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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Psychology, Applied Ethics (especially science and technology)

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Normative Ethics, American Philosophy, General Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy (Scheduled) May, 2024  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA  
Dissertation: *The Conditions of Trust*  
Committee: Richard Atkins (co-director), Daniel McKaughan (co-director)  
Kevin Elliott (Michigan State University), Thomas Simpson (Oxford University)

M.A., Philosophy May, 2017  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

B.A., Philosophy, *magna cum laude*, Departmental Honors May, 2015  
Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI

## PUBLICATIONS

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2023 Handley-Miner, I.J., **Pope, M.**, Atkins, R.K. *et al.* “The intentions of information sources can affect what information people think qualifies as true.” *Scientific Reports* 13, 7718.  
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-023-34806-4>
- 2018 “Peircean Faith: Perception, Trust, and Religious Belief in the Conduct of Life.”  
*Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, 54 (4): 457–482.

### BOOK REVIEWS

1. Review Of: John Pittard, *Disagreement, Deference, and Religious Commitment*. 2020  
*European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 12 (4):228-34.

### PAPERS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION

1. “Two Functions of Listener Truth-Ascriptions” (with Richard Atkins, Isaac Handley-Miner, Daniel McKaughan, Liane Young, and Mo Jones-Jang) (*under review*)
2. “Pluralism about Trust” (*under review*)
3. “Warranted Trust and Values in Science” (*complete draft*)
4. “You can trust AI. Should you?” (*complete draft*)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. “Pragmatic Pluralism about Trust,” 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Boston. 2024
2. “The Conditions of Trust,” *PERITIA* Conference: “Rethinking Policy, Expertise, and Trust,” University College Dublin, Ireland. 2023
3. “An Ethics for Trust in Inquiry,” invited panel entitled “Ethics and Inquiry” and organized for the meeting of the Charles S. Peirce Society meeting at APA Central, Denver, Colorado. 2023
4. “Warranted Trust and Divergent Values,” International Conference on Engaging Ethics and Epistemology in Science, Hannover, Germany. 2022
5. “Pluralism about Trust,” Graduate Cross-training Workshop, Calvin University 2022
6. (with Isaac Handley-Miner) “Rarely pure and never simple: Truth evaluations and the role of intent,” Society for Philosophy & Psychology Meeting, Milan, Italy. 2022
7. (with Isaac Handley-Miner) “Rarely pure and never simple: Truth, Trust, and the Role of Intent in Expert Testimony,” VMST 2022: Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology, University of Texas, Dallas. 2022
8. “Warranted Trust and Divergent Values,” SAS21: Trust in Science, HLRS University Stuttgart, Germany. 2021
9. “Warranted Trust and Divergent Values,” University of Tennessee, Knoxville Graduate Student Conference 2021
10. “Trust the Process: Expert Consensus and the Self-Correction of Induction,” Boston University Graduate Conference in Philosophy. (Cancelled for Covid-19) 2020
11. “Trust the Process: Peirce on the Self-Correction of Induction,” John J. Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values, Conference: “Science and the Public.” 2019
12. (with Sam Hall) “The Promise of Faith,” Boston College’s 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference. 2018
13. Comment on Adam Shmidt’s ‘Ethics after Moore or: How I Learned to Chop up Hume on Someone Else’s Guillotine’.” Boston College’s 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference. 2016

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

- Dissertation Fellowship, Boston College 2023–2024
- Graduate Fellowship, Embedded EthiCS, Harvard University 2022–2023
- University Fellowship, Boston College 2022–2023
- Boston College Schiller Institute Research Grant, “Leveraging philosophical and folk conceptions of truth to improve science communication practices,” with Liane Young (PI), Richard Atkins, Mo Jang, Daniel McKaughan, & Isaac Handley-Miner (\$14,938.75) 2021–2022
- Graduate Student Cross-Training Fellowship, Area: Social Psychology, John Templeton Foundation (\$34,000) 2021–2022
- Certificate, Building Cultural and Racial Literacy, Northeastern University 2023
- Donald J. White Excellence in Teaching Award, Boston College 2020
- Apprenticeship in College Teaching Certificate, Boston College (*in progress*) 2023
- Certificate, Research and Scholarship Integrity Program, Boston College 2019

Lonergan Masters Fellowship, The Lonergan Institute, Boston College 2016–2017

## **TEACHING**

### *Primary Instructor:*

Technology and Human Values (PHIL 1145), Northeastern University (Boston Campus) 2023  
Fall Term, Enrollment: 40

Logic (PHIL 2264), Boston College, Spring Term, Mean Enrollment: 35 2020–2021

Introduction to Formal Logic (PHIL 2209), Woods College of Advanced Studies,  
Boston College, Summer Term, Mean Enrollment: 18 2020–2022

Philosophy of the Person II: Introduction to Philosophizing (PHIL 1071), Boston  
College, Spring Term, Enrollment: 30 2020

Philosophy of the Person I: Introduction to Philosophizing (PHIL 1070), Boston  
College, Fall Term, Enrollment: 30 2019

### *Interdisciplinary Ethics Instructor:*

Machine Learning (CS 181), Harvard University, Spring Term, Enrollment: 240 2023

Big Data Systems (CS 265), Harvard University, Spring Term, Enrollment: 30 2023

Programming Languages (CS 152), Harvard University, Spring Term, Enrollment: 50 2023

[Artificial Intelligence](#) (CS 182), Harvard University, Fall Term, Enrollment: 140 2022

Introduction to Data Science (CS 109a), Harvard University, Fall Term,  
Enrollment: 385 2022

[Artificial Intelligence for Social Impact](#) (CS 288), Harvard University, Fall Term,  
Enrollment: 35 2022

### *Teaching Assistant:*

Epistemology (PHIL 4387), Boston College, Spring Term, Enrollment: 25 2021

### *Research Assistant*

1. The Philosophy, Theology, and Psychology of Christian Trust in God (John Templeton Foundation;  
Grant ID: 61106)
  - Research Assistant for Daniel McKaughan (Co-PI) 2021–2022
  - Web Developer 2019–Present

## **PEER-REVIEWER FOR**

### *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*

Bloomsbury Press, Philosophy of Science Section

## **SERVICE**

Panel Organizer: “Pragmatist Perspectives on Trust in Science,” APA Central,  
Chicago, Illinois 2022

Philosophy Graduate Student Association at Boston College

- Secretary 2019–2021
- Cohort Representative 2018–2023

PhilPapers Assistant Editor, Philosophy of Religion, Faith 2018–Present

Workshop Organizer: “On the Constitution of Faith,” with Robert Audi	2018
Philosophical Logic Reading Group, Boston College	2016–2017
Founding Editor, <i>Agora: Reason and Responsibility</i> , Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, Hillsdale College	2014–2015
Conference Co-organizer, “Lectures in Post-Critical Studies: Polanyi on Science and Religious Belief,” Hillsdale College	2014
President, <i>Phi Sigma Tau</i> , Philosophy Honorary, Hillsdale College	2014–2015

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Philosophical Association	Charles S. Peirce Society
Philosophy of Science Association	Society of Christian Philosophers

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 Senior Research Scholar, Associate Senior Lecturer on Philosophy, Director of Ethics and Technology Initiatives at the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics  
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