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Education

Ph.D.	2021 (Expected)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Philosophy Minor: Mathematical Logic
B.A., B.S.	2016	Duke University Philosophy, Mathematics <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Thesis: “Large Cardinals and Mathematical Truth.”

Areas of Interest

AOS: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Logic and Philosophy of Mathematics
AOC: Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Mind

Publications

- 2018 “Self-Locating Evidence and the Metaphysics of Time”. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. Forthcoming.
- 2018 “Pluralism and the Problem of Purity”. *Analysis*. Forthcoming.

Selected Presentations

Refereed:

- January 2019 “A Non-Humean Approach to Grounding”. American Philosophical Association Eastern Division. New York, NY.
- October 2018 “Why Chance Constrains Credence”. University of Colorado History and Philosophy of Science Conference. Boulder, CO.

- July 2018 “The Metaphysical Consequences of Indefinite Extensibility”. The Australasian Association of Philosophy. Wellington, NZ.
- April 2018 “Pluralism and the Problem of Purity”. Syracuse Graduate Conference. Syracuse, NY.
- March 2018 ‘Pluralism and the Problem of Purity’. UT Austin Graduate Conference. Austin, TX.

Other:

- June 2018 “Why Chance Constrains Credence”. Bochum Epistemology Seminar. Bochum, Germany. (Presented by Jack Spencer)
- May 2018 “The Metaphysical Consequences of Indefinite Extensibility”. Metaphysical Mayhem. New Brunswick, NJ.
- March 2018 “A Dilemma for Metaphysical Rationalism”. MIT Work in Progress Series
- October 2017 “Panpsychism, Utilitarianism, and the Principle of Least Action”. MIT Work in Progress Series
- May 2017 “An Accuracy Argument for Induction”. MIT Work in Progress Series

Awards

- MIT Presidential Fellowship, MIT 2016
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, 2014-2016
- Phi Beta Kappa, Duke University, 2014
- Dean’s List with Distinction, Duke University, 2012-2016
- A.B. Duke Memorial Scholarship, Duke University, 2012
(Full Merit Scholarship to attend Duke University)

Teaching

Lectures:

- Spring 2017 “A Paradox on Evidential Equivalence”, Foundations of Probability (White).

Teaching Assistant:

Fall 2019 Problems of Philosophy (Hare). (2 sections)

Fall 2018 Paradox and Infinity (Rayo). (3 sections)

Graduate Coursework (* indicates Audit)

Fall 2018 Deflationism About Truth and Reference* (McGee; MIT)

Topics in Metaphysics* (Skow and Spencer; MIT)

Spring 2019 Early Modern Theories of Perception (Byrne; MIT)

Norms of Credences* (White & Schoenfield; MIT)

Fall 2018 Philosophy of Model Theory (McGee; MIT)

History of Foundations of Physics (Skow; MIT)

Spring 2017 Proseminar II (Hare & Skow; MIT)

Topics in Set Theory: Ultimate-L (Woodin; Harvard)

Explanation (Skow & Hall; MIT & Harvard)

Topics in Philosophical Logic (McGee; MIT)

Fall 2016 Proseminar I (McGee; MIT)

Noncognitivism (Spencer & Fitelson; MIT)

Topics in Theory of Knowledge (White; MIT)

Modal Logic (McGee; MIT)

Spring 2016 Meta-Ontology (van Inwagen; Duke)

Non-Classical Logics (Russell; UNC)

Fall 2015 Philosophy of Mathematics (Lange; UNC)

Functional Analysis (Lu; Duke) (Mathematics)

Spring 2015 Free Will (van Inwagen & Sinnott-Armstrong; Duke)

Complex Analysis (Ng; Duke) (Mathematics)

Fall 2014 Real Analysis (Lu; Duke) (Mathematics)

Spring 2014 Kripke (van Inwagen; Duke)

Algebraic Topology (Saper; Duke) (Mathematics)

Fall 2013 General Relativity (Aspinwall; Duke) (Physics)
Spring 2013 David Lewis (Bernstein; Duke)
 Philosophy of Science (Lange; UNC)
 Differential Geometry (Bryant; Duke) (Mathematics)
Fall 2012 Metaphysics of Possibility (Bernstein; Duke)

Service

2017 Harvard/MIT Philosophy Graduate Conference Organizer
2017-2018 MIT Colloquium Series Organizer
2017-2018 MIT Metaphysics & Mind Reading Group Organizer
Journal Referee: *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
Conference Referee: Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference (x2)

Other Educational Experiences

Visiting Student, ANU, June-July 2018 (expected)
Metaphysical Mayhem, May 2018
Summer School in Ontology and Meta-ontology, CEU, July 2017
Summer School in Set Theory, UCLA, July-August 2014

Languages

English (fluent/native), Spanish (fluent/native)