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Education

PhD in Philosophy, University of Washington, 2018

Dissertation:

Toward a Pragmatic Ontology of Scientific Concepts

Committee:

Andrea Woody (Chair), Joseph Rouse, Arthur Fine, Cass Weller, John Manchak

AOS: Scientific Ontology, Philosophy of Science, Naturalism, Pragmatism

AOC: History of 20th Century Philosophy, Formal Logic, Values in Science

MA in Philosophy, University of Washington, 2011

BA in Philosophy, HIGHEST HONORS, Montana State University, 2008

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2017 How Newton Got Lucky: J.D. Trout: Wondrous Truths. *Metascience* (2017) 26: 91.
- 2015 Does Science License Metaphysics? *Philosophy of Science* 82 (5):845-855.
- 2011 Speculation on Quantum Mechanics and the Operation of Life Giving Catalysts.
Origins of Life and Evolution of Biospheres 41 (1):35–50.

Grants, Honors, & Awards

- 2017 Graduate Award,
American Philosophical Association, Central Division
- 2016 Presidential Dissertation Fellowship,
University of Washington Graduate School
- 2015 Rader Award for Innovative Research,
University of Washington
- 2015 Dissertation Award,
Philosophy Department, University of Washington
- 2015 Metaphysics of Science Summer School & Workshop,
Helsinki, Finland
- 2012,14,16 NSF Grant,
Philosophy of Science Association
- 2012-13 Excellence in Teaching Award,
University of Washington Department of Philosophy

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- 2017 'Natural Suspicions: What's Unscientific About the A Priori?'
APA Pacific Conference, Seattle, WA
- 2017 'Putnam, Stein, and Space-Time: What Can Science Do For Philosophy?'
APA Central Conference, Kansas City, MO
- 2016 'Three Practical Exercises for Teaching the Philosophy of Science'
Poster Session, Philosophy of Science Association 2016 Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 'Does Science License Metaphysics?'
Philosophy of Science Association 2014 Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2013 'Empiricism and Van Fraassen's Principle Zero'
Pacific Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR

Appointments Held

- 2009-17 Graduate Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington
- 2013 Assistant Editor of the *Proceedings of the Philosophy of Science Association*
- 2008-09 Researcher, NASA Astrobiology Institute, Montana State University

Teaching

Instructor

- 2011-17 Introduction to Formal Logic (14 quarters)
- 2013,16 Perspectives on Science, Reason, and Reality (2)
- 2013-15 Introduction to Philosophy (5)

Teaching Assistant

- 2011,15 Contemporary Moral Problems (2)
- 2015 Environmental Ethics
- 2014 Introduction to Ethics
- 2010 Philosophy of Religion
- 2010 Philosophy of Law

Service to the Profession

Department Committees

- 2012-16 Chair, Graduate Conference Committee, University of Washington Department of Philosophy
- 2009,15,17 Co-Chair, Department Colloquium Committee
- 2011-12 Department Website Review Committee
- 2010-11 Graduate Colloquium Committee

Service Outside Department

- 2014,16,17 Journal Referee, *Philosophy of Science*
- 2012 Chair: Philosophy of Science Association 'Inference to the Best Explanation', San Diego, CA
- 2012 Chair: American Philosophical Association Pacific 'Philosophy of Biology', Seattle, WA