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EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy 2026 (expected)

University of California, Berkeley

Dissertation: *Dimensions of Evaluation*

Committee: R. Jay Wallace, Seth Yalcin (co-chairs), Line Mikkelsen

Philosophy PhD Student 2017-2019

University of Pittsburgh

BA with High Distinction in General Scholarship 2017

University of California, Berkeley

Major: Philosophy. Minor: Logic.

AREAS

Specialization: philosophy of language, value theory (especially metaethics)

Competence: logic, philosophy of mind, metaphysics

PUBLICATIONS

The Normative Common Ground: Blame and Communication *Forthcoming, Ethics*
with Taylor Madigan

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Thick as Thin *Under review*

Beyond Language: Slurs and Social Norms *Under review*

Slurs are Pronunciation Sensitive *Under review*
with Elek Lane

PRESENTATIONS

*=refereed

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· *Eastern APA Colloquium, Baltimore 2026 (planned)

· *Berkeley-London Conference, UC Berkeley 2025

· Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley 2021

Slurs are Pronunciation Sensitive (w/ Elek Lane)

· *USC-UCLA Graduate Conference, University of Southern California 2025

· *Eastern APA Colloquium, New York City 2025

· *Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Conference, UC Berkeley 2024

Thick as Thin

· *New Approaches to Evaluative Discourse, Umeå University 2024

· *Groningen Metaethics Workshop, University of Groningen 2024

· Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley 2024

· Meaning Sciences Club, UC Berkeley 2023

Beyond Language: Slurs and Social Norms

· Graduate Research Colloquium, UC Berkeley 2024

· *Berkeley-London Conference, University of London 2024

· Meaning Sciences Club, UC Berkeley 2024

· Philosophy Forum, UC Berkeley 2024

· *Eastern APA Symposium, Montreal 2023

Productive Appreciation

· Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley 2020

Non-revisionist Humeanism and Physical Necessity

· WiP Talk, University of Pittsburgh 2018

Beliefs and Belief Ascriptions

· *New Crop talk, UC Berkeley 2017

Comments

· Shao-An Hsu: "Measuring Reason Affectively", Pacific APA, San Francisco 2025

· Ze'ev Goldschmidt: "The Norm of Assertion is Not Epistemic", Berkeley-London Conference, UC Berkeley 2023

DISSERTATION

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Dimensions of Evaluation

My dissertation is about evaluative thought and discourse. I develop two structural constraints on an account of evaluative states of mind: they *respond to factual reasons* and are *dimension-relative*. Taking these constraints seriously, I argue, motivates a novel expressivist semantics and pragmatics for thick terms (terms like *kind* and *cruel*.) A striking feature of this approach is that it denies that ascriptions of thick terms have any descriptive entailments, a possibility that has so far been overlooked in the extensive contemporary literature on these expressions.

TEACHING

At UC Berkeley unless otherwise noted

As primary instructor

- Introduction to Logic 2022

As teaching assistant

- Philosophy of Mind [Geoff Lee] 2025[*In progress*]
- Philosophical Methods [Shamik Dasgupta] 2024
- Nature of Mind [Elek Lane] 2023
- Form and Meaning [Seth Yalcin] 2023
- Intermediate Logic [Paolo Mancosu] 2022
- Philosophy of Language [Seth Yalcin] 2022
- Philosophical Methods [Shamik Dasgupta] 2021
- Individual Morality and Social Justice [R. Jay Wallace] 2021
- Introduction to Logic [Daniel Warren] 2020
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems (at Pitt) [Ben Schulz] 2019
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems (at Pitt) [Dmitri Gallow] 2018

AWARDS

- Fink Prize (awarded each year to the best graduate student philosophy paper) for *Thick as Thin*, UC Berkeley 2024
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley 2024, 2025
- Ralph W. Church Fellowship, UC Berkeley 2019
- Department Graduate Fellowship, Pitt 2017
- New Crop Prize (awarded each year to the best undergraduate philosophy paper) for *Beliefs and Belief Ascriptions*, UC Berkeley 2017
- Phi Beta Kappa 2017
- Leadership Award, UC Berkeley 2013

SERVICE

- Head GSI 2024
- Graduate student faculty meeting representative 2023
- Directed Reading Program mentor 2023
- Colloquium organizer 2023, 2020
- Graduate recruitment liaison 2021
- Helped design Berkeley's Logic Minor 2017
- Organizer for Philosophy Forum (Berkeley's undergraduate philosophy club) 2016, 2017
- Referee (Pitt-CMU Grad Conference 2018, Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Conference 2025) 2018, 2025

COURSEWORK

†= qualifying exam, *= audited, ‡ = directed study

· Impossible Worlds†	John MacFarlane
· Deontic Modals†	Seth Yalcin
· Anger and Genocide†	R. Jay Wallace
· The Common Ground*	John MacFarlane and Seth Yalcin
· Proof Theory	Paolo Mancosu
· Consciousness	Geoff Lee
· Philosophy of Language	Seth Yalcin
· Vagueness*	John MacFarlane
· On Blame and Its Normative Assessment	R. Jay Wallace
· Formal Pragmatics	Amy Rose Deal
· Berkeley First-year seminar	John Campbell and Geoff Lee
· Wittgenstein*	Thomas Ricketts
· Leibniz	Nicholas Rescher
· Philosophy of Science	Jim Woodward
· Ontological Commitment in Semantics‡	Erica Shumener
· Metaphysics and Epistemology	Dmitri Gallow
· Epistemic Logic	Adam Bjorndahl
· Plato's <i>Republic</i>	Jessica Gelber
· Dynamic Semantics	James Shaw
· Laws of Nature	Erica Shumener
· Ethics	Jed Lewinsohn and Michael Thompson
· Kant*	Stephen Engstrom
· Intuitionistic Logic	Wesley Holliday

REFERENCES

Shamik Dasgupta (teaching reference)

Associate Professor of Philosophy, UC Berkeley
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John MacFarlane

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