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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics, Decision Theory, Philosophy of Economics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2020 – | University of San Diego
Assistant Professor, Philosophy |
| 2019 – 2020 | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Postdoctoral position in philosophy; core faculty in PPE program |
| 2018 – 2019 | The University of Groningen
Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for PPE |
| 2017 – 2018 | The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre for Moral and Political Philosophy |

EDUCATION

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| 2008 – 2016 | Massachusetts Institute of Technology
PhD in Philosophy |
| 2006 – 2007 | Christ Church, University of Oxford |
| 2003 – 2008 | State University of New York College at Brockport
BS in Philosophy, BS in Mathematics |

PUBLICATIONS

The Sunk Cost ‘Fallacy’ Is Not a Fallacy. (2020) *Ergo, an Open Access Journal of Philosophy*, 6(40), 1153-1190.

Opaque Sweetening and Transitivity. (2019) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 97(3), 559-571.

If There Are No Diachronic Norms of Rationality, Why Does It Seem Like There Are? (2019) *Res Philosophica* (special issue on Reasons and Rationality), 96(2), 141-173.

Parity, Prospects, and Predominance. (2019) *Philosophical Studies*, 176(4), 1077-1095.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Consider the Ostrich: Non-Utilitarians, Ex Ante Interests, and Burying Your Head in the Sand”

University of San Diego, Spring 2020

Chapel Hill PPE Workshop 2019, Fall 2019

“Risk-taking and Tie-breaking”

Mini-Workshop on Attitudes to Risk, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 2018

“Hard Choices Made Harder”

Conference on Ethics and Uncertainty, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Summer 2018

Colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Spring 2018

Recent Work in Decision Theory and Epistemology, Columbia University, Spring 2018

“If There Are No Diachronic Norms of Rationality, Why Does It Seem Like There Are?”

University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2015

“Gambling for the Hesitant”

Arizona State University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2015

“The Sunk Cost ‘Fallacy’ is Not a Fallacy”

UMass Amherst Graduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2014

Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Spring 2014

St. Louis Gateway Graduate Conference – Group Relations, Spring 2014

LSU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, Spring 2014

Syracuse University Graduate Philosophy Conference, Spring 2014

South Carolina Society for Philosophy Conference, Spring 2014

The Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, Spring 2013

“Lying, Misleading, and Plausible Deniability”

The New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, March 2014

“Varieties of Preference: What to Care About When What You Care About Depends on What You Cared About”

The Northwestern Time and Rationality Workshop, Spring 2012

COMMENTS, WORK-IN-PROGRESS WORKSHOPS, AND OTHER

“Consider the Ostrich: Non-Utilitarians, Ex Ante Interests, and Burying Your Head in the Sand”

Grundelgung Series, University of Groningen, Spring 2019

“Comments on ‘Rationality, Normativity and Degenerate Intentions: Why Rational Choice Theory is not Self-Defeating’ by Roberto Fumagalli”

Preference-based Modeling in Economics, London School of Economics, Fall 2018

“The Prospects for Decision Theory with Parity”

- Decisions, Ethics, and Uncertainty Reading Group, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Fall 2017
- “Consensus & Compromise in Collective Choice”
WIP (MIT departmental work-in-progress workshop), Fall 2014
- “The Independence of Irrelevant Alternatives and The Independence of Irrelevant Alternatives”
M.A.T.T.I. (MIT graduate work-in-progress workshop), Spring 2014
- “Social Identity and Social Evolution”
M.A.T.T.I. (MIT graduate work-in-progress workshop), Fall 2013
- “Diachronic Misfortune and Keeping Up Appearances”
WIP (MIT departmental work-in-progress group), Fall 2013
- “Lying and Denying”
DOODY (MIT pre-read dissertation workshop), Fall 2013
- “The Bayesian Space of Epistemic Reason”
ERG (MIT Epistemology Reading Group), Summer 2013
- “Dutch Book Exploitability and the Space of Epistemic Reason”
Eminees (Harvard and MIT *M&E* workshop), Spring 2013
- “Should Subjective Probabilities be Sharp?: Evaluating Strict and Laidback Bayesianism”
ERG (MIT Epistemology Reading Group), Spring 2013
- “A Guide to Gambling for the Hesitant”
DOODY (MIT pre-read dissertation workshop), Spring 2013
M.A.T.T.I. (MIT graduate work-in-progress workshop), Spring 2013
- “Comments on ‘Against Epistemic Consequentialism’ by Selim Berker”
MITing of the Minds (annual MIT conference), Winter 2013
- “Three (?) Grades of Incomparability: Thoughts on RPT and Choice Functions”
M.A.T.T.I. (MIT graduate work-in-progress workshop), Fall 2012
- “Vagueness in a Language Game: A Game-Theoretic Approach to Vagueness”
WIP (MIT departmental work-in-progress group), Spring 2012
- “Failures of Trichotomy: Vagueness and Comparatives”
M.A.T.T.I. (MIT graduate work-in-progress workshop), Fall 2011
- “Comments on ‘The Problems of *de se* Assertion’ by Isidora Stojanovic”
MIT-Institut Jean Nicod Conference on Self-Locating Belief, Fall 2009
- “Mereology and Modality: The Lump and Goliath Story”
SUNY Brockport Scholar’s Day Philosophy Presentation, Spring 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor:

PPE Capstone	UNC Chapel Hill	Fall 2019
Rationality & Ethics (Grad Seminar)	Hebrew University of Jerusalem	Fall 2017

Teaching assistantships:

Introduction to Philosophy: God, Knowledge, and Consciousness	Caspar Hare (edX)	Summer 2017
Economic Justice	Mathias Risse (Harvard)	Spring 2017
Responsibilities of Public Action	Mathias Risse (Harvard Kennedy School)	Fall 2016
Introduction to Philosophy: God, Knowledge, and Consciousness	Caspar Hare (edX)	Fall 2016
Economic Justice	Mathias Risse (Harvard)	Spring 2016
Responsibilities of Public Action	Mathias Risse (Harvard Kennedy School)	Fall 2015
The Meaning of Life	Mathias Risse (Harvard)	Fall 2015
Philosophy of Probability	Susanna Rinard (Harvard)	Spring 2015
Foundations of Political Theory	Eric Beerbohm (Harvard)	Spring 2015
Economic Justice	Joanne Baldine (Harvard Extension)	Spring 2015
Medical Ethics	David Jones (Harvard)	Fall 2014
Morality and Its Critics	Benjamin Bagley (Harvard)	Fall 2014
Introduction to Philosophy: God, Knowledge, and Consciousness	Caspar Hare (edX)	Fall 2014
Institutional Corruption	William English & Lawrence Lessig (Harvard)	Spring 2014
Economic Justice	Joanne Baldine (Harvard Extension)	Spring 2014
Introduction to Philosophy: God, Knowledge, and Consciousness	Caspar Hare (edX)	Fall 2013
Human Rights: A Philosophical Introduction	Mathias Risse (Harvard)	Spring 2013
Justice	Lucas Stanczyk (MIT)	Spring 2012
Classics of Western Philosophy	Rae Langton (MIT)	Fall 2011
Bioethics	Caspar Hare & David Jones (MIT)	Spring 2011
Philosophical Issues in Brain Science	Alex Byrne & Pawan Sinha (MIT)	Fall 2010
Decision, Games and Rational Choice	Robert Stalnaker (MIT)	Spring 2010
Moral Problems and the Good Life	Sally Haslanger (MIT)	Fall 2009
Logic	Keith McPartland (SUNY Brockport)	Spring 2006
Integrative Learning Seminar III: Ethics	Jim Georger (SUNY Brockport)	Fall 2005

Guest Lectures:

“Against Democracy?”

DPI-201 Responsibilities of Public Action, Guest Lecture, Fall 2016

“Introduction to Conditional Probability and Expected Value”

PHIL 150 Philosophy of Probability, Guest Lecture, Spring 2015

“Some Puzzles in Decision Theory: the Newcomb Problem”

PHIL 150 Philosophy of Probability, Guest Lecture, Spring 2015

“The Principle of Indifference”

PHIL 150 Philosophy of Probability, Guest Lecture, Spring 2015

“Are Human Rights Ineliminably Religious?”

ER11 Human Rights, Guest Lecture, Spring 2013

“An Introduction to Decision Theory”

MIT Graduate Formalism Bootcamp, Winter 2013

“Unconditional Basic Income: Arguments For and Against”

24.04J Justice, Guest Lecture, Spring 2012

“Rationality, Emotions, and the Frame Problem (with a Brief Primer on Decision Theory)”

Rationality & Emotion, Harvard Sophomore Tutorial, Spring 2012

“The Philosophy of Jean-Paul Sartre”

24.01 Classics of Western Philosophy, Guest Lecture, Fall 2011

Supervisions:

Siebe Rozendale (University of Groningen, Masters of a Specific Discipline)

Bjorn de Kruijf (University of Groningen, PPE Masters)

Michael Jacobs (University of Groningen, PPE Masters)

Thierry Volker (University of Groningen, Philosophy undergraduate thesis)

Laurens Wouda (University of Groningen, PPE undergraduate thesis)

Binyamin Rosenstein (Hebrew University of Jerusalem, PPE undergraduate thesis)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 – 2017

MITx Graduate Fellow (edX)

Introduction to Philosophy: God, Knowledge, and Consciousness

Minds & Machines

Paradox & Infinity

Responsibilities: Course construction, authoring online exercises, securing copyright permissions, moderating online discussion forums, teaching in virtual environment, digital marketing, managing instructor-grading

COURSE WORK

Epistemology & Philosophy of Science

*Social Structure: What? How? Why? (Haslanger)	Spring 2012
*Formal Epistemology (Stalnaker)	Fall 2010
*Skepticism and Epistemic Levels (White)	Spring 2010
Causation, Explanation, Confirmation (Skow)	Fall 2008

Ethics & Rationality

*Topics in Moral Philosophy (Hare)	Spring 2012
*Metaethics (Berker, Harvard)	Fall 2011
*Addiction and Rationality (Holton & Prelec)	Spring 2011
*Epistemic Normativity (Berker, Harvard)	Spring 2011
The Limits of Rationality (Hare and Rayo)	Fall 2010
*Normative Ethics (Hare)	Spring 2009

Mind & Metaphysics

*Intentionality and Mental Content (Byrne & Rayo)	Fall 2012
*Representation & Fragmentation (Rayo & Elga)	Fall 2011
Ontology and Its Discontents (Yablo)	Fall 2009
Modeling Representation (Rayo)	Spring 2009
Philosophy of Memory (Byrne)	Fall 2008

Language & Logic

*Conditionals (Stalnaker)	Fall 2012
*Philosophy & Theoretical Computer Science (Aaronson, Computer Science)	Fall 2011
*Seminar on Vagueness (McGee)	Spring 2010
Modal Logic (Stalnaker)	Fall 2009

History

Kant: Critique of Pure Reason (Langton)	Spring 2010
Ancient Philosophy: Plato & Aristotle (Haslanger)	Spring 2009
Proseminar II: Quine to Kripke (Byrne and White)	Spring 2009
Proseminar I: Frege to Carnap (Rayo and Langton)	Fall 2008

* courses audited

SERVICE

Summer 2019 University of Groningen PPE Summer School Organizer
Summer 2019 OZSW Business Ethics Workshop Organizer
Spring 2019 University of Groningen PPE Workshop Organizer
2018 – 2019 University of Groningen PPE Winter School Organizer
2017 – 2018 Hebrew University of Jerusalem PhD Summer Workshop Organizer
Summer 2015 PIKSI-Boston, videographer and video editor
2011 – 2012 MIT Philosophy Colloquia Series Organizer
2010 – 2011 MIT Departmental Librarian
2009 – 2010 Harvard/MIT Eminees Workshop in Metaphysics & Epistemology Organizer
2008 – 2009 Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy Organizer
2008 – 2013 Referee for Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy

AWARDS

Spring 2017 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence
Spring 2015 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence
Fall 2014 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Teaching Excellence

REFERENCES

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Stephen Yablo
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Alex Byrne (teaching)
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