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AOS: Philosophy of Science, Formal Epistemology  
AOC: Logic, Philosophy of Language

## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, *In Progress*, Expected Spring 2018.

Dissertation: "How to do things with probabilities"

I defend three views in formal epistemology and the philosophy of science: I offer a new solution to the problem of the priors. I show why it's rational, on Bayesian grounds, to search for a secular explanation of fine tuning. And I argue that evidential decision theorists should two-box.

Committee: Sinan Dogramaci (Supervisor), Sahotra Sarkar (Supervisor), Kenny Easwaran, Cory Juhl, Miriam Schoenfield

M.S. Statistics, University of Texas at Austin, 2016.

Thesis: "Infectious disease and the South Texas colonias"

Supervisor: Sahotra Sarkar

B.A. Mathematics, B.A. Philosophy with high honors, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2010.

## Articles

"Origins of life research does not rest on a mistake.", *Ergo*, 2016.

## Presentations

### *Original Work*

"Mythical objects and the Hob/Nob puzzle." Eighth Annual MLK Conference, University of Texas at Austin, 2012.

### *Commentary*

On Sophie Horowitz's "Credences, Truth, and Educated Guesses," Formal Epistemology Workshop, 2015.

On Nilanjan Das's "A Problem for Radical Probabilism," University of Texas Graduate Conference, 2014.

On Woo-Ram Lee's "Non-Cognitivism and the Wishful Thinking Problem," AGENT, University of Texas, 2013.

On Ben Lennertz's "Taking 'Might'-Communication Seriously," University of Texas Graduate Conference, 2012.

## Awards

Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 2016.

High Commendation, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin, 2012, 2013, 2014.

## Teaching

### *As Primary Instructor, University of Texas*

Introductory Symbolic Logic, Spring 2017.

Introduction to Logic, Fall 2016.

### *As Teaching Assistant, University of Texas*

Medical Ethics, Spring 2016.

Plan II Honors: Problems of Knowledge and Valuation, Fall 2014, Spring 2015.

Philosophy of Science, Spring 2014.

Introduction to Logic, Fall 2013.

Contemporary Moral Problems, Spring 2013.

Introduction to Logic, Fall 2012.

Introduction to Philosophy, Spring 2012.

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2011.

## Service

Organizer of ERGo, the Epistemology Reading Group at the University of Texas, 2015-2017.

Graduate Representative, University of Texas Philosophy Department, 2012-2013.

Organizer of the University of Texas Graduate Conference, University of Texas, 2012.

## Graduate Coursework

### *In Philosophy*

Russell, 1900-1914.  
Meta-Ethics in 20th Century Analytic Phil  
Core Logic  
Philosophy of Action  
Perspectivalty  
Philosophy of Set Theory  
Epistemology of Language  
Consciousness and Intentionality  
Philosophy of Mind: Color  
Definiteness

### *In Statistics*

Statistical Methods  
Bayesian Statistical Methods  
Design and Analysis of Experiments  
Mathematical Statistics I  
Mathematical Statistics II  
Regression Analysis  
Monte Carlo Methods in Statistics  
Linear Models

## Other

### *Languages*

R, Python, Ruby, SQL (MS, Postgre), VB, C#, C++, Objective-C