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

Teaching (as primary instructor)

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

Teaching (as TA)

Philosophy, Politics & Economics <i>University of Michigan</i>	Fall 2015
Philosophy, Politics & Economics <i>University of Michigan</i>	Winter 2015

Intermediate Logic
University of Michigan

Fall 2014

Legal Experience

Stikeman Elliott, LLP <i>Litigation Attorney</i>	Toronto 2012–2013
Quinn, Emanuel, Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP <i>Litigation Attorney</i>	Los Angeles 2010–2012
Kirkland & Ellis, LLP <i>Summer Associate (offer extended)</i>	New York Summer 2009
Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology & Bioethics <i>Research Assistant for I. Glenn Cohen, Harvard Law School</i>	Cambridge, MA 2009–2010
UNIDROIT <i>Research Associate for International Commercial Contracts Group</i>	Rome, IT Summer 2008

Professional Service

Reviewer for the following publications:

Philosophy of Science (×2), *Synthese*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*

10th Workshop in Decisions, Games and Logic <i>Organizer (Co-), \$10,000 from various funding sources</i>	June 2019
Philosopher's Annual <i>Editor (Volumes 35 and 36)</i>	2017, 2016
Foundations of Belief and Decision Making Workshop <i>Coordinator (and Co-founder), \$11,000 in grant funding</i>	2015-2017
9th Workshop in Decisions, Games and Logic <i>Organizer (Co-), \$4,000 from various funding sources</i>	July 2015
Graduate Student Faculty Representative <i>University of Michigan Department of Philosophy</i>	2015-2016
University of Michigan, Department of Philosophy Spring Colloquium <i>Organizer (Co-), \$8,000 grant funding</i>	Spring 2015
Graduate Student Representative to Rackham Forum <i>University of Michigan Department of Philosophy</i>	2014-2015
Law & Philosophy Working Group <i>Coordinator (Co-), \$12,000 grant funding</i>	2013-2015
Harvard Journal of Law and Technology <i>Editor</i>	2007-2009

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)