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Research Interests

Areas of Specialization: Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Emotion, Philosophy of Disability, Philosophy of Science, Ethical Theory, Contemporary Political Philosophy

Appointments

2023 – present Lecturer, Philosophy
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Education

2017 – 2023 PhD, Philosophy
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Dissertation Committee:
Georgi Gardiner (co-chair)
Jon Garthoff (co-chair)
EJ Coffman
Elisabeth Camp (University of Rutgers)
Jeff Larsen (Psychology)

Dissertation title: *The Epistemic Value of Resonance: Intuitive Thinking in Theoretical Understanding*

Summary: A framework for understanding an object resonates when it fits one's conscious and unconscious mental content about that object. Conscious recognition of a framework's resonance, however, is probably only accessible through feelings. I argue that resonance-based, feeling-dependent doxastic commitment to a framework is a necessary stage in a long-term understanding project.

2007 - 2009 MA, Philosophy
Louisiana State University

2002 – 2006 BA, Philosophy, Minor in Physics
University of Dallas

Publications

(forthcoming) “Comprehension and Competence: The Grasping Condition for Theoretical Understanding.” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

Presentations

- “The Phenomenology of Understanding in Hostile Epistemology”
Delivered to the UT Epistemology Working Group (2023)
- “Doxastic Commitment in Understanding”
Delivered to the UT Epistemology Working Group (2023)
- “Resonance in Diachronic Understanding Projects”
Delivered to the UT Epistemology Working Group (2023)
- “The Feelings of Understanding”
Delivered to the UT Epistemology Working Group (2022)
- “Beneath the Sense of Understanding”
Delivered at the UT PGSA Colloquium (2022)
- “The Grasping Condition for Understanding”
Delivered to the UT Epistemology Working Group (2022)
- “Understanding as a Cognitive Capacity”
Delivered to the UT Epistemology Working Group (2021)
- “The Ontological Status of Fictional Characters: a Mentalistic Account”
Delivered at *Annual Louisiana State University Graduate Conference* (2009)

Teaching Experience

University of Tennessee

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| Fall 2022 – Fall 2023 | Instructor
<i>Professional Responsibility</i> |
| Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 | Graduate Teaching Assistant
<i>Professional Responsibility (Ryan Windeknecht)</i> |
| Spring 2021 | Instructor
<i>Contemporary Moral Problems</i> |
| Fall 2019 – Fall 2020 | Instructor
<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> |
| Spring 2019 | Instructor
<i>Contemporary Moral Problems</i> |
| Fall 2018 | Graduate Teaching Assistant
<i>Introduction to Philosophy (Kristina Gehrman)</i> |
| Fall 2017 – Spring 2018 | Graduate Teaching Assistant
<i>Contemporary Moral Problems (Alex Feldt)</i> |

Pellissippi State Community College

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| Fall 2015 – Summer 2017 | Instructor
<i>Critical Thinking</i> |
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Fall 2016 Instructor
Introduction to Philosophy

Louisiana State University

Spring 2009 Graduate Teaching Assistant
Philosophy of Art (Jon Cogburn)

Fall 2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant
Ancient Philosophy (Mary Sirridge)

Fall 2007 – Spring 2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant
Introduction to Philosophy (Chris Blakeley)

Awards

2023 Richard Aquila Essay Prize
University of Tennessee

2022 Richard Aquila Essay Prize Runner-Up
University of Tennessee

2022 John Hardwig Teaching Prize
University of Tennessee

2021 Richard Aquila Essay Prize Runner-Up
University of Tennessee

2017 J. Wallace and Katie Dean Graduate Fellowship
University of Tennessee

2006 Cum Laude
University of Dallas

2002 Trustee’s Scholarship
University of Dallas

2002 Departmental Scholarship in Physics
University of Dallas

Service

2022 – 2023 Conference Committee Member
UT PGSA Annual Graduate Conference

2022 – 2023 Faculty Representative
UT Philosophy Graduate Student Association

2022 Moderator
Tennessee High School Ethics Bowl

2017 Team Liaison
Tennessee High School Ethics Bowl

Graduate Coursework

University of Tennessee

Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior (Jeff Larson, Psychology, audited)

The Nature and Value of Thought (Jon Garthoff, audited)
Marx (Richard Eldridge, audited)
Rawls (Jon Garthoff, audited)
Naming and Necessity (Jon Garthoff, audited)
Plato (Clerk Shaw)
Practical Reason (Kristina Gehrman)
Sentimentalism (Clerk Shaw)
Animal Psychology in Ethical Theory (Jon Garthoff)
Intermediate Formal Logic (John Nolt)
Philosophy of Law (David Reidy)
Free Will (David Palmer)
History of Modern Moral Theory (Adam Cureton)
Philosophy of Disability (Adam Cureton)
Meaning in Theory and Practice (Paul Nichols)
Climate Ethics (John Nolt)

Louisiana State University

Analytic Metaphysics (Jon Cogburn)
Seminar in Analytic Philosophy (Jon Cogburn)
Philosophy of Language (Jon Cogburn)
Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz (Husain Sarkar)
Political Philosophy (Edward Song)
Philosophy of Responsibility (François Raffoul)
Continental French Philosophy (François Raffoul)
Heidegger (Gregory Schufreider)

Languages

German