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Academic Appointments

Postdoctoral Scholar and Instructor, California Institute of Technology	*2017-2019*
Visiting Fellow, Australian National University	*July 2018*

Education

PhD in Philosophy, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor *2013-2017*

Dissertation Title: Foundations of Epistemic Risk
Committee:
James Joyce (Chair), Peter Railton,
Brian Weatherson, Rich Gonzalez (Statistics/ Psychology)

MS in Statistics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor *2013-2017*

Visitor, Carnegie Mellon University *June 2014*

JD, *cum laude*, Harvard Law School *2007-2010*

BA (Honors), *summa cum laude*, York University *2003-2007*

Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Formal Epistemology, Philosophy of Science (esp. Statistics), Philosophy of Law
AOC: Decision & Game Theory, Logic, Normative and Applied Ethics

Publications

A Theory of Epistemic Risk, *Philosophy of Science* forthcoming

Moral Obligations and Epistemic Risk, *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* prov. forthcoming
(co-authored with Zoë Johnson-King)

Work in Progress

A Challenge for Approximate Coherentism

Norms, Stereotpyes, and Accuracy

Testing for Discrimination and the Risk of Error

Adaptive Burdens of Proof

Dynamic Epistemic Risk

Invariance, Entropy, and (Objective) Bayesianism

Presentations

"Moral Obligations and Epistemic Risk"

Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics (January 2019)

"A Challenge for Approximate Coherentism"

University of Colorado, Boulder, 34th Conf. on Chance and Probability (October 2018)

"Testing for Discrimination and the Risk of Error"

Philosophy of Science Association, 26th Biennial Meeting, poster (November 2018)
The Australian National University (July 2018)

"Dynamic Epistemic Risk"

University of California, Irvine (February 2018)
California Institute of Technology (January 2018)

"Generalized Entropy and Epistemic Risk"

University of Michigan, Philosophy of Science Colloquium (February 2018)
London School of Economics, Philosophy of Probability Conference (June 2017)
University of Chicago, Graduate Conference (April 2016)

"Frequency Encoding Credences"

London School of Economics, Decisions, Games and Logic Workshop (June 2015)

Comment on Elisabeth Camp, "Whence and Wherefore Semantics"

University of Michigan, Spring Colloquium (March 2015)

"Degrees of Belief, Moral Judgment, and Legal Responsibility"

Harvard Legal Philosophy Colloquium (November 2014)

"A Puzzle about Presidential Non-Enforcement of Laws"

UCLA, Law and Philosophy Conference (April 2012)
Harvard Law School, Public Law Workshop (April 2010)

Fellowships & Awards

Doctoral Fellowship ($60,000)	*2015-2018*
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	
Rackham Dissertation Fellowship ($10,200)	*2017*
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	
Rackham Research Grant ($3,000)	*2017*
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	
Conference Travel Grant ($1,000 x 3)	*2017, 2016, 2014*
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	
Weinberg Summer Fellowship ($4,000)	*Summer 2015*
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	
Phi Kappa Phi honor society	*April 2015*
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	
Mellon Recruitment Fellowship ($4,000)	*April 2013*
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist	*December 2009*
for Province of Ontario	
Public Interest Law Fellowship ($5,000)	*2008*
Harvard Law School	
Prize for best undergraduate essay in philosophy (x 2)	*2006, 2007*
York University	
Queen Elizabeth II Merit Scholarship ($14,000)	*2003-2007*
Province of Ontario	

Teaching (as primary instructor)

Statistics, Ethics, and Law	*Spring 2018*
Caltech	
Probability, Evidence and Belief	*Spring 2018*
Caltech	
Knowledge and Reality	*Fall 2017*
Caltech	
Nature of Science	*Fall 2016*
University of Michigan	
Knowledge and Reality	*Summer 2016*
University of Michigan	

Teaching (as TA)

Philosophy, Politics & Economics	*Fall 2015*
University of Michigan	
Philosophy, Politics & Economics	*Winter 2015*
University of Michigan	

Intermediate Logic   *Fall 2014*
University of Michigan

Legal Experience

Stikeman Elliott, LLP   Toronto
Litigation Attorney   *2012–2013*

Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP   Los Angeles
Litigation Attorney   *2010–2012*

Kirkland & Ellis, LLP   New York
Summer Associate (offer extended)   *Summer 2009*

Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology & Bioethics   Cambridge, MA
Research Assistant for I. Glenn Cohen, Harvard Law School   *2009–2010*

UNIDROIT   Rome, IT
Research Associate for International Commercial Contracts Group   *Summer 2008*

Professional Service

Reviewer for the following publications:
Philosophy of Science (×2), Synthese, American Philosophical Quarterly

10th Workshop in Decisions, Games and Logic   *June 2019*
Organizer (Co-), $10,000 from various funding sources

Philosopher's Annual   *2017, 2016*
Editor (Volumes 35 and 36)

Foundations of Belief and Decision Making Workshop   *2015-2017*
Coordinator (and Co-founder), $11,000 in grant funding

9th Workshop in Decisions, Games and Logic   *July 2015*
Organizer (Co-), $4,000 from various funding sources

Graduate Student Faculty Representative   *2015-2016*
University of Michigan Department of Philosophy

University of Michigan, Department of Philosophy Spring Colloquium   *Spring 2015*
Organizer (Co-), $8,000 grant funding

Graduate Student Representative to Rackham Forum   *2014-2015*
University of Michigan Department of Philosophy

Law & Philosophy Working Group   *2013-2015*
Coordinator (Co-), $12,000 grant funding

Harvard Journal of Law and Technology   *2007-2009*
Editor

Computer Skills

R, Python, SAS, JAGS, Stan

Memberships & Affiliations

State Bar of California

US Federal District Court for the Northern District of California

Provincial Bar of Ontario (i.e., Law Society of Upper Canada)

References

Research

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Teaching

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Graduate Coursework

Statistics

Random Processes (Ohwadi, Caltech)
Probability (Tamuz, Caltech)
Statistical Computing (Bois, Caltech)
Advanced Bayesian Inference (J. Kang)
Survival Analysis (Li)
Machine Learning (Nguyen)
Linear Models (Thelen)
Statistical Inference (M. Kang)
Probability Theory (Braun)
Game Theory II (Lupia)
Game Theory I (Osgood)

Philosophy

Decision Theory (Joyce)
Formal Methods (Moss)
Philosophy of Mathematics (Tappenden)
Advanced Logic (Goldfarb, Harvard, audit)
Epistemology (Williamson)
Epistemology (Lasonen-Aarnio, audit)
Formal Epistemology (Joyce)
Metaphysics (Manley, audit)
David Lewis Seminar (Weatherson)
Quine (Goldfarb, Harvard)
Wittengstein (Goldfarb, Harvard)
Moral Psychology (Railton)
Normative Uncertainty (Weatherson)
Plato (Evans)
Hume (Loeb, audit)

Law (Harvard, selected advanced courses)

Public Law Workshop (Minow/Fallon, by admission)
Constitutional Law, Fourteenth Amendment (Minow)
Constitutional Law, First Amendment (Feldman)
Comparative Constitutional Law (Michelman)
Separation of Powers (Kavanaugh)
Administrative Law (Rakoff)
International Law (Goldsmith)
International Law Theory (Alford)
Federal Litigation (Rosenberg)