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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Philosophy The University of Alabama	Aug. 2017–present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy The University of Alabama	Aug. 2011–Aug. 2017

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (in Philosophy) University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	2010
Master of Arts (in Philosophy) University of California, Irvine	2006
Master of Arts (in Philosophy) Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	2003
Bachelor of Arts (in Philosophy and Political Science) Bloomsburg University	2001

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Area of Specialization: Early Modern Philosophy (especially Berkeley)
Areas of Competence: Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Sport

ARTICLE-LENGTH PUBLICATIONS

“Setting the Record Straight: A Defense of Vacating Wins in Response to Rules Violations,” (with Chase Wrenn) — under review

“Berkeley on Common Sense,” forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Berkeley*, edited by Samuel Rickless

“If We Stop Thinking About Berkeley’s Problem of Continuity, Will It Still Exist?” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2017, 55(2): 237–260

“Berkeley and Common Sense,” in *The Bloomsbury Companion to Berkeley*, Bertil Belfrage and Richard Brook (eds.) 2017, 343–354

“‘All-Things-Considered’, ‘Better-Than’, and Sports Rankings,” in *Journal for the Philosophy of Sport*, 2016, 43(2): 215–232

“A Modest Defense of Manifestationalism,” (with Jamin Asay) in *Synthese*, 2015, 192(1): 147–161

“Call ‘Em As They Are: What’s Wrong With Blown Calls and What To Do About Them,” in *Journal for the Philosophy of Sport*, 2015, 42(1): 101–120

“Berkeley’s ‘Defense’ of ‘Commonsense,’” *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2011, 49(3): 315–338

REVIEWS

Review: “Bad Call: Technology’s Attack on Referees and Umpires and How to Fix It,” Harry Collins, Robert Evans, and Christopher Higgins. In *Journal for the Philosophy of Sport*, 2018, 45: 101–104

Review: “George Berkeley: Religion and Science in the Age of Enlightenment,” Silvia Parigi, editor. In *Philosophy in Review*, 2012, 32: 313–315

Review (with Alan Nelson): “The Correspondence Between Princess Elizabeth of Bohemia and Rene Descartes,” Lisa Shapiro, editor and translator, in *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 2008, 46:4

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Invincible: Determinism and the Harm of Death” (in preparation)

“Master or Apprentice? A New Reading of Berkeley’s (In)Famous Argument” (in preparation)

“Pluto, the Kilogram, and the Catch: Improving Science and Sports Through Conceptual Revision”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS

“A Defense of Vacating Wins in Response to Rules Violations”
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 22–23, 2019

“Master or Apprentice? A New Reading of Berkeley’s Infamous Argument”
Milwaukee Berkeley Workshop, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Oct. 19–20, 2018

“Berkeley’s Master Argument: What It Is and Is Not, What It Does and Does Not,”
American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, International Berkeley Society group meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 6, 2017

“If We Stop Thinking About Berkeley’s Problem of Continuity, Will It Still Exist?”
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, March 2016

“Invincible: Determinism and the Harm of Death”
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, Feb. 2016

- “All-Things-Considered’, ‘Better-Than’, and Sports Rankings”
International Association for the Philosophy of Sport 43rd Annual Meeting, Cardiff,
Wales UK, Sept. 2015
- “Rethinking Character and Responsibility in Hume”
South Central Society for Eighteenth Century Studies, Point Clear, AL, Feb. 2015
- “On Winning and Rankings in Sports”
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS, Nov. 2014
California Polytechnic Institute, San Luis Obispo, CA, May 2014
- “... And Justice For All?: Rethinking the Reciprocity of the Virtues in *Republic*”
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, April 2013
Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, October 2012
- “Wherefore Observability?” (with Jamin Asay)
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, March 2011
North Carolina Philosophical Society, Appalachian State University, Feb. 2011
- “Berkeley’s Radically Nominalist Account of Sensible Objects,” Pacific
Northwest/Western Canada Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, Simon Fraser
University, Vancouver, Canada, Nov. 2010 (refereed)
- “Berkeley’s ‘Defense’ of ‘Commonsense,’” Symposium paper with two commentators,
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Francisco, CA, April 2010
- “If We Stop Thinking About Berkeley’s Problem of Continuity, Will It Still Exist?”
Symposium paper with two commentators, American Philosophical Association Eastern
Division, New York City, NY, Dec. 2009
- “Word and Object in Berkeley,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division,
International Berkeley Society group meeting, Washington D.C., Dec. 2006
- “Berkeley on Ideas, Objects, and Commonsense,” (with Alan Nelson) The Southeastern
Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, University of Virginia, Oct. 2005

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Capstone International travel award, Fall 2015
Scholar in Residence, Whitehall Museum House, Summer 2013
UNC Graduate and Professional Student Federation Travel Fellowship, Fall 2010
Horace Williams Fellowship, UNC Department of Philosophy, Spring 2010
APA Pacific Division Graduate Student Travel Stipend, March 2010
APA Eastern Division Graduate Student Travel Stipend, Dec. 2009
Horace Williams Fellowship, UNC Department of Philosophy, Spring 2009

SERVICE**For the Department**

Department Hiring Subcommittee (UA) 2014-2015
 Curriculum Review Committee (UA) 2011
 Work In Progress series coordinator (UNC) 2007–2008
 Research Assistant in the Parr Center for Ethics (UNC) 2008
 Philosophy Outreach program (UNC) 2008–2009

For the University

Diversity Committee of the College of Arts & Sciences (UA) 2016–2019
 Co-chair, Faculty Senate Community and Legislative Affairs Committee (UA) 2017–2018
 Faculty Senator (UA) 2016–2018
 Arts & Sciences Technology Faculty Advisory Committee (UA) 2014–2016
 Undergraduate Programs and Services Committee (UA) 2012–2014
 Founder and coach of the UA Ethics Bowl team (UA) 2011–2013
 Graduate Assistant in the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life (UNC) spring 2008
 Coach of the UNC Ethics Bowl team (UNC) 2008–2010

For the Profession

Associations Coordinator, International Berkeley Society, 2013–present
 APA Committee on Academic Career Opportunities and Placement, 2012–2015
 Referee for *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Berkeley Studies*, and *Philosophies*
 Development reviewer for Broadview Press and Wiley-Blackwell Publishing

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**As Principal Instructor**

Blount Foundations: Origins (Fall 2017 & 2018)	University of Alabama
Seminar: Plato's <i>Republic</i> (Spring 2017)	University of Alabama
Seminar: Berkeley (Spring 2015)	University of Alabama
Seminar: Descartes's <i>Meditations</i> (Spring 2013)	University of Alabama
Philosophy of Sport* (Spring, since 2012)	University of Alabama
Seminar: Hume's <i>Treatise</i> (Spring 2012)	University of Alabama
Modern Philosophy* (Spring, since 2012)	University of Alabama
Introduction to Ethics* (since 2011)	University of Alabama
Honors Introduction to Ethics* (Fall 2011)	University of Alabama
Ancient Philosophy* (Fall, since 2011)	University of Alabama
Introduction to Ethics (Summer Session B)	Yale University
Sports Ethics (Summer II 2011)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2011)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Ethics Bowl (Fall 2010)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Bioethics [online] (Summer 2010)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2009)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Modern Philosophy (Summer I 2009)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Introduction to Ethics (Summer II 2008)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2007)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Introduction to Ethics (Summer II 2007)	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2006)
Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2006)
Critical Thinking (Spring 2005)
Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2004)
Introduction to Logic (Summer 2004)

**Denotes a recurring course*

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
California State University, Fullerton
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Irvine Valley Community College
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