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Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Epistemology
AOC: Ethics and Metaethics, Decision Theory

Employment

Associate Professor – The University of Texas at Austin	Spring 2020 – current
Associate Professor – Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Fall 2017– Fall 2019
Bersoff Fellow – New York University	Fall 2015– Spring 2017
Assistant Professor – The University of Texas at Austin	Fall 2012 – Spring 2015

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: *Imprecision in Normative Domains*
Roger White (chair)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2007 – 2012)

B.A. in Philosophy with Highest Honors,
in Mathematics with Honors,
in Neuroscience
summa cum laude
Brandeis University (2002 – 2006)

Publications - Refereed

“Dilating and Contracting Arbitrarily” – with David Builes and Sophie Horowitz
Forthcoming in *Noûs*

“Accuracy and Verisimilitude: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly”
Forthcoming in *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*

“Meditations on Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily”
Forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*

Winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Epistemology

“Permissivism and the Value of Rationality: A Challenge to the Uniqueness Thesis”

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 2019 99(2): 286-297

Winner of the Young Epistemologist Prize 2017

“An Accuracy Based Approach to Higher Order Evidence”

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 2018 96(3): 690-715

“Conditionalization does not (in general) Maximize Expected Accuracy”

Mind 2017 126(504): 1155-1187

“The Accuracy and Rationality of Imprecise Credences”

Noûs 2017 51(4): 667-685

“Bridging Rationality and Accuracy”

The Journal of Philosophy 2015 112(2): 633-657

“Moral Vagueness is Ontic Vagueness”

Ethics 2015 126(2): 257-282

“A Dilemma for Calibrationism”

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 2015 91(2):425-455

“Permission to Believe: Why Permissivism is True and What it Tells Us About Irrelevant Influences on Belief”

Noûs 2014 48(2):193-218

“Chilling Out on Epistemic Rationality: A Defense of Imprecise Credences (and other imprecise doxastic attitudes)”

Philosophical Studies 2012 158(2):197-219

Publications - Invited

“Why do you Believe What You Do? Run Some Diagnostics on It”

Aeon – April 22, 2020

“Internalism without Luminosity”

Philosophical Issues – Normativity 2015 25(1): 252-272

“Decision Making in the Face of Parity”

Philosophical Perspectives – Ethics 2014 28(1): 263-277

Selected Presentations

Normativity and Reasoning Workshop – NYU Abu Dhabi

“What am I doing?” (2020)

University of Massachusetts at Amherst – Colloquium

“What am I doing?” (2020)

Knowledge Beyond the Natural Sciences Conference – University of Sterling

“Deferring to Doubt” (2019)

Vagueness, Parity and Non-Conventional Comparative Relations Conference – Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, Sweden

“Dilating and Contracting Arbitrarily” (2019)

International Conference for Philosophy of Science and Formal Methods for Philosophy – Gdansk, Poland

“Dilating and Contracting Arbitrarily” (2019)

Ohio State University – Colloquium

“Dilating and Contracting Arbitrarily” (2019)

Bounded Rationality Workshop – Harvard University

“Dilating and Contracting Arbitrarily”

National University of Singapore – Epistemology Conference

“Dilating and Contracting Arbitrarily” (2019)

University of Turin – Formal Epistemology Workshop (FEW)

“Accuracy and Verisimilitude: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly” (2019).

University of Southampton – Higher Order Evidence Workshop

“Deferring to Doubt” (2019)

The Swedish Academy – Cognitive Values Workshop

“Deferring to Doubt” (2019)

Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop

“Deferring to Doubt” (2019)

Northeastern University – Formal and Experimental Philosophy Conference

“Can Imprecise Probabilities be Practically Motivated?” (2019)

Carnegie Mellon University – Colloquium

“Accuracy and Verisimilitude: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly” (2019)

University of Mannheim – Suspension of Judgment Conference

“Higher Order Evidence and the Perspective of Doubt” (2018)

Indiana University – Clark Lecture

“Higher Order Evidence and the Perspective of Doubt” (2018)

University of Oxford – Colloquium

“Defending Propriety” (2018)

University of Oxford – Global Priorities Institute

“What Good is Imprecision?” (2018)

University of Oxford – Knowledge, Belief, Evidence Conference

“Higher Order Evidence and the Perspective of Doubt” (2018)

Princeton University – Moral Epistemology Conference

“Higher Order Evidence and the Perspective of Doubt” (2018)

Cornell University – Colloquium

“What Good is Imprecision?” (2018)
 Hebrew University – Colloquium
 “What Good is Imprecision?” (2018)
 Indiana University – Colloquium
 “What Good is Imprecision?” (2017)
 University of Barcelona – Epistemic Rationality: Conceptions & Challenges Conference
 “Meditations on Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily” (2017)
 Australian National University - Colloquium
 “Meditations on Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily” (2017)
 Rutgers Epistemology Conference
 “Permissivism and the Value of Rationality” (2017)
 University of Pittsburgh – Formal Representations of Ignorance Conference
 “Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily” (2017)
 Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
 “Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily” (2017)
 University of Pennsylvania – PeRFECt Conference
 “Forming Beliefs Arbitrarily” (2016)
 Tufts University – Colloquium
 “Permissivism and the Value of Rationality” (2016)
 Harvard University – Colloquium
 “Permissivism and the Value of Rationality” (2016)
 University of Bristol –Epistemic Utility Theory Project, Final Conference
 “Permissivism and the Value of Rationality” (2016)
 University of Toronto – Colloquium
 “Permissivism, Disagreement and the Value of Rationality” (2016)
 University of Michigan – Spring Colloquium
 “Permissivism, Disagreement and the Value of Rationality” (2016).
 City University of New York – Colloquium
 “Permissivism, Disagreement and the Value of Rationality” (2016)
 Rutgers University – Amsterdam/NYC Logic and Epistemology Workshop
 “Conditionalization does not (in general) Maximize Expected Accuracy” (2015)
 University of Bristol –Imprecise Credences Conference
 “The Accuracy and Rationality of Imprecise Credences” (2015)
 University of Colorado at Boulder - The Morris Colloquium on Cognitive Values
 “The Accuracy and Rationality of Imprecise Credences” (2015)
 Brandeis University – Higher Order Evidence Conference
 “An Accuracy Based Approach to Higher Order Evidence” (2015)
 University of Wisconsin at Madison - Colloquium
 “Internalism without Luminosity” (2014)
 University of North Carolina Chapel Hill - Colloquium
 “Internalism without Luminosity” (2014)
 University of Michigan – Formal Epistemology Mini-Conference
 “The Accuracy and Rationality of Imprecise Credences” (2014)
 Formal Epistemology Workshop (FEW)
 “Bridging Rationality and Accuracy” (2014)
 University of Konstanz – Konstanz Reasoning Conference

“An Accuracy Based Approach to Higher Order Evidence” (2014)
Princeton University - Colloquium
“Bridging Rationality and Accuracy” (2013)
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill – Epistemic Normativity Workshop
“Bridging Rationality and Accuracy” (2013)
University of St. Andrews *Arché* – Knowledge and Society Workshop
“A Dilemma for Calibrationism” (2013)
University of Leeds – Indeterminacy in What We Care About Workshop
“Moral Vagueness is Ontic Vagueness” (2013)
Fordham University – Epistemology and Ethics Workshop
“A Dilemma for Calibrationism” (2013)
University of St. Andrews *Arché* – Causes of Belief Workshop
“Two Notions of Epistemic Rationality” (2012)
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference
“Chilling Out on Epistemic Rationality” (2011)

Visiting Positions and Honorary Appointments

Honorary Professor of Australian Catholic University (Jan 2020 - current)
University of Oxford – *Global Priorities Institute* (Trinity 2018)
Australian National University (Summer 2017)
University of Oxford – *New Insights and Directions in Religious Epistemology* (Trinity 2013, 2014, 2015)

Awards and Fellowships

Winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Epistemology (2017)
Winner of the Young Epistemologist Prize (2017)
Bersoff Fellowship at New York University (2015-2017)
Teaching Award from *The Young People’s Project*
An organization which aims to create social change through math literacy (2011)

Academic Service

Committee of Graduate Studies (MIT, 2017 - current)
Placement Officer, The University of Texas at Austin (2013, 2014)

Mentor for *Athena in Action* – A mentoring workshop for graduate student women in philosophy (2016)

Referee for the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, The European Research Council, The Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Cambridge University Press, Routledge

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal of Philosophy Science*, *Ethics*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *The Journal of Philosophy* and others.

Co-organizer of the Texas Epistemology Extravaganza (2015)
with Sinan Dogramaci and Sophie Horowitz

Co-organizer of the Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (2013, 2020)
with Julia Markovits and Ned Markosian

Teaching

Undergraduate

Problems of Philosophy
Philosophy of Race and Gender
Contemporary Moral Problems
Introduction to Logic
Theory of Knowledge

Graduate Seminars

Formal Methods in Philosophy (UT)
Norms of Credence
 With Roger White (MIT)
Epistemic Planning
 With Jane Friedman (NYU)
Applications of Bayesianism to Traditional Epistemology
 With Sinan Dogramaci (UT Austin)
From Metaethics to Metaepistemology
 with Sinan Dogrmaci (UT Austin)
Higher Order Evidence (UT Austin)

Teaching Outside of the University

Logic Instructor at Norfolk Correctional Facility	<i>Boston University</i> (2019)
Tutor	<i>Tutoring Plus, Cambridge</i> (2018, 2019)
Logic Instructor at Fishkill Correctional Facility	<i>Bard Prison Initiative</i> (2017)
SAT Tutor	<i>New York Cares</i> (2015-2016)

High School Math Tutor *The Young People's Project* (2010-2011)
English Teacher AUA, Thailand (2006-2007)
Teaching Assistant for Mathematical Logic *Center for Talented Youth* (Summer 2005)