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Employment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow Experiential AI Program, Roux Institute and 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 "Fragmentation and Old Evidence," *Episteme*, forthcoming.
- 2020 "Publishing without (some) belief," *Thought*, forthcoming.
- 2020 "How to Endorse Conciliationism," *Synthese*, forthcoming.
- 2019 "Endorsement and Assertion," *Noûs*, 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*.

“Collective Epistemic Responsibility,” (with Dunja Šešelja), under review.

“Inquisitive Reasons and Intellectual Courage” in preparation.

“Rawlsian Aspirational Data,” with (Tina Eliassi-Rad, Scott Alfeld, Zohair Shafi, and David Liu) in preparation.

Conference Presentations (Peer-Reviewed)

“Inquisitive Reasons and Intellectual Courage” Social (distance) Epistemology talk series (remote)	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” Keynote, Pursuitworthiness in Scientific Inquiry Conference, TU Eindhoven	Mar. 2021
“Title TBD” Philosophy with Attitude conference, New Mexico State University	Mar. 2021
“Inquisitive Reasons and Intellectual Courage” St. Louis Area Philosophy of Science Association (remote conference)	Apr. 2020
“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”	Oct. 2019

By D. Alexander, Central States Philosophy Association	
Comments on "Evidential Pre-emption"	Apr. 2017
By E. Begby, Pacific APA	
Comments on "Intentionalism and the Phenomenology of Mental Effort"	Dec. 2016
By M. Doulatova, Eastern APA	
Invited Commentator at Large	Nov. 2016
Penn Reasons and Foundations in Epistemology Conference	
Comments on "Epistemic Bootstrapping"	Oct. 2010
By B. Cwik, Virginia Philosophical Association	

Teaching Experience

Courses as Instructor

Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind:

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

Language, Logic, and Critical Thinking:

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

Courses as TA

Ethics Courses:

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

<i>Logic, Cognitive Science, and History:</i> 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	2009

Organizing Committee, Referee

Referee for:

- *Mind*
- *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
Seminar in Epistemology Ernest Sosa, Rutgers University	Spring 2013
Knowledge-First Epistemology Jason Stanley, Rutgers University	Fall 2012
Advanced Topics: Social Epistemology	Spring 2012

Alvin Goldman, Rutgers University	
Recent Topics in Formal Epistemology	Fall 2011
Branden Fitelson, Rutgers University	
Epistemology	Spring 2010
Walter Ott, Virginia Tech	

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science

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

Logic and Decision Theory

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

Ethics, Social and Political

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

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 Ted Parent, Virginia Tech	Fall 2010

Other

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