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Areas of Specialization

General Philosophy of Science; Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Logic; Philosophy of Language; Metaphysics; Continental Philosophy

Education

Emory University, 1999-2006: M.A. in Philosophy (2003); PhD in Philosophy (2006)

Dissertation: *The Social Context of Scientific Explanation*. Advisor: Mark Risjord

Northwestern University 1994-1998: B.A. double major in Philosophy and Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences, minor in Economics, 1998.

Positions

Professorships

Associate Professor, Middlebury College, July 2013-present

Assistant Professor, Middlebury College, July 2006-June 2013

Fellowships

Visiting Fellow, University of Pittsburgh, Center for the Philosophy of Science,
Spring 2011, Fall 2016

Visiting Scholar, Fall 2010

Teaching Positions

Instructor, Oxford College at Emory University, 2005-2006

Instructor, Emory University, 2004-2005

Teaching Associate, Emory University, 2002

Teaching Assistant, Emory University, 2000-2002

Awards

National Endowment for the Humanities

Summer Institute on Experimental Philosophy at the University of Arizona, 2012

Middlebury College

Faculty Research Assistant Fund, 2016

Undergraduate Collaborative Research Fund, 2007, 2012-2016

Ada Howe Kent Grant, 2007

Emory University

Scholarly Inquiry and Research at Emory Graduate Fellowship, 2005-2006

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, 2004-2005

Emory Minority Graduate Fellowship, 1999-2004

Emory College Online Summer Grant, 2001

Publications

Book

Forthcoming. *Understanding, Explanation, and Scientific Knowledge*. Cambridge University Press.

Articles and Book Chapters

Forthcoming. (with Jared Millson and Mark Risjord). "Explanatory asymmetry and

- inferential practice," *Synthese*.
- Forthcoming. (with Jared Millson and Mark Risjord). "IBE: Fundamentalism's failures" in K. McCain and T. Poston (eds.), *Best Explanations: New Essays on Inference to the Best Explanation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press).
- Forthcoming. (with Randall Harp) "Realism and antirealism" in Rosenberg, A. and L. McIntyre (eds.), *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Social Science* (London: Routledge).
- 2016 "Must understanding be coherent?" in S. Grimm, C. Baumberger, and S. Ammon (eds.), *Explaining Understanding: New Perspectives from Epistemology and Philosophy of Science*, (London: Routledge): 139-164.
- 2015 (with Randall Harp) "Why pursue unification? A social-epistemological puzzle," *Theoria* 30 (3): 431-447
- 2015 (with Leticia Arroyo Abad) "What are stylized facts?" *Journal of Economic Methodology* 22 (2): 143-156.
- 2015 "EMU defended: reply to Newman (2014)," *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* 5 (3): 377-385.
- 2013 (with Michael Gadowski) "Understanding as explanatory knowledge: the case of Bjorken scaling," *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part A* 44 (3): 384-392.
- 2013 "Understanding, grasping, and luck," *Episteme* 10 (1): 1-17.
- 2013 "Is understanding explanatory or objectual?" *Synthese* 190 (6): 1153-1171
- 2013 (with Jose Diez and Bert Leuridan) "General theories of explanation: buyer beware," *Synthese* 190 (3): 379-396
- 2013 "The role of explanation in understanding," *British Journal for Philosophy of Science* 64 (1): 161-187.
- 2012 "Inaugurating understanding or repackaging explanation?" *Philosophy of Science* 79 (1): 15-37.
- 2011 "Understanding, knowledge, and scientific antirealism" *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 83 (1): 93-112.
- 2011 "Contrastive explanations as social accounts," *Social Epistemology* 24 (4): 265-286.
- 2010 "Social constructivism and the aims of science," *Social Epistemology* 24 (1): 45-61.
- 2010 "Default privilege and bad lots: underconsideration and explanatory inference," *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* 24 (1): 91-105.
- 2004 "Erotetic contextualism, data-generating procedures, and sociological explanations of social mobility," *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* 34 (1): 38-54.

Book Reviews

- 2013 Review of *Social Epistemology*, by A. Millar, A. Haddock, and D. Pritchard (eds.). *Mind* 122 (486): 535-540.
- 2009 Review of *Music, Philosophy, and Modernity*, by A. Bowie. *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 47 (3): 481-482.

Representative Presentations

- (with Yannick Doyle, Spencer Egan, and Noah Graham) "Non-factive understanding: a statement and defense"
 Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice, June 17-19, 2016 Glassboro, NJ (talk cancelled)
 Philosophy of Science Association, scheduled November 5, 2016. Atlanta, GA

- "Explanatory asymmetry and inferential practice" University of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA. October 25, 2016.
- "Understanding, idealization, and (just enough) truth" Aarhus University. Aarhus, Denmark. Workshop on Explanation and Understanding.
- "Understanding: antirealism or quietism?" VU University. Amsterdam, Netherlands. February 10, 2016.
- "Explanation or inference: which comes first?" Inferentialism, Deflationism, and Relativism: New Connections in Philosophy of Science. Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Madrid, Spain. Scheduled February 8, 2016.
- (with Jared Millson) "Explanatory expressivism," Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop. Orange Beach, AL. May 19, 2015.
- "Understanding without truth?" Society for Analytical Philosophy, Buenos Aires, Argentina. December 18, 2015
- "Must understanding be coherent?"
Towards an Epistemology of Understanding: Rethinking Justification. Berne, Switzerland. March 21, 2014.
University of Delaware. Wilmington, DE. April 10, 2014.
- (with Mark Risjord) "Explanation, Inferentialism, and Expressivism," Workshop on Inferentialism in Epistemology and Philosophy of Science. Madrid, Spain. November 11, 2013.
- "Non-factive understanding," Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. June 29, 2013
- "Understanding, luck, and the aims of explanatory inquiry," Aims of Inquiry and Cognition Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland. May 26, 2012.
- "Inaugurating understanding or repackaging explanation?" Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. October 22, 2010.
- "Explanation: a contextualist analysis" American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division) Boston, MA. December 29, 2004.
- "Erotetics and measurement practices in sociological discussions of occupational status" Philosophy of Social Science Roundtable. University of Missouri, St. Louis. St. Louis, MO. March 23, 2003.

Service to the Profession

Journals

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal of Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of General Philosophy of Science*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophy of the Social Sciences*, *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, and *Theoria*