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Research

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Philosophical Logic

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Ancient Philosophy, Aesthetics

Employment

University of Michigan

LSA Collegiate Fellow, 2018 - 2020

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, *from August 2020*

Education

University of Southern California

Ph.D. Philosophy, August 2018

Dissertation: *Unlimited Ontology and Its Limits*

Chairs: Gabriel Uzquiano, John Hawthorne

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

B.A. in Philosophy with Honors, *Summa Cum Laude*, May 2012

Publications

“Varieties of Plenitude”, *Philosophy Compass*, 2020. doi: 10.1111/phc3.12654

“The Barest Flutter of the Smallest Leaf: Understanding Material Plenitude”, *Philosophical Review*, 2019. doi: 10.1215/00318108-7374932

“Against Conservatism in Metaphysics” with John Hawthorne, *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement*, 2018. doi: 10.1017/S1358246118000103

“A Paradox of Matter and Form”, *Thought*, 2017. doi: 10.1002/tht3.230

Honors & Awards

2018 – PhD Achievement Award, USC.
Awarded annually to six doctoral students university-wide.

2016 – Award for Excellence in Teaching, USC.
Awarded to one teaching assistant per department.

- 2015 – Award for Excellence in Teaching, USC.
Awarded to one teaching assistant per department.
- 2014 – Dornsife General Education Graduate Assistant Award, USC.
University award given annually to four teaching assistants in Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences on the basis of departmental nomination
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Fellowships & Grants

- 2017 - 2018 – Dissertation Completion Fellowship, USC.
Competitive university fellowship for advanced graduate students.
- 2017 – USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Grant, USC.
- 2017 – Provost’s Fellowship Travel and Research Award, USC.
- 2017 – Flewelling Summer Fellowship, USC.
Competitive departmental funding for summer research.
- 2015 - 2016 – Graduate Fellow of the Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics, USC.
- 2015 – Flewelling Summer Fellowship, USC.
- 2015 – New Insights & Directions For Religious Epistemology Visiting Fellowship, University of Oxford.
- 2012 - 2017 – University Provost Doctoral Fellowship, USC.
Competitive five-year University Fellowship
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Visiting Activity & Workshops

- March 2020 – TEAM Workshop Invited Participant; Princeton, NJ
- Jan 2020 – Arizona Ranch Metaphysics Workshop Invited Participant
- June 2019 – Pre-Tenure Women In Philosophy Workshop; Boston, MA
- July 2017 – Ontology and Metaontology, CEU Summer Institute; Budapest, Hungary
- Summer 2017 – *Arché Visiting Student*, Arché Research Centre for Logic, Language, Metaphysics, and Epistemology; University of St Andrews.
- August 2016 – Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University; Rutgers, NJ
- Summer 2016 – *Academic Visitor*, New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology; University of Oxford.
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Presentations

COVID-19 Postponements & Cancellations

- March 2020 – Workshop on Material Plenitude; UT Austin
- Apr 2020 – Bloomington Metaphysics Meetup; Indiana University Bloomington
- Apr 2020 – Iris Einheuser Lecture, Duke University
- June 2020 – Jowett Society; Oxford University

Plenitude and Humility

Feb 2020 – Princeton University, NJ

Arbitrariness and the Long Road to Permissivism

Feb 2020 – University of Virginia, VA

Oct 2019 – Metaphysics and Epistemology Conference, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Sept 2019 – University of Vermont, VT

Sept 2019 – University of Notre Dame, IN

Aug 2019 – Vancouver Summer Philosophy Workshop; Vancouver, British Columbia

No Substitutions: Explanation and Asymmetry in Plato's *Euthyphro*

April 2018 – Conference in Honor of Dr. James Leshner, UNC Chapel Hill ; Chapel Hill, NC

Against Conservatism in Metaphysics (with John Hawthorne)

March 2018 – Pacific APA, Book Symposium on Dan Korman's *Objects*; San Diego, CA

Plenitude Without Universalism

June 2017 – Arché Philosophical Research Center, University of St Andrews; St Andrews, UK

Plenitude and Paradox

May 2016 – Graduate Women in Metaphysics Workshop; Northampton MA

Nov 2015 – UCSB Philosophy Graduate Student Society, UC Santa Barbara; Santa Barbara CA

March 2015 – SoCal PhilMath, PhilLogic, and Foundations of Mathematics Workshop; Irvine, CA

Minorities and Philosophy: Inclusive Pedagogy (with Liam Kofi Bright)

April 2015 – Pacific APA, American Association of Philosophy Teachers; Vancouver, British Columbia

COMMENTS

January 2020 – Kathrin Koslicki's *Form, Matter, Substance*

Eastern APA Book Symposium, Philadelphia, PA

March 2019 – Kris McDaniel's "Chain, chain, chain..."

Vancouver Regress Conference, Simon Fraser University; Vancouver, British Columbia

Feb 2019 – Ross Cameron's "Metaphysical Explanation for Ontological Coherentists and Infinitists"

Arizona Ranch Metaphysics Workshop; Tuscon, AZ

June 2016 – Nina Emery's "Against Radical Quantum Ontologies"

Cambridge Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, Cambridge University; Cambridge, UK

March 2016 – Callie Phillips' "Quantificational Structure and the Substantivity of Ontological Disputes"

Central APA; Chicago, IL

Feb 2016 – Cruz Davis' "Not a Matter of Space"

USC/UCLA Graduate Conference, USC; Los Angeles, CA

Teaching Experience

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

- Spring 2020 – Introduction to Philosophy, *University of Michigan*
- Spring 2019 – Revisionary Ontology (Graduate Seminar), *University of Michigan*
- Fall 2014 – Elementary Formal Logic I (Propositional), *University of Southern California*
- Fall 2014 – Elementary Formal Logic II (Predicate), *University of Southern California*

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Fall 2016 – The Physical World and Our Place in It, *Shieva Kleinschmidt*
- Spring 2015 – Modern Philosophy and the Meaning Of Life, *Steve Finlay*
- Spring 2014 – Mind and Self, *Janet Levin*
- Fall 2013 – Knowledge, Explanation, and the Cosmos, *Shieva Kleinschmidt*

TEACHING OUTREACH

- 2019-2020 – Supervisor, CEAL Course Development Project (*with Laura Soter*)
- Fall 2017 – Philosophy of Art, *Los Angeles LGBT Youth Education Center*
Developed and taught a six-session mini-course at the Los Angeles LGBT Youth Center as a part of my work with “Corrupt The Youth” LA, an education outreach program with the mission of bringing philosophy to those who lack access to it.

Curriculum & Resource Development

USC Logic Web *Lead Tutorial Designer*

Transformed lecture content into a series of interactive visual tutorials for USC LogicWeb; a free online resource designed to support the study of propositional and predicate logic. Together, the tutorials cover a standard introductory formal logic course. USC LogicWeb is intended for use either as a supplementary resource for a logic course, or as a standalone course to prepare students for more advanced study in philosophy or formal logic.

Leadership & Service

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2018 - 2019 – Mentor, Job Candidate Mentoring Project for Women in Philosophy
- 2016 - 2019 – Board of Advisors, Minorities and Philosophy
- 2017 - 2018 – Assistant Organizer, “Corrupt the Youth” Los Angeles
- 2013 - 2016 – Co-Founder and Organizer, Minorities and Philosophy

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2017 - 2018 – Director of Academic Affairs, USC Graduate Student Government

- 2017 - 2018 – Member, USC Graduate School Advisory Council
- 2017 - 2018 – Member, Academic Affairs Committee of the USC Board of Trustees
- 2016 - 2017 – Senator, USC Graduate Student Government
- 2016 - 2017 – Member, USC University Mental Health Student Advisory Board
- 2016 - 2017 – Member, USC GSG Campus Affairs Committee
- 2016 - 2017 – Member, USC GSG Academic Affairs Committee

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2016 - 2017 – Vice President, USC Philosophy Graduate Student Association
- 2014 -2016 – Co-Organizer, USC Philosophy Graduate Student Peer Mentoring Program
- 2014 - 2015 – President, USC Philosophy Graduate Student Association
- 2014 - 2015 – Student Representative, USC Departmental Colloquium Committee
- 2013 - 2016 – Chapter Representative, USC Minorities and Philosophy Chapter

REFEREEING AND CONFERENCE SERVICE

- Refereeing – *Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Quarterly, Synthese, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
 - 2020 – Conference Referee, Mount Holyoke Summer Philosophy Conference
 - 2017 – Colloquium Chair, Themes in Transformative Experience (Pacific APA)
- 2013 - 2016 – Conference Referee, USC/UCLA Graduate Conference
 - 2014 – Colloquium Chair, Central and Pacific APA