Devon Brickhouse-Bryson

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Employment

Assistant Professor, University of Lynchburg, Department of Philosophy, January 2017-present.

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Spring 2017
University of Tennessee
Dissertation: *The Beauty of Understanding: Aesthetic Methods of Theory Evaluation*
Committee: Professors David Reidy (Chair), Jon Garthoff, and David Palmer
Abstract: I argue that judgments of beauty are justifiably used to evaluate theories that serve as sources of understanding, with reflective equilibrium and simplicity being examples of justified methods of theory evaluation that use judgments of beauty.

B.A. in Philosophy and Political Theory (*magna cum laude*), Spring 2010
Pepperdine University

Areas of Expertise

Areas of Specialization:
Aesthetics (especially beauty), Philosophical Methodology,
Political Philosophy (especially Rawls), Ethical Theory

Areas of Competence:
Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Action,
History of Modern Philosophy (especially Kant)

Areas of Teaching Interest:
Philosophy of Law, Philosophy of Religion, Applied Ethics

Publications

Brickhouse-Bryson, Devon. (Forthcoming). *Judgments of Beauty in Theory Evaluation*. Lexington Books.

Brickhouse-Bryson, Devon. Spring 2019. "Reflective Equilibrium, Judgments of Beauty, and Judgments of Coherence". *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal* 102:1.

Popular Publications

Brickhouse-Bryson, Devon. 2016. "Beautiful Colors and Unjust Societies". In *Red Rising and Philosophy*. Ed. Courtland Lewis and Kevin McCain. Open Court.

Presentations

"Reflective Equilibrium, Judgments of Coherence, and Judgments of Beauty"
2018 American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting

"Defending Ginet's Noncausal Account of Reasons Explanation"
2016 American Philosophical Association Central Meeting

"Changing a Mere Event into an Action"
2015 North Carolina Philosophical Association
2012 Shapiro Graduate Conference at Brown University

"Platonic Democracy: The Arts in Education"
2012 Duquesne Graduate Philosophy Conference: "Politics and Aesthetics"

"An Impasse over Epistemic Value: A Critique of Linda Zagzebski's Arguments Against Pure Reliabilism and Proper Functionalism"
2011 Central States Philosophical Association (in absentia)

Awards and Fellowships

Emerging Scholars Mentor Program Travel Award
Tutorial with Professor Richard Swinburne
Oxford University
Summer 2016

Tennessee Humanities Center Graduate Fellowship
University of Tennessee
Fall 2015-Spring 2016

The Newton W. and Wilma C. Thomas Graduate Fellowship
University of Tennessee
Fall 2010-Spring 2014

Teaching Experience

Aesthetics
Social/Political Philosophy
Modern Philosophy
Bioethics
Introduction to Ethics
Introduction to Philosophy
Harry Potter and the Good Life
Professional Responsibility

Professional Activities and Service

Academic Advising at University of Lynchburg, First-Year Advisor
>   Academic Year 2018/19

American Philosophical Association, Member
>   Since 2013

Tennessee High School Ethics Bowl, Moderator/Judge
>   Spring 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016

Veritas Forum at University of Tennessee, Member of Planning Committee
>   Academic Year 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/2017
>   (We plan two Veritas Forums per academic year)

Philosophy Graduate Student Association at University of Tennessee, Faculty Representative
>   Academic Year 2013/14, 2014/15

Philosophy Graduate Student Association at University of Tennessee, Vice-President
>   Academic Year 2012/13

References

David Reidy, Ph.D., J.D.
>   Professor of Philosophy
>   University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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Jon Garthoff, Ph.D.
>   Assistant Professor of Philosophy
>   University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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David Palmer, Ph.D.
>   Assistant Professor of Philosophy
>   University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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E.J. Coffman, Ph.D. *(Teaching Reference)*
>   Lindsay Young Professor of Philosophy
>   University of Tennessee, Knoxville
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Mason Marshall, Ph.D.
>   Associate Professor of Philosophy
>   Pepperdine University
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Graduate Coursework
Tutorial for Dissertation: Professor Richard Swinburne

Portfolio Papers for the Ph.D.:
     History of Philosophy: **"**Kant on Sympathy: A Connection Between Beauty and Morality"
          Mentors: Professors Markus Kohl and Adam Cureton
     ELMS: "Changing a Mere Event into an Action: Clarke, Ginet, and Noncausalism"
          Mentor: Professor David Palmer
     Value Theory: "The Overridingness of Morality: Evaluating Philippa Foot's Teleological View"
          Mentor: Professor Jon Garthoff

Social/Political Philosophy:

Rawls' Theory of Justice	Professor Jon Garthoff	Spring 2012
Global Justice/Human Rights	Professor David Reidy	Spring 2012
Philosophy of Law	Professor David Reidy	Summer 2011
Rawls	Professor David Reidy	Fall 2010

Ethical Theory:

Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory	Professor Jon Garthoff	Spring 2014 (audit)
Moral Obligation	Professor Jon Garthoff	Spring 2013
Social Norms	Professor Adam Cureton	Spring 2013
Virtue Ethics	Professor J. Clerk Shaw	Fall 2012 (audit)
Kant's Ethics	Professor Adam Cureton	Fall 2011 (audit)
Moral and Epistemic Autonomy	Professor John Hardwig	Spring 2011

Philosophy of Action/Free Will:

Responsibility and Free Will	Professor David Palmer	Spring 2013 (audit)
Ethics, Action, and Responsibility	Professor David Palmer	Fall 2012
Independent Study: Free Will	Professors E.J. Coffman and David Palmer	Summer 2011

Epistemology:

Virtue Epistemology	Professor E.J. Coffman	Fall 2012
Advanced Survey of Epistemology	Professor E.J. Coffman	Spring 2011
Ethics of Belief (Proseminar)	Professor E.J. Coffman	Fall 2010

History of Philosophy:

Kant and the A Priori	Professor Markus Kohl	Fall 2014 (audit)
Epicureanism	Professor J. Clerk Shaw	Fall 2013 (audit)
Plato	Professor J. Clerk Shaw	Spring 2012 (audit)
Locke and Hume	Professor Richard Aquila	Fall 2011
Plato	Professor J. Clerk Shaw	Spring 2011
Sartre	Professor Richard Aquila	Fall 2010

Logic:

Intermediate Formal Logic	Professor John Nolt	Fall 2011