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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor

Baylor University
2023–Present

Assistant Professor

Baylor University
2019–2023

Postdoctoral Research Associate

University of Southern California
2018–2019

Research Assistant Professor in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2016–2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Philosophy: Princeton University, 2011–2016

M.Phil in Philosophical Theology: Oxford University, 2009–2011

MA in Divinity: The University of Chicago, 2007–2009

MA in Eastern Classics: St. John's College, 2006–2007

BA in the Liberal Arts: St. John's College, 2001–2005

INTERESTS

AOS: Decision Theory, Epistemology, PPE, Philosophy of Religion

AOC: Normative Ethics, Applied Ethics, Eastern Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

Large Language Models: Theory and Practice (with Benjamin Levinstein)
in *Generative AI and the Future of Education* (ed. Mutrik M Bin Quwead).

Decision Theory Without Luminosity (with Benjamin Levinstein)
Mind, forthcoming.

Absolutism and its Limits (with John Hawthorne and Clayton Littlejohn)
Journal of Moral Philosophy, forthcoming.

Evidential Decision Theory and the Ostrich (with Benjamin Levinstein)
Philosophers' Imprint, forthcoming.

Infelicitous Conditionals and KK (with John Hawthorne)
Mind, forthcoming.

- Counting Your Chickens** (with Adam Lerner and Jeffrey Sanford Russell)
Australian Journal of Philosophy, forthcoming.
- Updating Without Evidence** (with Jeffrey Sanford Russell)
Noûs, 57 (3): 576-599.
- Multiple Universes and Self-Locating Evidence** (with John Hawthorne and Jeffrey Sanford Russell)
Philosophical Review, 131 (3): 241-294 (2022). Selected for *The Philosopher's Annual* vol. 42. Honorable mention, Alvin Plantinga Prize.
- A Probabilistic Analysis of Title IX Reforms** (with Jason Iuliano)
Journal of Political Philosophy, 30 (1): 70-93 (2022).
- Non-Measurability, Imprecise Credences, and Imprecise Chances** (with Alan Hájek and John Hawthorne)
Mind, 131 (523):892-916 (2021).
- The Rationality of Epistemic Akrasia** (with John Hawthorne and Maria Lasonen-Aarnio)
Philosophical Perspectives, 35 (1): 206-228 (2021).
- Statistical Evidence and Incentives in the Law** (with John Hawthorne and Vishnu Sridharan)
Noûs-Supplement: Philosophical Issues, 31 (1): 128-145 (2021).
- Solving a Paradox of Evidential Equivalence** (with Cian Dorr and John Hawthorne)
Mind, 130 (520): 1159-1182 (2021).
- Infinite Prospects** (with Jeffrey Sanford Russell)
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 103 (1): 178-198 (2021).
- The Fallacy of Calibrationism**
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 102 (2): 247-260 (2021).
- Permissivism, Margin-for-Error, and Dominance** (with John Hawthorne)
Philosophical Studies, 178: 515-532 (2021).
- The Problems of Transformative Experience**
Philosophical Studies, 177 (4):1065-1084 (2020).
- A Patchwork Epistemology of Disagreement?**
Philosophical Studies 176 (7):1873-1885 (2019).
- Accounting for Intrinsic Values in the Federal Student Loan System** (with Jason Iuliano)
in *The Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy* (ed. David Boonin), Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.
- Fine-Tuning Fine-Tuning** (with John Hawthorne)
in *Knowledge, Belief, and God* (ed. Matthew Benton, John Hawthorne, and Dani Rabinowitz), Oxford University Press (2018).
- Misapprehensions About the Fine-Tuning Argument** (with John Hawthorne)
Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement 81:133-155 (2017).
- Probabilities Cannot Be Rationally Neglected**
Mind 125 (499):759-762 (2016).
- Evil and Evidence** (with John Hawthorne and Matthew Benton)
Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion 7:1-31 (2016).
- Duty and Knowledge**
Philosophical Perspectives 28 (1):95-110 (2014).
- A New Prospect for Epistemic Aggregation** (with Daniel Berntson)
Episteme 10 (3):269-281 (2013).

TALKS

Voting to Change the Outcome – in Real Life

PPE Society, November 2023.

Multiple Universes and Self-Locating Evidence

Fine-Tuning Summer School, Rutgers University, July 2023.

Rutgers University, March 2023.

Baylor Fine-Tuning Workshop, April 2022.

Updating Without Evidence

NYU, March 2023.

UT Austin, February 2023.

The Fallacy of Calibrationism

California Institute of Technology, November 2019.

Rutgers University, October 2018.

University of Southern California, September 2018.

Prospects for Prioritarianism

Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, August 2017.

Evil and Evidence

Central APA, March 2017.

Rutgers Religion on the Raritan, May 2014.

Duty and Knowledge

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, January 2017.

University of St. Andrews, December 2015.

ANU Philosophical Society, August 2014.

Princeton Dissertation Seminar, February 2014.

University Sexual Misconduct Policies: A Probabilistic Evaluation

Chapel Hill PPE Workshop, August 2016.

A Practical Guide to the St. Petersburg Paradox

ANU Philosophical Society, September 2015.

Faith and Reason Reconsidered

Seminar on the Value and Evaluation of Faith, July 2015.

Self-Confident Decision Theory

Society for Exact Philosophy, June 2014.

Princeton Philosophical Society, March 2013.

Comments on Safe Belief

Oxford New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology, June 2013.

A New Prospect for Epistemic Aggregation (with Daniel Berntson)

Rutgers Social Epistemology Workshop, April 2013.

Formal Issues in the Epistemology of Disagreement

Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference, October 2012.

HONORS

The Philosopher's Annual, for *Multiple Universes and Self-Locating Evidence*

vol. 42, 2023.

Plantinga Prize, Honorable Mention, for *Multiple Universes and Self-Locating Evidence*

\$5,000 award, 2023.

Research Grant for The Foundations of Fine-Tuning (with John Hawthorne and Aron Wall)

\$234,800 grant for applying formal epistemology to particle physics, 2018-2022.

UNC Chapel Hill Junior Faculty Development Award

\$7,500 grant for project on decision theory, 2016.

Research Grant from the Nature and Value of Faith Project

\$4,000 grant for project on the relationship between faith and reason, 2015.

TEACHING

AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Philosophy of Religion – Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2023

Social Philosophy – Fall 2021, Fall 2023

Logic – Spring 2023

Epistemology – Fall 2019, Spring 2022, Spring 2023

Knowledge, Belief, and Degrees of Belief – Spring 2022

Probability – Spring 2021

Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology – Fall 2019

AT UNC CHAPEL HILL

Morality and Business – Spring 2018

The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense – Fall 2017

Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics – Fall 2017, Spring 2018

The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense – Spring 2017

Bioethics – Fall 2016, Spring 2017

AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Logic, Reasoning, and Persuasion – Spring 2015

SERVICE

Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl, 2018.

Coordination Team, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society, 2017 and 2018.

Leader, UNC Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Reading Group, 2016 and 2017.

REFERENCES

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Princeton University
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University of Southern California
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