

There are basically five major projects that I pursued in the last academic year:

- Conduct research to create a formal model for coordinate-free partial belief epistemology using differential geometry. There is a brief outline of this project accessible to non-specialists here: <http://philosophy.utoronto.ca/news/profile-on-epistemology-1>. My informal notes on this project are here: <https://www.overleaf.com/read/fbwksqssghgh>.
- Prepare a paper on Hannes Leitgeb and Richard Pettigrew's "geometry of reason" for publication. The paper is based on a chapter of my dissertation. It has gone through several rounds of R&Rs (revise and resubmit) for the journal *Erkenntnis* last year (I submitted the most recent version on July 22, 2018). Based on the reviewers' comments, I am fairly confident that the following version will either be published or published with minor changes: <https://www.overleaf.com/read/pcnqfgjxzsjc>. *Erkenntnis* is #6 in the top twenty philosophy journals according to Google Scholar (see [here](#)).
- Write a paper on trust entitled "Subordinating Trust to Text: A Hermeneutic Reversal" in response to a *Call for Papers* by the Italian philosophy journal *Teoria*. The submission was accepted on July 18, 2018, and will appear in a special issue of the journal in 2019.
- Write a paper on Franz Kafka entitled "Moral Necessity and the Implementation of Modernity" in response to a *Call for Papers* by the *Polish Journal of Aesthetics*. The submission deadline is December 31, 2018, and the paper is completed.
- Teach one course in the Fall of 2017 on hermeneutics; and one course in the Spring of 2018 on Friedrich Nietzsche, both in the philosophy department at the University of British Columbia. Enrolment in both courses was 60-70 students. Here is a student's comment on the evaluation form:

"This is my first philosophy course and I'm captivated. I love how Prof. Lukits chose philosophers with opposing or supplementing points in various topics covered in this course. His lecture is stimulating and brings a lot of clarity to my mind. He is humble, yet, not shy in providing his own theory/opinions. His arguments are precise and elegant. He occasionally threw in some examples from life (movie etc.) to illustrate some philosophical points which are always fun to listen. I'm greatly inspired by Nietzsche's writings on the genealogy of morality and will to power as I found them liberating. Multiple interpretations of his genealogy are intriguing. I also liked several papers around the personal identity topic—Parfit is a good read. Wish we had more time to investigate Marxism a bit more, however that is probably another course itself."

In the following, I want to answer the specific questions asked on the Annual Progress Report form.

1. The progress met the objectives set at the beginning of the year. I was hoping to have the geometry of reason paper published by now, but publication in the very imminent future should be a formality. I am quite happy about the publication of the paper on the concept of trust, and the research on coordinate-free partial belief epistemology is going well. Producing a publishable paper on this topic is the objective for year two of my postdoctoral fellowship.
2. I have primarily focused on teaching experience, since I have collected a long list of conference presentations during my PhD years. I taught two courses at UBC in the philosophy department as a sessional lecturer.
3. The infrastructure provided by the University of Toronto has been excellent. The department has provided me with an office, library access which I use extensively, and many friendly and knowledgeable colleagues who have provided guidance and support.
4. See the last bullet in the previous list.
5. Because I was mainly offsite, I was not highly involved in departmental activities in the philosophy department at the University of Toronto. Franz Huber kindly invited me to the Formal Epistemology Workshop held in Toronto June 12-14, 2018.