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EDUCATION

Georgetown University: Ph.D. in Philosophy (with distinction), 2007

Dissertation: *Skepticism Naturalized?*

Committee: Wayne Davis (Chair), Steve Kuhn, Linda Wetzel

St. John's College (1999 – 2000): Master of Arts in Liberal Arts

Mount St. Mary's College (1995 – 1999): B.A. *summa cum laude* in Philosophy

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind and Psychology
Philosophy of Biology
Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Moral Psychology
History of Analytic
Logic
General Philosophy of Science

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

"Fodor's Riddle of Abduction," *Philosophical Studies*, 144 (2009): 313-338.

"Incommensurability, Relativism, Scepticism: Reflections on Acquiring a Concept," *Ratio*, 21 (2008): 147-167. Co-authored with Nathaniel Goldberg.

"Epistemic Boundedness and the Universality of Thought," *Philosophical Studies* 125 (2005): 219-250.

BOOK REVIEWS & NOTES

Book review of Ernest Lepore and Kirk Ludwig's *Donald Davidson's Truth Theoretic Semantics* in *Philosophy in Review*, forthcoming.

Book review of Robert C. Richardson's *Evolutionary Psychology as Maladapted Psychology* in *Philosophy in Review*, 29 (2009): 64-66.

Book review of Graham Macdonald and David Papineau's *Teleosemantics* (Oxford University Press, 2006) in *Philosophy in Review*, 28 (2008): 348-351.

Book review of Michael Gelven's *What Happens to Us When We Think: Transformation and Reality* (State University of New York Press, 2003) in *The Review of Metaphysics* 58 (2005): 659-660.

Editor's note, *Eudaimonia: The Georgetown Philosophical Review* 3 (2006): 4.

Editor's note, *Eudaimonia: The Georgetown Philosophical Review* 2 (2005): 4.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

"Adaptationism and Adaptive Thinking in Evolutionary Psychology," under review at *Philosophical Psychology*

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Refereed

"The Medium is Not the Message," presented at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 2006

—Winner of an Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award

"Fodor's Riddle of Abduction," presented at the 7th Annual Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, March 2006

"There's No Escaping It: Incommensurability and Concept Acquisition" (with Nathaniel Goldberg), presented at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, March 2005

—Also presented at the meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, Mobile, Alabama, October 2004

"Adaptationism and Adaptive Thinking in Evolutionary Psychology," Presented at 2010 meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, June 2010

Invited

"Against Evolutionary Psychology," Fall Quarter Philosophy Department Lecture, Seattle University, December 2009

"Fodor's Riddle of Abduction," presented at Seattle University, January 2007

—Also presented at Central Washington University, January 2007

"Why Study Philosophy?," presented at the Mount St. Mary's University Honors Convocation, April 2006

"The Medium is Not the Message," presented at the Georgetown University Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, March 2006

"There's No Escaping It: Incommensurability and Concept Acquisition," presented at the Georgetown University Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, March 2005

"Fodor on Epistemic Boundedness," presented at the Georgetown University Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, September 2003

Comments

Comments on Kenneth Himma's "Analyticity without Meaning or Synonymy," presented at The 59th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark College, October 2007

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Seattle University, Seattle, WA (Fall 2007 – Present)

Lecturer, Georgetown University, Washington, DC (Summers 2003 – 2004; Fall and Spring 2005 –2006)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seattle University

Introduction to Logic (Fall 2007; Fall 2008)

Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking (Fall 2007; Winter 2008; Winter 2009; Spring 2009)

History of Analytic Philosophy (Winter 2008)

Philosophy of the Human Person (Spring 2008)

The Philosophical Impact of Evolutionary Theory (Fall 2008)

Philosophy of Mind (Winter 2009)

Ethics (Spring 2009; Summer 2010)

Moral Psychology (Fall 2010)

Georgetown University

Introduction to Logic, Formal/Informal (Georgetown University, Spring 2006 – Fall 2006)

Moral Psychology: The Emotions (Georgetown University, Fall 2005)

Introduction to Ethics (Georgetown University, Summer 2005)

The Mind/Body Problem (Georgetown University, Spring 2005)

Introduction to Philosophy (Georgetown University, Summer 2004)

Critical Thinking (Georgetown University Community Scholars Program, Summer 2004)

Introduction to Logic, Formal (Georgetown University, Summer 2003)

SERVICE

Faculty Coordinator for the Seattle University Philosophy Club, 2010 –

Member of the Seattle University Assessment Committee, 2010 –

Organizer of Summit on the Role of Philosophy in Jesuit Colleges & Universities, Winter, April 2009

Philosophy Department Hiring Committee, Fall 2008 – Winter 2009

Participant in Philosophy Department Self-Study on Academic Rigor, Winter 2009

Philosophy Department's Core Curriculum Revision Committee, Summer 2008

Academic Advisor, Winter 2008 – present

Philosophy Department Web Development Committee, Winter 2008 – present

Philosophy Department Representative, Seattle University Accepted Student Open House & Fall Preview Days, Fall 2007 – Winter 2008

Philosophy Department Committee on Revising the Philosophy Major, Fall 2007 – Winter 2008

Philosophy Department Subcommittee on Logic, Science, and Analytic Concentration for the Philosophy Major, Fall 2007 – Winter 2008

HONORS

Grant from The Endowed Mission Fund for Faculty and Staff Development in Mission for Summit on the Role of Philosophy in the Jesuit University of the 21st Century, May 2008

Awarded Ph.D. with distinction, December 2006

Introduction to Logic course selected as one of 11 recommended courses by *The Hoya,* Georgetown University's campus newspaper—the only philosophy course to be selected, April 2006

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 2006

Mark of Distinction, PhD Comprehensive Examination in Metaphysics, May 2002

Mark of Distinction, PhD Comprehensive Examination in Ethics, December 2001

Delta Epsilon Sigma, National Scholar Award, 2001

Barrett Prize for Best Honors Thesis, Spring 1999

Thesis Title: *Husserl's Transcendental Idealism*

Bishop Allen Prize for Graduating First in Undergraduate Class, Spring 1999

Redmond Prize for Highest GPA in Philosophy, Spring 1999

Tierney Prize for Highest GPA, Spring 1998

Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society, 1998-1999

Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society, 1998-1999

George H. Miles Honor Society, 1995-1999

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Editor-in-Chief, *Eudaimonia: The Georgetown Philosophical Review*, Georgetown University, Fall 2004 – Spring 2006

Member, American Philosophical Association, 2003 – presentt

Bioethics Research Assistant to Patricia King, Georgetown University School of Law, Summer 2002

President, Delta Epsilon Sigma National Honor Society, Mount St. Mary's College Chapter, 1998 — 1999

READING GROUPS AND COLLOQUIA

Participant, faculty reading group on Aquinas, Fall 2009 – Spring 2010

Participant, faculty reading group on Nietzsche, Seattle University Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

Participant, faculty reading group on Immanuel Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, Seattle University Fall 2007 – Spring 2008

Participant, Graduate Student Philosophy Colloquium, Georgetown University, Fall 2002 – Spring 2006

Participant, Dissertation Writers' Workshop, Georgetown University, Spring 2003 – Fall 2004

Participant, reading group on Ernst Cassirer's *Substance & Function*, Georgetown University, Spring 2004

Organizer, reading group on Jerry Fodor's *The Language of Thought*, Georgetown University, Spring 2003

Participant, reading group on possibility and possible worlds, Georgetown University, Spring 2002

Participant, reading group on philosophy of mind, Georgetown University, Summer 2001