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Employment
Professor, Department of Philosophy, Brown University, 2023–present
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Brown University, 2011–2023
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Brown University, 2005–2011

Education
Ph.D., New York University, Department of Philosophy, 2006
A.B., Princeton University, Department of Mathematics, 1998

Research Interests
Areas of Specialization: Epistemology, Philosophy of Logic, Metaethics
Areas of Competence: Formal Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics, History of Analytic Philosophy

Publications
"The Theoretical Significance of the A Priori–A Posteriori Distinction",
    forthcoming in Dylan Dodd and Elia Zardini (eds.), *The A Priori: Its Significance, Sources,*
    and Extent, Oxford University Press.
"Epistemic Characterizations of Validity and Level-Bridging Principles",
    Philosophical Studies (2024) 181(1): 153–178. doi: 10.1007/s11098-023-02068-5
"Etiological Debunking Beyond Belief",
    Oxford Studies in Metaethics (2024) 19: 274–298. doi: 10.1093/oso/9780198911876.001.0012
"A Liar-Like Paradox for Rational Reflection Principles",
    Analysis (2024) 84(2): 292–300. doi: 10.1093/analys/anad070
"Supervaluationism, Modal Logic, and Weakly Classical Logic",
    Journal of Philosophical Logic (2024) 53(2): 411–461. doi: 10.1007/s10992-023-09737-0
"Five Kinds of Epistemic Arguments Against Robust Moral Realism",
    Paul Bloomfield and David Copp (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Moral Realism* (2023),
    Oxford University Press, pp. 345–69. doi: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190068226.013.16
"Internalism and Entitlement to Rules and Methods",
    Nikolaj Jang Pedersen and Peter Graham (eds.), *Epistemic Entitlement* (2020),
    Oxford University Press, pp. 254–78. doi: 10.1093/oso/9780198713524.003.0009
"Aiming at Aptness",
    Episteme (2019) 16(4): 438–52. doi: 10.1017/epi.2019.35
"Small Steps and Great Leaps in Thought: The Epistemology of Basic Deductive Rules",
    Brendan Balcerak Jackson and Magdalena Balcerak Jackson (eds.), *Reasoning: New Essays*
    on Theoretical and Practical Thinking (2019), Oxford University Press, pp. 152–77.
    doi: 10.1093/oso/9780198791478.003.0009
"Explanatory Challenges in Metaethics",
    Tristram McPherson and David Plunkett (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Metaethics* (2018),
    Routledge, pp. 443–58. doi: 10.4324/9781315213217-29
"Is There a Reliability Challenge for Logic?",
    Philosophical Issues (2018), *Philosophy of Logic and Inferential Reasoning* 28: 325–47.
    doi: 10.1111/phis.12128

"Difficult Cases and the Epistemic Justification of Moral Belief",
    Oxford Studies in Metaethics (2017) 12: 27–50. doi: 10.1093/oso/9780198805076.003.0002
"No Need for Excuses: Against Knowledge-First Epistemology and the Knowledge Norm
    of Assertion", J. Adam Carter, Emma Gordon, and Benjamin Jarvis (eds.), *Knowledge First:*
    Approaches in Epistemology and Mind (2017), Oxford University Press, pp. 132–59.
    doi: 10.1093/oso/9780198716310.003.0007
"Could Evolution Explain Our Reliability about Logic?",
    Oxford Studies in Epistemology (2013) 4: 214–39. doi: 10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199672707.003.0008
"Rational Self-Doubt and the Failure of Closure",
    Philosophical Studies (2013) 163(2): 428–52. doi: 10.1007/s11098-011-9823-1
    Selected for *The Philosopher's Annual* (2012) 31.
"Juxtaposition: A New Way to Combine Logics",
    The Review of Symbolic Logic (2011) 4(4): 560–606. doi: 10.1017/S1755020311000219
"Weakly Classical Theories of Identity",
    The Review of Symbolic Logic (2011) 4(4): 607–44. doi: 10.1017/S1755020311000220
"The Reliability Challenge and the Epistemology of Logic",
    Philosophical Perspectives (2010) 24, *Epistemology*, 437–64. doi: 10.1111/j.1520-8583.2010.00199.x
"How Are Basic Belief-Forming Methods Justified?", with David Enoch
    Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (2008) 76(3): 547–79. doi: 10.1111/j.1933-1592.2008.00157.x
"Hawthorne's Lottery Puzzle and the Nature of Belief", with Christopher Hill
    Philosophical Issues (2007) 17, *The Metaphysics of Epistemology*, 102–22.
    doi: 10.1111/j.1533-6077.2007.00125.x
    Reprinted in Christopher Hill, *Meaning, Mind, and Knowledge* (2014), Oxford University
    Press, pp. 253–72.
"Meaning and Justification: The Case of Modus Ponens", with David Enoch
    Noûs (2006) 40(4): 687–715. doi: 10.1111/j.1468-0068.2006.00629.x

Encyclopedia Entries and Book Reviews
"Deductive Reasoning" in Hal Pashler (ed.), *Encyclopedia of the Mind* (2013)
    SAGE Reference, pp. 226–30. doi: 10.4135/9781452257044
"Review of *Grounding Concepts* by C.S. Jenkins", *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2010).

Presentations
"Rational Defeat Beyond Belief"
    Departmental Colloquium, University of Pittsburgh, December 6, 2024
    LEMM Research Interest Group, University of Toronto, November 22, 2024
    Cologne Epistemology Winter Workshop, University of Cologne, December 2, 2023
"The Rational Significance of Etiological Information"
    Madison Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, September 30, 2022
    Graduate Seminar, Virginia Tech, March 30, 2017
    Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, University of British Columbia, August 15, 2016
    University of Connecticut Philosophy Department Brown Bag, April 6, 2016
    Invited Symposium, APA Eastern Division Meeting, Washington D.C., January 7, 2016
    Workshop on Conceptual History, Arché, University of St. Andrews, June 23, 2015

"The Theoretical Significance of the A Priori–A Posteriori Distinction"
    Departmental Colloquium, Ashoka University, October 1, 2021
    Departmental Colloquium, Kansas State University, November 20, 2020
    Centre for Integrative Neuroscience, University of Tübingen, July 23, 2014
"Does Expressivism Enjoy an Epistemological Advantage over Realism?"
    Ethics and Epistemology Conference, University of Vermont, October 19, 2019
    Departmental Colloquium, Dartmouth College, November 8, 2013
    Causes of Belief Workshop, Arché, University of St. Andrews, November 10, 2012
    Philosophical Society, University of Oxford, May 25, 2012
"Small Steps and Giant Leaps in Thought: The Epistemology of Basic Deductive Rules"
    Logic Workshop, Boston University, May 5, 2019
    Departmental Colloquium, Virginia Tech, March 31, 2017
    Departmental Colloquium, MIT, December 4, 2015
    Public Talk, Humanities Institute, University of Connecticut, November 3, 2015
    Conference on Pluralism, Inter University Center, Dubrovnik, Croatia, June 16, 2015
    Conference on Inference and Logic, Institute of Philosophy, March 20, 2015
    Departmental Colloquium, University of Texas at Austin, March 6, 2015
    Departmental Colloquium, UCLA, December 5, 2014
    Workshop on Knowledge and Skepticism, UNAM, Mexico City, November 14, 2014
    Konstanz Reasoning Conference, University of Konstanz, July 26, 2014
    Interdisciplinary Workshop on Human Reasoning, University of Notre Dame, April 12, 2013
    Graduate Seminar, University of Michigan, February 18, 2013
    Epistemology Workshop, Queen's University, Belfast, June 14, 2012
    Epistemology of Logic Workshop, Arché, University of St. Andrews, October 30, 2011
"Aiming at Aptness"
    2018 Episteme Conference, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain, July 25, 2018
"No Need for Excuses: Against Knowledge-First Epistemology"
    Undergraduate Seminar, Dartmouth College, February 1, 2016
"Difficult Cases and the Epistemology of Moral Belief"
    Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, October 31, 2015
"Indispensability to a Rationally Required Project"
    Workshop on Epistemic Consequentialism, University of Konstanz, July 23, 2015
"Rational Self-Doubt and the Failure of Closure"
    van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, June 3, 2012
    MIT Epistemology Reading Group, April 1, 2011
    Departmental Colloquium, University of Connecticut, February 26, 2010
    Departmental Colloquium, Princeton University, February 12, 2010
    Eidos Centre for Metaphysics, University of Geneva, March 18, 2009
    Institute of Philosophy, Eötvös University, Budapest, March 9, 2009
    Basic Knowledge Workshop, Arché, University of St. Andrews, September 28, 2008
"Juxtaposition: A New Way to Combine Logics"
    New England Colloquium in Logic and Language, Harvard University, February 20, 2010
"The Reliability Challenge and the Epistemology of Logic"
    Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar, Oxford University, March 3, 2009
    University of Bristol, February 6, 2009
    Arché Core Seminar, University of St. Andrews, March 28, 2008
"Against Inferential Internalism"
    Workshop on Inferential Internalism, University of Fribourg, June 17, 2008

"In Virtue of What Are We Epistemically Responsible in Believing Logical Truths?"
    University of Kansas, February 11, 2005
    Brown University, January 25, 2005
    University of Notre Dame, January 21, 2005

Delivered Commentaries

"Calling for Explanation?"
    Author Meets Critics Session on *Calling for Explanation* by Dan Baras,
    American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, January 2024
Comments on "Metaethics and the Functions of Moral Language" by Amie Thomasson
    Metaphysics on the Mountain 4, Idaho, March 2023
Comments on "An Epistemology for Moral Naturalists" by Caleb Perl
    American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, March 2020
Comments on "Inference, Agency and Responsibility" by Paul Boghossian
    UNC Chapel Hill Workshop on Inference and Reasoning, March 2018
Comments on "Rational Endorsement" by Will Fleischer
    Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2017
Comments on "Leaving Room for Doubt" by David Faraci
    Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2014
"Some Questions about Rational Entailment"
    Authors Meets Critics Session on *The Rules of Thought* by Benjamin Jarvis and Jonathan
    Jenkins Ichikawa, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2014
Comments on "What's Basic about Basic Logical Principles?" by Matthew Carlson
    American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, December 2013
Comments on "The Basic A Priori: Simple Arithmetic as a Case Study" by Crispin Wright
    NY Institute of Philosophy Workshop on the A Priori, Villa La Pietra, Florence, June 2013
Comments on "A Forward Looking Decision Rule for Imprecise Credences" by Rohan Sud
    Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2013
Comments for interdisciplinary panel on "Ways of Knowing: Truth Claims and Evidence"
    University of Connecticut Humanities Institute Conference, March 2012
Comments on "A General Definition of Argument Validity" by Peter Vranas
    American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February 2012
Comments on "In Defense of Moral Testimony" by Paulina Sliwa
    Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2011
Comments on "Google Morals" by Robert Howell
    Princeton Workshop on Moral Expertise, May 2011
Comments on "Following the Argument Where it Leads" by Thomas Kelly
    Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2010
Comments on "Knowledge and the Action-Guiding Role of Assertion" by Giovanni Mion
    American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2010
Comments on "Lucky to be Rational" by Adam Elga
    Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2008
Comments on "The Possession Conditions of Arithmetical Concepts" by Christopher Pincock
    American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting, December 2007
Comments on "Empirical Metaphysics" by Janice Dowell
    Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2007

Comments on "The Illusion of Transmission: Where Wright Goes Wrong" by Stephen Wykstra
    American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, April 2007

Honors and Awards

George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation Fellowship, Fall 2019
External Faculty Fellowship, University of Connecticut Humanities Institute, 2015–2016
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, Summer 2009
Visiting Fellowship, New College, University of Oxford, Hilary Term 2009
Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowship, Brown University, 2008–2009

Teaching Experience

Department of Philosophy, Brown University
Undergraduate Courses
    PHIL 0640 – *Logic*
        Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2014, Fall 2012, Fall 2011
    PHIL 0990T – *Paradox and Infinity* (seminar)
        Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Spring 2014, Spring 2013, Spring 2011
    PHIL 1360 – *Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy*
        Spring 2022, Spring 2019, Spring 2015, Spring 2013, Fall 2010, Fall 2007, Spring 2006
    PHIL 1630 – *Mathematical Logic*
        Fall 2016, Spring 2007, Fall 2005
    PHIL 1635 – *Advanced Deductive Logic*
        Spring 2018, Spring 2010
    PHIL 1665 – *Modal Logic*
        Spring 2019, Spring 2011, Spring 2008
    PHIL 1670 – *Philosophy of Mathematics*
        Fall 2020, Spring 2017, Fall 2013, Fall 2011, Fall 2009, Fall 2006
    PHIL 1705 – *Epistemology*
        Spring 2012, Fall 2009, Spring 2008, Spring 2007

Graduate Courses
    PHIL 2140K – *Rationality*, Spring 2025
    PHIL 2140I – *Skepticism about the A Priori and A Posteriori* (with David Christensen),
              Spring 2024, Spring 2020
    PHIL 2710 – *Recent Debates in the Philosophy of Logic*, Spring 2023
    PHIL 2140J – *The Epistemology and Metaphysics of Modality*, Spring 2021
    PHIL 2140H – *Inquiry*, Fall 2018
    PHIL 2000B – *Moral Epistemology* (with Jamie Dreier), Spring 2018
    PHIL 2140G – *The Epistemology of Logic*, Spring 2017
    PHIL 2140F – *Non-Causal Explanation*, Spring 2015
    PHIL 2300A – *The Epistemological Significance of Etiology* (with David Christensen),
              Fall 2013
    PHIL 2140E – *The A Priori*, Spring 2012
    PHIL 2140 – *The Epistemology of Inference*, Spring 2010
    PHIL 2140 – *The Epistemology and Metaphysics of Modality*, Fall 2007
    PL214 – *Recent Works in Epistemology* (with Ernie Sosa), Fall 2006
    PL214 – *The A Priori*, Fall 2005

PHIL 2000 – *Graduate Proseminar*, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2012
PHIL 2020 – *Dissertation Workshop*, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2018, Fall 2017,
      Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2010

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, New York University
    Philosophy of Mathematics, Spring 2005
    Deductive Logic, Fall 2004, Summer 2002
    Ethics and Society, Summer 1999

Additional Teaching Experience
    Instructor for Logic and Epistemology, PIKSI-Logic 2022, Northeastern University, July 2022
    Participant, Brown ANCHOR Course Design Institute, July 2020
    Participant, Brown Team Enhanced Advising and Mentoring program, 2013–2015
    Presentation on Modal Logic to the Brown University Robotics Group, 2021
    Presentation at Thursday Night Supper at the Brown University Chaplain's residence, 2014
    Presentation to the Brown University chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi, 2013
    Presentation to the Philosophy and Mathematics Departmental Undergraduate Groups
        2013, 2011
    Presentation to the Philosophy Departmental Undergraduate Group, 2010, 2006
    Presentation to the Mathematics Departmental Undergraduate Group, 2007
    Two-day tutorial for graduate students on "Norms, Rules, and Meanings"
        Summer School in Analytic Philosophy, Florence, Summer 2005

Academic Advising
    Advisor for ten undergraduate honors theses in Philosophy (one jointly with Charles Larmore)
    Advisor for two undergraduate independent concentration theses
    Advisor for two Master's theses (including one for a Ph.D. student in Computer Science)
    Advisor for twenty-two independent studies (six undergraduate and sixteen graduate)
    Advisor for an undergraduate capstone project in Mathematics, 2018
    Advisor for Group Independent Study Project on Symbolic Systems, Spring 2018
    Advisor for Group Independent Study Project on Model Theory, Spring 2015
    Advisor for Group Independent Study Project on Set Theory, Spring 2013
    Mentor for Philosophy Concentration, 2021–present
    Concentration Advisor for Physics and Philosophy Concentration, 2011–2013
    Concentration Advisor for Logic and Philosophy of Science Concentration, 2011–2012
    Advisor for Independent Concentration in Logic, 2017–2019
    Advisor for Independent Concentration in Logic and Natural Language, 2014–2017
    Sophomore Academic Advisor, 2007–present (excluding 2016–2017 and 2009–2010)
    Freshman Academic Advisor, 2006–2023 (excluding 2015–2016 and 2008–2009)

Dissertation Advising
    Principal Advisor for
        Ying Huang (co-advisor with Elizabeth Miller), defended April 2024
        Kateryna Samoilova, defended April 2013
    Member of Dissertation Committee for
        Sam McGrath, in progress
        Mark Christman, defended August 2023
        Laurence Kenny, defended April 2023
        Arianna Falbo, defended April 2022

Anna Brinkerhoff, defended March 2021
Chad Marxen, defended February 2021
Wes Siscoe (University of Arizona), defended July 2020
Geoffrey Grossman, defended April 2019
Zachary Barnett, defended April 2018
Brett Topey, defended March 2018
Han Li, defended July 2017
Nicholas Smyth, defended April 2017
Philip Galligan, defended March 2016
Miquel Miralbes Del Pino, defended August 2015
Andrew Rotondo, defended August 2012
Katherine Rubin, defended October 2011
Benjamin Jarvis, defended August 2009

Member, Doctoral Viva Committee for Carlos Benito-Monsalvo (University of Barcelona), 2023

Member, Doctoral Assessment Committee for Michael Klenk (Utrecht University), 2018

External Doctoral Examiner for Dan Baras (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), 2016

Professional Activities

Service to the Department and University

Philosophy Department Chair, 2023–present

Philosophy Department Placement Officer, 2012–2023

Brown University Faculty Advising Fellow, 2020–2021, 2018–2019

Member, Philosophy Department Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016–2017, 2013–2014, 2009–2010, 2006–2007, 2005–2006

Member, Philosophy Department Search Committee, 2017–2018, 2014–2015, 2011–2012, 2006–2007 (two positions)

Member, Philosophy Department Colloquium Committee, 2011–2015

Facilitator, Transformative Conversations program, February 18, 2014

Refereeing

Analysis, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Cognitive Science*, *Dialectica*, *Episteme*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethics*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Journal of Logic and Computation*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Inquiry*, *Logica Universalis*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophia Mathematica*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Ratio*, *Res Philosophica*, *The Review of Symbolic Logic*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Thought*

One book manuscript for Cambridge Elements

Two book manuscripts for Longman Press

Three book proposals for Oxford University Press

One book manuscript and one book proposal for Routledge

One chapter in *The Compositionality of Meaning and Content*, Ontos Verlag, Markus Werning, Edouard Machery, and Gerhard Schurtz (eds.)

One chapter in *The Oxford Handbook of Numerical Cognition*, Oxford University Press, Roi Cohen Kadosh and Ann Dowker (eds.)

Program Committee of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting
Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference
Episteme Conference on the Epistemological Significance of Disagreement
Mount Holyoke Summer Philosophy Conference
Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference
Logic in Computer Science meeting
Society for Exact Philosophy
Society for Philosophy and Psychology
Sanders Prize in Metaethics Selection Committee
John Templeton Foundation proposal
Austrian Science Fund Erwin Schrödinger and ESPRIT fellowship proposals
German Research Foundation (DFG) fellowship proposals
Israel Science Foundation grant application
National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship proposals
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council research proposals
External Evaluator for five Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor cases
External Evaluator for a Promotion to Full Professor case
External Reviewer for a Philosophy Department

Additional Service to the Profession
Editor, *Noûs*, 2024–present
Subject Editor for Epistemology, *Thought*, 2013–2024
Subject Editor for Philosophy of Logic, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2013–present
Editor for PhilPapers, 2011–present
    "Deductive Reasoning", "Epistemology of Logic", "Reasoning"
Co-Editor (with Cory Juhl), *Philosophical Issues* (2018), *Philosophy of Logic and Inferential Reasoning* 28.
Organizer, 2011 Mark Shapiro Conference in Philosophy: The Epistemology of Inference (Invited speakers: Maria Lasonen-Aarnio, George Bealer, Adam Elga, Hartry Field, Carrie Jenkins, and Ralph Wedgwood), March 2011
Philosophy TV discussion on "The Problem of Contingency" with Adam Elga and Roger White November 2010
Member, Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project International Network, University of Stirling, 2017–2019
Member, Arché Basic Knowledge Research Project International Network, 2007–2009
Co-Founder, New England Logic and Language Colloquium

Professional Associations
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division
Association for Symbolic Logic