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Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Feminist Philosophy
Areas of Teaching Competence: Logic, Modern Philosophy

Employment

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Bates College, 2015 – current
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Bates College, 2009 – 2015

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, 167-176, 2017
‘Gendered Slurs,’ *Social Theory and Practice*, 42(2): 228-239, 2016.
‘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

‘Possibilities of Misidentification,’ *Philosophy, Psychiatry & Psychology*, forthcoming
‘Introspection and the Nature of Desire,’ for *The Nature of Desire*, ed. by Julien Deonna and Federico Lauria, Oxford University Press, 2017
‘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

'Dispositions and Ant-idotes,' published July 14, 2017

<https://dailyant.com/2017/07/14/philosophy-phriday-dispositions-and-ant-idotes/>

Contribution to 'Should Prostitution be Legalized?' published Sept 1, 2016

<https://wallethub.com/blog/should-prostitution-be-legal/24211/#>

'The Metaphysics of Muppets,' for *Jim Henson and Philosophy*, ed. by Timothy M. Dale and Joseph J. Foy, Rowman and Littlefield, 2015

'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, 2015

Awards

Frederick Burkhardt ACLS Fellowship, 2016-17, \$80,000

Phillips Faculty Fellowship, 2016–17, \$95,828 (full amount not taken up)

National Endowment for the Humanities, summer grant for visit to NEH institute at Cornell, 2016, \$3300

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

Selected Presentations

Comments on Regina Rini's 'How to Take Offense: The Pragmatics of Microaggression' and Alan Hazlett's 'Why Offense is Not an Emotion'

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Conference, Seattle April 2017

'I don't think you know what you want'

NEH seminar, Cornell July 2016

Feminist Utopias Conference, Iceland March 2017

'Slurs as Social Controls'

Harvard Philosophy Department, May 2017

Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, July 2017

Comments on Lynne Tirrell's 'Toxic Speech', Language and Power Workshop, MIT, January 2016

Comments on Jared Peterson's 'A Puzzle About Desire'

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Conference, San Francisco 2016

‘Possibilities of Misidentification’

Northern New England Philosophical Association, ME 2015

‘Agency and the Power of Parts’

Powers, Human Agency, and Emergence Workshop, Durham UK 2015

‘Gendered Slurs’

Dominating Speech Conference, CT 2014

University of Maine Orono, ME 2015

Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, FL 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

Self-Knowledge (senior seminar, new course), 2015

Advanced Logic (senior seminar, new course), 2011

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

Possibility, Probability, and Proofs (new course), 2016

Philosophy and Feminism, 2010, 2012, 2015

Introduction to Logic, 2010 – 2015

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, Henry Simon 2016 (philosophy, morality and responsibility in *Groundhog’s Day*)

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

Service

Service to Bates College

Search committee for Philosophy

Admitted students 'masterclass' on the naturalistic fallacy

Chair of Digital and Computational studies, 2015 – current

Off-Campus Study Committee, 2015 – current

Economics Department Review

Committee on Environmental Responsibility, 2014 – 2016

Educational Policy Committee, 2014-15

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, Jurgen Kritschgau 2016 (philosophy, representation and context)

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

Chair at Northern New England Philosophical Association Conference, 2016

President of Northern New England Philosophical Association, 2015-2016

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

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