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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

University of California, Berkeley

Exchange Scholar 2016-18

Reed College

B.A. in Philosophy 2011

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Area of Specialization

Metaphysics, Logic

Areas of Competence

Epistemology,

Philosophy of Science

Publications

Definition 2022

Philosophical Studies, Vol. 179, Pg. 3019-36

Knowledge is Closed under Analytic Content 2021

Synthese, Vol. 199, Pg. 5339-53

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, Vol. 87, Pg. 161-80

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

The Triviality of the Identity of Indiscernibles

Invited Presentations

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

Definition by Proxy <i>Central Division of the American Philosophical Association</i>	Upcoming, 2023
The Triviality of the Identity of Indiscernibles <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, University of New Hampshire</i>	2022
Definition by Proxy <i>Higher-Order Metaphysics Workshop, University of Southern California</i>	2022
The Levels of the Empirical Sciences <i>Central Division of the American Philosophical Association</i>	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>	2017
Computability and Conceivability <i>Conference on Evidence and Imagination, Graz University</i>	2016
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

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

Ethics and Society I University of California, San Diego	2021 & 2022
Ethics and Society II University of California, San Diego	2021 & 2022
Critical Reasoning and Critical Consumption University of California, San Diego	2021 & 2022
Symbolic Logic University of California, San Diego	2019

As a Teaching Assistant

Philosophical Methods Primary Instructor: Geoffrey Lee University of California, Berkeley	2017
Philosophical Methods Primary Instructor: Lara Buchak University of California, Berkeley	2017
Philosophical Methods Primary Instructor: Daniel Warren University of California, Berkeley	2016
Perspectives on Human Nature Primary Instructor: Joshua Knobe Yale University	2015
First-Order Logic Primary Instructor: Bruno Whittle Yale University	2013 & 2014
Life Primary Instructor: Shelly Kagan Yale University	2013

Summer Programs

Identity: Indiscernibility, Essence, 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

Honors and Fellowships

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

2020-22	TA Faculty Advisor	U.C. San Diego Department of Political Science
2018-22	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, Philosophical Studies, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Analysis, Philosophical Quarterly, Synthese, Erkenntnis, Dialectica, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Inquiry, Journal of Philosophical Research, Open Philosophy

Graduate Coursework

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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