“Metalinguistic Usage and Speaker Blindness” (with David Plunkett)
Workshop on Conceptual Ethics, Zermatt, Switzerland, February 2017

“Negotiating Metaphysics”
Invited Symposium: Metaphysics and Conceptual Choice
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, January 2017

PRESENTATIONS CONT.

“Two Models of Conceptual Engineering”

University of Oslo, CSMN Workshop on Conceptual Engineering, June 2016

“Language, Metaphysics, and the Metaphysics of Language”

University of Hamburg Workshop on the Philosophy of Disagreement, March 2016

“The Tasty, the Bold, and the Beautiful”

Dartmouth College Philosophy of Language Workshop, September 2015

“Metalinguistic Negotiation” (with David Plunkett)

NYU Semantics Discussion Group, NYU, March 2015

“Disagreement and the Semantics of Normative and Evaluative Terms” (with David Plunkett)

Rutgers Graduate Seminar on Contextualism and Relativism, Rutgers, March 2015

Comments On: Justin Khoo and Joshua Knobe, “Moral Disagreement and Exclusion”

Workshop on Conceptual Engineering, MIT, February 2015

“The Proof is in the Pudding: Two Puzzles about Aesthetic Testimony and Assertion”

University of Umeå, May 2014

“The Tasty, the Bold and the Beautiful”

University of Umeå, May 2014

“The Tasty, the Bold, and the Beautiful: A Case Study in Conceptual Ethics”

Workshop on Conceptual Ethics, Stanford University, April 2014

“Non-Evaluative Contextualism for Predicates of Taste”

Workshop on Aesthetic Adjectives, London Aesthetics Forum, March 2014

“Disagreement and the Semantics of Normative and Evaluative Terms” (with David Plunkett)

Princeton University, December 2013

“Non-Evaluative Contextualism for Predicates of Taste”

Arché Philosophical Research Centre, St. Andrews, June 2013

“Non-Evaluative Contextualism for Predicates of Taste”

Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen, June 2013

“Aesthetic Negotiation”

Canadian Society for Aesthetics, Panel on the Semantics of Aesthetic Judgment, June 2013

“Non-Evaluative Contextualism for Predicates of Taste”

Workshop on “Values in Context”, University of Lisbon, May 2013

“Disagreement and the Semantics of Normative and Evaluative Terms” (with David Plunkett)

LOGOS, Universitat de Barcelona, May 2013

PRESENTATIONS CONT.

“Non-Metaphysical Naturalness and a New Problem for Reference Magnetism”
Dartmouth College Seminar on Meta-Metaphysics, May 2013

“Dworkin’s Interpretivism and the Pragmatics of Legal Disagreement” (with David Plunkett)
Oxford University Jurisprudence Discussion Group, Oxford University, November 2012

“Disagreement and the Semantics of Normative and Evaluative Terms” (with David Plunkett)
Workshop on Normative Disagreement, University of Leeds, November 2012

“Aesthetic Negotiation”
ESAP International Summer School: Disagreement, Miglieglia, Switzerland, August 2012

“Aesthetic Negotiation”
Workshop on the Semantics of Aesthetic Judgment, University of Victoria, April 2012

“Dworkin’s Interpretivism and the Pragmatics of Legal Disagreement” (with David Plunkett)
Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, March 2012

“Metalinguistic Disagreement”
University of Houston, November 2011

“Understanding Normative Disagreement” (work co-authored with David Plunkett)
Meaning, Context, and Implicit Content, Cerisy, France, June 2011

“Objectivity Without Falsehood”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Conference, 2011

“Metalinguistic Negation and the Shared Meaning Task”
Northwestern University, 2011

“Disagreement: The Missing Manual”
University of Kentucky Linguistics Colloquium, 2011

“Verbal Disagreement”
Northwestern University Philosophy and Linguistics Group, 2009

Comments On: Frank Jackson, “Conceptual Analysis and Experimental Philosophy”
Michigan Philosophy Spring Colloquium: Philosophical Methods, 2008

Comments On: Mark Phelan, “Dirty Cheap Contextualism”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Conference, 2008

“Contextualism and the Semantic Strategy in Epistemology”
International Conference on Linguistics and Epistemology, Aberdeen, Scotland, 2007

Comments On: Tanya Reinhart, “Scope Shift: An Interface Repair Strategy”
University of Michigan Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop, 2004

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Organizer, with Gunnar Björnsson:
Swedish National Graduate Courses in Philosophy: "Disagreement," May 2014
Workshop on Disagreement, University of Umeå, June 2014

Co-Organizer, with Stefan Bird-Pollan:
Workshop: "Perspectives in the Philosophy of Art," University of Kentucky, Spring 2012

Co-Organizer, with Ivan Mayerhofer:
University of Michigan Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop, 2006

Referee:
Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica,
Episteme, Erkenntnis, Ergo, Ethics, Inquiry, Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, Journal of
Philosophical Research, Law and Philosophy, Legal Theory, Linguistics and Philosophy,
Manuscripta, Mind, MIT Press, Oxford University Press Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and
Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Quarterly, Ratio, Routledge, Synthese

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY:

Philosophy Department Executive Committee, chair, 2023-2024
Epistemology Search Committee, 2023-2024
UK "AI ADVANCE," Provost's committee on artificial intelligence, 2023-present
Director of Graduate Studies, 2020-2023
Admissions Committee, 2019-2023
Department Chair Search Committee, 2021
Philosophy Department Executive Committee, 2018-2020
Placement Director, 2019-2020
Ethics Search Committee, 2018-2019
Speakers Committee, Co-Chair, 2018-2019

AUBURN UNIVERSITY (2016-2018):

University Core Curriculum and General Education Committee, 2017-2018
AU Graduate School Distinguished Dissertation Award Selection Committee, 2017
Philosophy Department Major Assessment Committee, 2016-2017

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY (2010-2016):

Philosophy Department Executive Committee, 2011-2012, 2014-2016
Philosophy of Science Search Committee, 2014-2015
Colloquium Series, Chair or Co-Chair, 2012-2015
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2013-2014
Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2011-2016
Department Chair Search Committee, 2012-2013
Philosophy Club, Supervisor or Co-Supervisor, 2010-2012

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Rackham Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2009

University of Michigan Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, 2008-2009

John Dewey Prize for Excellence in Teaching, 2008

Wirt and Mary Cornwell Prize Fellowship in Philosophy, 2004-2005

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, 2002

Edwin N. Garlan Memorial Prize in Philosophy, Reed College, 2001