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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Technology, Social Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

Employment

Rutgers University–Newark
   Assistant Professor [2019–present]

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy (with Certificate in Cognitive Science), Rutgers University, 2019

M.Phil. Philosophical Theology, University of Oxford, 2013
Awarded with Distinction

A.B. Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Philosophy (Secondary Field), Harvard University, 2011
Summa Cum Laude, Highest Departmental Honors

Publications

Articles

"Language Agents Reduce the Risk of Existential Catastrophe." *AI & Society* (Forthcoming).
   (With Simon Goldstein.)

"Quotation for Dummies." *Philosophical Perspectives* (Forthcoming).

"Covert Mixed Quotation." *Semantics and Pragmatics* (Accepted pending revisions).

"Artificial Intelligence: Arguments for Catastrophic Risk." *Philosophy Compass* 19(2): e12964 (2024).
   (With Adam Bales and William D'Alessandro.)

"Dilemmatic Gaslighting." *Philosophical Studies* 180: 745–772 (2023).

"Contextology." *Philosophical Studies* 179: 3187–3209 (2022). (With Simon Goldstein.)

"Why Horizontalism." *Philosophical Studies* 177: 2881–2905 (2020).

"Slurs Are Directives." *Philosophers' Imprint* 19(48): 1–28 (2019).

"Radically Insensitive Theists." *Religious Studies* 55: 169–188 (2019).

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

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

Book Chapters

"Pronouns and Gender." *The Oxford Handbook of Applied Philosophy of Language* (Forthcoming). (With Michael Glanzberg.)

"Do Not Diagonalize." *The Oxford Handbook of Contemporary Philosophy of Language* (Forthcoming).

Edited Volumes

Unstructured Content. Oxford University Press (Forthcoming). (With Andy Egan, Peter van Elswyk, and Dirk Kindermann.)

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

Selected Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

Center for AI Safety Philosophy Fellowship [2023]

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

"A Case for AI Consciousness: Artificial Language Agents and Global Workspace Theory." Pacific APA Symposium, Portland. [March 2024]

"What Remains of the Traditional AI X-Risk Argument?" Colloquium on Artificial Intelligence and Catastrophic Risk, Australian National University. [March 2024]

"A Case for AI Consciousness: Artificial Language Agents and Global Workspace Theory." Macquarie University. [March 2024]

"AI Safety: The View from Philosophy." ITAM AI Futures Fellowship, Mexico City. [January 2024]

"Language Agents Reduce the Risk of Existential Catastrophe." AI Ethics and Safety Course, University of Oxford, Digital. [November 2023]

"Might Language Agents Be Conscious?" AI Agency and Wellbeing Workshop, University of Hong Kong. [November 2023]

"Quotation for Dummies." Central APA Symposium, Denver. [February 2023]

"Gender Identity and Volition." Social Identities and Cognition in the Desert Workshop, Palm Springs. [February 2023]

"Gender First: A Theory of Binary Category Terms." Words Workshop, Digital. [February 2023]

"Quotation for Dummies." 7th Brazilian Society for Analytic Philosophy Conference, Rio de Janeiro. [October 2022]

"Covert Mixed Quotation." Logic, Language, and Cognition Seminar, University of Turin. [October 2022]

"Quotation for Dummies." 1st Annual Philosophy of Language Association Conference, Digital. [June 2022]

"Quotation for Dummies." New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, New York University. [May 2022]

"Cogventionalism." Central APA Symposium, Chicago. [February 2022]

"Covert Quotation." Virtual Language Work-in-Progress Group (VirLaWP), Digital. [August 2021]

"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

"Bigoted Beliefs and the Safety Condition." Presented by Gus Turyn. Eastern APA Symposium, New York. [January 2024]

"The Impact of Slurs." Presented by Edward Schwartz. Eastern APA Symposium, Montreal. [January 2023]

"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

Member of the Editorial Board of *Semantics and Pragmatics* [2022–present]

Co-Organizer of the New York Philosophy of Language Workshop [2022–present]

Mentor, ITAM AI Futures Fellowship, Mexico City [2024]

Admissions Evaluator for Rutgers–Newark's Honors Living and Learning Community [2022, 2024]

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

Refereeing (Journals): *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis* (×4), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (×2), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (×2), *Dialectica*, *Ergo* (×2), *Erkenntnis*, *Hypatia*, *Inquiry* (×2), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Logos & Episteme*, *Metaphilosophy*, *Mind* (×2), *Mind & Language*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Patterns*, *Philosophical Studies* (×5), *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Religious Studies*, *Semantics & Pragmatics*, *Social Theory and Practice* (×3), *Synthese* (×6), *Topoi* (×2)

Refereeing (Academic Presses): Oxford University Press (×2), Routledge

Refereeing (Grantmaking Organizations): German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), National Science Foundation

Teaching

Rutgers University–Newark

Philosophy 385: Special Topics in Philosophy: The Philosophy of AI [Spring 2024]

Data Science 410: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Spring 2024]

Philosophy 422: Independent Study (AI and Feminism) [Spring 2024]

Philosophy 327: Philosophy of Religion [Spring 2022]

Data Science 330: Ethical Issues in Data Science [Spring 2022]

Philosophy 422: Independent Study (Foucault) [Spring 2022]

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]

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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]

Certifications

ACUE Micro-Credential in Promoting Active Learning [2022]

Academic Memberships and Affiliations

Member, American Philosophical Association

Research Affiliate, Center for AI Safety

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