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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>

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

**Works in Progress** “Fundamentality and explanatory satisfaction.” (under review)  
“The functional conception of laws.”  
“Vagueness is unitary.”  
“Ordinary objects are *a priori*-ty.”

**Presentations** “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. (Postponed.)

“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 Teaching Assistant

*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