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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

*Areas of Specialization*

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

*Areas of Competence*

Ethics, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Sport, History of Philosophy, Asian Philosophy

## EMPLOYMENT

2022-25

Postdoctoral Associate, Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science

## EDUCATION

2022  
*committee*

Ph.D. Philosophy, The Ohio State University  
Declan Smithies (chair), Tristram McPherson, Richard Samuels, Charles Siewert (Rice). Dissertation Title: "The Phenomenal Basis of Thought"

2016

M.A. Philosophy, Virginia Tech

2012

B.A. with honors, Philosophy, Sewanee: The University of the South

## PUBLICATIONS

*forthcoming*

Cognitive Phenomenology: In Defense of Recombination, *Inquiry*

*forthcoming*

Aphantasia and Conscious Thought, *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, vol. 3 (ed. Uriah Kriegel)

2022

[Delusions and Madmen: Against Rationality Constraints on Belief \(with Declan Smithies and Richard Samuels\), \*Synthese\* 200, 1-30.](#)

2021

[In Defense of Cognitive Phenomenology: Meeting the Matching Content Challenge, \*Erkenntnis\*](#)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*in preparation*

Athletes as Workers

*in preparation*

Are Phenomenal Theories of Thought Chauvinistic?

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Athletes as Workers”  
*May 2022* First Annual Philosophy & Activism Conference, University of Missouri St. Louis
- January 2023* American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Montreal
- “Aphantasia and Conscious Thought”  
*September 2021* Philosophy and Neuroscience at the Gulf IV
- June 2021* Extremes of Mind Wandering Conference, University of Edinburgh
- “Meeting the Matching Content Challenge to Cognitive Phenomenology”  
*March 2020* North Carolina Philosophical Society
- February 2020* American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago
- April 2018* Philosophy and Representation Graduate Conference, San Diego State University
- March 2018* Graduate Student Workshop, The Ohio State University
- “Against Phenomenal Functionalism”  
*November 2019* Graduate Student Workshop, The Ohio State University
- “Delusions and Rationality”  
*November 2019* Cognitive Science Club, The Ohio State University (with Declan Smithies)
- “The Content Problem for Functionalism About Belief’s Truth-Aim”  
*November 2018* Graduate Student Workshop, The Ohio State University

## AWARDS

- 2021* Summer Graduate Research Award, Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences, The Ohio State University (\$5,760)
- 2020* Fink Conference Essay Award, The Ohio State University
- 2020* Graduate Student Travel Award, American Philosophical Association, Central Division

2019	Tuition Waiver for Summer School on Cognitive Phenomenology, Central European University (€400).
2019	Fink Conference Essay Award, The Ohio State University
2018	Arts & Humanities Graduate Research Small Grants Program (\$600)
2016-7	University Fellowship, The Ohio State University
2016	Marjorie Grene Memorial Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student, Virginia Tech
2012	Hugh Harris Caldwell, Jr. Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Sewanee: The University of the South

## TEACHING

### **Instructor of Record, The Ohio State University**

<i>Summer 2022</i>	PHIL 1100 Introduction to Philosophy
<i>Spring 2022</i>	PHIL 1332 Engineering Ethics
<i>Fall 2021</i>	PHIL 2367 Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the U.S.
<i>Spring 2021</i>	PHIL 2367 Contemporary Social and Moral Issues in the U.S.
<i>Fall 2020</i>	PHIL 1100 Introduction to Philosophy
<i>Summer 2020</i>	PHIL 2455 Philosophy and Video Games
<i>Fall 2020</i>	PHIL 1300 Introduction to Ethics
<i>Fall 2019</i>	PHIL 2367 Contemporary Social and Moral Issues in the U.S.

### **Instructor of Record, Virginia Tech**

<i>Summer 2016</i>	PHIL 2304 Global Ethics
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### **Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University**

<i>Spring 2019</i>	PHIL 2120 Asian Philosophy (Steve Brown)
<i>Fall 2018</i>	PHIL 1300 Introduction to Ethics (Justin D'Arms)
<i>Spring 2018</i>	PHIL 1300 Introduction to Ethics (Abe Roth)
<i>Fall 2017</i>	PHIL 1100 Introduction to Philosophy (Eden Lin)

### **Teaching Assistant, Virginia Tech**

<i>Spring 2016</i>	PHIL 2126 Modern Philosophy (Nate Rockwood)
<i>Fall 2015</i>	PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (Nate Rockwood)
<i>Spring 2015</i>	PHIL 1304 Morality and Justice (Michael Moeller)
<i>Fall 2014</i>	PHIL 1204 Knowledge and Reality (Joseph Pitt)

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

<i>Metaphysics &amp; Epistemology</i>	Anti-Representationalism in Metaphysics, Robert Kraut, OSU Proseminar, Abe Roth & William Taschek, OSU
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	Metaphysics of Sexual Orientation, Ben Caplan, OSU Philosophical Methodology, Tristram McPherson, OSU Analytic Existentialism, Ted Parent, VT Metaphilosophy, Ted Parent, VT
<i>Mind</i>	Physical Computation, Richard Samuels, OSU Epistemic Role of Consciousness, Declan Smithies, OSU Reasoning, Inference, & Rationality, Richard Samuels, OSU Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Richard Samuels, OSU Philosophy of Mind, Kelly Trogon, VT
<i>Ethics</i>	Normative Authority, Tristram McPherson, OSU Rational Sentimentalism, Justin D'Arms, OSU Well-Being, Eden Lin, OSU Metaphysics of Normative Realism, Tristram McPherson, VT Metaethics, Greg Novack, VT
<i>History</i>	Early Modern Moral Philosophy, Julia Jorati, OSU Kant on Concepts and Cognition, Lisa Shabel, OSU Mill's Moral and Political Philosophy, Piers Turner, OSU Wittgenstein, James C. Klagge, VT History and Philosophy of Science, Lydia Patton, VT
<i>Science and Logic</i>	Causation, Chris Pincock, OSU Advanced Symbolic Logic, Neil Tennant, OSU Symbolic Logic, Greg Novack, VT
<i>Teaching</i>	Teaching Philosophy, Julia Jorati, OSU

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Refereeing

2022

2018, 2019, 2020

2015, 2016

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The Ohio Philosophical Association

The Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference

### Conferences Organized

2015

12<sup>th</sup> Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference on Contemporary Metaphysics

### Other Service

2021

2019-20

2016-21

Chair, Graduate Recruitment Committee, Ohio State

Miscellaneous Metaphysics Mind and Epistemology

President

Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Student Group

President 2018-20

*Summer 2018* Treasurer 2016-18, 20-22  
Instructor, Ohio State Philosophy and Critical Thinking Summer  
Camp  
*Spring 2016* Grad student member of metaethics hiring committee, Virginia  
Tech  
*Summer 2015* Research assistant for Tristram McPherson

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Rice University  
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