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### **Employment**

Assistant Professor Dept. of Philosophy, University at Buffalo, SUNY

August 2012-

Assistant Professor Dept. of Philosophy, Wayne State University

August 2011-May 2012

### Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of Southern California May 2011

B.A. in Philosophy University of Rochester May 2005

### Areas of Specialization

History of Early Modern (especially David Hume), Philosophy of Language

## Areas of Teaching Competence

Metaethics, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology, Action Theory, Professional Ethics

#### **Publications**

"Locke, Hume, and Reid on the Objects of Belief"

History of Philosophy Quarterly 35 (forthcoming January 2018) refereed

"Speaking Your Mind: Expression in Locke's Theory of Language"

Meaning and Publicity Protosociology 34 (forthcoming 2017) invited

"Thomas Reid on Signs and Language"

Philosophy Compass 12 (3). (2017) invited, refereed

"Reid on Favors, Injuries and the Natural Virtue of Justice" w/ Gideon Yaffe

In Buras, Todd & Copenhaver, Rebecca (eds.), *Thomas Reid on Mind, Knowledge and Value*, Oxford University Press:249-266 (2015) *invited, refereed* 

"Hume's Treatment of Denial in the Treatise"

Philosopher's Imprint 14 (26):1-22 (August 2014) refereed

"How to Avoid Mis-Reid-ing Hume's Maxim of Conceivability"

Philosophical Quarterly 63 (250):105-119 (2013) refereed

"Conception without Concepts: Reid vs. The Way of Ideas"

Concepts: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives ProtoSociology 30:221-237 2013 invited

"How to Refrain from Responding to Kripke's Puzzle about Belief"

Philosophical Studies 161 (2):287-308 (2012) refereed

### Handbook & Encyclopedia Entries

Executive Summary of Adam Smith's Considerations on the First Formations of Languages

In Cameron, Margaret, Hill, Benjamin, & Stainton, Robert J. (Eds.), Sourcebook in the History of Philosophy of Language, Springer:853 (2017)

#### **Under Review**

"Malebranche vs. Hume on Doxastic Voluntarism" Under Review

"Reid's Complaint Against Hume's Maxim: Conceivability, Possibility, and Reductio Reasoning" Under Review

### **Papers in Progress**

"Mental and Verbal Propositions in Early Modern Philosophy" Invited contribution

To appear in Tillman, Chris (ed.), The Routledge Handbook of Propositions, Routledge

"Squandered Significance: Locke on the Abuse of Words" Invited contribution

To appear in Gordon-Roth, Jessica & Weinberg, Shelly (eds.), The Lockean Mind, Routledge

"Locke's Problems with Copulation and Conception" In Progress

"Thomas Reid's Assault on the Way of Ideas" In Progress

"Smith on Sympathy for the Deceased" In Progress

#### **Invited Presentations**

- Critic of Seana Shiffrin's "Speech Matters: Speech Matters: Lying, Morality and the Law"
   Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (San Francisco) April 2016
- "Reid vs. Hume on the Objects of Belief" (Departmental Colloquium)
   University of Western Ontario (London) January 2016
- "Locke's Problems with (Sentential) Copulation and (Propositional) Conception"
   Departmental Colloquium at Marist College (Poughkeepsie) April 2015
- Reply to "Discourse and Logical Form" Ernie Lepore, Una Stojnic, Matthew Stone (Rutgers)
   Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (San Diego) April 2014
- 5. "Hume vs. Malebranche on Doxastic Voluntarism"

University of Toronto Workgroup in Early Modern — March 2013

6. "Hume vs. Malebranche on Doxastic Voluntarism"

Conference in Honor of Ralf Meerbote (Rochester) — March 2013

7. "Hume's Rejection of the Mirror Thesis"

Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (San Francisco) — March 2013

8. "What David Hume Should, Can, and Does Say about Denial"

UB Cognitive Science Colloquium (Buffalo) — November 2012

9. "Hume vs. Malebranche on Doxastic Voluntarism"

6th Biennial Margaret Dauler Wilson Conference (Dartmouth) — June 2012

10. "Smith on Sympathy for the Deceased"

Notre Dame Work Group in Early Modern — March 2012

11."The Nature and Structure of Belief in Hume's Treatise"

Invited Presentation to seminar by Prof. Loeb (Michigan) — February 2012

12. "How can Hume Suppose What Cannot Even Be Conceived?"

5th Bienniel Margaret Dauler Wilson Conference (CU Boulder) — June 2010

#### **Refereed Presentations**

- "Locke, Reid, and Hume on the Objects of Belief"
   2017 International Hume Conference (Providence, RI) July 2017
- 2. "Locke, Reid, and Hume on the Objects of Belief"

Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Baltimore) — January 2017

3. "Reid vs. Hume on the Objects of Belief"

Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Chicago) — March 2016

4. "Reid vs. Hume on The Objects of Belief"

NEH Summar Scholar Presentation (Boulder) — July 2015

## Refereed Presentations (cont.)

- 5. "Reid vs. Hume on Predication and Belief"
  - Midwest Early Modern Philosophy Conference" (Milwaukee) September 2014
- 6. "Hume vs. Malebranche on Whether Belief is Voluntary"
  - UB Humanities Institute New Faculty Seminar September 2013
- "Hume's Complaint Against Reid's Maxim: Conceivability, Possibility, and Reductio Reasoning"
   2013 International Hume Conference (Belo Horizonte) July 2013
- 8. "Locke's Problems with Copulation and Conception"
  - Locke Workshop (Washington & Lee) October 2012
- 9. "Reid's Complaint against Hume's Maxim: Conceivability, Possibility, and Reductio Reasoning" Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (Chicago) — February 2012
- 10. "Locke's Problem with Privations"
  - South Central Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (Texas A&M) November 2011
- 11. "How to Avoid Mis-Reiding Hume's Maxim of Conceivability"
  - Hume After 300 Years, 2011 International Hume Conference (Edinburgh) July 2011
- 12. "How to Avoid Mis-Reiding Hume's Maxim of Conceivability"
  - Early Modern Circle (Pasadena) March 2011
- 13. "How to Avoid Mis-Reiding Hume's Maxim of Conceivability"

  History of Philosophy Roundtable (UC San Diego) October 2010
- 14. "What David Hume Should, Can, and Does Say About Denial"

  New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy (Yale) May 2010
- 15. "What David Hume Should, Can, and Does Say About Denial"
- Departmental Colloquium (USC) April 2010 16. "Toward a Less Confident Cognitivism"
  - Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (San Francisco) April 2010
- 17. "Reid's Assault on the Theory of Ideas"
  - Reid: In His Time and Ours (Aberdeen and Glasgow) March 2010
- 18. "The Structure and Content of Belief in Hume's Treatise"
  - 4th Biennial Margaret Dauler Wilson Conference (Cornell) June/July 2008

### **Invited Comments**

- 1. On "How to Be a Humean about Non-Humean Dispositions" (Marc Johansen)
  Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (Seattle) April 2017
- On "Berkeley's Semantic Argument" Alexander Bozzo (Marquette)
   Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (Phillidelphia) February 2015
- On "The Purpose and Semantics of Knowledge Ascription" Michael Hannon (Fordham)
   Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association (Phillidelphia) December 2014
- 4. On "A New Approach to Lockean Relations" Patrick Connolley (Iowa State) Central States Philosophical Association (Evanston) — October 2014
- On "A Puzzle About Hume's Theory of General Representation" David Landy (SFSU)
   2014 International Hume Conference (Portland) July 2014
- 6. On "Hume's 'Former Opinions" Emily Kelahan (Illinois Wesleyan University)

  Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association (Baltimore) December 2013
- 7. On "The Squareness of the Circle" Juan Santos (Alberta)
  2012 International Hume Conference (Calgary) June 2012
- On "Locke's Reply to the Skeptic" Shelley Weinberg (UIUC)
   Illinois Philosophical Association (DeKalb) November 2011
- 9. On "The Significance of Consequentialism" Sean Aas (Brown University)

  Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (San Diego) April 2011

## Invited Comments (continued).

10.On "New York is Just New York" — Joe Hedger (ASU)
USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy — February 2009

### **Conference Organization**

- Teaching Modern Philosophy Society for Modern Philosophy Panel
   Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (Vancouver) January 2016
- 2. Reconsidering the Early Modern Canon Society for Modern Philosophy Panel
  Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (Vancouver) April 2015
- Reflections on Scholarship in Modern Philosophy Society for Modern Philosophy, Inaugural Session Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (San Diego) — April 2014
- Sentiment and Reason in Early Modern Ethics University at Buffalo — March 2014

### **National Professional Service**

Lead Editor, APA Blog (Launched: January 2016)	2015-present
Editor, Contributor: The Mod Squad (Group Blog in Modern Philosophy)	2012-present
Member of the APA Committee on the Status and Future of the Profession	2011-2014
Managing Editor, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly	2010-2011

### Other Professional Service

Chair for AMC Session at the Central Division APA (Kansas City)	2017
Chair for Colloquium Session at the Pacific Division APA Meeting (San Francisco)	2013
Chair for Colloquium Session at the Central Divsion APA Meeting (New Orleans)	2013
Chair for Symposium Session at the Eastern Division APA Meeting (Atlanta)	2012
Member of WSU Philosophy Department Chair Search Committee	2011
Editor for category "Thomas Reid" (PhilPapers.org)	2009-2011
Chair for Paper Session at the Souther California Philosophy Conference (Pitzer)	2009
Chair for Colloquium Session at the Pacific Division APA Meeting (Pasadena)	2008

### Refereeing:

Dialectica, European Journal of Philosophy, Hume Studies, Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of Scottish Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Oxford University Press (book manuscript), International Hume Conference (Hume Society)

### **Professional Affiliations**

Society for Modern Philosophy	Founder, Chief Organizer
International Hume Society:	Member
International Berkeley Society	Member
American Philosophical Association	Member

Teaching Experience				
	niversity at Buffalo, SUNY):	047 54	04.4 E42 042	
PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy		k, S14, F13, S13	
PHI 217	Professional Ethics	S18, F16		
PHI 370 (270) PHI 556	Early Modern Philosophy of Language	F17, 317	7, S16, F13, F12	
PHI 556	Hume's Moral Sentiments	S14		
PHI 556	Thomas Reid's Inquiry	F14		
PHI 556	David Hume's Treatise (Book 1)	F15		
PHI 556	John Stuart Mill's System of Logic	F16		
PHI 596	Graduate Dissertation Seminar	S18, S17	F15	
PHI 637	1st Year Pro-Seminar: Hume on the Understanding	F17	,	
As Professor (W	ayne State University):			
PHI 1120	Professional Ethics	F11		
PHI 2110	Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy	W12		
PHI 5450	British Empiricism	F11		
PHI 7810	Seminar in History of Philosophy: Hume's Treatise, Book One	W12		
As Instructor (U	University of Southern California):			
PHL 250a	Elementary Formal Logic (I)	F09, S08	3	
PHL 250b	Elementary Formal Logic (II)	F09, S08	3	
Departmenta	1 Service			
Progress and Eva	lluation (Chair), Placement (Chair)		2017-2018	
Progress and Eva	lluation (Chair), Placement (Chair)		2016-2017	
Executive Comm	ittee, Placement (Chair)		2015-2016	
Executive Comm	ittee, Placement (Chair)		2014-2015	
Executive Comm	ittee, Job Search (Ethics), Web Page, Awards		2013-2014	
Executive Comm	ittee, Admissions, Colloquium, Placement (spring), Web page (spring)	ring)	2012-2013	
Advising				
Ph.D. Committee	Member for: Andrew Pfeuffer (UB)	In Progress		
Ph.D. Committee	Member for: Hector Guzman-Orozco (UB)	In Progress		
Ph.D. Committee	Member for: Patrick Ray (UB)	In Progress		
Ph.D. Committee	Member for: Brendan Cline (UB)	Conferred Spring 2017		
Ph.D. Committee	Member for: Shane Sicienski (UB)	Conferred Fall 2016		
Ph.D. Committee	Member for: Matt LaVine (UB)	Conferred Spring 2016		
	Member for: Amanda Hicks (UB)	Conferred Fall 2014		
Ph.D. Committee	Member for: David Sackris (UB)	Conferred	Spring 2014	

Conferred Winter 2012

Director of Master's Essay for: Tiffany Hudson (WSU)