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## Areas of Specialization:

Metaphysics

## Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Language, Epistemology

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

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

**Presentations** “Ordinary objects are a priori-ty.” Selected for presentation at Brown University’s 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, March 7-8, 2021.

“Against Philosophical Proofs Against Common Sense.” Presented at the virtual meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association, February 19, 2021. (With Louis Doulas.)

“The functional conception of laws.” Presented virtually to the Wisconsin Philosophical Association’s online meeting, August 9, 2020.

“The functional conception of laws.” South Carolina Society for Philosophy. (Postponed due to coronavirus.)

“The functional conception of laws.” Presented virtually (due to coronavirus) to the *Mathematical and Numerical Inspirations in Philosophy* conference at Stanford University, April 1, 2020.

“Infinitism and Fundamentality.” Presented to the graduate student seminar at Brandeis University, November 2018.

“The three pitcher problem.” Presented at the URECA summer research celebration at MTSU, August 2016.

## **Teaching Experience**

### **As Teaching Assistant**

*The Past, Present, and Future of Humankind:* University of Virginia  
Cross-listed philosophy/anthropology J-term course dealing with the history of humanity and future threats facing humankind.  
One section of ~30 students. Held discussion sections, graded papers, assisted students with coursework.

*Human Nature:* University of Virginia  
Introductory philosophy course with emphasis on subject of human nature. Three sections of ~20 students. Held discussion sections, graded papers, assisted students with coursework.

*Introduction to Symbolic Logic:* Brandeis University  
Overview of introductory logic. ~40 students. Graded problem sets, held office hours, administered tests, conducted lectures when needed. Fall 2018.

*Introduction to Philosophy:* Brandeis University  
Historical overview of philosophical figures. ~180 students. One section of 30. Graded papers, held office hours. Fall 2017.

### **As Tutor**

*Calculus tutor:* MTSU  
Assisted students in understanding material pertaining to their coursework. Subjects ranged from college algebra through multivariable calculus. Led one on one work, group study sessions. Fall 2015 through Spring 2017.

### **As Grader**

*Grader for Dr. Jan Zijlstra:* MTSU  
Graded papers for introductory through multivariable calculus, as well as differential equations I. Assisted students with course material one on one and in group settings. Fall 2015 through Spring 2017.

## **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**

Award given to one outstanding essay from a graduate student  
Paper: "The functional conception of laws"

### **University of Virginia Graduate Student Fellowship**

Includes funding and graduate stipend

### **Brandeis Philosophy Department Merit Scholarship**

Includes financial assistance for students with academic distinction

### **MTSU Mathematics Departmental Award**

Given to students who have displayed outstanding performance in their field of study

## **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