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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 Mind, Action Theory

**Areas of Competence**      Moral Psychology, Epistemology

## PUBLICATIONS

**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.

**What is Direction of Fit** (2015) *Southwest Philosophy Review* **31** (1): 241-249.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Do We Need Partial Intentions?**

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

(27) *University of South Carolina Colloquium Talk*, Columbia, South Carolina, 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) *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 50<sup>th</sup> 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) Carleton College, Northfield, MN, January 2011.†

### **Evaluation without Hyper-intellectualisation**

(4) *The 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

‘†’ =<sub>df</sub> invited

## COMMENTARY

### **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.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

### **Scholarly and Research Incentive Funds Foreign Travel Award**

University of Tennessee, TN, 2014.

### **Benjamin Wolstein Fellowship Fund**

Columbia University, NY, 2013.

### **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Fellowship**

Columbia University, NY, 2012.

### **Scholar-in-Residence Fellow**

Philosophy Department, Carleton College, MN, 2011.

### **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Fellowship**

Columbia University, NY, 2010.

### **Philosophy Department Summer Research Fellowship**

Columbia University, NY, 2009.

### **Travel Grant (x3)**

Columbia University, NY, 2009.

### **Office of Diversity Affairs Fellowship**

Columbia University, NY 2009.

**Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship**

Columbia University, NY, 2008.

**John W. Kluge Endowment for a New Generation of Faculty Excellence Summer Fellowship**

Columbia University, NY, 2008.

**TEACHING**

**Assistant Professor**, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

*Epistemology* (Spring 2017); *Advanced Philosophy of Mind* (Spring 2017)  
*Mind, Brain, and Artificial Intelligence* (Fall 2016); *Proseminar* (Fall 2016)  
*Epistemology* (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* (Fall 2013); *Logic* (Fall 2013)  
*Action Theory* (Spring 2014); *Logic* (Spring 2014)

**Visiting Instructor**, Carleton College, Northfield, MN

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

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

*Minorities and Philosophy*

*American Philosophical Association*

*Society for Philosophy of Agency*

*Society of Young Black Philosophers*

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Journal Refereeing**

- (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**

- (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**

- (3) *Tennessee Value and Agency Conference*, University of Tennessee, 2015.
- (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.

#### **Faculty Positions**

- (4) *Graduate Admissions Committee Member*, University of Tennessee, 2014-2015.
- (3) *Graduate Student Portfolio Committee Member*, University of Tennessee, 2013-2015.
- (2) *Student Development Officer*, Philosophy Department, University of Tennessee, 2013-2015.
- (1) *Minorities and Philosophy Faculty Mentor*, 2014-2015.