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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 Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

Areas of Competence Moral Psychology, Normativity Theory, Logic

PUBLICATIONS

Agnosticism, Inquiry, and Unanswerable Questions (forthcoming) *Disputatio*.

Are Desires Beliefs about Normative Reasons? (forthcoming) *Analytic Philosophy*.

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 (2015) *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 4 (2): 171-180.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Does Rationality Consists in Responding to Reasons? currently under review.

Is Intending Really Believing? currently under review.

Suspension Pragmatism, currently under review.

PRESENTATIONS

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) *Departmental Colloquia*, 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) *Departmental Colloquia*, 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.

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COMMENTARY

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

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 MEMBERSHIP

American Philosophical Association

Minorities and Philosophy

People of Color in Philosophy

Society for Philosophy of Agency

Society of Young Black Philosophers

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Refereeing

(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

- (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.