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Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science
Areas of Competence: Kant, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

Education:

Expected Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Fall 2010

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Manitoba, Spring 2005
Thesis: *Neither Simples nor Gunk*
Advisor: Ben Caplan

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Victoria, Spring 2004

Conference and Colloquia Papers:

“Advanced Modalizing & The Generality of Modality.”

2007 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress

2007 Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference

University of Victoria, February 2007

“Nothing so Simple.”

2006 Brown University Graduate Conference

“Hypergunk & Inaccessible Fictionalism.”

2006 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress

2006 Logic, Math, and Physics Conference at Western Ontario

2005 Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress

“Platonic & Aristotelian Mathematics in Late Antiquity.”

2004 Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress

Comments:

“A Comment on Samaroo’s ‘What do we Gain by Taking Geometric Primitives as Implicit Definitions?’”

2007 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress

“A Comment on Maclean’s ‘Mumford’s Problem for Scientific Essentialism’”

2006 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress

“A Comment on Conter’s ‘An Abstract Object Located in Time’”

2005 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress

“A Comment on ‘Dieveney’s ‘A Stronger Indispensability’”

2004 Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress

Reviews:

Review of *Fictionalism in Metaphysics* (ed. Mark Kalderon), *Philosophy in Review*, May 2006.

Review of Keith Hossack’s *The Metaphysics of Knowledge*, *Philosophy in Review*, August 2008.

Non-Academic Publications:

“On the Necessity of Secret Identity: Could Batman Have Been the Joker?” (with Chris Ragg), *Batman and Philosophy*, London: Blackwell.

Fellowships and Awards:

Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellowship, 2006-2009.

Puryear Fellowship from University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 2006-2007.

Cartwright Fellowship from University of Manitoba, 2004-2005.

Teaching Experience:

Instructor at the University of Manitoba

Critical Thinking 102, Fall 2005

Ethics & Biomedicine 260, Summer 2006

Ethics & Biomedicine 260, Summer 2007

Environmental Ethics 270, Summer 2008

Teaching Assistant at the University of Massachusetts

Introduction to Ethics 160, Fall 2007 (Instructor: Pete Graham)

Introductions to Ethics 160, Fall 2008 (Instructor: Chris Meacham)

PhD Qualifying Work:

Area Exam: *The Metaphysics of Natural Kinds*

Committee: Phillip Bricker, Hilary Kornblith, Louise Antony

Starred Paper: “Advanced Modalizing & The Generality of Modality”

Committee: Phillip Bricker, Brad Skow, Jonathan Schaffer

Starred Paper: “Simple Substance in Kant’s Second Antinomy.”

Committee: Eileen O’Neil, Casey Perin, Phillip Bricker

Graduate Coursework:

At the University of Manitoba

Metaphysics of Sets (Ben Caplan)

Mental Causation (Tim Schroeder)

Ontology of Art (Carl Matheson)

Space, Time, and Spacetime (Ken Warmbrod)

At the University of Massachusetts-Amherst

Metaphysics of Modality (Brad Skow)

Modal Logic (Gary Hardegree)

The Philosophy of David Lewis (Phillip Bricker)

Existence (Phillip Bricker)*

Philosophy of Mind (Joseph Levine)

Ethical Intuitionism (Fred Feldman)

Intuition (Hilary Kornblith)

Metametaphysics (Jonathan Schaffer)

Quantum Mechanics (Brad Skow)

Truthmakers (Jonathan Schaffer)

Kant (Nick Stang)

Knowledge and Virtue in Ancient Philosophy (Casey Perin)

Consciousness (Joseph Levine)*