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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> Area focus: abstract algebra, topology, graph theory
Publications		“Against Philosophical Proofs Against Common Sense.” <i>Analysis</i> (forthcoming). Co-authored with Louis Doulas.
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
Teaching Experience	As Teaching Assistant	<i>Human Nature</i> : 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.

Presentations

“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. (Cancelled 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.

**Selected
Graduate
Coursework**

At UVA:

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