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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst	May 2018
M.A., Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst	Spring 2012
Certificate, Central European University Summer School Topic: Conditionals	Summer 2009
B.A., Philosophy, University of Nevada Las Vegas Minors in mathematics and political science	Spring 2008

DISSERTATION

Dissertation Title: *Meaning and Modality*
Committee: Phillip Bricker (chair), Joseph Levine, Christopher Meacham,
Seth Cable (Linguistics)

EMPLOYMENT

University of Nevada Las Vegas, Visiting Assistant Professor	Fall 2019–present
University of Nevada Las Vegas, Instructor	Fall 2013–Spring 2019
College of Southern Nevada, Instructor	Spring 2018–Spring 2019
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Teaching Associate and Assistant	Fall 2009–Winter 2016

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics
AOC: Logic (formal and informal), Ethics (applied and normative), Philosophy of race and gender

PUBLICATIONS

“The Propositional Benacerraf Problem,” 2019, *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions*, forthcoming

“Iconic Propositions,” 2019, *Philosophia Scientia*, special issue on resemblance, forthcoming (accepted with minor revisions)

“Two-Sided Trees for Sentential Logic, Predicate Logic, and Sentential Modal Logic,” 2019, (with David Beisecker), *Teaching Philosophy*, 42 (1): 41-56.

I am primary author on this publication.

- ² “Chalmers on the Objects of Credence,” 2014, *Philosophical Studies* 170 (2): 343-358.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

“Can Bayesianism Solve Frege’s Puzzle?”

This paper follows up on issues from the *Philosophical Studies* publication.

“Relevance in Epistemic Modal Disagreement”

I offer a pragmatic solution to puzzling epistemic modal disagreement data.

“A Proposed Solution to the Hurford Conditionals Puzzle”

Two conditionals that apparently have the same logical form elicit different felicity judgements.

This paper offers a pragmatic explanation of the split in judgement.

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

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| “The Propositional Benacerraf Problem,” Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas colloquium | February 2019 |
| “Can Bayesianism Solve Frege’s Puzzle?” Mountain–Plains Philosophy Conference | October 2018 |
| “First- and Third-Person Epistemic Modals,” Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas colloquium | March 2014 |

AWARDS

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| UNLV Outstanding Instructor Award | March 2019 |
| Awarded annually to five non-tenure-track instructors, carrying a \$1,000 prize | |
| UNLV McNair Scholars Institute honoree | February 2019 |
| UMass Amherst Summer Dissertation Grant | Summer 2015 |
| UMass Amherst Philosophy Department Graduate Travel Fellowship | Summer 2009 |
| UMass Amherst College of Humanities and Fine Arts Travel Fellowship | Summer 2009 |
| UMass Amherst Puryear Fellowship | Fall 2008 |

TEACHING

Instructor with Full Responsibility:

UNLV:

Metaphysics of Race and Gender (small upper-division seminar for philosophy majors)

Semester taught: Summer 2019

Computability (small upper-division seminar for philosophy and computer science majors)

Semester taught: Summer 2019

Advanced logic (Total: 6 sections in person)

Semesters taught: Spring 19 (×2), Fall 18 (×2), Spring 18, Fall 17

Introduction to logic (Total: 4 sections in person)

Semesters taught: Spring 19, Fall 18, Spring 18 (×2)

Reasoning and critical thinking (Total: 23 sections—5 in person, 18 online)

Semesters taught: Summer 18 (×2), Fall 17 (×2), Summer 17, Spring 17 (×2), Fall 16 (×3), Summer³ 16, Spring 16 (×3), Fall 15 (×2), Summer 15, Spring 15 (×2), Fall 2014, Summer 14, Spring 2014, Fall 2013

Introduction to philosophy (Total: 1 section in person)

Semester taught: Summer 17

CSN:

Reasoning and critical thinking (Total: 1 section online)

Semester taught: Spring 18

Introduction to philosophy (Total: 2 section in person)

Semester taught: Spring 19, Fall 18

UMass:

Introduction to Logic (Total: 5 sections online)

Semesters taught: Winter 16, Winter 15, Fall 14, Fall 13, Fall 12

Medical Ethics (Total: 2 sections in person)

Semesters taught: Spring 12, Fall 11

Introduction to Philosophy (Total: 4 sections online)

Semesters taught: Spring 16, Summer 15, Spring 15, Spring 13

Teaching Assistant at UMass:

Introduction to ethics (Total: 2 sections in person)

Semesters taught: Fall 10, Spring 10

Introduction to Philosophy (Total: 2 sections in person)

Semesters taught: Spring 2011, Fall 09

SERVICE

Erkenntnis and *Teaching Philosophy* referee

UNLV Model United Nations Conference Chair

McNair Scholars Institute mentor

UNLV Ethics Bowl Coach

Co-advisor for the UNLV philosophy club

Steward, UMass Graduate Employee Organization

April 2019

Spring 2019–

Spring 2019–

Fall 2018–

2009–2011

GRADUATE COURSES

Legend:

★ = seminar † = audit

Modal logic (Gary Hardegree)	John Rawls (Ernesto Garcia)*
Propositional Attitudes (Gary Ostertag)*	Semantics and Generative Grammar (linguistics, Angelika Kratzer)
Constitution and Composition (Maya Eddon)	Metametaphysics (Maya Eddon)*,†
External World Skepticism (Jonathan Vogel)	Jerry Fodor (Joseph Levine)
Formal Semantics (Gary Hardegree)	Philosophy of Language (Louise Antony)
Bayesian Epistemology (Christopher Meacham)*	Semantics and Generative Grammar II (linguistics, Seth Cable)
Truth (Phillip Bricker)*,†	Modals and Conditionals (linguistics, Angelika Kratzer)*
Practical Reason (Ernesto Garcia)	Plato's <i>Republic</i> , (Jyl Gentzler)*
Free Will (Pete Graham)*	
Mathematical Logic (Kevin Klement)	

REFERENCES

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Christopher Meacham (UMass):
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