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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Rhode Island College, 2015-

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Virginia, 2015

Dissertation: *Thinkers*

Committee: Trenton Merricks (chair), Brie Gertler, Ross Cameron, Harold Langsam

M.A. in Philosophy, Georgia State University, 2010

B.S. in Philosophy and Psychology, Westmont College, 2007

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Areas of Specialty: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Religion, Ancient Philosophy, Logic

## PUBLICATIONS

1. "Subjectivity as Self-Acquaintance," *Journal of Consciousness Studies* (forthcoming).
2. "The Self Shows Up in Experience," *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* (forthcoming).
3. "Propositions Are Not Simple," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (forthcoming).
4. "What It's Like To Have a Cognitive Home," *European Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).
5. "Two Russellian Arguments for Acquaintance," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 95, 3 (2017): 461-474.
6. "Dualists Needn't Be Anti-Criterialists (Nor Should They Be)," *Philosophical Studies* 174, 4 (2017): 945-963.
7. "I Think, Therefore I Persist," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 93, 4 (2015): 740-756.
8. "We Are Acquainted With Ourselves," *Philosophical Studies* 172, 9 (2015): 2,531-2,549.

9. "Consumerism, Aristotle, and *Fantastic Mr. Fox*," *Film-Philosophy* 19 (2015): 249-269.
10. "A Challenge to Anti-Criterialism," *Erkenntnis* 79, 2 (2014): 283-296.

*Reviews:*

11. "Review of Stephan Blatti and Paul F. Snowdon (eds.) *Animalism: New Essays on Persons, Animals, and Identity*," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2017).

## PRESENTATIONS

"Knowledge of Things"

- University of Rhode Island, April 2018 (Invited)
- Pepperdine University, March 2018 (Invited)
- University of California, Irvine, March 2018 (Invited)
- University of Connecticut, Sept. 2017 (Invited)

"How We Know Things"

- Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Sept. 2017

"The Self Shows Up in Experience"

- Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Sept. 2017
- Rhode Island Philosophical Society, April 2017
- University of Virginia, Nov. 2014 (Invited)
- Virginia Philosophical Association, Oct. 2013

"Propositions Are Not Simple"

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, March 2017

"Two Arguments for Acquaintance"

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, March 2016
- St. Thomas Summer Seminar, June 2015 (Invited)

"Partial Relations Are Not Transitive"

- American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Jan. 2016
- North Carolina Philosophical Society, Feb. 2015

"I Think, Therefore I Persist"

- American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Dec. 2014

"New Possibilities for the Cosmological Argument"

- American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, Feb. 2013

"A Challenge to Anti-Criterialism"

University of Virginia Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Jan. 2013 (Invited)  
“Transparency and the Phenomenology of Belief”  
Blandy Philosophy Conference, Oct. 2012  
“Infallibilism and Contradiction in Plato’s Theaetetus”  
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2012  
“Can I Be Many? A Metaphysical Implication of Dissociative Identity Disorder”  
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, April 2009  
Georgia Philosophical Association, March 2009  
Southeast Florida Graduate Philosophy Conference, Feb. 2009

*Comments:*

On Tomoji Shogenji’s “Formal Epistemology and Cartesian Skepticism”  
Rhode Island College, Feb. 2018  
On Heather Demarest’s “It Matters How You Slice It: Special Relativity and Causation”  
New England Workshop on Philosophy of Time, Dec. 2017  
On Kenny Boyce’s “Why Explanationism Won’t Get You Mathematical Empiricism”  
Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Oct. 2017  
On Will Fleisher’s “Rational Endorsement”  
Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, July 2017  
On Todd Ganson’s “Sensory Capacities”  
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, Jan. 2017  
On Tuomas Tahko’s “Breaking the Laws of Nature”  
Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Sept. 2015  
On Elizabeth Barnes’ “Constructing Disability”  
Blandy Philosophy Conference, Sept. 2014  
On Cathy Sutton’s “A Supervenience Solution to the Too Many Thinkers Problem”  
Blandy Philosophy Conference, Oct. 2013  
On Joel Gibson’s “Why Cognitive Science Doesn’t Need a Personal-Subpersonal Distinction.”  
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, April 2009

**COURSES TAUGHT AS SOLE INSTRUCTOR**

*Rhode Island College:*

Analytic Philosophy

Metaphysics  
Knowledge and Truth (x2)  
Self-Knowledge  
Philosophy of Religion (x9)  
Philosophy of Mind (x2)  
Philosophy of Mind and Mental Disorder (x3)

*University of Virginia:*  
Philosophy of Religion  
Self-Knowledge  
Mind and Body

*Georgia State University:*  
Critical Thinking (x3)

#### **COURSES ASSISTED**

*University of Virginia:*  
Human Nature with Harold Langsam  
    Guest Lecture for Phil 4020 on Plato's *Theaetetus*, Feb. 2014  
Introduction to Philosophy with Brie Gertler  
    Guest Lecture for Phil 3330 on the Causal Exclusion Argument, March 2013  
Know Thyself with Mitch Green  
    Guest Lecture on Personal Identity, March 2012  
Philosophy of Religion with Trenton Merricks (x2)  
    Guest Lecture on the Problem of Evil, Nov. 2011  
Computers, Minds, and Brains with Paul Humphreys  
    Guest Lecture on the Extended Mind, March 2011  
Introduction to Philosophy with Jorge Secada

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Aristotle Award, Rhode Island College, 2017 (Awarded, by vote of the RIC philosophy majors and minors, to the philosophy professor "who best provided a rigorous and engaging

philosophical education ... who aptly facilitated students' continued growth in philosophical understanding and provided an exceptional atmosphere for student education.”)

Socrates Award, Rhode Island College, 2016 (Awarded, by vote of the RIC philosophy majors and minors, to the philosophy professor “who inspired students the most in philosophy ... because of his/her exceptional ability to ignite a passion for philosophy that students otherwise may not have exhibited.”)

Travel Stipend, Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, 2017

College Lecture Series Grant, Rhode Island College, 2016, 2017 (x2), 2018

Faculty Development Fund Research Grant, Rhode Island College, 2016

Presentation, Publication, and Syllabus Design Awards, University of St. Thomas, 2016

Senior Fellowship, Society of Fellows, University of Virginia, 2014-2015 (Awarded to one student across the graduate school.)

Participant Grant, St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion, 2015

Dissertation Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2014

Yalden-Thompson Summer Research Grant, University of Virginia, 2014

Junior Fellowship, Society of Fellows, University of Virginia, 2013-2014 (13 students from across the graduate school are selected each year on the basis of academic merit.)

Graduate Student Travel Stipend Award, American Philosophy Association, Central Division Meeting, 2013; Eastern Division Meeting, 2014, 2016

Travel Award, University of Virginia, 2012, 2013, 2014

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

Selected Participant, Young Philosophers Lecture Series, 2017

Selected Participant and Commenter, Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, 2017

Invited Participant and Chair, Metaphysics on the Mountain 2, 2017

Participant, “First Pages” exhibition and presentation, Rhode Island College, 2015

Selected Participant, St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, University of St. Thomas, 2015

Participant, Innovation in Pedagogy Summit, University of Virginia, 2015

Research Assistant for Brie Gertler, 2015

Session Chair, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, 2018; North Carolina Philosophical Society, 2015; Georgia State Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 2010; Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference, 2010

Referee, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Res Philosophica*, *Synthese*, The MIT Press

Member, American Philosophical Association, 2009- ; Virginia Philosophical Association, 2013-15;  
North Carolina Philosophical Society, 2015-16; Rhode Island Philosophical Society, 2017-

### **SERVICE**

Organizer, New England Workshop on Philosophy of Time, 2017

Philosophy Department Representative, Council of Rhode Island College, 2017-

Honors Thesis Adviser, David Kendall Casey, Rhode Island College, 2016-2017

Organizer, Philosophy Lecture Series, Rhode Island College, 2016-

Phi Sigma Tau Faculty Adviser, Rhode Island College Chapter, 2016-

Faculty Adviser, Rhode Island College Student Philosophy Club, 2015-

President, University of Virginia Philosophy Club, 2012-2014

Organizer, University of Virginia Reading Group on Perception, 2014

Co-Organizer, University of Virginia Metaphysics Reading Group, 2010-2015; University of Virginia  
Reading Group on Grounding, 2012-2013; University of Virginia Ancient Metaphysics  
Reading Group, 2011; GSU Philosophy of Mind and Language Reading Group, 2009