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## Areas of Specialization:

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

## Areas of Competence:

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

### Education

University of Virginia, PhD in Philosophy, *In progress*  
Rutgers University, Visiting Student, *August 2022 – May 2023*  
Brandeis University, MA in Philosophy, *December 2018*  
Middle Tennessee State University, BA in Philosophy, *May 2017*  
Middle Tennessee State University, BS in Mathematics, *May 2017*

### Publications

“Against Philosophical Proofs Against Common Sense.” *Analysis* (2021).  
Co-authored with Louis Doulas.

### Works in Progress

“Metaphysical infinitism and theoretical virtue.”  
“Perceiving persistence conditions.”

### Presentations

“Metaphysical infinitism and theoretical virtue.”

- Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2022.
- Central APA, February 2023.

“Phenomenology-based quantifier variance.”

- Second Austrian Summer School in Phenomenology, University of Graz, September 2022.

“Perceiving persistence conditions.”

- Georgia Philosophical Society, June 2022.
- Eastern APA, January 2023.
- Rutgers Metaphysics Reading Group, November 2022.
- Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, November 2022.

“Acquaintability and ordinary ontology.”

- Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy, April 2022.

“Attention and cognitive phenomenology.”

- Morven Retreat for the University of Virginia’s Department of Philosophy, September 2021.
- Tennessee Philosophical Association, November 2021.

“Vagueness is unitary.”

- Graduate Philosophy Conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 2021.

“Ordinary objects are *a priori*-ty.”

- Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University, March 2021.

“Against Philosophical Proofs Against Common Sense.”

- Florida Philosophical Association, February 2021. (With Louis Doulas.)

“The functional conception of laws.”

- *Mathematical and Numerical Inspirations in Philosophy*, Stanford University, April 2020.
- Wisconsin Philosophical Association, August 2020.
- South Carolina Society for Philosophy, April 2021.

## Comments

“Fallacy Accusation and Meta-Argument”, Scott Aikin

- Tennessee Philosophical Association, October 2022

## Teaching Experience

### As Sole Instructor

*Environmental Ethics*: University of Virginia’s Launchpad Program, Summer 2021 (one section)

### As Teaching Assistant

*History of Philosophy: Modern*: University of Virginia, Spring 2022 (three sections)

*Philosophy of Health and Healthcare*: University of Virginia, Fall 2021 (six sections)

*Meaning of Life*: University of Virginia, Spring 2021 (three sections)

*The Past, Present, and Future of Humankind*: University of Virginia, J-term 2021 (one section)

*Human Nature*: University of Virginia, Fall 2020 (three sections)

*Introduction to Symbolic Logic*: Brandeis University, Fall 2018 (~40 students)

*Introduction to Philosophy*: Brandeis University, Fall 2017 (one section)

### As Tutor

*Math lab tutor:* Middle Tennessee State University, Fall 2015 – Spring 2017  
(College Algebra through Calculus III)

**As Grader**

*Grader for Dr. Jan Zijlstra:* Middle Tennessee State University, Fall 2015 – Spring 2017 (Precalculus, Calculus I-III, and Differential Equations I)

**Departmental Service** Graduate Student Representative for the UVA Philosophy Department, Academic Year 2021-22

**Professional Development** *Graduate Instructor Seminar on the Teaching of Writing:* University of Virginia  
A week-long seminar aimed at developing and improving pedagogical skills related to the teaching of writing across a variety of disciplines.

**Honors and Awards** **South Carolina Society for Philosophy Graduate Student Essay Prize**  
Paper: “The functional conception of laws”  
**University of Virginia Graduate Student Fellowship**  
**Brandeis Philosophy Department Merit Scholarship**  
**MTSU Mathematics Departmental Award**

**Selected Graduate Coursework** **At UVA:**  
State Legitimacy, Adams, Spring 2021  
Material Objects, Merricks, Fall 2020  
Vagueness, Merricks, Spring 2020  
Infinetism Independent Study, Cameron, Spring 2020  
Language and Logic in Aristotle, McReady-Flora, Spring 2020  
Laws of Nature, Ott, Fall 2019  
Ethics, Brewer, Fall 2019  
Experience, Langsam, Fall 2019

**At Brandeis:**  
External World Skepticism, B. Marusic, Spring 2018  
Metaphysics, Hirsch, Fall 2017

**Mixed grad/undergrad courses:**  
Formal Semantics, Malamud, Spring 2018  
Mathematical Logic, J. Marusic, Spring 2018  
Descartes, Leibniz, Spinoza, J. Marusic, Spring 2018  
Philosophical Problems with Space and Time, Hirsch, Spring 2018  
Philosophy of Mathematics, Yourgrau, Fall 2017  
Fiction and Fictionalism, Yourgrau, Fall 2017