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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology (including formal), ethics, applied ethics (especially information ethics)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of law, business ethics, philosophy of science (especially philosophy of economics)

EMPLOYMENT

Florida International University (FIU) Assistant Professor of Philosophy (2018-present)

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison Ph.D., Philosophy (2018)
University of Wisconsin-Madison M.A., Philosophy (2014)
University of Colorado Boulder Non-Degree, Philosophy (2010)
 Graduate-level summer seminar
California State University, Long Beach B.A., Philosophy (2010)

ARTICLES

“What’s Wrong with Machine Bias,” 25 pp.
 Ergo forthcoming

“The Moral Limits of the Market: The Case of Consumer Scoring Data” (with Adam Pham), 10 pp.
 Ethics and Information Technology forthcoming

“The Imprecise Impermissivist’s Dilemma” (with Casey Hart)
 Synthese 2019 196 (4):1623-1640

“Ideal Counterpart Theorizing and the Accuracy Argument for Probabilism” (with Olav Vassend)
 Analysis 2018 78 (2):207-216

PROCEEDINGS

“Agency Laundering and Algorithmic Decision Systems” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel)
 In Taylor N., Christian-Lamb C., Martin M., Nardi B. (eds) *Information in Contemporary Society (Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 11420)*. Springer, Cham.

“Algorithms, Bias, and the Importance of Agency” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel)
 In Bates, J., Clough, P. D., Jäschke, R., and Otterbacher, J. (Eds.), *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Bias in Information, Algorithms, and Systems (BIAS)*, CEUR Workshop Proceedings 2018, Vol. 2130, pp. 9-13

IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW

- “Epistemic Bubbles, Echo Chambers, and Information Communication Technologies,” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel) 10 pp. (to be included in A. Bernal and G. Axtell (Eds.), *Epistemic Paternalism Reconsidered* (Rowman & Littlefield))
- “Agency Laundering and Information Technologies,” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel) 20pp.
- “What We Informationally Owe to Each Other,” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel) 15pp.
- “Algorithms, Bias, and the Importance of Agency,” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel) 37pp.
- “Is the Attention Economy Noxious?,” (with Adam Pham), 10pp.
- “Evidence for Instrumentalism,” 24pp.
- “Why Justify Belief?,” 29pp.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- “What’s Wrong with Machine Bias”
American Philosophical Association Central Division (main program), Denver 2019
Society for Philosophy and Technology, College Station 2019
Meeting of Phi Sigma Tau Honors Society’s FIU chapter, Florida International University 2019
- “What We Informationally Owe to Each Other” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel)
Society for Philosophy and Technology, College Station 2019
- “Agency Laundering and Information Technology” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel)
The Zicklin Center Normative Business Ethics Workshop, The Wharton School 2019
iConference, University of Maryland College of Information Studies 2019
Computers, Privacy, and Data Protection Conference, Brussels 2019
Privacy Law Scholars Conference, UC Berkely Law School 2019
- “Evidence for Instrumentalism”
Meeting of Phi Sigma Tau Honors Society’s FIU chapter, Florida International University 2018
- “Algorithms, Bias, and the Importance of Agency” (with Adam Pham and Alan Rubel)
BIAS - Bias in Information, Algorithms, and Systems, Sheffield, UK 2018
Information Ethics Roundtable, University of Copenhagen 2018
Amsterdam Privacy Conference, Roeterseiland, Amsterdam 2018
- “Why Justify Belief?”
Public lecture, Florida International University 2018
- “Ideal Counterpart Theorizing and the Accuracy Argument for Probabilism”
(with Olav Vassend)
American Philosophical Association Central Division (main program), Chicago 2018
Wisconsin Philosophical Association, UW-Madison 2017
- “Epistemic Rule-Instrumentalism and Evidential Reasons”
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College 2017
- “The Moral Limits of the Market: The Case of Consumer Scoring Data” (with Adam Pham)
The Zicklin Center Normative Business Ethics Workshop, The Wharton School 2018
Public Lecture, California State University, Sacramento 2018
Information Ethics Roundtable, University of Urbana-Champaign 2017
Great Lakes Philosophy Conference, Siena Heights University 2017
School of Library and Information Studies Brown Bag, UW-Madison 2017

“Defending Permissive Intuitions” (with Casey Hart)	
American Philosophical Association Central Division (main program), Kansas City	2017
Meeting of the Society of Exact Philosophy, University of Miami	2016
Wisconsin Philosophical Association, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	2016
“Let the Students Teach! Reflections on CTY Hong Kong’s All-Site Presentations”	
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Baltimore (APA Committee on Teaching Philosophy/AAPT Session)	2017
“Epistemic Teleology, Reliabilism, and the Problem of Epistemic Trade-Offs”	
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College	2016
Northwest Philosophy Conference, North Idaho College	2015
Wisconsin Philosophical Association, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2015
“Epistemic Permissivism and the Argument from Arbitrariness”	
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College	2015
Wisconsin Philosophical Association, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2014
“The Problem of Irrelevant Causal Factors”	
Philosophy Day, California State University, Long Beach	2014
“Mushy Credences, Coin Tosses, and Admissibility”	
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College	2014

COMMENTS

On Casey Hart’s ‘Dissolving Harman’s Paradox’	
Wisconsin Philosophical Association, UW-Madison	2017
On Jon Burmeister’s ‘Epistemic Value, Pointless Truths, and the Cognitive Ideal’	
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College	2017
On John Phillips ‘Doxastic Options and the Viability of Epistemic Utility Theory’	
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Baltimore	2017
On Kristin Schaupp’s ‘Disagreement, Bias, and Humility’	
Meeting of the Wisconsin Philosophical Association, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	2016
On Hanna Kim’s ‘Thick and Thin Notions of Desert’	
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College	2016
On Barry Maguire and Jack Woods’ ‘Two Concepts of Epistemic Teleology’	
Epistemic Consequentialism: Problems and Prospects, University of Kent	2015
On Anna Powers’ ‘Virtue Responsibilism is a Feminist Epistemology’	
Meeting of the Wisconsin Philosophical Association, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	2015
On David Alexander’s ‘Conformism and Epistemic Autonomy’	
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College	2015
On Gregory Stoutenberg’s ‘Probable Lucky Events and Epistemic Luck’	
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College	2014

HONORS

Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association Central Division	2018, 2017
UW-Madison Capstone Ph.D Teaching Award	2016
Awarded to dissertators in recognition of an outstanding teaching career as a graduate	

student in the College of Letters and Sciences, given to fewer than 1% of the 1,300 graduate students in the College.

UW-Madison College of Letters and Science Teaching Fellow	2016
Highest award for Teaching Assistants in the College of Letters and Sciences, awarded to those who have demonstrated excellence in teaching.	
Berent Eng Teaching Award	2016
Awarded yearly by the UW-Madison philosophy department in recognition of exceptional graduate student teaching.	
UW-Madison Vilas Conference Travel Grant	2017, 2016
Advanced Opportunity Fellowship	2016, 2011
Awarded to highly qualified students from underrepresented groups.	
Phi Beta Kappa	2010
Phi Kappa Phi	2009
Ronald E. McNair Scholars Fellowship	2008-09
Department of Education program that prepares underrepresented undergraduates for the research demands and culture of graduate school.	

TEACHING · PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

The Ethics of Belief, FIU

Units on the Clifford/James debate, doxastic voluntarism, the deontological conception of epistemic justification, pragmatic reasons for belief, the value of knowledge, the value of true belief, the aim of belief, epistemic instrumentalism, epistemic consequentialism, epistemic injustice, echo chambers and filter bubbles, promising against the evidence, and epistemic partiality in friendship.

Epistemology, FIU

Units on skepticism, epistemic luck, a priori knowledge, contextualism, pragmatic encroachment, immediate justification, coherentism, internalism and externalism, infinitism, the uniqueness thesis, epistemic value, and epistemic closure.

Jurisprudence and Social Issues, UW-Madison

Units on punishment, legal positivism, natural law, political obligation, liberty, pornography, drug decriminalization, and property.

Principles of Reasoning, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth at Lancaster

Units on propositional logic, quantificational logic (with relations and identity), inductive reasoning, informal fallacies, and moral reasoning.

Ethics in Business, UW-Madison

Units on ethical theory, affirmative action, capitalism, the moral limits of the market, corporate social responsibility, informational privacy, insider trading, intellectual property rights, working conditions, sweatshops, environmental ethics, and whistle-blowing.

Introduction to Philosophy, UW-Madison; FIU

Units on arguments for God's existence, arguments against God's existence, the ethics of belief, skepticism, the mind-body problem, personal identity, free will and determinism, freedom and responsibility, ethical theory, psychological egoism, abortion, and world hunger.

Introductory Ethics, UW-Madison

Units on religion and morality, axiology, the badness of death, psychological and ethical egoism, consequentialism, deontology, virtue ethics, the moral status of animals, abortion, world hunger, ethical relativism, moral nihilism, and moral objectivity.

Contemporary Moral Issues, UW-Madison

Units on ethical theory, animals, abortion, euthanasia, family ethics, genetic enhancement, world hunger, affirmative action, capital punishment, and terrorism and torture.

Introduction to Logic, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth at Hong Kong (taught 3×)

Units on syllogistic logic, propositional logic, quantificational logic (with relations and identity), modal logic, inductive reasoning, informal fallacies, and moral reasoning.

TEACHING · OTHER

Teaching Assistant

Introductory Ethics, UW-Madison (with Claudia Card)

Introduction to Logic, Johns Hopkins CTY at Hong Kong (with Tola Roderick)

Ethics in Business, UW-Madison (with Lester Hunt)

Ancient Philosophy, UW-Madison (with Emily Fletcher)

Early Modern Philosophy, UW-Madison (with Steven Nadler)

Introduction to Philosophy, UW-Madison (with Sarah Paul)

Bioethics, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth at Santa Cruz (with Michael Schapira)

Critical Reasoning, CSU Long Beach (with Nellie Wieland)

Introduction to Philosophy, CSU Long Beach (2×) (with Marcy Lascano, Paul Berger)

Grader

Jurisprudence and Social Issues, UW-Madison (with Alan Rubel)

Teaching Fellow

PIKSI Boston 2018, MIT & Harvard - a summer program for undergraduates from underrepresented groups in philosophy; taught a seminar on the metaethics of epistemic normativity.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

For Harry Brighouse 2016
Assisted in development and implementation of scoring rubric for a study designed to measure learning outcomes for Contemporary Moral Issues class.

For Elliott Sober 2016
Assisted in research on Pascal's Wager, game theory, and Paley's argument from design; managed Prof. Sober's website.

SERVICE

Member of Selection Committee for 16th FIU McNair Cohort Spring 2019

Session chair "McNair Conference Graduate Student Panel"
FIU McNair Scholars Research Conference Fall 2018

Led FIU Department of Philosophy discussion "The Application Process for Graduate Programs in Philosophy" school (with Céline Leboef) Fall 2018

Led UW-Madison Philosophy Department Diversity and Inclusiveness Brown Bag
"How to make students discuss with each other, rather than just the professor" Fall 2016

Led UW-Madison College of Letters and Science TA Workshop Summer 2016
"Resurrecting Dead Sections: Strategies for Increasing Student Engagement"

Mentor Instructor, Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth at Hong Kong	Summer 2016
Session Chair, APA Central Division	2016
Founding Member/Chief Administrative Officer, Effective Altruism, UW	2015-2018
Conference organizer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers for Real Good in the Real World (an EAGx event), UW-Madison 	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belief, Rationality, and Action over Time (BRAT), UW-Madison 	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Informal Formal Epistemology Meeting, UW-Madison 	2014
Event organizer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Being Human, Being Animal, and Everything In-Between” Effective Altruism, UW public lecture given by Prof. Robert Streiffer 	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Should Professors Teach More?” Effective Altruism, UW public lecture given by Prof. Harry Brighthouse 	2015
Committee Member, UW-Madison Department of Philosophy Colloquium Committee	2014-2018
Led UW-Madison Department of Philosophy Teaching Assistant Training	2014
President, UW-Madison Department of Philosophy Governing Body	Fall 2012-14
Volunteer, UW-Madison McNair Scholars Program	Fall 2011-2018
Referee for <i>Analysis</i>	

REFERENCES

Available upon request