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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor

Baylor University
2019–Present

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, Normative Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion

AOC: Applied Ethics, Eastern Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

A Probabilistic Analysis of Title IX Reforms (with Jason Iuliano)

Journal of Political Philosophy, forthcoming.

Solving a Paradox of Evidential Equivalence (with Cian Dorr and John Hawthorne)

Mind, forthcoming.

Infinite Prospects (with Jeff Russell)

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, forthcoming.

The Fallacy of Calibrationism

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, forthcoming.

Permissivism, Margin-for-Error, and Dominance (with John Hawthorne)

Philosophical Studies, forthcoming.

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)
Philosophy 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).

UNDER REVISION

Counting Your Chickens (with Adam Lerner)
Philosophy and Public Affairs (Revise & Resubmit).

TALKS

Two Notions 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

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

\$234,800 grant for applying formal epistemology to particle physics, 2018-2020.

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.

Charles W. Lummis Scholarship

Competitive fellowship awarded by Princeton University, 2011–2016.

TEACHING

AT BAYLOR UNIVERSITY (Primary Instructor)

Epistemology – Fall 2019

Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology – Fall 2019

AT UNC CHAPEL HILL (Primary Instructor)

Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics – Spring 2018

Morality and Business – Spring 2018

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

Gateway to Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (with Jeff Spinner-Halev) – Fall 2017

Bioethics – Spring 2017

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

Bioethics (2 sections) – Fall 2016

AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY (Primary Instructor)

Logic, Reasoning, and Persuasion – Spring 2015

AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY (Assistant Instructor)

Philosophical Analysis Using Argument Maps – Fall 2014

Nietzsche (2 sections) – Spring 2014

Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (2 sections) – Spring 2013

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.

Referee, *Philosophical Review*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis*, *Faith and Philosophy*.

Referee, Irvine-Pittsburgh-Princeton Conference on the Mathematical and Conceptual Foundations of Physics, 2013.

BRIEF

DISSERTATION SUMMARY

Decision theory is concerned with how agents should choose under uncertainty. In my dissertation I argue that standard decision theories overlook uncertainty about *oneself*—they offer inadequate guidance to agents who lack self-knowledge. I then develop alternative theories that do better. In the first main part, I develop a theory for agents who are uncertain about their own credences, utilities, available acts, and decision functions. In the second main part, I develop a theory for agents who are uncertain about their evidence.

Dissertation Committee: Adam Elga (chair), Thomas Kelly, Hans Halvorson, Desmond Hogan

REFERENCES

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