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### **Employment**

University of California, Santa Barbara— Assistant Professor: July 2002-Present

### **Education**

Cornell University: September 1997 – July 2002

Ph.D. Philosophy: July 2002

Dissertation Committee: Sydney Shoemaker (Chair), Carl Ginet, Delia Graff

Tufts University: September 1994 – May 1997

M.A. Philosophy: May 1997

Tufts University: September 1990 – May 1994

B.A. Philosophy, Minor in Political Science: May 1994

Magna cum laude

(University College London, University of London: 1992–93)

### **Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, David Hume

### **Areas of Competence**

Philosophy of Language, Moral Psychology, Ethics

### **Publications**

“Unnatural Access,” *Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 54, No. 216 (July 2004), pp. 435-438.

“Basic Self-Knowledge: Answering Peacocke’s Criticisms of Constitutivism,”

*Philosophical Studies*, 128 (March 2006) pp. 337-379.

“Self-Verification and the Content of Thought,” *Synthese*, 149 (March 2006), pp. 59-75.

“Putting Extrospection to Rest,” *Philosophical Quarterly*, 55 (October 2005), pp. 658-661.

“Against Relativism,” *Philosophical Studies*, forthcoming in print: published on-line (October 5, 2006).

Review of Maria Baghramian, *Relativism*, London: Routledge (2004) for *Ars Disputandi*.

Review of Paul Boghossian, *Fear of Knowledge*, Oxford: Clarendon (2006) for *Ars Disputandi*.

### **Research**

“Hume’s Reasons” under review.

“Infallibilism and Its Discontents,” under review.

“The Nature of Belief,” under review.

“A Conflict in Common Sense Morality,” in progress.

### **Fellowships, Honors and Awards**

Visiting Fellow Australian National University (2006)

Awarded Australian National University Post-Doctoral Fellowship (2002–2005)

Cornell University Sage School Fellowship

### **Presentations**

December 2006: “Hume’s Reasons”

Australian National University

October 2006: “Hume’s Reasons”

Claremont Graduate University

October 2004: “Against Relativism”

Colloquium series—University of California, Irvine

June 2004: Comments on David Chalmers’ “Perception and the Fall from Eden”

NYU’s Philosophy of Mind Conference—Florence, Italy

March 2004: Comments on Joshua Gert’s “Sensations and Circularity”

APA Pacific Division Meeting—Pasadena, California

February 2004: Comments on James Pryor’s “Object Directed Thoughts”

Concepts and Content Conference—University of California, Santa Barbara

February 2003: “The Immediacy of Belief”

Cognitive Studies Colloquium—University of California, Santa Barbara

June 2002: “Infallible Introspection”

NEH Summer Seminar—University of California, Santa Cruz

### **Administrative and Editorial Experience**

2002-7: Referee for *Synthese*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Dialectica*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Psychology*, and the *Journal of Philosophical Research*.

2007: Chair of APA Pacific Division Colloquium on Hume

2005-7: Committee on University Graduate Fellowships

2005-7: Library Liaison

2003-5: Colloquium Organizer

2003: Organizer of Concepts and Contents conference at UCSB

2003: Chair of APA Pacific Division Colloquium on Introspection

### **Teaching Experience**

Spring 2007: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 100A: Intermediate Ethics*; *Philosophy 100D: Intermediate Philosophy of Mind*.

Winter 2007: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 296E: Graduate Seminar in Moral Epistemology*; *Philosophy 134/234 G: Moral Psychology*.

Spring 2006: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 134/234 G: Moral Psychology*.

Winter 2006: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 165/265 G: Hume*; *Philosophy 150B/250B: Advanced Epistemology*.

Fall 2005: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 296D: Graduate Seminar: Contextualism and Relativism*; *Philosophy 4: Introduction to Ethics*.

Winter 2005: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 100D: Philosophy of Mind*; *Philosophy 134/234 G: Moral Psychology*.

Fall 2004: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 165/265 G: Hume*; *Philosophy 4: Introduction to Ethics*.

Winter 2003-4: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 131/231 G: Theories of Punishment*; *Interdisciplinary 200B: Cognitive Science Seminar—Concepts*.

Fall 2003: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 134/234 G: Moral Psychology*, *Philosophy 165/265 G: Hume*.

Winter 2002-3: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 4: Introduction to Ethics*; *Philosophy 296D: Graduate Seminar on Self-Knowledge*.

Fall 2002: University of California, Santa Barbara, *Philosophy 134/234 G: Moral Psychology*.

Spring 2002: Cornell University Freshman Writing Seminar: *Skepticism and Nihilism*.

Fall 2001: Cornell University Freshman Writing Seminar: *Knowledge and Desire*

Fall & Winter 2001: Cornell University at the Auburn State Correctional Facility, *God, Mind and Freedom*

Spring 2001: Cornell University at the Auburn State Correctional Facility, *History of Ethics*

Spring 2000–Spring 2001: Auburn State Correctional Facility, *History of Philosophy*

**References:** David Chalmers, Carl Ginet, Christopher Peacocke, Sydney Shoemaker, Jason Stanley, and Timothy Williamson