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Curriculum Vitae

Employment

University of California, San Diego

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science 2020-Present
Postdoctoral Fellow 2018-2020

Education

Yale University

Ph.D. in Philosophy 2018
M. Phil in Philosophy 2015
M.A. in Philosophy 2013

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Area of Specialization Logic, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence Epistemology, Philosophy of Science

University of California, Berkeley

Exchange Scholar 2016-18

Reed College

B.A. in Philosophy 2011

Publications

Definition 2022

Philosophical Studies

Knowledge is Closed under Analytic Content 2021

Synthese, forthcoming

The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis 2021

The Review of Symbolic Logic, forthcoming

Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics 2020

Journal of Philosophical Logic, Vol. 50, Pg. 97-115

Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories 2020

Erkenntnis, forthcoming

Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge 2018

Synthese, Vol 198, Pg. 1481-505

On Question-Begging and Analytic Content 2018

Synthese, Vol. 197, Pg. 1149-63

The Unreliability of Foreseeable Consequences 2015

A Return to the Epistemic Objection

Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, Vol. 18, Pg. 759-66

Works Under Review

Definition by Proxy

The Levels of the Empirical Sciences

Invited Presentations

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| Definition by Proxy <i>Colloquium, Oriel College, Oxford University</i> | 2022 |
| The New Paradox of Analysis <i>Central Division of the American Philosophical Association</i> | 2021 |
| Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories <i>Department Colloquium, University of California, San Diego</i> | 2019 |
| The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>Department Colloquium, Reed College</i> | 2018 |
| Dewey, Confucius and the Aims of Education <i>Conference on Educational Reform, Hangzhou Normal University</i> | 2016 |

Submitted Presentations

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| The Levels of the Empirical Sciences <i>Central Division of the American Philosophical Association</i> | Upcoming, 2022 |
| Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics <i>Conference on Mathematical and Numerical Inspirations in Philosophy, Stanford University</i> | 2020 |
| Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics <i>13th Annual Conference on the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics, Cambridge University</i> | 2020 |
| Does Definition Admit of Substitution? <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i> | 2020 |
| Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories <i>Society for the Metaphysics of Science, University of Toronto</i> | 2019 |
| The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology</i> | 2019 |
| The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>Truthmaker Semantics: Applications in Philosophy and Linguistics, Hamburg University</i> | 2019 |
| The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, University of Vermont</i> | 2018 |
| The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>Conference on Essence and Language, Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative</i> | 2018 |
| Verifying Physicalism <i>Workshop on the History & Metaphysics of the Concept of Laws of Nature, Central European University</i> | 2018 |
| Question-Begging and Analytic Content <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México</i> | 2018 |
| Question-Begging and Analytic Content <i>Central Division, American Philosophical Association</i> | 2018 |
| Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge <i>Philosopher's Cocoon, University of Tampa</i> | 2017 |
| Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge <i>Epistemic Virtues and Epistemic Skills, Bled Epistemology Conference, Slovenia</i> | 2020 |
| Computability and Conceivability <i>Conference on Evidence and Imagination, Graz University</i> | 2016 |

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| Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, Keene State University</i> | 2016 |
| Concerning the Nature of Definition <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, Bates College</i> | 2015 |
| Ethical Atomism and the Immorality of Hypocrisy <i>Conference for Young Analytic Philosophers, Salzburg</i> | 2015 |
| Hypocrisy: The Tribute Vice Pays to Virtue <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Syracuse University</i> | 2015 |
| The Myth of Balanced Consequences <i>British Society for Ethical Theory, Cambridge University</i> | 2014 |
| Epistemic Contextualism <i>Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Pacific University</i> | 2009 |

Commentaries

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| Tropes of Mereology: A Theory of Facts and Truth-Making, by Aviv Hoffman <i>Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association</i> | 2021 |
| Compliance and Command, by Kit Fine <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Yale University</i> | 2016 |
| Diamonds are Forever, by Cian Dorr <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Yale University</i> | 2015 |
| Natural Kinds Light, by Ásta Kristjana Sveinsdóttir <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i> | 2012 |
| Explanatory Kinds: A Definition of Normality for Generics, by Bernard Nickel <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i> | 2012 |

Teaching Experience

As the Primary Instructor

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| Ethics and Society I University of California, San Diego | 2021 |
| Ethics and Society II University of California, San Diego | 2021 |
| Critical Reasoning and Critical Consumption University of California, San Diego | 2021 |
| Symbolic Logic University of California, San Diego | 2019 |

As a Teaching Assistant

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| Philosophical Methods Primary Instructor: Geoffrey Lee University of California, Berkeley | 2017 |
| Philosophical Methods Primary Instructor: Lara Buchak University of California, Berkeley | 2017 |

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| Philosophical Methods | 2016 |
| Primary Instructor: Daniel Warren University of California, Berkeley | |
| Perspectives on Human Nature | 2015 |
| Primary Instructor: Joshua Knobe Yale University | |
| First-Order Logic | 2013 & 2014 |
| Primary Instructor: Bruno Whittle Yale University | |
| Life | 2013 |
| Primary Instructor: Shelly Kagan Yale University | |

Summer Programs

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| Identity: Indiscernibility, Eseence, Time and Composition <i>Central European University</i> | 2021 |
| The History and Metaphysics of the Concept of Laws of Nature <i>Central European University</i> | 2018 |
| Metaphysical Mayhem <i>Rutgers University</i> | 2014 |

Graduate Coursework

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| Mathematical Logic | Sun-Joo Shin |
| Topics in Epistemology | Keith DeRose |
| First-Year Seminar | George Bealer and Bruno Whittle |
| Frege's Philosophy of Logic and Language | Susanne Bobzein |
| Computability and Logic | Sun-Joo Shin |
| Monism | Michael Della Rocca |
| Metaethics* | Matthew Smith |
| Belief * Keith DeRose and Bruno Whittle | |
| Philosophy of Philosophy | George Bealer |
| Logical Foundations of Metaphysics | George Bealer |
| Normative Ethics | Shelly Kagan |
| Leibniz | Michael Della Rocca |
| Topics in the Philosophy of Mathematics* | Bruno Whittle |
| Works in Progress | Zoltan Szabo and Jason Stanley |
| Definition, Essence, and Ground* | George Bealer |
| Works in Progress | Sun-Joo Shin |
| Theories of the Good* | Shelly Kagan |
| Reductionism* | Elizabeth Miller |
| Seminar on Teaching Philosophy | Lara Buchak |
| Truth-Maker Semantics* | Kit Fine |
| Why is there Anything Except Physics?* | Shamik Dasgupta and Geoffrey Lee |
| Truth as a Human Value* | Gila Sher |

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Honors and Fellowships

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| 2018 | Graduate Student Travel Stipend Prize, Central Division APA |
| 2016 | Robert M. Leylan Fellowship |
| 2015 | Edgar H. Stone Fellowship |
| 2014 | Edgar H. Stone Fellowship |
| 2012 | Frank Patterson Fellowship |
| 2011 | Commendation for Excellence in Academic Performance |
| 2009 | Commendation for Excellence in Academic Performance |

Academic and Professional Service

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| 2018-20 | Organizer | U.C. San Diego Working Group in Metaphysics |
| 2015-16 | Organizer | Yale Epistemology, Logic, Language and Metaphysics Working Group |
| 2015 | Organizer | Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference |
| 2015 | Teacher | Splash! Outreach Program for Local Middle/High School Students |
| 2013-15 | Tutor | New Haven Reads |
| | Reviewer | Mind, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Analysis, Philosophical Quarterly, Synthese, Erkenntnis, Dialectica, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Philosophical Research, Open Philosophy |