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Areas of Specialization:

Metaphysics

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Language, Epistemology

Education	PhD	University of Virginia , Philosophy, <i>In progress</i>
	MA	Brandeis University , Philosophy, <i>December 2018</i> Thesis: “Infinitism and Fundamentality” Advisor: Eli Hirsch
	BA	Middle Tennessee State University , Philosophy, <i>May 2017</i>
	BS	Middle Tennessee State University , Mathematics, <i>May 2017</i>

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

Works in Progress “Fundamentality and explanatory satisfaction.”
“The functional conception of laws.”
“Vagueness is unitary.”
“Ordinary objects are *a priori*-ty.”
“Attention and cognitive phenomenology.”

Presentations “Attention and cognitive phenomenology.”

- Morven Retreat for the University of Virginia’s Department of Philosophy, September 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.

“Infinitism and Fundamentality.”

- Graduate student seminar, Brandeis University, November 2018.

“The three pitcher problem.”

- URECA summer research celebration at Middle Tennessee State University, August 2016.

Teaching Experience

As Sole Instructor

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

As Teaching Assistant

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)

Professional Development

Graduate Instructor Seminar on the Teaching of Writing: University of Virginia

A week-long seminar with the aim of 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

Infinitism 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