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Employment

2023 Assistant Professor of Philosophy (Long Term Temporary), Cosumnes River College

Education

2016-2023 PhD in Philosophy, UC Davis
Dissertation: “The Dynamics of Disagreement and Contradiction”
Supervisor: Adam Sennet
Committee: Rohan French, Hanti Lin, Masoud Jasbi, Justin Khoo

2019-2023 MA in Linguistics, UC Davis
Thesis: “The Prospects for Cloudy Contextualism”
Supervisor: Masoud Jasbi

2013-2016 MA in Philosophy, San Francisco State University
Thesis: “Definite Descriptions in a 2D Semantics for Epistemic Modals”
Supervisors: Bas van Fraassen, Carlos Montemayor

2005-2010 BA in Philosophy, UC Davis

Areas of specialization

Philosophy of Language • Philosophical Logic • Epistemology

Areas of competence

Metaethics • Philosophy of Mathematics • Philosophy of Science

Publications & talks

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [1] “Dynamic ‘Might’ and Correct Belief”. *Inquiry*. Forthcoming.
- [2] “A Tale of Two Nortons.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Part A*. vol. 83, (2020) 28–35.

REFERREED PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “What we Might Disagree About” PHiGS Graduate Colloquium[†] at The University of Kent
“What we Might Disagree About” Eighth Annual Symposium on Language Research at UC Davis
“What we Might Disagree About” California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics (CUSP) at UCLA
- 2021 “Dynamic ‘Might’ and Correct Belief” Agreement and Disagreement Beyond Ethics and Epistemology Conference[†] at The University of Kent
- 2020 “The Dynamics of Disagreement” Pacific APA (*Cancelled due to Covid-19*)
“The Dynamics of Disagreement” The Wisdom and Madness of Crowds: Argumentation, Information Exchange and Social Interaction[†] at The ILLC
“Epistemic Modals, Inconsistency, and Disagreement” 12th Annual Meeting of the Illinois Language and Linguistics Society at UI Urbana-Champaign
- 2018 “A Tale of Two Nortons” Illinois Philosophical Association at Eastern Illinois University
“A Tale of Two Nortons” Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference
“A Tale of Two Nortons” UI Urbana Champagne Philosophy Graduate Conference

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Context, Consistency, and Contradiction” Chico State Philosophy Colloquium

COMMENTS

- 2019 “The Intimating Power of Art in Theodor Adorno’s Aesthetic Theory” by Shamoni Sarkar. Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Philosophy Conference
- 2018 “Information Sensitive Deontic Modals” by Joe Glover. Illinois Philosophical Association at Eastern Illinois University
- 2017 “A New Way out of The Preface Paradox” by Wooram Lee. Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Philosophy Conference

† = online

Grants, honors & awards

- 2022 Dean’s Summer Fellowship, UC Davis
‘Hume in the 21st Century: Perpetuating the Enlightenment’ Summer Institute Stipend, National Endowment of the Humanities
- 2020 Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Philosophical Association
- 2017 Fellowship Award (Spring Quarter), UC Davis Department of Philosophy

Teaching

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

- 2023 Phi300[†]- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall Semester) Cosumnes River College
Phi320[†]- Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking (Fall Semester) Cosumnes River College
Phi112*- Intermediate Symbolic Logic (Summer Session 1) UC Davis
Phi300[†]- Introduction to Philosophy (Summer Session) Cosumnes River College

2021 Phi112*- Intermediate Symbolic Logic (Spring Quarter) UC Davis
 Phi300†- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring Semester) Cosumnes River College
 2019 Phi012†- Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Summer Session 1) UC Davis
 2020 Phi112*†- Intermediate Symbolic Logic (Summer Session 1) UC Davis
 2019 Phi012- Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Fall Quarter) UC Davis
 Phi012- Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Summer Session 2) UC Davis
 2018 Phi13g- Minds, Brains, and Computers (Summer Session 2) UC Davis
 2017 Phi012- Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Summer Session 1) UC Davis
 2016 Phi101- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring Semester) SFSU
 Phi110- Introduction to Critical Thinking (Spring Semester) SFSU
 2015 Phi110- Introduction to Critical Thinking (Fall Semester) SFSU

* = upper division † = online

NON-COLLEGE TEACHING

2019 Instructor- Introduction to Critical Thinking- Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth
 2018 TA- Introduction to Logic- Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

Service to the profession

2021 UC Davis Directed Reading Program in Mathematics mentor
 2020-2023 UC Davis L³ Language Lab member
 2020-2022 Davis EXchange (DEX) Conference co-organizer
 2018-2023 LLEMMMA reading group organizer
 2017-2023 UC Davis Graduate Student Mentor
 2017-2022 Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference referee
 2017-2022 Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference organizer
 2014-2016 SFSU Philosophy Mentor Program organizer
 2013-2016 SFSU Philosophy Mentor
 2014-2016 SFSU Reading Group in Logic and Formal Philosophy co-founder/co-organizer.