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Areas of Specialization

Epistemology
Formal Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Science
Logic

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2010.

Dissertation: Bayesian Epistemology and Having Evidence

Committee: Hilary Kornblith (chair), Phillip Bricker, David Christensen, Christopher Meacham, Shlomo Zilberstein (Dept. of Computer Science)

B.A. Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*), Washington State University, 2003.

Employment

Phyllis W. Nicholas Director, The Prindle Institute for Ethics, 2022–present

Associate Professor, DePauw University, 2016–present (Assistant Professor, 2010–2016)

Secretary-Treasurer, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 2017–2023

Associate Professor, University of Agder, 2020–2021

Research

Articles

1. ‘A Solution, and a Problem, for Veritism’ [2023] *Philosophical Studies*, 180, 3057-3072.
2. ‘Why No True Reliabilist Should Endorse Reliabilism’ [2023] *Episteme* 20, 39-56.
3. ‘Group Epistemic Value’ [2022] *Philosophical Studies*, 179, 65-92.
4. ‘Reliable Group Belief’ [2021] *Synthese*, 198, 5653-5677.
5. ‘Accuracy, Verisimilitude, and Scoring Rules’ [2019] *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 97, 151-166.
6. ‘Introduction’ [2018] in *Epistemic Consequentialism*, Ahlstrom-Vij & Dunn (eds.), Oxford University Press (with Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij)
7. ‘Epistemic Free-Riding’ [2018] in *Epistemic Consequentialism*, Ahlstrom-Vij & Dunn (eds.), Oxford University Press.

8. 'Is Reliabilism a Form of Consequentialism?' [2017] *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 54: 183-194 (with Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij).
9. 'Epistemic Consequentialism' *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://www.iep.utm.edu/>
10. 'Reliability for Degrees of Belief', [2015], *Philosophical Studies*, 172, 1929-1952.
11. 'A Defence of Epistemic Consequentialism', [2014], *Philosophical Quarterly*, 64, 541-551 (with Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij).
12. 'Inferential Evidence', [2014], *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 51 (3): 203-213.
13. 'Virtual Worlds and Moral Evaluation', [2012], *Ethics and Information Technology*, 14, 255-165.
14. 'Reliabilism: Holistic or Simple?', [2012], *Episteme*, 9, 225-233.
15. 'Evidential Externalism', [2012], *Philosophical Studies*, 158, 435-455.
16. 'Fried Eggs, Thermodynamics, and the Special Sciences', [2011], *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 62, 71-98.
17. 'The Obscure Act of Perception', [2008], *Philosophical Studies*, 139, 367-393.

Edited Collections

Epistemic Consequentialism, (May 2018) Oxford University Press (co-edited with Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij)

Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities: Humanities Connection, Project Title: *Business Meets Humanities: A Liberal Arts Curriculum*, 2024-25

The British Academy BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants, Project Title: *Epistemic Consequentialism: Problems and Prospects*, 2014-15 (with Kristoffer Ahlstrom-Vij)

DePauw Student/Faculty Summer Research Grant, Project Title: *Epistemic Utility Theory*, 2013.

Book Reviews

'The Epistemology of Groups, by Jennifer Lackey' [2021] *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

'A Theory of Knowledge and Belief Change: Formal and Experimental Perspectives, by Masaharu Mizumoto', [2013], *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 91, 413-415.

Presentations

1. 'Assessing Ethics Education Programming on Campus and Beyond'*, February 2025, APPE, Norfolk, VA.
2. 'Developing Civil Disagreement Skills: Tips and Strategies from the Intercollegiate Civil Disagreement Partnership'*, February 2025, APPE, Norfolk, VA.
3. 'The Goals of Civil Dialogue: Disagreement and Participation'*, *Challenging the Barriers to Civil Discourse*, February 2025, Harvard, Cambridge, MA.

4. 'Philosopher Meets Critics: Brian Talbot's *The End of Epistemology as We Know It*', December 2024, Virtual.
5. 'The Question Project: Strategies for Promoting Productive Dialogue across Disagreement'*, February 2024, APPE, Cincinnati, OH.
6. 'Ethics Education in the Classroom', Indiana State Teachers Association Good Teaching Conference, October 2023, Indianapolis, IN.
7. 'Public Philosophy: Doing Philosophy in the Real World'*, October 2023, National Humanities Conference Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
8. 'Ethics Bowl is Everywhere'*, October 2023, National Humanities Conference Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
9. 'AR Ethics: Attention and Property', March 2023, University of Glasgow Augmented Reality Network, Virtual.
10. 'Corporate Ethics Bowl', March 2023, APPE, Portland, OR.
11. 'Comments on Sam Cowling's 'Necessities Beyond Necessity' ', October 2019, UMass Homecoming Conference, Amherst.
12. 'Truth', August 2019, University of Agder, Norway.
13. 'Accuracy as Similarity', November 2018, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest.
14. 'Autonomous Vehicle Trolleyology', December 2017, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway.
15. 'Comments on Kelly Trogdon's 'Full and Partial Grounding' ', October 2017, UMass Homecoming Conference, Amherst.
16. 'Why No True Reliabilist Should Be A Reliabilist', September 2017, University of Washington, Seattle.
17. 'In Pursuit of Accuracy: Scoring Rules in Formal Epistemology', March 2017, Denison University, Granville, OH.
18. 'Scoring Rules and Verisimilitude'*, March 2017, Central APA, Kansas City.
19. 'Comments on Mike Ashfield's 'Replies to Friedman on the Possibility of a Credal-Theoretic Account of Agnosticism/Suspended Belief' ', March 2016, Central APA, Chicago.
20. 'Epistemic Consequentialism and the Perspective of the Agent'*, July 2015, Bristol-Groningen Conference in Formal Epistemology, Bristol.
21. 'Comments on Hayden's 'Limiting Phenomenal Conservatism' ', April 2015, Indiana Philosophical Association, Owensboro, KY.
22. 'Epistemic Free Riding', Dec 2014, Theoretical Reasoning Seminar, Kent (Canterbury).
23. 'Epistemic Free Riding', Nov 2014, CSMN, Oslo.
24. 'Full-Blooded Epistemic Consequentialism', Nov 2014, Epistemic Consequentialism Workshop, LSE.
25. 'Comments on Mullins's 'The Inconsistency of Gauthier's Market Contractarianism' ', October 2014, Indiana Philosophical Association, IPFW.
26. 'Epistemic Free Riding'*, June 2014, Society for Exact Philosophy, CalTech.

27. ‘Comments on Bernhard Salow’s ‘Reflection and Access’ ’, June 2014, Formal Epistemology Workshop, USC.
 28. ‘Comments on Adriane Rini’s ‘Aristotle, Thomson, and Root 2: Potential and Actual Infinity’ ’, Oct 2013, UMass Homecoming Conference, Amherst.
 29. ‘Peer Disagreement and Group Inquiry’*, Oct 2013, Indiana Philosophical Association, IUPUI.
 30. ‘Reliability for Degrees of Belief’*, Feb 2012, Central APA, Chicago.
 31. ‘Virtual Worlds and Moral Evaluation’*, Jan 2012, 6th International Conference on the Philosophy of Computer Games, Madrid.
 32. ‘Reliability for Degrees of Belief’, Jan 2012, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.
 33. ‘Reliability for Degrees of Belief’*, Oct 2011, Indiana Philosophical Association, Hanover College.
 34. ‘Comments on David Coss’s ‘The Pitfalls of Pragmatic Encroachment’ ’, Oct 2011, Indiana Philosophical Association, Hanover College.
 35. ‘Comments on Tony Willing’s ‘Buridan on the Logic of Knowledge and Belief’ ’ Oct 2011, UMass Homecoming Conference, Amherst.
 36. ‘Virtual Worlds and Moral Evaluation’ Oct 2011, Symposium on Ethical Inquiry through Video Game Play and Design, DePauw University.
 37. ‘Comments on Ezra Cook’s ‘Knowability and Singular Thought’ ’ 2011, Central APA, Minneapolis.
 38. ‘Dutch Books and the Assumption Problem’*, 2010, Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference, Evanston.
 39. ‘Evidential Externalism’, 2009, UMass Philosophy Graduate Colloquium, Amherst.
 40. ‘Counterfactuals, Special Sciences, and Thermodynamics’*, 2008, Central APA, Chicago.
 41. ‘Counterfactuals and Special Sciences’, 2008, UMass Philosophy Graduate Colloquium, Amherst.
- (* indicates peer-reviewed presentation)

Teaching

DePauw University

Darwin: Spring 2011, Fall 2016.

Philosophy of Science: Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2018, Spring 2022.

The Ethics Project: Spring 2024, Spring 2025

Epistemology: Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2019.

Advanced Logic: Spring 2013, Spring 2016.

First-Year Seminar: Intelligent Life: Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2021.

Introduction to Philosophy: Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2015.

Logic: Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Fall 2021.

Senior Seminar: Spring 2017.

Sweet & Savory Science: Winter 2012, Winter 2013 (with Jeff Hansen).

Philosophy for Children: Winter 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022.

Quantum Mechanics (independent study): Fall 2012.

University of Agder

ExPhil: Fall 2020

Game Theory and Philosophy: Fall 2020

ExFac: Spring 2021

Philosophy and Psychology: Spring 2021

University of Oslo (CSMN)

Bayesian Epistemology: 4-session Ph.D. course, Fall 2014.

University of Massachusetts

Medical Ethics: Summer 2010.

Introduction to Ethics: Spring 2010.

Introduction to Ethics: Scientific Connections: Fall 2009.

Philosophical Approaches to Religion: Spring 2009.

Philosophical Approaches to Science: Fall 2008.

Introduction to Philosophy: Summer 2008.

Mt. Holyoke College

Logical Thought: Fall 2007.

Professional/Service Activities

Philosophy Department Chair. Summer 2019–Spring 2020; Summer 2021–2022.

Secretary-Treasurer, Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association. 2017–2022.

Resource Allocation Subcommittee Chair, DePauw, 2021–22.

High School Ethics Bowl Judge.

DePauw University Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor. 2011–2017, 2019–present.

Member of the Curriculum Committee, DePauw University, 2018–present.

Member of the Petitions Committee, DePauw University. 2015–2017.

Member of the Quantitative Reasoning Advisory Board, DePauw University. 2015–present.

At-Large Member of the Indiana Philosophical Association Program Committee. 2014–2016.

Chair of the Prindle Institute for Ethics Advisory Board. 2015–2016.

Member of the Advisory Board for the Prindle Institute for Ethics, 2013–2016.

Reviewer: *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Synthese*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Ethics and Information Technology*, *Journal of the Royal Society Interface Focus*, *Continuum Press*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Polity Press*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, and *Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

UMass Philosophy Graduate Colloquium Coordinator. 2006–2008.