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## Employment

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2022-25	PTI	Philosophy	Syracuse University
2023-24	Lecturer	Philosophy	UNC—Greensboro

## Education

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2025	Ph.D.	Philosophy	Syracuse University
2022	M.A.	Philosophy	Syracuse University
2017	M.A.	Philosophy	University of Kentucky
2012	M.A.	Philosophy	Birbeck, University of London

## Publications

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- 2025 Avoid Avoiding The Wishful Thinking Problem. *Dialectica*.
- 2021 "Getting All Emotional About Fearing Death." In *Death, Immortality and Eternal Life*, edited by T Ryan Byerly, 39-51. Oxon: Routledge.
- 2020 Epistemic Slurs: A Novel Explicandum and Adequacy Constraint for Slur Theories. *Erkenntnis*.

## Presentations/Invited Talks

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- 2024 "Explaining the Unique Well-being Alienations and Deprivations of Group Agents." Eighth Annual Meeting of The PPE Society: New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 "Getting All Emotional About Being Dead," Fourth Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying: Melbourne, Australia.
- 2020 "Avoid Avoiding the Wishful Thinking Problem," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting: Symposium. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 "Getting All Emotional About Being Dead," The British Society for the Philosophy of Religion's 13<sup>th</sup> Conference, Death and Immortality. Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford.
- 2019 "Avoid Avoiding the Wishful Thinking Problem,"

- Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Association.
- 2018 “Avoid Avoiding the Wishful Thinking Problem,”  
Philosophy in Progress Conference,  
University of Nottingham.
- 2018 “A Canonical Test For A Canonical Semantics?,”  
Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for  
Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical  
Society.
- 2017 “Epistemic Slurs,” American Philosophical Association,  
Eastern Division Meeting: Symposium. Savannah, GA  
(paper accepted, could not attend).
- 2016 “Epistemic Slurs,” Meeting of the South Carolina Society  
for Philosophy Biennial Joint Meeting with the  
North Carolina Philosophical Society.

## Teaching Experience

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### Primary Instructor

- PHI 310 Introduction to Formal Logic. Spring 2024.
- PHI 315 Philosophy and Science Fiction. Fall 2015.
- PHI 293 Ethics & Media Professions. Fall 2022; Fall 2023;  
Fall 2024; Spring 2023.
- PHI 251 Introduction to Logic. Spring 2022; Spring 2021.
- PHI 261 Ethical Issues in Business. Spring 2024x2.
- PHI 222 Ethics in the Computer Age. Fall 2023x2; Spring 2024.
- PHI 171 Critical Thinking. Fall 2020; F2021.
- PHI 133 Sex & Death. Fall 2023.
- PHI 130 Introduction to Philosophy: Morality & Society. Fall 2016.
- PHI 120 Introduction to Logic. Spring 2015; Fall 2014;  
Spring 2016.
- PHI 107 Introduction to Philosophy: M&E. Su 2022; Su 2023; Su 2024.

### Teaching Assistant

- PHI 293 Ethics & Media Professions. Paul Prescott. Spring 2020.
- PHI 251 Introduction to Logic. Mark Heller. Spring 2019.
- PHI 197 Human Nature. Chris Noble. Fall 2018.
- PHI 192 Introduction to Moral Theory. Dave Sobel. Spring 2018.
- PHI 175 Social & Political Philosophy. Dave Sobel. Fall 2019.
- PHI 120 Introduction to Logic. Tim Sundell. Fall 2014.
- PHI 120 Introduction to Logic. Bob Sandmeyer. Spring 2014.
- PHI 107 Introduction to Philosophy: Metaphysics & Epistemology. Bob Van Gulick.  
Fall 2017.

## Graduate Coursework

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Deontic Modals. Jan Dowell.  
Ordinary Objects. Kris McDaniel.  
Social Philosophy of Language. Luvel Anderson.  
Proseminar: History of Philosophy. Fred Beiser.  
Independent Study: Death. Ben Bradley.  
Medieval Arabic Philosophy. Kara Richardson.  
Proseminar on LEMM. Kevan Edwards, Kris McDaniel.  
Proseminar on Value Theory. Ben Bradley, Dave Sobel.  
The Metaphysics of Ethics. Ben Bradley, Kris McDaniel.  
Anti-Realism & Pragmatism. Nate Sharadin.  
Logic & Language. Mike Rieppel.  
Independent Study: Well-being. Ben Bradley.  
Independent Study: Time. Andre Gallois.  
Epistemology. Hille Paakkunainen.  
Philosophy of Mind. Clare Batty.  
Philosophy of Language. Tim Sundell.  
Metaphysics. Meg Wallace.  
Phenomenology & Marxism. Arnold Farr.  
Naturalism. David Bradshaw.  
Contemporary Aesthetics. Tim Sundell.  
The Non-Visual Modalities. Clare Batty.  
Fictionalism in Metaphysics. Meg Wallace.  
Critical Social Thought. Arnold Farr.  
Social Epistemology. Tim Sundell.  
Proseminar on Teaching Methods. David Bradshaw.  
Bad Language. Tim Sundell.  
Perceptual Imagination. Clare Batty.  
The Analytic Turn. Meg Wallace.  
Phenomenological Directions. Ron Bruzina.  
Symbolic Logic II. Meg Wallace.  
Mind & World. Clare Batty.  
Ethics. Miranda Fricker, Cristian Constantinescu.  
Philosophy of Science. Ken Gemes.  
Introduction to Philosophy. Susan James, Cristian Constantinescu, Robert Northcott,  
Miranda Fricker.  
MA Thesis. Miranda Fricker.

## References

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Anita and Allan D. Sutton Distinguished Professor of Philosophy  
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