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## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion, Social Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Epistemology, Ethics

## Employment

Rutgers University–Newark  
Assistant Professor [2019–present]

## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy (with Certificate in Cognitive Science), Rutgers University, 2019  
Dissertation: *Commitment, Communication, and Content: Toward a Theory of Assertion*  
Co-Directors: Ernie Lepore and Jeffrey C. King

M.Phil. Philosophical Theology, University of Oxford, 2013  
Awarded with Distinction  
Thesis: *Skeptical Theism, Epistemic Norms, and the Limits of Human Cognition*

A.B. Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Philosophy (Secondary Field), Harvard College, 2011  
*Summa Cum Laude*, Highest Departmental Honors  
Thesis: *Metabolites That Induce Extracellular Electron Transfer Dependent Interactions in Synthetic Microbial Ecosystems*

## Publications

### *Journal Articles*

“Do Not Diagonalize.” *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Language* (Forthcoming).

“Why Horizontalism.” *Philosophical Studies* 177(10), 2881–2905 (2020).

“Slurs Are Directives.” *Philosophers’ Imprint* 19(48), 1–28 (2019).

“Radically Insensitive Theists.” *Religious Studies* 55(2), 169–188 (2019).

"Uniformity Motivated." *Linguistics and Philosophy* 41(6), 665–684 (2018).

"De Ray: On the Boundaries of the Davidsonian Semantic Programme." *Mind* 126, 697–714 (2017).  
(With Ernie Lepore.)

#### *Edited Volumes*

*The Structure of Truth: Donald Davidson's 1970 Locke Lectures.* Oxford University Press (2020).  
(With Ernie Lepore.)

## Selected Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

Rutgers University Presidential Fellowship (top university-wide graduate merit fellowship) [2013-2015]

Oxford University Clarendon Scholarship [2011-2013]

Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Iota Chapter of Massachusetts [2010]

John Harvard Scholarship (top 5% of class) (3) [2008, 2009, 2010]

Detur Book Prize for outstanding scholarship in the freshman year [2008]

## Selected Presentations

"Cogventionalism." CUNY Cognitive Science Speakers Series, Digital. [April 2021]

"Gaslighting in Axiology." Pacific APA Symposium, Digital. [April 2021]

"Contextology." (With Simon Goldstein.) Philosophy of Language In Progress Group, Digital.  
[December 2020]

"On the Plurality of Tongues." Australian Catholic University, Melbourne. [December 2019]

"On the Plurality of Tongues." Rutgers Alumni Workshop, New Brunswick. [April 2019]

"Slurs Are Directives." Bochum-Rutgers Workshop in Philosophy and Cognitive Science, Ruhr-Universität  
Bochum. [March 2019]

"Gaslighting in Axiology." New York City Minorities and Philosophy Workshop Series, CUNY.  
[March 2019]

"Slurs Are Directives." Ashoka University, Sonipat. [December 2018]

"Slurs Are Directives." Pacific APA Colloquium, San Diego. [March 2018]

"Slurs Are Directives." USC/UCLA Graduate Conference, Los Angeles. [March 2018]

"Uniformity Motivated." Central APA Colloquium, Chicago. [February 2018]

"Slurs Are Directives." Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference, Cambridge, MA. [February 2018]

"Slurs Are Directives." ESSLLI 2017 Workshop on Integrating Approaches to Social Meaning, Toulouse.  
[July 2017]

"Uniformity Motivated." ESSLLI 2017 Student Session, Toulouse. [July 2017]

"Uniformity Motivated." UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference, UT Austin. [April 2017]

*"Radically Insensitive Theists."* University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Oklahoma. [February 2017]

*"Uniformity Motivated."* Northern Graduate Philosophy Conference, Northern Illinois University. [October 2016]

*"Do Not Diagonalize."* Pacific APA Colloquium, San Francisco. [April 2016]

*"Do Not Diagonalize."* New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York University. [December 2015]

*"Skeptical Theism and the Future."* New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology Workshop on Formal Epistemology and Religious Epistemology, University of Oxford. [December 2014]

*"Truth Conditions Not Required."* OZSW Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. [May 2014]

*"Truth Conditions Not Required."* Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado Boulder. [April 2014]

*"Skeptical Theism Is Self-Defeating."* Pacific APA Colloquium, San Diego. [April 2014]

*"A New Moral Problem for (Skeptical) Theism."* 4th Annual Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Research Conference, Department of Classics, University of Leeds. [June 2013]

*"Mushy Skeptical Theism and the Evidential Argument from Evil."* Pacific APA Colloquium, San Francisco. [March 2013]

## Comments Delivered

*"Against Conventional Wisdom."* Presented by Ethan Jerzak, Arc Kocurek, and Rachel Rudolph. Eastern APA Symposium, Philadelphia. [January 2020]

*"What Jones Didn't Do: Rethinking Some Linguistic Evidence for Davidsonian Event Semantics."* Presented by Andrés Colapinto. Eastern APA Colloquium, Washington, DC. [January 2016]

*"The Resurrection and Hypertime."* Presented by Hud Hudson. Paradise Project Conference, Christopher Newport University. [April 2015]

*"The Cognitive Dimension of Heavenly Bliss."* Presented by Jonathan Kvanvig. Paradise Project Conference, Christopher Newport University. [April 2015]

*"Will There Be Skeptics in Heaven?"* Presented by Ted Poston. Paradise Project Conference, Christopher Newport University. [April 2015]

## Service

Referee for *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Analysis*, *Mind & Language*, *Synthese*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Ergo*, *Inquiry*, *Dialectica*, *Topoi*, *Social Theory and Practice*, *Metaphilosophy*, Routledge [2017-present]

Rutgers Philosophy Department Faculty Representative [2016-2017; 2018-2019]

North American Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information Organizing Committee [2016]

Rutgers Philosophy Department Prospective Visit Coordinator [2015-2016]

Rutgers Philosophy Department Climate Committee [2014-2015]

Rutgers Philosophy Department Colloquium Series Coordinator [2014-2015]

Rutgers Philosophy Faculty Talk Series Coordinator [2013-2014]

## Teaching

### *Rutgers University–Newark*

Philosophy 322: Social Philosophy [Fall 2021]

Data Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Fall 2021]

Philosophy 327: Philosophy of Religion [Spring 2021]

Data Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Spring 2021]

Philosophy 320: Social Philosophy [Fall 2020]

Computer Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Fall 2020]

Philosophy 448: Philosophy of Language [Spring 2020]

Computer Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Spring 2020]

Philosophy 320: Social Philosophy [Fall 2019]

### *Rutgers University–New Brunswick*

Philosophy 360: Philosophical Aspects of Cognitive Science [Spring 2019]

Philosophy 107: Introduction to Ethics [Spring 2019]

Philosophy 107: Introduction to Ethics [Summer 2017]

Philosophy 107: Introduction to Ethics [Spring 2017]

Philosophy 210: Philosophy of Language [Winter 2017]

Philosophy 329: Minds, Machines, and Persons [Fall 2016]

Philosophy 107: Introduction to Ethics [Summer 2016]

Philosophy 201: Introduction to Logic [Spring 2016]

Philosophy 265: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion [Winter 2016]

Philosophy 329: Minds, Machines, and Persons [Fall 2015]