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**AREA OF SPECIALIZATION**      Epistemology

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**      Ethics, Metaphysics, Decision Theory

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## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst,  
2021 – present.

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.  
2016 – 2021.

Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Rice University. 2014 – 2016.

## EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, MIT, June 2014  
Committee: Roger White (chair), Stephen Yablo, Alex Byrne

BA with High Honors in Philosophy and Studio Art, Swarthmore College, June 2008

## PUBLISHED/FORTHCOMING

- (1) “Do Credences Represent Guesses?” Forthcoming in *Noûs*.
- (2) “Are You Now or Have You Ever Been an Impermissivist? A conversation among friends and enemies of epistemic freedom”. [2024] With Sinan Dogramaci and Miriam Schoenfield. In B. Roeber, E. Sosa, M. Steup, & J. Turri, (eds.), *Contemporary Debates in Epistemology*, third edition. Wiley.
- (3) “Higher Order Evidence”. [2022] *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2022 Edition), Edward N. Zalta & Uri Nodelman (eds.), URL = <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2022/entries/higher-order-evidence/>.
- (4) “Dilating and Contracting Arbitrarily”. [2022] With Miriam Schoenfield and David Builes. *Noûs* 56(1): 3-20.
- (5) “Shrinking Three Arguments for Conditionalization”. [2021] *Philosophical Perspectives* 35(1): 303-319.
- (6) “The Truth Problem for Permissivism”. [2019] *The Journal of Philosophy*. 116 (5):237-262.

- (7) “Accuracy and Educated Guesses” [2019] *Oxford Studies in Epistemology* 6. Hawthorne and Gendler, eds. \* Winner of the 2015 Marc Sanders Prize in Epistemology, for best essay in epistemology written by someone no more than 15 years from the doctorate
- (8) “Predictably Misleading Evidence”. [2019] In Matthias Skipper Rasmussen and Asbjørn Steglich-Petersen, eds. *Higher-Order Evidence: New Essays*. Oxford University Press.
- (9) “Epistemic Value and the ‘Jamesian Goals’”. [2018] In J. Dunn and K. Ahlstrom-Vij, eds. *Epistemic Consequentialism*. Oxford University Press.
- (10) “An Argument for Uniqueness about Evidential Support”. [2016] with Sinan Dogramaci. *Philosophical Issues* 26 (1): 130-147.
- (11) “Expecting the Unexpected” [2015] with Tom Dougherty and Paulina Sliwa. *Res Philosophica* 92 (2):301-321. (Special issue on transformative experience.)
- (12) “Respecting All The Evidence” [2015] with Paulina Sliwa. *Philosophical Studies* 172 (11): 2835-2858.
- (13) “Epistemic Akrasia” [2014] *Notus* 48 (4):718-744.
- (14) “Immoderately Rational” [2013] *Philosophical Studies* 167 (1):1-16.

## BOOK REVIEWS AND SYMPOSIA

- (1) “Laws of Credence and Laws of Choice.” [2017] Symposium on Richard Pettigrew’s *Accuracy and the Laws of Credence*. *Episteme* 14 (1): 31-37.
- (2) Review of Jonathan Kvanvig, *Rationality and Reflection*. [2016] *Mind* 125 (498): 565-569.

## PRESENTATIONS

TBA

Aristotelian Society, October 2025

“Plans, Evidence and Rationality”

St. Thomas University, March 2024

University of Rochester, September 2024

“Do Credences Represent Guesses?”

University of Vienna, May 2023

New York University, May 2023

“Learning to Guess Right”

Johns Hopkins University, February 2021 (virtual)

- Keynote at ND/NU Graduate Epistemology Conference, May 2021 (virtual)  
Cologne Knowledge Router, May 2021 (virtual)
- “Conditionalization and Group Punishment”  
Yale University Epistemology Group, February 2020  
MITing of the Minds, MIT, January 2020  
Conference on Choice and Belief, Arizona State University. November 2019
- “Dilating and Contracting Arbitrarily”, with Miriam Schoenfield and David Builes  
Formal Epistemology Workshop, UC Irvine, May 2020. (Held online.)  
Workshop on Bounded Rationality, Harvard University, October 2019
- “Dumb and Dumber”  
Workshop on Epistemic Normativity, Université de Montréal. March 2019  
Concordia University. March 2019
- “The Truth Problem for Permissivism”  
University of Texas, Austin. October 2018  
SWIP-Analytic, CUNY Graduate Center. April 2018  
Fordham University, March 2018  
University of Toronto, April 2016
- “Epistemic Value and the ‘Jamesian Goals’”  
St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), May 2015
- “Predictably Misleading Evidence”  
University of Houston, October 2015  
American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, March 2016  
Brandeis University Mini-Conference on Rational Belief and Higher-Order Evidence, March 2015
- “Accuracy and Educated Guesses”  
Formal Epistemology Workshop, May 2015  
American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2015  
Rutgers University, Formal Epistemology Seminar, December 2014  
UT Austin Epistemology Group, November 2014
- “Expecting the Unexpected” (with Tom Dougherty and Paulina Sliwa)  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2014 (presented by Tom Dougherty)
- “Immoderately Rational”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2013

#### **INVITED COMMENTS**

- “Extreme Permissivism Revisited”, Esther Goh  
Central Division APA, February 2025

“Educated Guesses and the Principal Principle”, Gabrielle Kerbel  
Northeastern Epistemology Workshop, April 2024

Philosopher Meets Critics session on Thomas Kelly: *Bias*  
University of Cologne, October 2023 (virtual)

“Political Moralists in King Arthur’s Court”, Derek Bowman  
Northern New England Workshop on Ethics and Epistemology, August 2017

“Probabilistic Knowledge”, Sarah Moss  
Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, January 2017

“Radical Normative Uncertainty”, Martin Peterson  
Conference in honor of Kenny Easwaran and Martin Peterson, Texas A&M,  
December 2015

“Neophobia”, Jessica Collins  
*Res Philosophica* Conference on Transformative Experiences, September 2014

“Moore’s Paradox and Akratic Belief”, Eugene Chislenko  
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, December 2013

“Justification Magnets”, Carrie Ichikawa Jenkins  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2012

## TEACHING

PHIL 401: Writing in Philosophy. S22, S24, S25  
PHIL 592R: Reproductive Rights. S21  
PHIL 164: Medical Ethics. F16, S18, F18, F19, F20, S21, F23, S25  
PHIL 542: Topics in Epistemology. S17, F18, S20, F23, F24  
PHIL 342: Introduction to Epistemology, S17, S20, F22  
PHIL 742: Seminar in Epistemology, S18  
PHIL 700: Graduate Proseminar, F16, F19, F22, F24 (with Alejandro Pérez Carballo);  
F20 (with Chris Meacham)  
PHIL 800: Dissertation Seminar. S22  
Problems of Philosophy, S16 (at Rice University)  
Metaphysics, S16 (at Rice University)  
Theory of Knowledge. S15, F15 (at Rice University)  
Graduate Seminar: Topics in Epistemology. S15 (at Rice University)

## SERVICE

*Professional*

Reviewer for:

*Mind, Journal of Philosophy, Noûs, Philosophical Review, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Oxford Studies in Epistemology, Ergo, Episteme, Erkenntnis, Philosophy of Science,*

*Philosophical Studies, Inquiry, Theoria, Philosophia, Philosophical Quarterly, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Ratio, Synthese, Acta Analytica, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Medicine and Philosophy, American Philosophical Quarterly, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Analysis, Thought*

Consulting Editor, *Theoria*

Editorial Board Member, Epistemology section, *Philosophy Compass*

Mentor, Mentoring Project for Women, annually 2015-2016 to 2018-2019

Co-organizer, TEX: the Texas Epistemology eXtravaganza, 2015 and 2016

Program Committee: APA Eastern Division, 2024-2025

Program Committee: Saint Louis Area Conference on Reasons and Rationality, 2016

Program Reviewer: Formal Epistemology Workshop, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2025

#### *College and University*

Leader, Faculty Writing Circle. Spring 2022; Fall 2023; Spring 2024.

ADVANCE Faculty Fellow (Program promoting equity for UMass faculty). 2024-2025

Personnel Committee, College of Humanities and Fine Arts, 2023-2025 (co-chair, 2024-2025)

Academic Advisor, Medical Humanities Certificate. 2018-present

Curriculum Committee, College of Humanities and Fine Arts. 2019-2020; 2020-2021(chair)

Graduate Council (Rice University). 2015-2016

Committee member, John Gardner Prize for Best Dissertation in the Humanities (Rice University). Spring 2015.

#### *Departmental*

Teaching Officer. 2022-2023; Spring 2024; 2024-2025

Climate Committee. 2019-2020; Spring 2021; 2023-2024 (chair)

EEP Committee (to evaluate undergraduate learning). 2019-2020

Sub-Committee on Raises and Evaluations. 2017; 2019; 2020; 2022

Committee to Create a New Department Lounge, 2018-2019

Graduate Admissions Committee. 2018; 2022; 2025

Personnel Committee. 2016-present.

Chair, Departmental Speaker Series Committee. (Rice University) 2015-2016

Co-organizer, Why So Few? (Departmental group addressing issues of diversity and inclusiveness in philosophy.) (Rice University) 2015-2016

Departmental committee member, SACS Senior Paper Evaluations. (Rice University) Spring 2015

#### **AWARDS**

Marc Sanders Prize in Epistemology, 2015

\$10,000 bi-annual prize for the best essay in epistemology written by someone no more than 15 years from the doctorate, for "Accuracy and Educated Guesses".

MIT Graduate Women of Excellence Honoree, 2013

MIT Presidential Fellowship, 2009