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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

PhD, Philosophy, May 2016.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-OMAHA

BA, Philosophy, May 2009.

AOS

Metaphysics, Epistemology.

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Philosophy of Science, Ethics.

Dissertation

THEORIES OF PROPERTIES AND ONTOLOGICAL THEORY CHOICE:

The dissertation argues that we have no good reason to accept any one account of the nature of properties as true, because we lack any principled basis for choosing one theory of properties over its competitors. I present three possible bases for theory-choice in the properties debate: coherence, explanatory adequacy, and explanatory value. I then argue that each of these bases fails to resolve the underdetermination. I then propose a instrumentalist approach to dealing with the underdetermination of what theory of properties we should accept.

Publications

1. "Lewis, Wilson, Hume: A Response to Jessica Wilson on Lewisian Plenitude and Hume's Dictum."
Inquiry, Forthcoming.

Conference Presentations

1. "Barker and Dowe: No Paradox for Multi-Located Universals."
APA Pacific Division, 2016.
2. "Barker and Dowe: No Paradox for Multi-Located Universals."
Central States Philosophical Association, 2015.

3. "Moral and Mathematical Realism: Partners in Epistemological Guilt?"
APA Pacific Division, 2014.
4. "David Lewis and Contingent Second-Order Predication."
APA Central Division, 2012.
5. "David Lewis and Contingent Second-Order Predication."
Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, 2011.
6. "Against Lewisian Theories of Properties."
Gonzaga Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2011.
7. "Towards an Adequate Theory of Properties."
Iowa Philosophical Society, 2009.

Presented Comments

1. "Comments on Michael Shaffer's 'Might/Would Duality, Imaging and the Probabilities of Counterfactuals.'"
Central States Philosophical Association, 2015.
2. "Comments on Elanor Taylor's 'Explanation and the Explanatory Gap.'"
66th Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, 2012.

Research Grants and Awards

1. Graduate Student Travel Stipend.
APA, Pacific Division, 2016.
2. Department Travel Grant.
Philosophy Department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2016.
3. Department Travel Grant.
Philosophy Department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2015.
4. Hinman Dissertation Fellowship.
Philosophy Department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2014.
5. Graduate College Travel Grant.
Graduate College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2014.
6. Department Travel Grant.
Philosophy Department, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2014.
7. Graduate Student Travel Stipend.
APA, Central Division, 2012.
8. Chancellor's Fellowship (2-year academic award).
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2010–12.

Teaching Experience

INSTRUCTOR

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Introduction to Philosophy: | Spring 2015, Fall 2015. ¹ |
| 2. Philosophy and Current Issues: | Spring 2014, Summer 2014. |
| 3. Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking: | Spring 2016. |
| 4. Medical Ethics: | Summer 2012, Summer 2013. |
| 5. Elements of Ethics: | Summer 2015. |

¹Taught at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

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| 1. Introduction to Philosophy: | 3 Semesters. |
| 2. Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking: | 2 Semesters. |
| 3. Philosophy and Contemporary Issues: | 2 Semesters. |