

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION:

Epistemology, Philosophy of Perception, Action Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Modal Logic, Moral Psychology, Philosophy of Mind

EDUCATION:

- June 2013 **Columbia University**, New York, United States
PhD: Philosophy (4th year)
Supervisors: Christopher Peacocke, Susanna Siegel, and Katja Vogt
Concentration: Action Theory, Epistemology, Philosophy of Perception
- May 2011 **Columbia University**, New York, United States
MPhil: Philosophy
Supervisors: Christopher Peacocke, Susanna Siegel, and Katja Vogt
Concentration: Action Theory, Philosophy of Perception
- May 2009 **Columbia University**, New York, United States
MA: Philosophy
Supervisor: Katja Vogt
Concentration: Action Theory, Philosophy of Perception
- June 2008 **University of St Andrews**, Scotland, United Kingdom
M.Phil.: Philosophy
Supervisors: Duncan Pritchard, Simon Prosser, and Crispin Wright
Concentration: Epistemology, Philosophy of Perception

- June 2002 **Harvard University, The Divinity School**, Massachusetts, United States
M.A.: Theological Studies
Supervisor: David Lamberth
Concentration: Philosophical Theology, Continental Philosophy
- June 2000 **Andrews University, Caribbean Union College**, Trinidad, West Indies
B.A.: Theology, (magna cum laude)
Minor: Behavioural Science
Senior Thesis: The Cameo of God in Cartesian Epistemology

SELECTED GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES:

Topics in Epistemology, James Pryor (Harvard)
Philosophy of Mind, Susanna Siegel (Harvard)
Philosophy of Science, Peter Godfrey-Smith (Harvard)
Thinking about Thinking, Stephen J. Gould (Harvard)
Darwin's Dangerous Idea, Daniel Dennett (Tufts)
History of Modern Philosophy, Avner Baz (Tufts)
Current Issues in Philosophy, Duncan Pritchard (Stirling)
Philosophy of Perception, Alan Millar (Stirling)
Kant's Second Critique, Jens Timmermann (St Andrews)
Kant and Contemporary Issues, Béatrice Longuenesse (NYU)
Philosophical Approaches to Consciousness, Ned Block (NYU)
Problems in Legal Philosophy, Joseph Raz (Columbia)
Hellenistic Philosophy, Katja Vogt (Columbia)

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS:

- 2011 Awarded the Carleton College Philosophy Department Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Carleton College, MN.
- 2010 Awarded a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University, NY.
- 2009 Awarded Philosophy Summer Research Fellowship, Columbia University, NY.

- 2008 Awarded GSAS Summer Fellowship, which combines funding provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the John W. Kluge Endowment for a New Generation of Faculty Excellence, Columbia University, NY.
- 2007 Named a Faculty Fellow in the Columbia University Department of Philosophy, Columbia University, NY.
- 2004 Provided student commentary on early drafts of *Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon* by Daniel Dennett, Tufts University, MA.
- 2004 Manuscript Editor for 'Communities Empowered: The Story of Deir El Barsha', written by Amal Abd El Hadi, Brown University, RI.
- 2003 Held writing workshops for the courses 'Introduction to Anthropology' and 'Culture and Power in Africa', taught by Professor Rogaia Abushar, Brown University, RI.
- 2003 Kellman Award for outstanding teaching - presented by students of the Bard College Clemente Course in the Humanities, Bloomfield College, NJ.
- 2002 Vice President of *Harambee*, The HDS African American Student Association, Harvard University, MA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, New York, NY
Epistemology (Fall 2010 – Jeffrey Helzner); *Methods and Problems in Philosophy* (Spring 2011 – Akeel Bilgrami)

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, New York, NY
20th Century Philosophy (Fall 2009 – David Sidorsky); *Symbolic Logic* (Spring 2010 – Jeffrey Helzner)

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, New York, NY
Symbolic Logic (Fall 2008 – Achille Varzi); *Symbolic Logic* (Spring 2009 – Jeffrey Helzner)

Teaching Assistant, Tufts University, Medford, MA
Moral and Political Philosophy (Summer 2005 – Mario De Caro); *Ethics* (Spring 2005 – Nancy Bauer); *Religion as a Natural Phenomenon* (Fall 2004 – Daniel Dennett)

Graduate Writing Tutor, Tufts University, Medford, MA

Writing and Study Methodology (Spring 2004); *Thesis and Proposal Writing* (Fall 2003)

Adjunct Instructor, Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2003)

Teaching Assistant, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

Anthropology; Creative Writing (Summer 2001)

Teaching Assistant, University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad, WI

Introduction to Christian Beliefs (Spring 2000 – Ronald Daniel)

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

“Moral Responsibility and Moral Luck: A Defence of the Control Principle”, *Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Candidate Talk*, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, January 2011.

Commented on “Might Intentions Be Reasons”, by Benjamin Mitchell-Yellin, *10th Annual NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference*, Columbia University, New York, NY, April 2010.

“Evaluation without Hyper-intellectualisation: Reconciling the Evaluative Theory of Desires with Motive Attributions to Non-linguistic Animals”, *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”, *The 2nd annual Interdisciplinary Approach to Philosophical & Psychological Issues Conference*, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL, September 2009.

“Desires as Sub-agential Perspectives on the Good”, *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”, *The Raasay Philosophy Reading Party*, University of St Andrews, Scotland, UK, October 2005.