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Academic Employment

Assistant Professor Texas Tech University (2018-present)
Director of Graduate Studies (2021-2023)

Postdoctoral Fellow University of Cologne (2017-2018)
Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition (CONCEPT)

Fellowships & Research Affiliations

Research Associate African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, University of
Johannesburg (2023-2026)

Visiting Assistant Research Professor
University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion (2023-2024)
Grant: *Intellectual Humility under Oppression*, with Laura Callahan, (\$75,000)

Education

PhD, Philosophy Northwestern University (2017)
MA, Philosophy University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2011)
BA, Philosophy Erskine College, *Summa cum Laude*, with departmental honors (2007)

AOS: Epistemology (incl. Social Epistemology), Ethics, Metaethics

AOC: History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

Publications

Articles (*=peer reviewed)

1. “Agency of Belief and Intention” (2017) *Synthese* 194 (8): 2763-2784.*
2. “Infection and Directness in the Interventionist Evidentialist Account of the Basing Relation” (2017) *Syndicate Philosophy*.
3. “Epistemic Schmagents?” (2018) *Metaepistemology – Realism and Anti-Realism*, Eds. Christos Kyriacou and Robin McKenna, Palgrave Innovations in Philosophy.*
4. “Evidentialism in Action” (2020) *Philosophical Studies* 177: 3409–3426.*
5. “When in Doubt, Withhold: A Defense of Two Grounds of Rational Withholding” (2021) *Epistemic Dilemmas: New Angles, New Arguments*, eds. Kevin McCain, Scott Stapleford, and Matthias Steup, Routledge Press.*

6. “Entitled to Attention? Cooperativity, Context and Standing” (2022) book symposium on Goldberg *Conversational Pressure* (OUP, 2020), *Journal for Philosophical Research*, 47.*
7. “When to Psychologize?” (2023) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy**
8. “Moral Grandstanding and Norms of Moral Discourse” with M. Satta. (2023). *Journal of the APA*.*
9. “Reasoning through Narrative” (Forthcoming) *Episteme*.

Books

1. *The Epistemology of Fake News*, (2021) Edited volume (as Amy K. Flowerree) with Sven Bernecker and Thomas Grundmann. Oxford University Press.
Including: “Introduction” (as Amy K. Flowerree, with Sven Bernecker and Thomas Grundmann).
2. *Towards an Expansive Epistemology: Norms, Action, and the Social World*, Edited Volume with Baron Reed, (Under contract with Routledge Press, Studies in Contemporary Philosophy)
Including essay: “Resisting Epistemic Partiality: Character, Values, and Evidence”*

Reference

1. “Epistemic Partiality” (forthcoming) *Companion to Epistemology*, Eds Kurt Sylvan, Matthias Steup, Ernest Sosa, and Jonathan Dance. Blackwell.

In progress

“Interpretive Charity under Oppression” (Provisionally accepted at *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics*)
 “Repugnant Reasoning: A Social Normative Account of the Wrongs of Sexist and Racist Reasoning”
 “The Ethics of Interpretation”
 “Undue Influence and Expert Testimony”

Select Presentations (*=refereed)

“Interpretive Charity under Oppression”
 Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics (WiNE), Jan 2-4, 2024*
 Wayne State University, February 29, 2024

“Undue Influence and Expert Testimony”
 CONCEPTFEST, University of Cologne, Germany, March 27-29, 2023

“A Social Account of the Wrongs of Racist and Sexist Reasoning”
 Central APA, Feb 23-27, 2022
 Ocean Beach Epistemology Workshop (OBEW), Oct 11-14, 2021

“Reasoning through Narrative”
 Saint Louis Annual Conference in Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), May 22-24, 2022
 Fordham University, Function First Epistemology Workshop, May 27-28, 2022
 18th Annual *Episteme* Conference, Stone Town, Zanzibar, July 11-12, 2023
 University of Richmond, October 19, 2023
 University of Kentucky, January 26, 2024
 Rice University, February 8, 2024

“The Ethics of Interpretation”

Texas Tech Humanities Center Alumni College Workshop, Oct 13, 2021*
Stanford Junior Scholars Workshop, McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, May 13, 2021*
Tennessee Values and Agency Conference, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Nov 12-13, 2021*
The New Ethics of Belief Workshop, Narrowridge, TN, June 16-20, 2022
Federal University of Paraíba, Brazil, Aug 16-17, 2022
Goodtalks, UT-Austin, Nov 18, 2022
Mark Sanders Foundation Mentoring Workshop, University of Missouri, June 11-13, 2023*
Workshop on *Growth and Transformation*, Peak Pilgrimage Route, Derbyshire UK, Aug 1-4, 2023
PPE Society Seventh Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov 2-4, 2023

"Hints followed by guesses: on the interpretation of divine action"

Workshop in Non-Ideal Philosophy of Religion, Sept 21-25, 2022, Sisters, OR
Eighth annual Workshop in Theistic Ethics, Georgetown University, September 2024

“When in Doubt, Withhold: Two Rational Grounds of Withholding”

CONCEPT University of Cologne, March 3, 2021

“Entitled to Attention?” Roundtable discussion on Goldberg’s “Conversational Pressure”

CONCEPT, University of Cologne, Dec 11, 2020

“When to Psychologize?”

Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, August 15, 2021*
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, August 14, 2020*
Social Distance Epistemology Network, April 3, 2020*

“Against Epistemic Partiality: Character, Values and Evidence”

Texas Epistemology Workshop (TEX), April 12-14, 2019

“How to be an Epistemic Consequentialist” (co-authored with Andrea Robitzsch)

European Congress for Analytic Philosophy (*ECAP9*), LMU Munich, August 21-26, 2017.
GAP 9, German Society for Analytic Philosophy, Osnabruck University, Sept 14-17, 2015

“Evidentialism in Action”

University of Vermont, Epistemology and Ethics Workshop, Oct 18, 2019
University of Duisberg-Essen, Colloquium Talk, June 7, 2018
European Epistemology Network, Free University, Amsterdam, June 30, 2018*
University of Bochum, *Rationality: Epistemic and Practical Perspectives*, July 9, 2018
Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, March 9-11, 2018*
Texas Tech University, March 8, 2018
University of Osnabruck, January 24, 2018
Goethe Universität-Frankfurt, Colloquium Talk, November 14, 2017
Saint Louis Annual Conference for Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), May 21-23, 2017*

“Epistemic Constructivism”

WIPHICA, May 24, 2016

Texas Tech University, January 23, 2017

“Agency of Belief and Intention,”

Athena in Action Workshop, Princeton University, August 16-19, 2016*

Canadian Society for Epistemology Symposium on Epistemic Reasons, Université de Sherbrooke,
Nov 7-8, 2014*

Workshop on Doxastic Agency and Epistemic Responsibility, University of Bochum, June 2-3, 2014

“Against Epistemic Instrumentalism”

Central States Philosophical Association Conference, SUNY-Buffalo, October 26-27, 2019*

“On the Ontological Significance of Reasons,”

Reductionist and Anti-Reductionist Perspectives on Normativity, York University Graduate Conference, April
23-24, 2015*

Comments

Commentator, APA Eastern Division Book Symposium, Daniel Singer “Right Belief and True Belief”
Eastern APA, January 15-18, 2024

Robert Vanderbeek, “Obligations and the Fundamentality of Animality”
Central APA, Denver, CO, February 25, 2023

Casey Johnson, “Maternalism and Public Discourse”
Eastern APA, Montreal CA January 6, 2023

Tim Butzer, “When Racially Biased Perception is Incompetent (And When It Isn’t)”
Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, April 1, 2022.

Tim Smartt, “Scepticism about Epistemic Blame”
Humboldt-Southampton Normativity Conference, Dec 17-18, 2021.

Sanford Goldberg, “Author Meets Critics: Roundtable Discussion of *Conversational Pressure*”
CONCEPT/Universidade Federal da Bahia, Dec 11, 2020

Sebastian Schmidt, “On the Normativity of Epistemic Rationality”
Central APA Denver, February 2019

Landon Hendrick, “Seemings in Epistemology”
Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado-Denver, October 12-14, 2018

David Henderson and Peter Graham, Session on the Social Dimensions of Epistemic Norms
Central APA Chicago, February 2018

Ram Neta, “Evidence, Coherence and Epistemic Akrasia”

Episteme Conference, Galapagos Islands, July 30-31, 2017

Jason Schukraft, "Against Methodological Particularism"
Central APA, Kansas City, MO, March 2, 2017

Shivani Radhakrishnan, "Bracketing"
NU/ND Epistemology Grad Conference, April 22-23, 2016

Invited Commentator-at-Large, PeRFECt (Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference),
University of Pennsylvania, Nov 6-7, 2015.

Daniel Immerman, "Williamson, Closure and KK"
Central States Philosophical Association
Northwestern University, Oct 10-11, 2014

Daniel Whiting and Jonathan Way, "The Infallibility of Justified Deontic Beliefs"
Epistemic and Practical Normativity: Substantial Connections
University of Southampton, June 13, 2014

John Mumm, "Functional Explanations and Constructivism"
Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP), May 16-18, 2013

Kurt Sylvan, "Reasons and the Metaphysics of Justification"
NU/ND Epistemology Graduate Conference, April 26-27, 2013

Nilanjan Das & Ian Wells, "Belief and Conceptual Structure"
NU/ND Epistemology Graduate Conference, April 13-14, 2012

Phillip Osbourne, "Knowledge, Evidence, and Self-Evidence"
Illinois Society of Philosophy, Nov 2-3, 2012

Lindsay Mouchet, "Believing the Speaker"
NU/ND Epistemology Graduate Conference, April 14-15, 2011

Invited Instruction

Speaker (with Ernie Sosa, Meghan Page, and Hilary Kornblith)
Summer Seminar of LATAM Bridges in Philosophy of Religion (organized by Luis Oliveira)
Santiago, Chile, July 23-30, 2023

Agency of Belief and Intention
UC-San Diego, Upper division epistemology with Cory Davia, Nov 2019

When to Psychologize?
Baylor University, Graduate Seminar with Charity Anderson, May 2020
Claremont McKenna, Upper division course with Rima Basu, Fall 2020
University of Minnesota, Graduate Seminar with Cat Saint Croix, Spring 2021

University of Richmond, Upper division course with Miriam McCormick, Fall 2023

Epistemic Injustice and #believewomen

TTU Humanities guest lecture, Sept 18, 2020; April 2021

Ethics of Interpretation: Who can Say what your action means?

Graduate Seminar in Epistemology, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, April 8, 2021, Georgi Gardiner

Trust and the Epistemology of Fake News

Institute for Inclusiveness Excellence, Texas Tech University, January 17, 2023

Engaged Scholarship

TTU Humanities center podcast, discussed work on the epistemology of fake news November 2, 2020

Diocese of Northwest Texas, School of Ordained Ministry, Episcopal Church, Guest Lecture on Applied Ethics, October 10, 2020.

Fellowships and Further Studies

Research Fellow

University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion, 2023-2024 (\$75,000)

Texas Tech Humanities Center Alumni College Research Award (\$3,000) Summer 2021

Fellow

Texas Tech University Institute for Inclusive Excellence, (\$1500) 2020-2021

Participant (refereed)

PREP (Philosophy and Religion Engaged with the Public), Notre Dame University (\$3500)
June 2-13, 2019

Postdoctoral Research and Teaching Fellow

Northeastern University, 2017-2019 (Declined)

Research Fellow

Notre Dame University, Center for Philosophy of Religion, 2017-2018 (Declined)

Graduate Fellow

Brady Scholars Program in Ethics and Civic Life
Northwestern University, 2012-2015

Visiting Researcher

Ruhr Universitat Bochum, June 2014

Student

Cologne Summer School in Philosophy
The Normativity of Epistemic Rationality
University of Cologne, July 16-20, 2012

Student North American Summer School in Language, Logic and Information (NASSLLI), Indiana University, 2010

Awards

2020-2021 Texas Tech University Philosophy Department Award for Excellence in Teaching

2014-2015 Thomas J. McCarthy Award for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University
Awarded to the top teaching assistant

2012-2013 Thomas J. McCarthy Award for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern University
Awarded to the top teaching assistant

2009-2010 Chancellor's Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

2008 South Carolina Philosophical Association, Best Undergraduate Paper

2006 Summer Research Grant (\$4000), Erskine College

Teaching Experience (at Texas Tech)

Phil 2300	Intro to Philosophy	(F '18, '19, '20, '21, S '21, '22, '23)
Phil 4330	Epistemology	(Fall 2018, Spring 2020)
Phil 3324	Philosophy of Religion	(Fall 2020)
Phil 3311	Social Philosophy	(Fall 2022)
Phil 5311	Graduate seminar: Epistemology	(Spring 2019, 2021, Fall 2022)
Phil 5350	Graduate Proseminar	(Fall 2021)
Phil 5355	Seminar in Philosophical Writing	(Fall 2019)

Master's Committees Chaired

Donald Soles III (PhD student at Ohio State University)

Chad Cummings

Zachary Crouch (PhD student at Rochester University)

Hossein Mohayeji (PhD student at University of Pittsburgh)

Siyun Xue (PhD student at University of Iowa)

Karson Goggans (law student at Hofstra Law)

Mona Fazeli (PhD student at UCLA)

Michelle Woodland (PhD student at University of Oklahoma)

Zhidi Chong (PhD Student at UCSB)

Edward Oudanoh (PhD Student at UNC-Chapel Hill)

Shivangi Goel

Kelsey Morris

External Dissertation Committee Member

Linh Hoai Mac (UT-Knoxville)

Service and Membership

2012-present Member of the APA
2023 – present Organizing committee for Central APA Conference 2025
2021-2023 Director of Graduate Studies, Texas Tech University Philosophy Department
2022-2023 Central APA Nominations Committee
2022 Co-Organizer, “New Ethics of Belief” with G. Gardiner and C. Saint-Croix at Narrowridge
2019-2020 Member, Search Committee, Texas Tech University
2019-2021 Colloquium Committee, Texas Tech University
June 2019 Organizer, “Between Ethics and Belief” conference at CONCEPT
June 2018 Co-Organizer, “Fake Knowledge” Conference at CONCEPT
April 2018 Co-Organizer, “Rationality and Reasonableness” conference at CONCEPT
2016-2017 Webmaster for Northwestern LEMMings website: sites.northwestern.edu/lemmings
Sept 2016 Co-Organizer, WIPHICA Workshop on Tamar Schapiro’s manuscript, *Desire*
2013-2016 Lead organizer (2014, 2015), Co-Organizer (2013, 2016), Northwestern University Society for the Theory of Ethics and Politics (NUSTEP) Annual Conference
2012 – 2015 Organizer of the Northwestern Epistemology Brownbag Series
2011-2015 Co-organizer of WiPhi (Women into Philosophy Initiative), Northwestern University
2011-2013 Coordinator, Tea Time: a weekly gathering of the Northwestern Philosophy Department
& 2014-2015
2012 – 2014 Chair of the Climate Committee, Northwestern Philosophy Department
2011-2012,2013 Coordinator, Metaphysics and Epistemology Reading Group
March 2012 Co-organizer, Jason Stanley Workshop, Northwestern University,
2005-2007 Co-Founder and Co-President, Erskine College Philosophy Society

Referee Oxford Bibliographies Online, Journal of Moral Philosophy, Synthese, Erkenntnis, South African Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Papers, Theoria, PPR, Episteme, Analysis, Mind, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Episteme, Journal of the APA.

References

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