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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Epistemology, Ethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE Philosophy of Action, Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

2012 - present Mount Holyoke College, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
2010 - 2012 Amherst College, Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy

EDUCATION

2005 - 2010 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Ph.D. in Philosophy
 Dissertation: "Rational Humility and Other Epistemic Killjoys"
 Committee: Roger White (Chair), Caspar Hare, David Christensen
2002 - 2005 Mount Holyoke College
 B.A. *Summa Cum Laude* in Philosophy; Economics minor.
2000 - 2002 West Valley Community College

PUBLICATIONS

"Irrelevant Influences" in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming.
"Deliberation and Prediction: It's Complicated" in *Episteme*, forthcoming.
"Evolutionary Debunking of Moral Realism" in *Philosophy Compass*, 10(2): 104–116, 2015.
"Moral Disagreement and Moral Skepticism" in *Philosophical Perspectives*, 28(1): 302–333, 2014.
"Debunking Evolutionary Debunking" in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, R. Shafer-Landau (ed.), 9: 76–101, 2014.
"Hilary Kornblith's *On Reflection*" with Nishi Shah in *Ethics*, 124(3): 632–636, 2014.

“Confidence, Evidence, and Disagreement” in *Erkenntnis*, 79(1): 173-183, 2014.

PAPERS PRESENTED

“Cultures of Conviction”

Public Lecture, NYU Abu Dhabi (January 2015)

“Moral Disagreement and Moral Skepticism”

The Fordham Ethics & Epistemology Workshop (October 2014)

“A Dilemma for the Darwinian Debunker”

Keynote, Science vs Common Sense Conference, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (March 2016)

Colloquium Talk, Brandeis University (April 2015)

Colloquium Talk, Graduate Student Speaker Series, Cornell University (March 2015)

Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop (December 2014)

Metaethics Conference, Institut Jean Nicod (June 2014)

The Science of Ethics Project, University of Michigan (June 2013)

“Debunking Evolutionary Debunking”

The 9th Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison (September 2012)

The Australian National University (July 2012)

The Australian Association of Philosophy, University of Wollongong (July 2012)

The University of Sydney (June 2012)

“Irrelevant Influences”

Colloquium Talk, University of Vermont (October 2015)

Keynote, Etiology of Belief Workshop, Oxford University (March 2015)

Midsummer Philosophy Workshop (July 2014)

Symposium Paper, Eastern APA Meeting (December 2012)

“Easy Knowledge, Junk Knowledge: Knowledge Nonetheless”

University of Sydney (August 2012)

Amherst College (March 2011)

“Confidence, Evidence, and Disagreement”

Colloquium Paper, Pacific APA Meeting (April 2012)

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“What comes first? The values or the rankings?” Comments on Wedgewood’s “Values First” at Dartmouth Ethics and Practical Reasoning Workshop (April 2016)

“Against Absolute Belief” Comments on Pasnau’s “After Certainty” at The Philosophical Significance of Conceptual History, Arché Center, Saint Andrews University (June 2015)

“Deliberation and Prediction: It’s Complicated” Comments on Hájek’s “Deliberation Welcomes Prediction” at the 11th Annual *Episteme* Conference (June 2015)
 “Why Intrinsic Plausibility Can’t Help” Comments on Rice’s “Evolution and our Ultimate Reasons for Action” at Eastern APA Meeting (December 2011)
 “What is manipulation anyway?” Comments on Gorin’s “Interpersonal Manipulation” at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2011)
 “Reconciling Modesty and Closure” Comments on Yablo’s “Knowing about Things” at MITing of the Minds Conference, MIT (January 2009)

COURSES TAUGHT

- at Mount Holyoke College unless otherwise noted -

God, Free Will, & Morality (PHIL102, first year seminar)
 Rationality & Responsibility (PHIL591 at UMass Amherst, graduate seminar)
 Ethics (PHIL205)
 Women & Philosophy (PHIL249/GNDST210)
 Seminar: Freedom & Responsibility (PHIL350)
 Seminar: Disagreement (PHIL350)
 Political Philosophy (PHIL242)
 Seminar: Moral Epistemology (PHIL334)
 Normative Ethics (PHIL310 at Amherst College)
 Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL111 at Amherst College)