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Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Feminist Philosophy

Areas of Teaching Competence: Logic, Modern Philosophy

Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bates College, 2009 – 2015

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Bates College, 2015 – current

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, PhD in Philosophy, Thesis: *Desires and Dispositions*, 2009

University of Auckland, MA, Philosophy, first class honors, Thesis: *Conceivability and Modal Error*, 2003

University of Auckland, BA, Philosophy, first class honors, Thesis: *Hybrid Modal Interval Logics*, 2002

University of Auckland, BSc, Mathematics, 2001

Publications

Peer-reviewed Publications

‘Conflicts of Desire: Dispositions and the Metaphysics of Mind,’ in *Causal Powers*, ed. by Jonathan Jacobs, Oxford University Press, forthcoming in 2015

‘The Metaphysics of Desire and Dispositions,’ *Philosophy Compass*, 9(7): 469-477, 2014

‘Deep, Dark, . . . or Transparent? Knowing Our Desires,’ *Philosophical Studies*, 165(1): 245-256, 2013

‘Superficial Dispositionalism,’ *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 88(4): 635-653, 2010

Invited Publications

‘Slaves to Fashion,’ co-authored with Rae Langton, in *Fashion – Philosophy for Everyone: Thinking with Style*, ed. by Jeanette Kennett and Jessica Wolfendale, Chapter 9: 135-150, Wiley-Blackwell, 2011

Book Reviews

Review of Michael Slote’s *A Sentimentalist Theory of Mind*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2014

Review of Jordi Fernández’s *Transparent Minds: A Study of Self-Knowledge*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2013

‘Building the Physical World out of Powerful Properties,’ review of Alexander Bird’s *Nature’s Metaphysics: Laws and Properties*, in *Protosociology: An International Journal and Interdisciplinary Project*, 2012

Other Publications

- 'I Saw Memories of You: Can Dreamfasting Teach Us About Introspection?' for *Jim Henson and Philosophy*, ed. by Timothy M. Dale and Joseph J. Foy, Rowman and Littlefield, forthcoming in 2015
- 'The Metaphysics of Muppets,' for *Jim Henson and Philosophy*, ed. by Timothy M. Dale and Joseph J. Foy, Rowman and Littlefield, forthcoming in 2015

Selected Presentations

- 'Agency and the Power of Parts'
Powers, Human Agency, and Emergence Workshop, Durham UK 2015
- 'Gender and the Double-Edged Slur'
Dominating Speech Conference, CT 2014
University of Maine Orono, ME 2015
- Comments on Cassie Herbert's 'Slurs & Sluts: The Performative Structure of Reclamation Projects'
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, SC 2014
- 'Introspection and the Nature of Desire'
Philosophy Mountain Workshop, WY 2014
- 'Introspecting Desire Strength'
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Brisbane, Australia 2013
Southern Methodist University, TX 2013
- 'Introspecting Motivation'
Dispositions and Mind Conference, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, Korea 2012
Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen, UK 2012
- 'Clarifying Transparency in Self-Knowledge'
Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen, UK 2012
- 'Deep, Dark, ... Or Transparent? Knowing Our Desires'
Northwest Philosophy Conference, Willamette University, OR 2010
University of New Hampshire, NH 2010
- Comments on Ralf Bader's 'Being F Intrinsically and Extrinsically'
APA Pacific Division, San Francisco 2010
- 'Superficial Dispositionalism'
University of Bristol, United Kingdom 2008
- 'Is all Wrong-Doing Self-Objectification?'
United Kingdom Kant Society Graduate Conference, University of Manchester, United Kingdom 2008
Australasian Association of Philosophy, Sydney, Australia 2005
University of Auckland, New Zealand 2005
University of Waikato, New Zealand 2005
Workshop on Gender and Philosophy, MIT 2005

‘Masking Desire – and perhaps finking it too’

Australasian Association of Philosophy, Armidale, Australia 2007

University of Auckland, New Zealand 2007

Reply to Alex Byrne’s ‘Possibility and Imagination’

MITing of the Minds conference, MIT 2007

‘Admitting Defeat: Defeasible Justification’

Australasian Association of Philosophy, NZ division, Dunedin, New Zealand 2005

‘Conception by Omission’

MITing of the Minds conference, MIT 2005

‘Aristotelian Ends’

University of Auckland, New Zealand 2004

‘Metaphysical Mix-ups’

Philosophy Society, Australian National University, Research School of Social Sciences, Australia 2002

Australasian Association of Philosophy, Christchurch, New Zealand 2002

Teaching

Bates College

Advanced Logic (senior seminar, new course), 2011

Dispositions (senior seminar, new course), 2010, 2013

Philosophy and Feminism, 2010, 2012, 2015

Introduction to Logic, 2010 – 2014

Metaphysics, 2011, 2015

Philosophy of Mind, 2009

Theory of Knowledge, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014

Thinking and Feeling (first-year seminar, new course), 2014

University of Auckland

Advanced Metalogic, 2005

Critical Thinking, 2003

Supervised Independent Studies (Bates College)

Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic, Sam Polak 2011

Metaphysical Structures in Nature, Felix Radford 2011

Senior Theses (Bates College)

Supervisor, Senior Thesis, Jack Stewart 2014 (philosophy, feminist epistemology and pragmatism)

Supervisor, Senior Honors Thesis, Daniel Lambright 2011 (philosophy, determinism and chance)

Supervisor, Senior Thesis, Adam Rawlings 2010 (philosophy, heuristics)

Additional Invited Class Lectures

- 'Transparency Beyond Belief,' *Self Knowledge*, University of Kentucky, 2011
'Free Speech and Pornography,' *The Responsibilities of Public Action*, Harvard University, 2006
'Possible Worlds,' *Philosophical Logic*, University of Auckland, 2005
'The Measurement Problem and the Mind,' *Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics*, MIT, 2005
'The Knowledge Argument,' *Problems in Philosophy*, MIT, 2004

Teaching Assistant

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2004-2008
Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2006
University of Auckland, 2000-2003, 2005

Recent Professional Development

- Participation in *American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) Teaching and Learning Workshop*, 2014
Participation in *Mentoring Workshop for Women in Philosophy*, 2013
Bates' Safe Space Program, 2012
Participation in *Third International Congress on Tools for Teaching Logic*, 2011

Awards

- Bates Faculty Development Grant, 2015
Bates Faculty Development Grant, 2014
Whiting Foundation Teaching Fellowship, 2012-13
Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen, Visiting Fellowship (Self-Knowledge Project), 2012
Kenan Sahin Presidential Graduate Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2003-8
MIT Graduate Student Assoc. Travel Award (for presentation at UK Kant Society), 2008
University of Auckland Masters' Scholarship, 2002
Freemasons' Postgraduate Research Scholarship, 2002
Australian National University, Summer Scholarship (Philosophy), 2001
Australian National University, Summer Scholarship (Logic), 2000
Montgomery Memorial Prize for Best Work in Logic, 2000
Auckland University Senior Prize in Philosophy, 2000
Auckland University Senior Prize in Mathematics, 1999

Service

Service to Bates College

- Chair of Digital and Computational studies, 2015 – current
Off-Campus Study Committee, 2015 – current
Educational Policy Committee, 2014-15
Committee on Environmental Responsibility, 2014 – current

Philosophy Departmental Review, 2014-15
Organizer of Work-in-Progress Speaker Series in Philosophy, 2013 – current
Search Committee for Mellon Postdoc for Innovation in Teaching in Philosophy, 2013
Committee on Faculty Scholarship, 2011-14
First Year Seminar and Writing Committee, 2010-11
Search Committee for Writing Specialist in the Humanities, 2011
Organizer of Visiting Speaker on Feminism and Philosophy, Nancy Bauer, 2010
Mellon Philosophy and Psychology Workgroup and Visiting Speaker Series, Co-Organizer, 2009-10
Senior Honors Thesis Examiner, Molly Hereford 2011 (philosophy, personal identity)
Senior Honors Thesis Examiner, Mircea Lupu 2011 (philosophy, Heidegger on anxiety and death)
Senior Honors Thesis Examiner, Rachel DiStefano 2011 (psychology, alexithymia and memory)
Senior Honors Thesis Examiner, Madison Kilbride 2010 (philosophy, perception of speech)

Recent External Academic Service

President of Northern New England Philosophical Association, current
Chair at American Philosophical Association meeting Pacific Division, 2015
Chair at American Philosophical Association meeting Pacific Division, 2014
Chair at American Philosophical Association meeting Pacific Division, 2014
Chair at Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, 2013
Chair at American Philosophical Association meeting Eastern Division, 2012
Chair at American Philosophical Association meeting Pacific Division, 2012
Chair at Putting Powers to Work conference, 2011
Data collection for launch of Women of Philosophy Database, <http://www.womenofphilosophy.com/>
Reviewer for *American Philosophical Quarterly*
Reviewer for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
Reviewer for *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*
Reviewer for *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*
Reviewer for *Dialectica*
Reviewer for *Ergo*
Reviewer for *Mind*
Reviewer for *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
Reviewer for *Philosophical Psychology*
Reviewer for *Philosophical Quarterly*
Reviewer for *Philosophical Studies*
Reviewer for *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*

Membership

American Association of Philosophy, Eastern Division
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

References

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