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Employment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Experiential AI Program/Network Science Institute Northeastern University	Jul. 2020 – present
McDonnell Postdoctoral Fellow Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology Program Washington University in St. Louis	Sep. 2018 – Jun. 2020

Education

PhD Rutgers University, Philosophy Dissertation: <i>Endorsement and Inquiry</i> Committee: Ernest Sosa (chair), Branden Fitelson (chair), Susanna Schellenberg, Andy Egan, Adam Elga (external)	Oct. 2018
MA Virginia Tech, Philosophy Advisor: Walter Ott	May 2011
BA Miami University, Philosophy and History	May 2006

Research Areas

Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Ethics of Artificial Intelligence

Areas of Competence

Ethics, General Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language, Cognitive Science

Journal Articles (Peer-Reviewed)

- 2020 "Endorsement and Assertion," *Noûs*, forthcoming.
- 2020 "How to Endorse Conciliationism," *Synthese*, forthcoming.
- 2019 "Method Coherence and Epistemic Circularity," *Erkenntnis*, 84 (2): 455 – 480.
- 2018 "Rational Endorsement," *Philosophical Studies*, 175(10): 2649 – 2675.
- 2017 "Virtuous Distinctions," *Synthese*, 194 (8): 2973 – 3003.

Work in Progress

- "Endorsement and Pursuit", invited submission to *History and Philosophy of Science, Part A*, SI: Pursuitworthiness in Scientific Inquiry.
- "Publishing Without (Some) Belief," revise and resubmit.

- “Fragmentation and Old Evidence,” conditional acceptance.
- “Collective Epistemic Responsibility,” (with Dunja Šešelja), under review.
- “Inquisitive Reasons and Intellectual Courage” in preparation.

Conference Presentations (Peer-Reviewed)

“Inquisitive Reasons and Intellectual Courage” Social (distance) Epistemology talk series (remote)	Apr. 2020
“Inquisitive Reasons and Intellectual Courage” St. Louis Area Philosophy of Science Association (remote conference)	Apr. 2020
“How to Endorse Conciliationism” Colloquium, Pacific APA	Apr. 2019
“Rational Endorsement” Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference	Aug. 2017
“Rational Endorsement” Decisions, Games, and Logic Conference, University of Michigan	Jul. 2016
“Rational Endorsement” Penn-Rutgers-Princeton Social Epistemology Workshop	Jul. 2016
“Virtuous Distinctions” Northern Graduate Philosophy Conference, NIU	Nov. 2014
“Virtuous Distinctions” Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, Oxford University	Nov. 2014
“Epistemic Circularity and Mechanism Coherence” Edinburgh Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh	Nov. 2011
“Epistemic Circularity and Mechanism Coherence” Phi Sigma Tau Student Philosophy Symposium, UNT	Nov. 2010

Invited Presentations

“Endorsement and Pursuit” Invited Keynote, Pursuitworthiness in Scientific Inquiry Conference	Feb. 2021
“Inquisitive Reasons and Intellectual Courage” Colloquium, University of Missouri, St. Louis (postponed due to COVID-19)	Apr. 2020
“Collective Epistemic Responsibility” (with Dunja Šešelja) Nature of Inquiry Conference, Agnes Scott College	Mar. 2020

Conference Comments

Comments on “Myth of a State of Intending” By D. Russell, Central APA	Mar. 2020
Comments on “Omissive Epistemic Akrasia” By D. Alexander, Central States Philosophy Association	Oct. 2019
Comments on “Evidential Pre-emption” By E. Begby, Pacific APA	Apr. 2017
Comments on “Intentionalism and the Phenomenology of Mental Effort” By M. Doulatova, Eastern APA	Dec. 2016

Invited Commentator at Large Penn Reasons and Foundations in Epistemology Conference	Nov. 2016
Comments on "Epistemic Bootstrapping" By B. Cwik, Virginia Philosophical Association	Oct. 2010

Teaching Experience

Courses as Instructor

Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind:

PNP/Phil. 315: Philosophy of Mind Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2019
PNP/Phil. 496: PNP Seminar: Representation Washington University in St. Louis	Spring 2019
PNP 200: Introduction to Cognitive Science Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2018
Phil. 221: Theory of Knowledge Rutgers University	Spring 2017

Language, Logic, and Critical Thinking:

PNP/Phil. 4061: Topics in Philosophy of Language: Assertion Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2019
Phil. 109: Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision-Making Rutgers University, Online	Summer 2018
Phil. 109: Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision-Making Rutgers University	Fall 2017
Phil. 109: Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision-Making Rutgers University	Fall 2016
Phil. 201: Introduction to Logic Rutgers University	Summer 2012
Phil. 1504: Language and Logic Virginia Tech	Summer 2011

Courses as TA

Ethics Courses:

Phil. 252: Eating Right: The Ethics of Food Rutgers University, Head Teaching Assistant for Andy Egan	Fall 2013
Phil. 252: Eating Right: The Ethics of Food Rutgers University, Instructor: Andy Egan	Fall 2011
Phil. 1304: Morality and Justice Virginia Tech, Instructor: Steven Daskal	Spring 2010
Phil. 1304: Morality and Justice Virginia Tech, Instructor: William FitzPatrick	Fall 2009

Logic, Cognitive Science, and History:

Phil. 253: Human Nature and Human Diversity Rutgers University, Instructor: Stephen Stich	Spring 2018
Phil. 201: Introduction to Logic Rutgers University, Instructor: Frances Egan	Spring 2012

Phil. 1504: Language and Logic Virginia Tech, Instructor: Daniel Parker	Spring 2011
Phil. 2115: Ancient Philosophy Virginia Tech, Instructor: James Klagge	Fall 2010

Additional Teaching and Mentoring

APA Mentoring the Mentors Workshop Panel Speaker, Central APA	2017
Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy Graduate Mentor	2014–2016, 2018
Rutgers Philosophy Undergraduate Mentoring Program Graduate Mentor	2013–2016

Honors and Awards

Mellon Summer Study Grant Rutgers University	2015, 2017
Graduate School Pre-Dissertation Travel Award Rutgers University	2014
Mellon Supplemental Fellowship Rutgers University	2012–16
Marjorie Grene Memorial Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student Virginia Tech	2011

Other Experience

Graduate Assistant to Ernest Sosa Proofreader	2014–2015
Research and Editorial Assistant For <i>Food Ethics and Society</i> , Barnhill, Budolfson, and Doggett (Oxford University Press, 2017)	2015–2016

Professional Service

Conferences Organized

Bridges II: Conference on Logic and Epistemology Organizer with Branden Fitelson	2015
Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference Organizing Committee, Referee	2014
Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference Organizing Committee, Referee	2010
Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference Organizing Committee, Referee	2009

Referee for:

- *Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*

- *Analysis*
- *Synthese*
- *Episteme*
- *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*
- *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Ergo*
- *Dialectica*
- *Ratio*
- *Cambridge University Press*

Departmental Service

Graduate Representative to the Faculty Rutgers University	2012–2015
Prospective Student Liaison and Prospective Week Organizer Rutgers University	2014
President Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Society	2009–2011
Investigative and Judicial Panelist Virginia Tech Honor System	2009–2011

Summer Schools

Seminar on Coherence University of Amsterdam, ILLC	2014
Groningen/Munich Summer School on Formal Methods in Philosophy University of Groningen	2012

Graduate Coursework

Epistemology

Sanders Seminar in Epistemology Susanna Schellenberg, Rutgers University (Audit)	Spring 2015
Current Topics in Epistemology Branden Fitelson, Rutgers University (Audit)	Fall 2014
Seminar in Epistemology Ernest Sosa, Rutgers University (Audit)	Spring 2014
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Knowledge-First Epistemology Jason Stanley, Rutgers University	Fall 2012
Advanced Topics: Social Epistemology Alvin Goldman, Rutgers University	Spring 2012
Recent Topics in Formal Epistemology Branden Fitelson, Rutgers University	Fall 2011
Epistemology Walter Ott, Virginia Tech	Spring 2010

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science

Mental Fragmentation Andy Egan and Adam Elga, Rutgers/Princeton (Audit)	Spring 2016
Concepts: Philosophical and Psychological Approaches Elizabeth Camp, Rutgers University	Fall 2015
Proseminar in Cognitive Science Ernest Lepore, Rutgers University	Fall 2014
Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Mental Representation Frances Egan, Rutgers University (Audit)	Spring 2013
Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Perception Susanna Schellenberg, Rutgers University	Spring 2012
Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Teleosemantics Mark Bauer, Virginia Tech	Spring 2010

Logic and Decision Theory

Decision Theory Adam Elga, Princeton	Fall 2013
Formal Methods in Philosophical Analysis Anthony Gillies, Rutgers University	Fall 2013
Decision Theory Jeffrey Helzner, Columbia University	Spring 2013
Logic Deborah Mayo, Virginia Tech	Fall 2009

Ethics, Social and Political

Seminar in Social and Political Philosophy: Philosophy of Race Howard McGary, Rutgers University (Audit)	Spring 2016
Moral Reasoning Steven Daskal, Virginia Tech	Spring 2010
Hume's Political Philosophy Joseph Pitt, Virginia Tech (Audit)	Fall 2010
Metaethics Lauren Fleming, Virginia Tech	Fall 2010
Normative Ethics William FitzPatrick, Virginia Tech (Audit)	Fall 2009

Philosophy of Language

Advanced Topics Philosophy of Language Jeff King, Rutgers University	Fall 2013
Singular Thought Jason Stanley, Rutgers University	Fall 2011
Philosophy of Language	Fall 2010

Ted Parent, Virginia Tech

Other

Proseminar in Philosophy	Fall 2011
Ernest Sosa and Brian McLaughlin, Virginia Tech	
Kant's First Critique	Spring 2010
Lydia Patton, Virginia Tech	
Philosophy of Science	Fall 2009
Daniel Parker, Virginia Tech	
Intentionality in Early Modern Philosophy	Spring 2010
Walter Ott, Virginia Tech	