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Employment

Lecturer, Rice University (2016-present)

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin (2016)

Dissertation: *The Structure of Perceptual Justification*

Abstract: Dogmatism is the thesis that perceptual justification is both immediate and underminable. Bayesianism is a theory of coherence for partial beliefs. I develop and defend Bayesian Dogmatism.

Supervisors: David Sosa (Chair), Josh Dever, Sinan Dogramaci, Jim Pryor, Mark Sainsbury, Miriam Schoenfield

Visiting student, Arché Philosophical Research Institute at the University of St. Andrews (Summer 2015)

M.A. Philosophy, University of Colorado, Boulder (2009)

Thesis: *Seems True: A Critique of Phenomenal Conservatism*

Supervisors: Michael Tooley (Chair), David Barnett, Michael Heumer

B.A. Philosophy and Religion, Appalachian State University (2002)

Areas

AOS: Epistemology, Formal Epistemology

AOC: Early Modern, Logic, Language, Mind, Philosophy of Science, Bioethics

Publications

“Holistic Conditionalization and Underminable Perceptual Learning” (*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 101 (1) (2020): 130-149.)

“Updating, Undermining, and Perceptual Learning” (*Philosophical Studies* 174.9 (2017): 2187-2209.)

“How to be a Bayesian Dogmatist”* (*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 94.4 (2016): 766-780.)

Awards

2017 Winner of AJP Best Paper Award for “How to be a Bayesian Dogmatist”, selected by the Australasian Association of Philosophy as the best paper published in AJP in 2016

2015 *Graduate Student Executive Committee* Summer Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, University of Texas, Austin

2015 *Graduate School* Continuing Fellowship, University of Texas, Austin

2015 Cogburn Philosophical Essay Prize, first prize for “How to be a Bayesian Dogmatist”

2014 Cogburn Philosophical Essay Prize, second prize for “Risky Inference and Closure Failures”

Presentations

“Perceiving Safely” (2018)

Texas Epistemology Extravaganza

“Holistic Conditionalization and Underminable Perceptual Learning” (2017)

Texas Epistemology Extravaganza

“How To Be a Bayesian Dogmatist” (2014)

Arché Graduate Conference at Arché Philosophical Research Institute, University of St. Andrews

Comments:

“Non-inferential Knowledge and some other Concerns with Informatism” by Brian Pollox (2014)

MLK conference, University of Texas, Austin

“Justified Group Beliefs” by Jennifer Lackey (2014)

UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference

“Dogmatism and Closure” by Jeremy Goodman (2011)

UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference

“Epistemic Modal Draconianism” by Melissa Fusco (2009)

Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference at the University of Colorado, Boulder

Teaching

Graduate Seminar: The Factive Turn in Epistemology (F'18)

Graduate Seminar: Evidence (F'17)

Graduate Seminar: Knowledge-First (F'16)

Mathematical Logic (S'23, S'22, S'21, F'19)

Theory of Knowledge (F'22, F'21, F'20, S'20, S'17)

Topics in Early Modern Philosophy: The New Science (F'20, F'19, F'18, F'17)

Early Modern Philosophy (S'23, S'22, F'22, S'20, S'19, S'18, S'17)

Logic (F'22, F'21, Su'14)

Bioethics (F'20)

Introduction to Philosophy (F'22, S'19, S'18, F'16, S'16)

Academic Service

Referee, *Mind*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*

Editorial Assistant, *Analytic Philosophy* (2013 – 2016)

Undergraduate Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship program (2015)

Co-organizer, UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference (2011)

References

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