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Areas of Interest

Social Ethics, Poverty Ethics, Critical Philosophy of Race, Reparative Justice, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion

Education

PhD Candidate, University of Wisconsin-Madison

M.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University (2017)

B.A. Philosophy, Western Michigan University (2015)

Publications

“Fine-Tuning Arguments and Biological Design Arguments: Can the Theist Have Both?” *Religious Studies* (2019).

Presentations and Conferences

“Is Reparation Fair?”

- Great Lakes Philosophy Conference on Race and Ethics (April, 2023)

“Effective Altruism or Effective Reparations?”

- 2023 Midwest Ethics Symposium

“Reparations for Historic Racism: What Does Benefitting Have to Do With It?”

- Concerned Philosophers for Peace, meeting of the APA-Central (Feb, 2023).

“Reparations for Historic Racism: Can the Government Legitimately Make the Innocent Pay?”

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting (Feb, 2023)

“I Would Do Anything For Love, But I Won’t Do That: A Dilemma About Falling in Love.”

- Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love (February, 2023)

“Transgressive Teaching Without Dogmatic Teaching.”

- Society for Ethics Across the Curriculum (Fall, 2022)

“Racial Apathy and the Persistence of Injustice.”

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting (2022)
- Concerned Philosophers for Peace (Fall, 2021)

“Not Those Auxiliary Hypotheses: Evidence, Theory Evaluation, and Probabilistic Underdetermination.”

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting (2021).

“What are the chances? Probability and Social Privilege”

- Association for Practical and Applied Ethics (Spring 2021).
- Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Conference. Theme: *Identity and Intersectionality* (Fall, 2020).

“Wrongful Enrichments and the Limits of Offsetting Privilege”

- Association of Practical and Applied Ethics, Annual International Conference (February 22nd, 2020)

“Design Arguments, Likelihoods and Total Evidence”

- Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Conference (November 2018)
- Evangelical Philosophical Society, Midwest Conference (March 22-23, 2018)

“Dealing With Moral Demand: Character, Psychology, and Lichtenberg’s *Desiderata*.”

- Bowling Green State University Applied Ethics Workshop (2016).

“Oughts”, “Cans”, and Moral Demands: Remarks on Lichtenberg and the Importance of Moral Character.”

- Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference (2016)

“Prior Probabilities, Non-Universal Revelation, and Butler’s *The Analogy of Religion*.”

- Atlantic Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (2016).

“How Not to Be a Bayesian Dogmatist”

- Brown Bag Presentation at Western Michigan University (2016)

“Varied Evidence and the Evidential Significance of Scope.”

- Michigan State University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (April 10th-11th, 2015).

“A New Philosophico-Theological Objection to Skeptical Theism.”

- Calvin/GVSU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (March 28th, 2015).

Teaching and Assistantships

Introductory Ethics (Phil 241), UW-Madison

- Instructor: Spring 2023
- Instructor: Fall 2021

Contemporary Moral Issues (phil 341), UW-Madison

- Instructor : Fall 2022
- Instructor: Spring 2022
- Instructor: Fall 2020
- Instructor: Spring 2020

Philosophy of Science (Phil 3550), Western Michigan University.

- Instructor: Fall 2016.
- Instructor (online): Summer 2016
- Instructor: Spring of 2016.

TA for *Contemporary Moral Issues* (phil 341), UW-Madison.

- Fall 2019.
- Spring 2019.

TA for *Introduction to Philosophy* (phil 101), UW-Madison.

- Fall 2018.
- Spring 2018
- Fall 2017.

TA for *Introduction to Philosophy*, WMU.

- Spring 2015.

Project Assistant to Elliott Sober (summer 2018)

Philosophy Tutor, Montcalm Community College.

- Fall 2012.
- Spring 2013.

Awards and Achievements

Graduate Student Fellowship (Spring/Summer 2021)

Temkin Award: “Confirmation for Categorical Reasons” (spring 2019)

Oliver Graduate Student Prize Essay: “How Not to Be a Bayesian Dogmatist” (spring 2018)

Graduate Assistantship, WMU (fall 2015-spring 2017)

\$1,000 Merit Scholarship, Philosophy Gift Fund, WMU (fall 2015)

Presidential Scholar Award, awarded by the WMU philosophy department (Spring, 2015).

Dean’s list, WMU (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer Session I 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015).

“Above and Beyond Award”——Montcalm Community College Religion and Philosophy Club (04/19/2013).

“Certificate of Recognition,” for extra-curricular participation and effort in the Montcalm Community College Religion and Philosophy Club as an outstanding officer (04/19/2013).

Extra-Curricular Involvement

Graduate Student Advisor to the WMU Undergraduate Philosophy Club (fall 2016-spring 2017).

President of the Religion and Philosophy Club at Montcalm Community College (08/2011 - 04/2013).

Graduate Coursework

- African American Political Thought (w/ Keisha Lindsay), UW-Madison (Spring, 2023)
- Comparative National Policy (w/ Héctor Pifarré i Arolas), UW-Madison (Fall, 2022)
- Political Philosophy of Language (w/ John MacKay), UW-Madison (Spring 2021)

- Poverty and Inequality in the U.S. (w/ Marcy Carlson), UW-Madison (Fall 2020)
- Advanced Seminar on the History of Philosophy: Descartes (w/ Steve Nadler), UW-Madison (Fall 2020)
- International Development Policy (w/ Christopher McKelvey), UW-Madison (Spring, 2020).
- Contemporary Issues in Metaethics (w/ Shafer-Landau), UW-Madison (Spring, 2020)
- Political Philosophy (w/Dan Hausman), UW-Madison (Fall, 2019)
- Political Philosophy (w/Harry Brighouse), UW-Madison (Spring 2019)
- Epistemology of Perception (w/Farid Masrouf), UW-Madison (Spring 2019)
- Moral Dilemmas (w/Peter Vranas), UW-Madison (Fall 2018).
- Formal Epistemology (w/Michael Titelbaum), UW-Madison (Fall 2018).
- The Moral Universe (w/ Russ Shafer-Landau and John Bengson), UW-Madison (Spring 2018)
- Aristotle's Metaphysics (w/Paula Gotlieb), UW-Madison (Spring 2018)
- The Design Argument (w/Elliot Sober), UW-Madison (Fall 2017)
- Philosophy of Language and Logic (w/Dr. Ashley Atkins), WMU (Fall 2015)
- Early Analytic Philosophy (w/Dr. James Martin), WMU (Fall 2015)
- Inference to the Best Explanation Reader (w/Dr. McGrew), WMU (Fall 2015)
- Philosophy of Science (w/Dr. Alspecter-Kelly), WMU (Spring 2016)
- Philosophical Applications of Probability Theory (w/ Dr. McGrew), WMU (Spring 2016)
- Knowledge Closure and Dogmatism (independent study w/ Dr. Alspecter-Kelly), WMU (Spring, 2016)
- Practical Ethics (w/Dr. Pritchard), WMU (Summer 2016)
- Theory of Knowledge (w/Dr. Alspecter-Kelly), WMU (Fall 2016)
- Decision Theory (co-taught by Dr. McGrew and Dr. Glatz), WMU (Fall 2016)
- Metaphysics (w/Dr. Dolson), WMU (Spring 2017)
- Philosophical Applications of Symbolic Logic (w/ Dr. Martin), WMU (Spring 2017)