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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Seattle University, Seattle WA (2014 – present)

Assistant Professor, Seattle University, Seattle, WA (2007 – 2014)

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

EDUCATION

Georgetown University: Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2007

Dissertation: *Skepticism Naturalized*

Dissertation 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. in Philosophy

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Psychology

Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

History of Analytic Philosophy
Philosophy of Science
Ethics

Logic
Moral Psychology

SCHOLARSHIP

Book Chapters and Journal Articles

“Can Phenomenology Ground Moral Normativity?” *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, forthcoming.

“Content, Consciousness, and Cambridge Change,” *Acta Analytica*, 30 (2015): 325-345.

“Informational Semantics and Frege Cases,” *Acta Analytica*, 28 (2013): 267-294.

“Confirmation and the Theory-Ladenness of Perception,” In P. Hanna (Ed.) *An Anthology of Philosophical Studies, Volume Six* (Athens: ATINER, 2012), pp. 143-156.

“Adaptationism and Adaptive Thinking in Evolutionary Psychology,” *Philosophical Psychology*, 25 (2012): 245-277.

“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

Review of Kim Sterelny’s *The Evolved Apprentice: How Evolution Made Humans Unique in Philosophy in Review*, forthcoming.

Review of John Haught’s *Making Sense of Evolution: Darwin, God, and the Drama of Life in Philosophy in Review*, 31 (2011): 42-45.

Review of Ernest Lepore and Kirk Ludwig’s *Donald Davidson’s Truth Theoretic Semantics in Philosophy in Review*, 29 (2009): 360-362.

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

Review of Graham Macdonald and David Papineau’s *Teleosemantics in Philosophy in Review*, 28 (2008): 348-351.

Review of Michael Gelven’s *What Happens to Us When We Think: Transformation and Reality in The Review of Metaphysics* 58 (2005): 659-660.

Works In Progress

“Syntactic Properties in the Language of Thought”

Academic Presentations

“Searle on Perceptual Intentionality,” presented at The 67th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, North Idaho College, October 2015
Also presented at Seattle University, April 2015

“Content, Consciousness, and Cambridge Change,” presented at Seattle Pacific University Winter Philosophy Colloquium, December 2014

“Content, Consciousness, and Cambridge Change,” presented at the 88th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, University of Cambridge, June, 2014

“Content, Consciousness, and Cambridge Change,” presented at The 65th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacifica University, October 2013

“A Dilemma for Double-Aspect Theories of Consciousness,” presented at the 8th meeting of The Society for Analytic Philosophy, Konstanz, Germany, September, 2012, poster presentation

“A Dilemma for Double-Aspect Theories of Consciousness,” *SAGE Lecture, Gonzaga University, April 2012*

“Can Phenomenology Ground Moral Normativity?,” Book Symposium on Smith’s *The Phenomenology of Moral Normativity*, Seattle University, February 2012

“Information, Confirmation, and the Theory-Ladenness of Perception,” presented at the 6th Annual ATINER Conference on Philosophy, June 2011

“Evolutionary Psychology,” *Seattle University Philosophy Club*, November 2011

“Adaptationism and Adaptive Thinking in Evolutionary Psychology,” presented at the 2010 meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, June 2010, poster presentation

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

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

“The Computational-Associative Theory of Mind,” presented at Central Washington University, January 2007

“Fodor’s Riddle of Abduction,” presented at Seattle University, January 2007

“Fodor’s Riddle of Abduction,” presented at Georgetown University, January 2007

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

“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

“There’s No Escaping It: Incommensurability and Concept Acquisition” (with Nathaniel Goldberg), presented at the meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, Mobile, Alabama, October 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seattle University

Full Courses:

PHIL-430: Symbolic Logic

Fall 2011

PHIL-437: Philosophy of Mind

Winter 2011; Winter 2009

PHIL-429: Moral Psychology

Fall 2012; Fall 2010

PHIL-345: Ethics

Spring 2012; Summer 2011; Summer 2010; Spring 2009

PHIL-338: Analytic Philosophy

Winter 2012; Fall 2009; Winter 2008

PHIL-336: The Philosophical Impact of Evolutionary Theory

Fall 2008

PHIL-260: Introduction to Logic

Fall 2012; Fall 2011; Winter 2011; Fall 2009; Fall 2008; Fall 2007

PHIL-220: Philosophy of the Human Person

Winter 2012; Winter 2010; Fall 2010; Spring 2008

PHIL-110: Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking

Winter 2010; Spring 2009; Winter 2009; Winter 2008; Fall 2007

Independent Studies:

Advanced Logic

Winter 2011

Virtue and Moral Psychology

Spring 2011

Functionalism

Spring 2010

Truth-Theoretic Semantics

Winter 2009

Philosophy of Action

Fall 2008

Introduction to Logic

Fall 2008; Winter 2009

Georgetown University

Introduction to Logic, Formal/Informal

Spring 2006; Fall 2006

Moral Psychology: The Emotions

Fall 2005

Introduction to Ethics

Summer 2005

The Mind/Body Problem

Spring 2005

Introduction to Philosophy

Summer 2004

Critical Thinking (Community Scholars Program)

Summer 2004

Introduction to Logic, Formal

Summer 2003

SERVICE

- Director, Logic, Science, and Analytic Specialization in the Philosophy Major, 2008 –
- Academic Advisor, 2008 – present
- Member of Philosophy Department Contract Faculty Hiring Committee, 2012 –
- Coordinator for University Core Assessment Committee Ethics Assessment Project, 2011 –
- Member of the Seattle University Core Assessment Committee, 2010 –
- Faculty Co-Coordinator for the Seattle University Philosophy Club, 2010 –
- External Reviewer for *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*
- External Reviewer for *Philosophical Psychology*, 2013
- External Reviewer for *Acta Analytica*, 2013
- Member of Philosophy Department Subcommittee Responsible for Reviewing Phase Two Ethics Syllabi, 2012
- Member of Core Honors Admissions Committee, 2011, 2012
- External Reviewer for *Comparative and Continental Philosophy*, 2012
- Participant in University Core Assessment Committee Social & Environmental Justice Project, 2010 – 2011
- Participant in University Core Assessment Committee Reflective Writing Project, 2011 – 2012
- Participant in University Core Revision Committee Workshops, 2011
- Participant in University Core Implementation Committee Workshops, 2011
- External Reviewer, *Zygon*, 2010
- Leader of the Learning Strategy Workshop on Critical Thinking, 2010
- Member of Departmental Hiring Committee, 2009 – 2010
- CAPE Exam Coordinator, 2010
- Moderator for Summit on the Role of Philosophy in Jesuit Colleges & Universities, 2009
- Organizer of Summit on the Role of Philosophy in Jesuit Colleges & Universities, 2009
- Philosophy Department Hiring Committee, 2008 – 2009
- Philosophy Department's Core Curriculum Revision Committee, 2008
- Philosophy Department Committee on Revising the Philosophy Major, 2007 – 2008

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