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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Virtue Epistemology, Philosophy of Technology, Digital Ethics, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Normative Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Research Fellow on AI and Human Cognition   Starting Fall 2024
University of Massachusetts, Boston
Applied Ethics Center and Institute for Ethics and Emerging Technologies

Postdoctoral Fellow   Fall 2022-Present
University of Notre Dame
Technology Ethics Center and Notre Dame-IBM Tech Ethics Lab

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy   June 2022
University of Connecticut (2017-2022)
Thesis: *A Virtue Epistemology of Brain-Computer Interface and Augmented Reality Technology*
Committee Members: Susan Schneider, Heather Battaly, Michael P. Lynch (advisor)
Cumulative GPA: 3.982

B.A. in Philosophy   May 2017
College of William & Mary (2013-2017)
Thesis: *The Combination Problem- Russellian Monism, Panpsychism, and Panqualityism*
Advisor: Chris Tucker. Cumulative GPA: 3.95. Philosophy GPA: 4.0
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PUBLICATIONS

1. 'Online Echo Chambers, Online Epistemic Bubbles, and Open Mindedness,' *Episteme* (2023): 1-26.

2. 'The Metaverse: Virtual Metaphysics, Virtual Governance, and Virtual Abundance' *Philosophy & Technology*, 36, 67 (2023): 1-8.

3. 'Neuromedia, Cognitive Offloading, and Intellectual Perseverance,' *Synthese* 200, 66 (2022): 1-26.

4. 'HoloFoldit and Hologrammatically Extended Cognition,' *Philosophy & Technology* 35, (2022): 1-9.

5. 'Augmented Reality, Augmented Epistemology, and the Real-World Web,' *Philosophy & Technology* 35, 19 (2022): 1-28.

6. 'The Extended Mind Argument Against Phenomenal Intentionality,' *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 21 (2021): 747-774.

7. 'The Cognitive Phenomenology Argument for Disembodied AI Consciousness,' in *The Age of Artificial Intelligence: An Exploration*, Vernon Press (2020): 111-132.

8. 'Could You Merge with AI? Reflections on the Singularity and Radical Brain Enhancement' (with Susan Schneider), in *The Oxford Handbook of Ethics of AI*, Oxford University Press (2020): 307-326.

WORKS IN PROGESS

9. Paper on Extended Epistemology and Algorithmic Opacity (under review)
10. 'Intellectual Humility without Open-Mindedness: How to Respond to Extremist Views' (with Heather Battaly and Katherine Peters)
11. 'Virtual Reality, Photographic Realism, and the Limits of Phenomenal Conservatism'
12. 'Artificial Superintelligence and the Function of Consciousness'
13. 'The Phenomenology versus the Metaphysics of Extended Cognition: Brain-Computer Interfaces and the Sensorimotor Condition'
14. 'Autonomous Cars, Cultured Meat, and the Ethics of Choosing Less Harmful Alternatives'
15. 'Avatar Identity Realism and Virtual Ethics'

TEACHING POSITIONS

Primary Instructor

Fundamentals of Technology Ethics and Society (TEC 20101)   Fall 2023 (two sections), Spring 2024
University of Notre Dame

Internet Ethics (TEC 33997)   Spring 2023-Spring 2024
University of Notre Dame

Contemporary Issues in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE 3000)   Fall 2019-Spring 2022
University of Connecticut

Problems of Philosophy (PHIL 1101)   Summer 2021, Spring 2022

University of Connecticut

Social Ethics (PHIL 1104)   Fall 2020
University of Connecticut

Philosophy in Literature and Film   Summer 2018, Summer 2019
Duke University Talent Identification Program

Ethics and the Little White Lie   Summer 2018
Duke University Talent Identification Program

Teaching Assistant

Social Ethics (PHIL 1104)   Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021
University of Connecticut

Philosophy and Logic (PHIL 1102)   Spring 2019
University of Connecticut

GRANTS AND CONSULTING

1. Consultant. "Applied Research on Intellectual Humility." John Templeton Foundation Grant. Co-PIs: Heather Battaly, Don Davis, Joshua Hook, Daryl Van Tongeren, Georgie State University, 2023-2026 (website: https://www.intellectualhumilityscience.com/).

REFEREEING

Philosophy & Technology (6x), *Synthese* (1x), *Journal of Philosophical Research* (2x), *Res Publica* (1x)

HONORS

SET Teaching Excellence Recognition   Spring 2018- Spring 2022
University of Connecticut (university-wide award)

Member of Phi Beta Kappa   Spring 2017
College of William & Mary

The John E. Rovensky Memorial Prize for Excellence in Independent Study   Spring 2013
Berkshire School, (for independent study on free will)

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTS, AND CONFERENCES

Presentations

"Experiential Re-Living in Virtual Reality"   May 2024
Perception in Games and Virtual Worlds Conference
University of Bergen (hybrid), Department of Philosophy

"Virtual Reality, Photographic Realism, and the Limits of Phenomenal Conservatism"   April 2024
Developing New Skills in VR Conference
University of Bucharest (hybrid), Departments of Philosophy and Psychology

"AI Assistants, Extended Epistemology, and Algorithmic Opacity" (Job Talk)   February 2024
University of Kentucky, Department of Philosophy

"The Ethics of Autonomous Cars and the Right to Drive Question" (Job Talk)   January 2024
Old Dominion University, Department of Philosophy & Religious Studies

"Intellectual Humility without Open-Mindedness: How to Respond to Extremist Views" September 2023
New Directions in Virtue and Vice Epistemology Conference
University of Nottingham (online), Department of Philosophy

"The Ethics of Emerging AI Assistant Devices" (Keynote Speaker)   April 2023
Berkshire School, Tian Family Endowed Lecture Series
(https://www.berkshireschool.org/about-us/news/news-at-berkshire/~board/main-news-feed/post/alumni-spotlight-cody-turner-13)

"Augmented Reality, Augmented Epistemology, and the Real-World Web"   November 2022
University of Notre Dame, Technology Ethics Center Faculty Series

"Algorithmic Bias, Algorithmic Opacity, and the Control Problem"   March 2022
University of Connecticut, Media Literacy and Data Ethics Course

"The Extended Mind Argument Against Phenomenal Intentionality"   October 2019
University of Connecticut, AI, Mind and Society Group

"The Subject-Summing Argument Against Panpsychism"   January 2018
University of Connecticut, PGSA Grue Conference

"Panqualityism, Panpsychism, and the Combination Problem"   September 2016
College of William and Mary, Summer Research Showcase held by the Roy R. Charles Center for Academic Excellence

Conference Participant

"Virtual Symposium on Foundation Models in AI"   June 2023
(Moderator for Panel on 'Opportunities and Risks in Foundation Models and Guardrails for Enterprises')
University of Notre Dame, IBM Technology Ethics Lab

"Ethics and Epistemology of Virtual Reality" (Session Chair)   March 2023
Northeastern University, 19th Annual Information Ethics Roundtable

"Mindfest" (Workshop Participant)   March 2023
Florida Atlantic University, Center for the Future Mind Conference

"Rome Call for AI Ethics: A Global University Summit" (Organizer)   October 2022
University of Notre Dame, IBM Technology Ethics Lab

Conference Comments

"Commentary on Charlie Crerar's article 'Intellectual Snobs"   April 2019
University of Connecticut, Vice Epistemology Conference

"Commentary on Zach Blaesi's article 'The Moral Parody Argument Against Panpsychism"   March 2018
University of Connecticut, Annual Graduate Student Conference

ORGANIZATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate   Fall 2022-Present
Notre Dame-IBM Tech Ethics Lab
Website: https://techethics.nd.edu/about/notre-dame-ibm-tech-ethics-lab/

Future of Consciousness Fellow   Spring 2021-Present
Center for the Future Mind, Florida Atlantic University
Website: https://www.fau.edu/future-mind/

Instructor   Summer 2018, Summer 2019
Duke University Talent Identification Program

CEU Summer University   Summer 2019
Cognitive Phenomenology Summer School
Website: https://summeruniversity.ceu.edu/phenomenology-2019

Tent Talks Podcast, creator and host   Spring 2018-Spring 2021
Features interviews of philosophers and other academics

Uconn-sciousness Club   Fall 2017-Spring 2020
University of Connecticut
Founding member/secretary

Philosophy Graduate Student Association (PGSA)   Fall 2017-Spring 2022
University of Connecticut
Secretary (2018-2019)

REFERENCES

Michael P. Lynch
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William F. Dietrich Distinguished Professor of Philosophy of Mind, Florida Atlantic University
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