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Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence: Metaphysics, Logic, Ethics

Positions

Fairmont State University

Full Professor, Fall 2021 - Present

Associate Professor, Fall 2015 - Summer 2021

Assistant Professor, Fall 2009 - Summer 2015

University of Connecticut

Visiting Assistant Professor, Fall 2007 - Spring 2009

The Ohio State University

Lecturer, Fall 2006 - Summer 2007

Graduate Student Instructor, Fall 2001 - Summer 2006

Education

The Ohio State University

Ph.D., Philosophy, August, 2006, Dissertation on Wittgenstein's Rule-Following Paradox (Advisor: Neil Tennant)

M.A., Philosophy, June, 2003

University of Michigan

B.A. with High Distinction, Philosophy and History, April, 1999

Publications

Articles

"The Gruesome Truth About Semantic Dispositionalism." *Acta Analytica* (2022), doi 10.1007/s12136-022-00517-0.

"Methodological Deflationism and Semantic Theories." *Erkenntnis* 87:3 (June 2022 / Online 2020), 1415–1422.

"Compositionality And The Prospect Of A Pluralistic Semantic Theory." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 97:2 (2019), 325–339.

"Giving Up On 'The Rest Of The Language'." *Acta Analytica*, 30:3 (September 2015), 293–304.

"Probabilistic Regresses And The Availability Problem For Infitism" (with Joshua Smith). *Metaphilosophy*, 45:2 (April 2014), 211–220.

"Infitism And Agents Like Us: Reply To Turri" (with Joshua Smith). *Logos & Episteme*, IV:1 (2013), 125–128.

"Simple Tasks, Abstractions, And Semantic Dispositionalism." *Dialectica*, 66:4 (December 2012), 453–470.

"Phenomenal Concepts And Incomplete Understanding." *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 28:2 (July 2012), 15–17.

"Idealizing, Abstracting, And Semantic Dispositionalism" (with Nicholaos Jones). *European Journal of Philosophy*, 20:1 (March 2012), 166–178.

"Infitism And Epistemic Normativity" (with Joshua Smith). *Synthese*, 178:3 (2011), 515–527.

"Comments On 'Ersatzer Presentism And Modal Sentences About Times'." *Chronos: Proceedings Of The Philosophy Of Time Society*, Volume XI (2010), 59–63.

"Unbelievable Thoughts And Doxastic Oughts." *Theoria: A Swedish Journal of Philosophy*, 76:2 (2010), 112–118.

"Reconciling Semantic Dispositionalism With Semantic Holism." *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, 38:1 (2010), 169–178.

Book Reviews

Review of John Turri and Peter Klien's (eds.) *Ad Infinitum: New Essays on Epistemological Informatism*. *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, Vol. 7 (2017), 137–145.

Review of John MacFarlane's *Assessment Sensitivity: Relative Truth And Its Applications*. *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (Spring 2014), 95–98.

Edited Collections

Truth 20/20: Recent Work on Minimalism, Pluralism, Pragmatism, and Truth and Politics (co-edited with Drew Johnson), under contract for inclusion in the Synthese Library Book Series (2022).

Presentations

"Truth as a Thick Concept" (with Robert Barnard). Truth Without Borders, Zoom workshop hosted by University of Waikato, New Zealand, November 30, 2021.

"Meaning, Monism, and Metaphysics." Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 28, 2019.

"Meaning, Monism, and Metaphysics." Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop (MAPL), Morgantown, WV, July 24, 2019.

"Semantic Monism and Metaphysical Stances." West Virginia Philosophical Society, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, PA, April 20, 2019.

"Semantic Monism and Metaphysical Stances." Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 23, 2019.

"Methodological Deflationism and Semantic Theorizing." Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 29, 2018.

"Methodological Deflationism and Semantic Theorizing." Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop (MAPL), Morgantown, WV, July 26, 2018.

"Parsimony, Explanatory Sufficiency, and Semantic Monism." Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 29, 2017.

"Parsimony and Semantic Monism." Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, September 9, 2017.

"Pre-theoretically, Is Meaning Fraught With Ought?" Seventh Annual Regional Wittgenstein Workshop, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, October 30, 2016.

"Pre-theoretically, Is Meaning Fraught With Ought?" Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 30, 2016.

"Empty Names, Direct Reference, and Inferential Roles." Analytic Working Group, Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, September 10, 2016.

"Compositionality and the Downtown of Language." Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop (MAPL), Morgantown, WV, August 3, 2016.

"Compositionality and the Downtown of Language." University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, Storrs, CT, March 30, 2016.

"Empty Names, Direct Reference, and Inferential Roles." Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville, KY, March 10, 2016.

"An Inferentialist Defense Of Millianism." Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, October 3, 2015.

"Empty Names And Semantic Understanding." Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop (MAPL), Morgantown, WV, August 6, 2015.

"It Isn't A Platitude That Meaning Is Fraught With Ought." Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, LA, April 4, 2015.

"Naturalism, Meaning, And The Normativity Platitude." Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 13, 2015.

"Infinitism, Inferentialism, And Available Reasons." Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, October 11, 2014.

"On The Limited Value Of Mathematical Models for Infinitists," with J. Smith. Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, October 11, 2013.

"Pretense And Reference." Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, September 21, 2013.

"Pretense And Reference." The Work of Saul Kripke: An International Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha, May 21, 2013.

"Wide Content, Narrow Content, And The Divergence Of Thought." External Determinations of Meaning: New Work On An Old Topic, University of Pittsburgh, April 15, 2013.

"Phenomenal Intentionality And Mental Holism." Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, TX, March 2, 2013.

"Games, Inferences, And Conceptual Schemes." Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, October 5, 2012.

"Semantic Diversity And A Pluralist Approach To Meaning." West Virginia Philosophical Society, Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV, October 21, 2011.

"Dividing Up Semantic Territory: A Problem For Semantic Pluralism." Presidential Address, Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 24, 2011.

"Not All Intentionality Is Phenomenal Intentionality." Analytic Working Group, Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, September 10, 2011.

"Rational Disagreement And Semantic Diversity." Omaha Epistemology Workshop on Epistemic Disagreement, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE, May 13, 2011.

"All Paths Lead To Original Intentionality." Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, October 16, 2010.

"Phenomenal Intentionality And Thoughts About Logic." Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 24, 2010.

"Semantic Pluralism And Original Intentionality." Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, September 11, 2010.

"Semantic Pluralism And Semantic Functionalism." Alabama Philosophical Society, Orange Beach, AL, October 2, 2009.

"Meaning Skepticism For Infinite Minds." University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, April 15, 2009.

"Making A Case For Semantic Pluralism." University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, November 5, 2008.

"Defending The Normativity Of Meaning." Alabama Philosophical Society, Orange Beach, AL, September 26, 2008.

Student-Orientated
Presentations

"Rule-Following And Feasible Dispositions." Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR, October 5, 2007.

"The Meaning Of The Normativity Of Meaning." University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, September 26, 2007.

"Rule-Following And Feasible Dispositions." Alabama Philosophical Society, Orange Beach, AL, September 21, 2007.

"Rule-Following Without Idealization." Given as the winning essay for the *William H. Fink Award*, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, June 2, 2006.

"Personhood and the Ethics of Abortion." Women's Studies Colloquium, Fairmont State University, August 31, 2022.

"Ethics and Our Stuff." Honors Seminar Guest Lecture, Fairmont State University, August 24, 2022.

"Ethics and Our Stuff." Honors Seminar Guest Lecture, Fairmont State University, August 23, 2021.

"Ethics and Our Stuff." Honors Seminar Guest Lecture, Fairmont State University, January 25, 2021.

"Sex, Gender, Semantics, and the Choice of Personal Pronouns." Women's Studies Colloquium, Fairmont State University, October 16, 2019.

"Art and Censorship." Panel Participation, Fairmont State University, April 17, 2018.

"Is a Conflict Inevitable Between Science and Religion?" Panel Participation, Fairmont State University, November 2, 2017.

"The Role of the Humanities in Education." Panel Participation, Fairmont State University, November 17, 2014.

"Rule-Following And Skepticism About Meaning." Coffee Hour With Students, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, February 20, 2014.

"The Notion of Connectedness in World Religions." Panel Participation, Fairmont State University, April 23, 2012.

"Rationality, Representation, And Conceptual Schemes." Keynote Address, Washington and Jefferson College Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, April 14, 2012.

"Medical Ethics And The Case Of Henrietta Lacks." Common Reader Lecture Series, Fairmont State University, Fairmont, WV, January 31, 2011.

"Ethical Issues in *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*." Panel Participation, Fairmont State University, August 16, 2010.

"The Notion Of Universal Human Rights." Social Justice Workshop, Fairmont State University, Fairmont, WV, March 4, 2010.

Commentary

"Comments on Geoff Georgi's 'The Nature of Transparent Truth'." Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 22, 2019.

"Comments on Robert Barnard's 'Can Truth Pluralists Really be Naturalists?'." Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 14, 2015.

"Comments on D. Gene Witmer's 'A Priori Externalism And Privileged Access'." Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charleston, SC, February 8, 2014.

"Truth-Making As One And Many: Comments On Aaron Griffith's 'A Pluralist Theory of Truth-Making'." Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, September 8, 2012.

"Phenomenal Concepts And Incomplete Understanding: Comments On Andreas Elpidorou's 'Extending Phenomenal Concepts'." Southwest Philosophical Society, Austin, TX, November 18, 2011.

"Comments On David Beisecker's 'Incompatibility And The Logic Of Proscribed Contents'." Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, PA, September 10, 2011.

"Comments On Anne Jacobson's 'The Faux, Fake, Forged, False, Fabricated, Phony, Etc: Problems for Similarity-Based Kind Concepts'." APA Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, MA, December 30, 2010.

"Comments On Ryan Byerly's 'Ersatzer Presentism And Modal Sentences About Times'." APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 19, 2010.

Teaching

Fairmont State University

Classes Taught

Introduction to Philosophy (32 sections, including 11 honors sections)

Great Philosophers (13 sections)

Introduction to Logic (13 sections, including 4 online sections)

Ethics (27 sections, including 24 online sections)

Comparative Religion (10 sections, including 8 online sections)

Theories of Human Nature (7 online sections)

Philosophy of Mind (2 sections)

Philosophy of Language

Wittgenstein's *Tractatus* and *Philosophical Investigations*

Epistemology

The Nature and Value of Truth (2 sections)

Truth in a Post-Truth Era

Video Games and Philosophy

Misinformation (Inter-disciplinary honors seminar)

Independent Studies

Philosophy of Mind (S. Baker), Great Philosophers (A. Price), Great Philosophers (S. Hall), The Nature and Value of Truth (A. Price), "An Axiomatic Approach to Names" (A. Keefover, Honors Project), Philosophy of Language (A. Vance), Philosophy of Language (S. Reneau)

University of Connecticut

Classes Taught

Problems of Philosophy (2 sections)

Philosophical Classics (honors section)

Philosophy and Social Ethics (4 sections, including 2 honors sections)

Philosophy of Language

Philosophy of Mind

Independent Studies

Brandom's *Making It Explicit* (J. Page), Sellars' *Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind* (M. Parade)

Honors and Grants

Honors and Awards

William H. Fink Award, Best Philosophy Graduate Student Paper, Ohio State University, 2006

University Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 2000-2001

High Honors in Philosophy, University of Michigan, 1999

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Michigan, 1999

Class Honors, University of Michigan, 1998

James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan, 1998

Grants
 Conference Grant for the Second Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop, with G. Georgi (principal investigator), West Virginia University, \$2000, Spring 2016
 Online Course Development Grant (for "Introduction to Logic and Critical Reasoning"), Learning Technology Center, Fairmont State University, \$3000, Spring 2010
 Social Justice Grant, with D. Shields (principal investigator), B. Fallon, and G. Noone, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, \$10,000, Spring 2010

Professional Service

Article Referee
Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Croatian Journal of Philosophy, Dialogue: The Canadian Philosophical Review, Erkenntnis, Journal of Philosophical Research, Manuscripta, Philosophical Papers, Synthese

Monograph Reviewer
 Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Pearson Prentice Hall, Bloomsbury Publishing

Grant Reviewer
 National Science Centre, Poland (PRELUDIUM funding)

Event Organizer
 Truth 2022: An Online Zoom Conference, June 13-16, 2022
 Truth 2021: An Online Zoom Conference, July 21-29, 2021
 Virtual International Consortium for Truth Research Speaker Series, Hosted Online, September 2020-Present
 Truth 20/20: An Online Zoom Conference, July 27-August 6, 2020

Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop on Anti-Representationalism, Morgantown, WV, July 24-25, 2019

Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop on Deflationism, Morgantown, WV, July 25-26, 2018

Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop on Compositionality, Morgantown, WV, August 3-4, 2016

Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop on Possibility, Morgantown, WV, August 5-6, 2015

49th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 23-24, 2011

48th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, September 24-25, 2010

47th Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL, October 2-3, 2009

Organization Duties
 Virtual International Consortium for Truth Research: Co-Founder (with Robert Barnard, Joe Ulatowski, and Chase Wrenn), Steering Committee member (June 2020 - Present)

Alabama Philosophical Society: President (2010 - 2011), Vice President (2009 - 2010), Secretary and Treasurer (2008 - 2009)

University Service

Committee Membership
Fairmont State University
 Celebration of Student Scholarship Organizing Committee, Spring 2022-Present (Chair 2022)
 Honors Council, Honors College, Summer 2020-Present
 Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senate, Fall 2018-Summer 2020
 Academic Unit Restructuring Taskforce, Office of the Provost, Fall 2018-Fall 2019
 Faculty Welfare Committee, Faculty Senate, Fall 2012-Present (Chair 2020-2021)
 Academic Appeals Board, Faculty Senate, Fall 2017-Present
 Library Committee, Faculty Senate, Fall 2017-Present (Chair: 2018-Present)
 Faculty Development Committee, Faculty Senate, Fall 2010-2018 (Chair: 2017-2018)
 Instruction Evaluation Committee, Faculty Senate, Spring 2011
 Search Committee (Two History Positions), Department of Social Sciences, Fall 2022

Search Committee (Literature Position), Department of Language and Literature, Spring 2017
Search Committee (History Position), Department of Social Sciences, Spring 2015
Search Committee (History Position), Department of Social Sciences, Spring 2012
Ad Hoc Committee on Instructor Exchange, Faculty Senate, Fall 2014-Fall 2016
Ad Hoc Committee on Promotion and Tenure, Faculty Senate, Fall 2013
Ad Hoc Committee on CoLA's Position on General Studies, College of Liberal Arts, Summer 2012
Ad Hoc Committee on Instruction Evaluation, Office of the Provost, Fall 2010
Ad Hoc Committee on the Center for Teaching Excellence, Faculty Senate, Fall 2009

Symposia Organized

Celebration of Student Scholarship (Virtual Event), April 20, 2022
Celebration of Student Scholarship (Virtual Event), April 12, 2021
Celebration of Student Scholarship (Virtual Event), April 29, 2020

Private Sector

Duties

ComSpec International, Inc., Detroit, MI, Summer 1999 - Summer 2015
Consulting for higher education administration (regarding Student Information Systems, database set-up, and business logic), web site design and development, software instruction and documentation

Affiliations

American Philosophical Association, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Southwest Philosophical Society, Alabama Philosophical Society, West Virginia Philosophical Society, Virtual International Consortium for Truth Research

References

In alphabetical order, by last name:

J.C. Beall, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, 408 Malloy Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556 USA, jbeall@nd.edu.

Michael Lynch, Department of Philosophy, University of Connecticut, 101 Manchester Hall, 344 Mansfield Road, Storrs, CT 06269 USA, mplynch@uconn.edu.

Chase Wrenn, Department of Philosophy, The University of Alabama, 331 ten Hoor Hall, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487 USA, cwrenn@ua.edu.