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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Yale University, 2008
Dissertation: "Skeptical Hypotheses and A Priori Justification"
Advisor: Keith DeRose

B.A., Philosophy, Bates College, 1997
summa cum laude, highest department honors

Academic Employment

Northern Illinois University, 2008–present
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy

Other Employment

St. Margaret's-McTernan School, Waterbury, CT, 2001–2003
(*now Chase Collegiate Academy*)
High school teacher (English, mathematics)

The Field School, Washington, DC 2000–2001
High school teacher (Latin, English, mathematics)

Publications

"The Bayesian Explanation of Transmission Failure"
forthcoming in *Synthese*

Presentations

Papers

"Don't Be Insensitive!"
Northwestern University Philosophy Department Brown Bag, February 2011
Wayne State University Philosophy Department Colloquium, October 2010

"Hope For The \supset : Defending The Material Conditional Analysis of Indicative Conditionals"
Indiana-Illinois Philosophical Associations Joint Meeting, November 2010

"The Bayesian Explanation of Transmission Failure"
APA Central Division Meeting, February 2010
Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, October 2009

“The Problem of False Denials: Invariantism and Error”
Illinois Philosophical Association Meeting, October 2009

“Assertion and Sensitivity”
Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, September 2008

“You’d Say It Even If It Weren’t So: Knowledge, Assertion, and Sensitivity”
Northern Illinois University, February 2008

“Mooreanism, Skepticism, and Sensitivity”
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Meeting, April 2007

“How To Use A Name”
PhilMilCog, University of Western Ontario, March 2006

“Other Mind and The Contents of Perception”
MIND Group, Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, March 2006

“Knowing a Name”
APA Eastern Division Meeting, December 2005
Columbia/NYU Graduate Philosophy Colloquium, December 2005

Comments

On John Gabriel, “Epistemic Altruism and The Demand For One Thought Too Many”
Indiana–Illinois Philosophical Associations Joint Meeting, November 2010

On Johannes Schmitt, “Can One Bet On One’s Own Ignorance?”
APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2010

On Bradley Rettler, “No Epistemic Norm Of Assertion”
Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, October 2009

On Michael Hannon, “Skepticism and Epistemic Contextualism”
Mid-South Philosophy Conference, April 2009

On Ronald Loeffler, “The Psychology of Presupposing”
Central States Philosophical Association Meeting, September 2008

Teaching

Northern Illinois University

Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy 105: Logic and Critical Reasoning

Philosophy 205: Symbolic Logic

Philosophy 311: Problems of Knowledge

Philosophy 322: Modern Philosophy

Philosophy 504: Philosophy of Language (graduate)

Philosophy 611: Epistemology (graduate)

Philosophy 691: Special Topics: Conditionals (graduate)

Philosophy 695: Special Studies and Research (graduate)
Topic: Spinoza and Leibniz; student: Daniel Slanger

Other institutions

Other Minds
Yale University College Seminar

Existentialism
Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth

Service

At Northern Illinois University

Graduate Advisor, 2011–

Graduate Colloquium Coordinator, 2008–present

Member, Graduate Committee, 2008–present

Refereeing

Erkenntnis, *Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Language*

Grants and Awards

Summer Research and Artistry Award, 2008
Northern Illinois University

Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2006–2007
Yale University

Fredric Woodrow Knapp Fellowship in Philosophy, 2003–2005
Yale University

Henry Ford III Fellowship, 1997–1999
Yale University

Phi Beta Kappa, 1997
Bates College

Personal

Born: June 2, 1976, Concord, California

Married; 2 children; 3 cats

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