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EDUCATION

Cornell University, Ph.D. Philosophy 2011, M.A. Philosophy 2008

Dissertation: *Knowledge as a Thick Concept: New Light on the Gettier and Value Problems*

Committee: Matti Eklund (chair), Carl Ginet, Nicholas Sturgeon, Nicholas Silins

Yale University, Divinity School, M.A.R. Philosophy of Religion 2003

Thesis: *A Puzzle about Defeasibility*

Advisor: Keith DeRose

Tabor College, B.A. English and Philosophy 1999, *cum laude*

Oxford Honors Program 1998, studied at Keble College, Oxford University

EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Philosophy, U.S. Air Force Academy, July 2024-present

Associate Professor of Philosophy, U.S. Air Force Academy, July 2016-June 2024

Fellow, Stockdale Center for Ethics and Leadership, U.S. Naval Academy, July 2018-July 2019

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, U.S. Air Force Academy, Jan 2012-June 2016

Instructor of Philosophy, University of New Brunswick, Aug 2010-Dec 2011

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language,
Logic, Early Modern, Medieval

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Proof that Knowledge Entails Truth," *The Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 121 no. 10 (2024) 568-591

"Truth and Ignorance," *Synthese*, vol. 198, (2020) 7739-7762

"Justice, Thick versus Thin," *Encyclopedia of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy*, eds. M. Sellers & S. Kirste (2020), Springer, Dordrecht

"The Expansion View of Thick Concepts," *Nous*, vol. 54 no. 4 (2020) 914-44

"Courage, Cowardice, and Maher's Misstep," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 47 no. 4 (2017) 564-87

"Hiddenness, Holiness, and Impurity," *Religious Studies*, vol. 53 no. 2 (2017) 239-59

"Thick Concepts," *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2016)

"The New and Old Ignorance Puzzles: How Badly Do We Need Closure?" *Synthese*, vol. 192 no. 5 (2015) 1495-1525

“Knowledge as a Thick Concept: Explaining Why the Gettier Problem Arises,” *Philosophical Studies*, vol. 165 no. 1 (2013) 1-27

“How Are Thick Terms Evaluative?” *Philosophers’ Imprint*, vol. 13 no. 1 (2013) 1-20

“Punishing and Atoning: A New Critique of Penal Substitution,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, vol. 74 no. 2 (2013) 201-218

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Thick Evaluation* by Simon Kirchin, in *Mind* (2018) <<https://doi.org/10.1093/mind/fzy055>>

Review of *The Lewd, the Rude, and the Nasty: A Study of Thick Concepts in Ethics* by Pekka Väyrynen, in *The Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 65 no. 260 (2015) 576-82

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“What Are We Essentially?” (article)

“Knowing One’s Own Ignorance” (article)

“Pre-Mortalism and The Problem of Evil” (article)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

“Proof that Knowledge Entails Truth (and Other Things Too),” The Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition, Jan. 26 2022

“The Expansion View of Thick Concepts,” Normativity and Language Working Group, University of Zurich, Nov. 17 2020

“Knowing One’s Own Ignorance,” Thinking about Oneself: The Place and Value of Reflection, Jul 25 2019, University of Cologne; Research Working Group, Stockdale Center for Ethics and Leadership, US Naval Academy, Apr. 18 2019

“The Courage to Be Bad?” invited talk, New Jersey City University, Mar. 1 2019

“Does Ignorance Entail Truth?” III International Colloquium on Analytic Epistemology and VII Social Epistemology Conference, Federal University of Santa Maria (Santa Maria, Brazil), Nov. 29 2018

“Killing by Remote: The Ethics of Remotely Piloted Aircrafts,” invited talk, New Jersey City University, Feb. 24 2017

“Hiddenness, Holiness, and Impurity,” The 2015 Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Azusa Pacific University, Mar. 20-21, 2015

“Ignorance, Skepticism, and Knowledge-Closure,” 67th Annual Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, U.S. Air Force Academy, Oct. 3, 2013

“Divine Hiddenness and Moral Impurity,” Conference of the Shalem Center, Institute for Advanced Studies: Philosophical Investigation of the Hebrew Scriptures, Talmud, and Midrash. Jul. 17, 2013

“Courage, Cowardice, and Maher’s Misstep,” Conference for the International Society for Military Ethics, University of Notre Dame, Oct. 14, 2013; and the 39th Conference on Value Inquiry, Western Kentucky University, Apr. 11, 2013

HONORS

Class-of-1958 Fellowship, Stockdale Center for Ethics and Leadership, U.S. Naval Academy, 2018-19
Outstanding Academy Educator Award, USAFA, 2016
Tabor College Alumni Medallion Award, 2013
Humanities Dissertation Writing Group Grant, Cornell University, fall 2009
Sage Fellowship, Cornell University, 2005-2010
Exchange Scholar Program, Yale University, spring 2009
Jentzsch Prize for Best Philosophy Essay, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2004
Oxford Honors Program, Oxford University, fall 1998

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Referee: *Analysis* (July 2023); *Nous* (March 2018); *Faith and Philosophy* (August 2017); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (July 2020; April 2017, November 2015); *Synthese* (October 2015); *Mind* (March 2014); *Philosophical Studies* (October 2020; November 2013); *Dialectica* (March 2011)

SERVICE TO USAFA

Co-Lead of DF Curriculum Review for “Let’s Be Clear” Campaign 2023-24
Lead of Humanities Division for DF Curriculum Review for “Let’s Be Clear” Campaign 2023-24
AAOCA (Academic Advisor for 1st Year Students) 2015-18 and 2021-present
Critical Thinking Outcome Team Member 2015-2018 and 2019-present
Faculty Senate Bylaws Committee 2019-20
Wakin Award Board Member 2017-18
Writing Center Tutor 2015-16
VECTOR Interpersonal Guide 2015-16

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT

Teaching Mentor for Capt. Parker Seale 2024
Philosophy Faculty Search Committee Member 2024
Critical Thinking Assessment Report for DFPY 2020-present
Teaching Mentor for Capt. Chris Love 2018
Research Coordinator 2015-18
Philosophy Faculty Search Committee Member 2013
Library Coordinator 2013-18
DFPY Annual History Report 2013-18
Textbook Coordinator 2013-18
Philosophy Major Advisor 2013-14 and 2019-24
Organizer for Philosophy End-of-Year Ceremony 2012-18

TEACHING

Teaching Mentor for Capt. Parker Seale, U.S. Air Force Academy, 2024
Teaching Mentor for Capt. Chris Love, U.S. Air Force Academy, 2018
Outstanding Academy Educator Award, U.S. Air Force Academy, 2016

COURSES

Life, Death, and Afterlife, spring 2024, U.S. Air Force Academy
Knowledge and Reality, fall 2017/2019/2021/2023/2024, U.S. Air Force Academy
Comparative Religion, fall 2022, U.S. Air Force Academy
Metaethics, spring 2020, U.S. Air Force Academy
Philosophy of Religion, spring 2017/2018, U.S. Air Force Academy
Early Modern Philosophy, fall 2015, U.S. Air Force Academy
Medieval Philosophy, spring 2015, U.S. Air Force Academy
Symbolic Logic, fall 2014 and spring 2016/2021/2022/2025, U.S. Air Force Academy
Philosophy of Language, spring 2014, U.S. Air Force Academy
Humans and Technology, spring 2012, U.S. Air Force Academy
Medical Ethics, fall 2012 and fall 2016, U.S. Air Force Academy
Ethics, spring 2012-present, U.S. Air Force Academy
Knowledge and Reality, fall 2011, University of New Brunswick
Philosophy of Mind, spring 2011, University of New Brunswick
Healthcare Ethics, spring 2011 and fall 2011, University of New Brunswick
Ethics of Life and Death, fall 2010 and spring 2011, University of New Brunswick
Philosophy of Technology, fall 2010, University of New Brunswick
God, Mind, and Freedom, fall 2010/2011, University of New Brunswick
Applied Ethics, spring 2010, Cornell University
Rightness, Wrongness, and Virtue, fall 2009, Cornell University

REFERENCES

Dr. Matti Eklund, Uppsala Univ. (formerly Cornell)
Dr. Nicholas Silins, Cornell Univ.
Dr. Carl Ginet, Cornell Univ.
Dr. Pekka Väyrynen, Univ. of Leeds
Brig. Gen. James Cook, Ph.D., U.S. Air Force Academy (retired)