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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Logic, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Social Epistemology, History of Analytic Philosophy

APPOINTMENTS

Kansas State University

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Fall 2023 -

Owensboro Community & Technical College

Instructor and Coordinator, Philosophy

Spring 2021 - Spring 2023

Kansas State University

Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy

Spring 2021

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Fall 2019 - Fall 2020

Metropolitan State University

Instructor, Department of Philosophy

Summer 2018

University of Connecticut, Hartford

Instructor, Department of Philosophy

Spring 2017

University of Connecticut, Storrs

Graduate Assistant & Instructor, Department of Philosophy

Fall 2012 - Summer 2019

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut, Storrs

Summer 2019

Ph.D, M.A. in Philosophy, Graduate Certificate in Logic

Dissertation: *Pluralisms about Truth and Logic*

Committee: Michael P. Lynch (chair), Dorit Bar-On, Jc Beall, Stewart Shapiro, Keith Simmons

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Spring 2012

B.A. in Philosophy, Minor in German Studies

Inver Hills Community College

Spring 2009

A.A. in General Studies

PUBLICATIONS

[“The Normative Problem for Logical Pluralism”](#)

Inquiry, 63:3-4, 258-281, 2020

[“Methodological Pluralism about Truth”](#)

in *Pluralisms in Truth and Logic*, eds. Wyatt, Pedersen, Kellen; Palgrave MacMillan, 2018

EDITED COLLECTIONS

The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives

eds. Lynch, Wyatt, Kim, Kellen; MIT Press, 2021

Pluralisms in Truth and Logic, eds. Wyatt, Pedersen, Kellen

Palgrave MacMillan, 2018

POPULAR PHILOSOPHY PUBLICATIONS

“The Contradictory Clown Prince of Crime” (with Roy T Cook)

in *Joker and Philosophy*, eds. Dunn, Cappuccio, Eberl; Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming

“Just How Many Lukes Are There In *A New Hope*, Anyway?” (with Roy T Cook)

in *Star Wars and Philosophy Strikes Back*, eds. Eberl & Decker; Wiley-Blackwell, 2022

“There is No Truth in Ba Sing Se: Bald-Faced Lies and the Nature of Lying”

in *Avatar: The Last Airbender and Philosophy*, eds. De Cruz & De Smedt; Wiley-Blackwell, 2022

“Golden Lassos and Logical Paradoxes” (with Roy T Cook)

in *Wonder Woman and Philosophy*, ed. Held; Wiley-Blackwell, 2017

“The Doctor is a (Wo)Man!”

in *More Doctor Who and Philosophy*, eds. Lewis & Smithka; Open Court, 2015

“Gospel, Gossip, and Ghent: How Should We Understand the New *Star Wars*?” (with Roy T. Cook)

in *The Ultimate Star Wars and Philosophy*, eds. Eberl & Decker; Wiley-Blackwell, 2015

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Moral Philosophy

Introduction to ethics course composed of three parts: metaethics, normative ethics and applied ethics. Topics include relativism, realism, deontology, utilitarianism, animal ethics, abortion, gun control, consumer ethics, charity, privacy, antinatalism, race, gender, privilege and sexual consent.

Kansas State University

S2024, F2023, S2021 (Online),
F2020 (Online), S2020, F2019

Owensboro Community & Technical College

S2023, S2022

University of Connecticut, Storrs

SM2017, F2016, S2015, F2014

Medical Ethics

This course examines various moral issues surrounding medical practice and facing medical professionals. Topics include the right to healthcare, informed consent, patient autonomy, vaccination, procreative ethics and bias in medicine. This course is designed for future medical professionals.

Kansas State University

S2024, F2023, S2020 (Online)

Owensboro Community & Technical College

F2021 - S2023 (Online/F2F),
S2021 (Online)

Business Ethics

This course examines various moral issues in business ethics, including the purpose of business, the nature of work, exploitation, the ethics of advertising and whistleblowing. This course is designed for future business professionals.

Owensboro Community & Technical College

S2023 (Hybrid), F2022 (Online)
S2022, S2021 (Online)

COURSES TAUGHT (CONTINUED)

Introduction to Philosophy

This course introduces students to various areas of philosophy by examining historical and contemporary philosophical problems. Topics include: logical paradoxes, lying, the ethics of triage, protests and civil disobedience, personal identity, skepticism, epistemic injustice and the meaning of life.

Owensboro Community & Technical College F2022, S2021 (Online)
F2021, F2020 (Online)

Introduction to Logic

Introduction to logic focusing on the relation between logic, reasoning and philosophical problems. Students learn how to translate natural language arguments into formal logic, and how to reason in classical logic, including reasoning with proofs.

Owensboro Community & Technical College Fall 2020 (Online)
University of Connecticut, Hartford Spring 2017

Symbolic Logic

Introduction to symbolic logic focusing on the relation between logic, reasoning and philosophical problems. Students learn how to translate natural language arguments into formal logic, and how to reason in classical logic, \mathcal{K}_3 , LP and FDE. Ties between logic and classic philosophical problems are explored, as well as the history of logic in the western and non-western traditions. This course fulfills MN Transfer Curriculum Goal (GELS): Mathematical/Logical Reasoning Goal (04) and is thus largely mathematical in nature, and at a higher level than introduction to logic.

Metropolitan State University Summer 2018

RESEARCH AND GRANT PROJECTS

[Humility & Conviction in Public Life: Research Assistant](#) 2017-2019

As a research assistant on the Templeton funded Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project housed at the UConn Humanities Institute I organized three interdisciplinary workshops and assisted with other project activities and events.

[UConn Humanities Assistant: Research Assistant](#) 2017-2019

As a research assistant for the UConn Humanities Assistant I organized several interdisciplinary events, including an "Authors Celebration" for all UConn liberal arts researchers and professors, celebrating their books released over a two-year period.

[ECOM Research Group: Coordinator](#) 2014-2017

As Coordinator for Dorit Bar-On's interdisciplinary "Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning" (ECOM) Research Group at UConn I organized multiple workshops and conferences, semesterly reading groups and speaker series and assisted in grant writing and other research activities.

PRESENTATIONS

“Logic and Multiple Realizability” APA Central Division 2019 Meeting	Feb 2019
“Adjudicating Disagreement about Logic via Logical Functionalism” Disagreement Within Philosophy, Universität Bonn	Oct 2018
“LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE as an Open-Texture Concept” APA Pacific Division 2018 Meeting, Prisma Research Network Meeting	Apr 2018
“The Normative Problem for Logical Pluralism” APA Central Division 2018 Meeting 2017 Minnesota Philosophical Society Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop	Feb 2018 Nov 2017 June 2017
“Not So Minimal: Against Wright’s Minimalism” Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop	June 2017
“Logical Functionalism and Logical Pluralism” Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop	June 2017
“Dummett, (Anti-)Realism and Pluralism about Truth” Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy 2017 Meeting	May 2017
“From Logical Pluralism to Mathematical Pluralism: The Neo-Logicist Route” APA Pacific Division 2017 Meeting, Prisma Research Network Meeting	Apr 2017
“The Logic of Truth Pluralism” North Carolina Philosophical Society 2017 Meeting 9th Annual Arche Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews	Feb 2017 Oct 2016
“Was Dummett a Truth Pluralist?” COGITO Pluralisms Workshop 3 (Bologna)	Dec 2016
“LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE as a Functional Concept” Society for Exact Philosophy 2017 Meeting North Carolina Philosophical Society 2016 Meeting Iowa Philosophical Society 2015 Meeting OSU-Dubrovnik Pluralisms Workshop “Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism” (UConn)	May 2017 Feb 2016 Nov 2015 June 2015 Apr 2015
“The Varieties and Motivations of Truth Pluralisms” Korea Pluralisms Week (Yonsei)	June 2016
“Should Truth Pluralists be Logical Pluralists?” Yonsei University Invited Colloquium Society for Exact Philosophy 2016 Meeting COGITO Pluralisms Workshop 1 (Bologna)	June 2016 May 2016 June 2015
“Logical Pluralism, Alethic Pluralism and Intuitionistic Logic” 14th Annual Philosophy of Logic, Math and Physics Graduate Conference (Western)	June 2014
“Logical Pluralism, Alethic Pluralism and Intuitionistic Logic” VIII Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Conference in Philosophy (Brown)	Nov 2013

EVENTS ORGANIZED

“Renewing Public Discourse: The HCPL Capstone Workshop” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2019
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting Central APA 2019 Affiliated Group Meeting	Feb 2019
“The Conviction Workshop: An Interdisciplinary Exchange” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with A. Finger, M. Lynch	Feb 2019
Society for Exact Philosophy 2018 Meeting UConn, with J. Henderson, M. Rossberg	May 2018
“Political Polarization and Epistemic Arrogance” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2018
“Emotions and Expressions” ECOM Conference (UConn), with D. Bar-On, J. Ochs	Apr 2018
“Renewing Public Discourse: The HCPL Capstone Workshop” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2019
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“The Conviction Workshop: An Interdisciplinary Exchange” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with A. Finger, M. Lynch	Feb 2019
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“Political Polarization and Epistemic Arrogance” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2018
“Emotions and Expressions” ECOM Conference (UConn), with D. Bar-On, J. Ochs	Apr 2018
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting Pacific APA 2018 Affiliated Group Meeting	Mar 2018
“Human and Nonhuman Animals: Minds and Morals” ECOM Conference (UConn), with D. Bar-On	May 2017
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting Pacific APA 2017 Affiliated Group Meeting	Apr 2017
“What’s in a Word?” ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Dec 2016
“The A Priori” 2nd Annual UConn Philosophy Graduate Conference, with H. Gunn	Feb 2016
“Expressive Language: Semantics, Pragmatics, and Origins” ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Nov 2015
1st Annual PGSA Interdisciplinary Public Lecture (David Chalmers) Designed and secured funds for interdisciplinary public lecture at UConn	Sep 2015

EVENTS ORGANIZED (CONTINUED)

- “Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism”
UConn Conference, with M. Lynch, N.J.L.L. Pedersen Apr 2015
- “What’s the Point? Pointing and Gestural Communication”
ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On Mar 2015
- “Realism and Anti-Realism”
1st Annual UConn Philosophy Graduate Conference, with H. Gunn Nov 2014

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Kansas State Teaching & Learning Center Weekly Professional Development Series Fall 2023 -
- KCTCS Optimizing Online Learning (KOOL) Academy Fall 2021 - Fall 2022
- KCTCS Master Adviser Training Spring 2021
- American Philosophical Association “Talking Teaching” workshop participation:
- “Giving Effective and Supportive Feedback” 4/19/2019
 - “Building an Online Community” 3/22/2019
 - “Increasing In-Class Engagement” 3/8/2019

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE/SYSTEM

- Kansas State College of Arts & Sciences Ethical Reasoning Overlay Committee Spring 2024 -
- Kansas State University Rationali-tea Faculty/Student Tea Committee Fall 2023 -
- KCTCS General Education Curriculum Committee (OCTC Representative) Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
- KCTCS Philosophy Curriculum Committee (OCTC Representative) Spring 2021 - Spring 2023
- OCTC Common Reading Committee Spring 2021 - Spring 2023
- OCTC Nature Committee Spring 2021 - Spring 2023
- OCTC College Assembly By-Laws Committee (Co-Chair) Spring 2023
- Kansas State University Rationali-tea Faculty/Student Tea Committee Fall 2019 - Fall 2020
- Kansas State University Philosophy Recruitment Committee Fall 2019 - Fall 2020
- UConn Philosophy Representative to CLAS Prospective Student Open House Spring 2016
- UConn Philosophy Graduate Student Association – President Fall 2014 - Spring 2016

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Journal Refereeing:

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| <i>Asian Journal of Philosophy</i> | <i>Philosophical Papers</i> |
| <i>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</i> | <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> |
| <i>Erkenntnis</i> | <i>Synthese</i> |
| <i>Inquiry</i> | |

Book Proposal Refereeing:

Palgrave MacMillan

Session Chairing:

- APA Pacific Division 2017 Meeting – “Paradox” Colloquium
- APA Eastern Division 2017 Meeting – “Logic and Language” Colloquium

Comments:

- Doug Edwards’ *The Metaphysics of Truth* – Truth 20/20 August 2020
- A.J. Cotnoir’s “Parts of Proper Classes” – 2nd Annual Grover Alumni Conference (UConn)
- Steven Dalglish’s “Semantics and Contextualism about Truth” – Contextualism & Truth 2017 (OSU)
- Shay Logan’s “Unnamable Objects and Universal Quantification” – APA Eastern Division 2016 Meeting

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

Society for Exact Philosophy

Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy

UConn Logic Group

Prisma: Global Research Network for Pluralisms, Relativisms and Contextualisms

Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning Research Group

Connecticut Institute for the Brain and Cognitive Sciences