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EMPLOYMENT

The George Washington University, District of Columbia, United States
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy (2016 – present)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, United States
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy (2013 – 2015)

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, United States
Ph.D.: Philosophy (2013)
Dissertation: *The Rational Significance of Desire*
Committee: Katja Maria Vogt, Susanna Siegel, and Christopher Peacocke

Columbia University, New York, United States
M.Phil.: Philosophy (2011)
Supervisor: Katja Maria Vogt

University of St Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom
M.Phil.: Philosophy (2008)
Thesis: *McDowell, Gettier, and the Bipartite Account of Perceptual Knowledge*
Supervisors: Crispin Wright and Duncan Pritchard

Harvard University, The Divinity School, Massachusetts, United States
M.A.: Theological Studies (2002)
Supervisors: Diana Eck and David Lamberth

Andrews University, Caribbean Union College, Trinidad, West Indies
B.A.: Theology, *magna cum laude* (2000)
Senior Thesis: *The Cameo of God in Cartesian Epistemology*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of Specialisation Epistemology, Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence Moral Psychology, Normativity Theory, Logic

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

The Aim of Inquiry (2021) *Disputatio* **13** (61): 95-119.

Are Desires Beliefs about Normative Reasons? (2019) *Analytic Philosophy* **61** (3): 236-251.

Agnosticism, Inquiry, and Unanswerable Questions (2019) *Disputatio* **11** (53):63-88.

Wondering about What You Know (2018) *Analysis* **78** (4): 596-604.

Trying Cognitivism: A Defence of the Strong Belief Thesis (2018) *Theoria* **84** (2): 140-156.

Do We Need Partial Intentions? (2017) *Philosophia* **45** (3): 995-1005.

Do Desires Provide Reasons? (2016) *Philosophical Studies* **173** (8): 2011-2027.

Reconceiving Direction of Fit (2016) *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* **4** (2): 171-180.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Attitude of Agnosticism, monograph under contract at Cambridge University Press.

Agnosticism, invited contribution to the third edition of the *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology*.

The Questioning Attitude Account of Agnosticism, original article currently under review.

PRESENTATIONS (Invited presentations marked with ‘†’)

What is Agnosticism?

(56) *Rice Workshop in Philosophy of Mind*, Rice University, Houston, TX, March 2022. †

(55) *Departmental Colloquia*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, February 2022. †

On What it Means to be Neutral

(54) *Departmental Colloquia*, Portland State University, Portland, OR, January 2021.†

The Aim of Inquiry

(53) *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Virtual Conference, December 2020.†

(52) *Department Colloquia*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, October 2020.†

Inquiry as Epistemic Improvement

(51) *Department Colloquia*, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, January 2020.†

(50) *Departmental Colloquia*, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, November 2019.†

(49) *Departmental Colloquia*, Portland State University, Portland, OR, November 2019.†

(48) *Philosophy Brown Bag*, George Washington University, Washington, DC, November 2019.

Does Agnosticism Entail Inquiry?

(47) *Central American Philosophical Association*, Chicago, IL, February 2020.

(46) *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Pacific University, Portland, OR, November 2019.

Are Desires Beliefs about Normative Reasons?

(45) *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Cincinnati, OH, March 2019.†

Acceptance Cognitivism

(44) *Virginia Philosophical Association 79 Annual Meeting*, Marymount University, Arlington, VA, October 2018.

(43) *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA, October 2018.

(42) *Ohio Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, April 2018.

(41) *North Carolina Philosophical Society Conference*, Winthrop University, Winthrop, SC, March 2018.

Reconceiving Cognitivism

(40) *Fordham Epistemology and Ethics Workshop*, Fordham University, New York, NY, September 2018.†

(39) *Alabama Philosophical Society*, Pensacola Beach, FL, September 2018.

(38) *Philosophy Department Workshop*, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, CA, February 2018.†

Cognitivism and the Aim of Desire

(37) *Agency, Rationality and Value Conference*, University Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, Spain, November 2017.

Wondering about What You Know

(36) *Indiana Philosophical Association*, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, November 2017.

(35) *Alabama Philosophical Society*, Pensacola Beach, FL, September 2017.

(34) *Philosophy Brown Bag*, George Washington University, Washington, DC, September 2017.

Agnosticism and Inquiry

(33) *Philosophy Brown Bag*, George Washington University, Washington, DC, April 2017.

(32) *Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, June 2017.†

Do or Do Not, There is No Withholding

(31) *University of Vermont Philosophy Colloquium*, Burlington, VT, March 2017.†

(30) *Philosophy Brown Bag*, George Washington University, Washington, DC, November 2016.

(29) *Midwest Epistemology Workshop*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, September 2016.†

Do We Need Partial Intentions?

(28) *University of Albany Philosophy Colloquium*, Albany, New York, February 2016.†

(27) *University of South Carolina Colloquium Talk*, Columbia, SC, February 2016.†

Theoretical Approaches to Dual-Plan Cases

(26) *Great Plains Philosophy Symposium*, Lawrence, Kansas, October 2015.

On the Nonexistence of Practical Withholding

(25) *Faculty Research Seminar*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, October 2015.

How to Distinguish Between Theoretical and Practical Attitudes

(24) *Departmental Colloquia*, George Washington University, Washington, DC, December 2014.†

(23) *Faculty Research Seminar*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, November 2014.

What is Direction of Fit?

(22) *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*, Memphis, TN, March 2015.

(21) *Intentionality Conference*, University of Antwerp, Antwerp, Belgium, December 2014.

(20) *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, Lawrence, KS, October 2014.

(19) University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, February 2014.†

Do Desires Provide Reasons? An Argument Against the Cognitivist Strategy

(18) *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, Vancouver, Canada, April 2015.

(17) *The Eight European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania, August 2014.

(16) *The 50th Annual Meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Winnipeg, MB, October 2013.

Making Sense of Direction of Fit

(15) *Faculty Research Seminar*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, February 2014.

Do Desires Provide Rational Guidance?

- (14) *The University of Missouri, St Louis Gateway Conference*, University of Missouri, St Louis, MO, April 2013.
- (13) *The University of Waterloo Philosophy Graduate Conference*, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, Canada, March 2013.
- (12) *Knowledge and Action Conference*, University of Calgary, Alberta, CA, March 2013.
- (11) University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, February 2013.†

Competing Aims: Velleman vs. the Guise of the Good

- (10) *Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 2012.
- (9) *The Princeton-Rutgers Philosophy Graduate Conference*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, March 2012.

Argumentation and Informal Fallacies

- (8) *Red Wing Kiwanis Club Invited Talk*, Red Wing, MN, March 2012.†

Unpacking the Guise of the Good Theory of Desires

- (7) *The 2011 Intermountain West Graduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2011.
- (6) *The University of Waterloo Philosophy Graduate Conference*, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, April 2011.

Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck: A Defence of the Control Principle

- (5) *Philosophy Department Colloquium*, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, January 2011.†

Evaluation without Hyper-intellectualisation

- (4) *The 5th Biennial University of Washington Graduate Student Philosophy Conference*, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, November 2009.

Desires as Sub-agential Evaluations of the Good

- (3) *Philosophical & Psychological Issues Conference*, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL, September 2009.

Desires as Sub-agential Perspectives on the Good

- (2) *Action, Agency and Explanation Conference*, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, May 2009.

Dreams, Solar Flares and Supernovas: A Reply to Moore's Linguistic Objection to Scepticism

- (1) *The Raasay Philosophy Reading Party*, University of St Andrews, Scotland, October 2005.

COMMENTARY

On Kintz's "Acting Together"

(7) *Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Pacific University, Portland, OR, November 2019.

On Lee's "Inquiring into What You Believe?"

(6) *The Pacific American Philosophical Association*, Vancouver, CA, April 2019.

On Falvey's "Against the Ubiquity of Trying in Action"

(5) *The 70th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Bellevue, WA, October 2018.

On Harman's "Ethics is Hard! What Follows?"

(4) *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Bellingham, WA, August 2015.

On Sussman's "Is Agent-Regret Rational?"

(3) *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*, Memphis, TN, March 2015.

On Pollon's "Is There a Difference Between Primitive Agency and Mere Behaviour?"

(2) *Western Canadian Philosophical Association*, Winnipeg, MB, October 2013.

On Bengson's "Practical Perception"

(1) *Imperative Aspects of Perception Conference*, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, August 2013.

TEACHING

Assistant Professor, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Analytic Philosophy (Fall 2021); *Proseminar: Ethics of Belief* (Fall 2021)

Advanced Logic (Spring 2020); *Peer Disagreement* (Spring 2020)

Advanced Analytic Philosophy (Fall 2019); *Epistemology* (Fall 2019)

Ethics of Belief (Fall 2018); *Logic* (Fall 2018)

Theory of Knowledge (Spring 2018); *Topics in Epistemology* (Spring 2018)

Analytic Philosophy (Fall 2017); *Logic* (Fall 2017)

Epistemology (Spring 2017); *Advanced Philosophy of Mind* (Spring 2017)

Mind, Brain, and Artificial Intelligence (Fall 2016); *Proseminar* (Fall 2016)

Theory of Knowledge (Spring 2016); *Analytic Philosophy* (Spring 2016)

Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Mind and Action (Fall 2015); *Logic* (Fall 2015)

Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2015); *Logic* (Spring 2015)

Desire & Intention (Fall 2014); *Epistemology* (Fall 2014)

Epistemology (Spring 2014); *Logic* (Spring 2014)

Action Theory (Fall 2013); *Logic* (Fall 2013)

Visiting Instructor, Carleton College, Northfield, MN

Logic (Fall 2011); *Epistemology* (Spring 2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Refereeing

- (13) *Philosophia*, 2019-present.
- (12) *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2019-present.
- (11) *Nous*, 2018-present.
- (10) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2018-present.
- (9) *Analysis*, 2017-present.
- (8) *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 2016-present.
- (7) *Social Theory and Practice*, 2016-present.
- (6) *Dialectica*, 2015-present.
- (5) *The American Philosophical Quarterly*, 2015-present.
- (4) *Ratio: An International Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, 2015-present.
- (3) *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 2014-present.
- (2) *Synthese: An International Journal for Epistemology*, 2013 – present.
- (1) *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, 2013-present.

Conference/Competition Refereeing

- (5) *Thacher-Reynolds Fellowship*, George Washington University, 2018.
- (4) *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington University, 2015.
- (3) *Hardwig Prize Essay Competition*, University of Tennessee, 2015.
- (2) *Richard Aquilla Prize Essay Competition*, University of Tennessee, 2015.
- (1) *Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference*, Columbia University, 2008-2013.

Conference Organizing

- (4) *George Washington University Thacher Lectures*, George Washington University, 2017.
- (3) *Tennessee Value and Agency Conference*, University of Tennessee, 2015.
- (3) *Carleton College Undergraduate Philosophy Colloquium*, Carleton College, 2011.
- (2) *Anscombe Reading Group*, Columbia University, 2008.
- (1) *Philosophy of Perception Reading Group*, University of St Andrews, 2006.

Conference Chairing

- (7) *Central American Philosophical Association*, Chicago, IL, 2020.
- (6) *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Virtual Conference, 2020.
- (5) *Alabama Philosophical Society*, Pensacola Beach, FL, 2018.
- (4) *Practical Reasons Conference*, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2016.
- (3) *Tennessee Value and Agency Conference*, University of Tennessee, 2015.

(2) *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, 2015.*

(1) *Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, Syracuse University, 2013.*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Philosophical Gourmet Report Evaluator

American Philosophical Association

Minorities and Philosophy

People of Color in Philosophy

Society for Philosophy of Agency

Society of Young Black Philosophers