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Curriculum Vitae
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Employment

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, 2019 – Present

Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, Brown University, 2019.
Dissertation: Making Sense of Seeming Incomparability
Committee: James Dreier (principal), David Christensen, Nomy Arpaly,
Ruth Chang (Rutgers/Oxford)

M.A., Philosophy, University of Missouri, 2011.

M.Sc., Philosophy and Public Policy (with merit), London School of Economics and
Political Science, 2008.

B.A., Philosophy (cum laude), Boston University, 2003.

Areas of Specialization

Ethics, Practical Reason, Decision Theory

Areas of Competence

Applied Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Logic

Teaching

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
PHIL 122 Contemporary Moral Issues
Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020

PHIL 130 Introduction to Biomedical Ethics
Fall 2020

PHIL 320 Ethical Theory
Spring 2020

PHIL 450 Philosophy of Law
Fall 2019

University of Rhode Island
 PHL 101 Critical Thinking
 Spring 2019
 PHL 314 Ethical Problems in Society and Medicine
 Fall 2018

Brown University
 Phil 0100 Critical Reasoning
 Summer 2016, Spring 2016, Summer 2015

Teacher Education

- Jul 2020 Faculty Summer Academy
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Two week professional development program designed to enhance coursework and instructional delivery with an emphasis on student connectivity and using technology in teaching.
- Apr 2018 Workshop on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy
 The American Association of Philosophy Teachers
 Intensive workshop focusing on the teaching of philosophy, with particular emphasis on learning objectives, course design, effective pedagogy, and evaluation of student outcomes.

Papers in Progress

- “Seeming Incomparability and Rational Choice”
 “Incomparability, Consequentialism, and Risk”
 “Axioms for Mildly Incomplete Preferences”

Refereed Professional Conference Presentations and Commentaries

- Aug 2020 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
 “Incomparability, Consequentialism, and Risk”
- Feb 2020 American Philosophical Association, Central Division Colloquium
 “Incomparability, Consequentialism, and Risk”
- Jan 2019 American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Colloquium
 “Seeming Incomparability and Rational Choice”
- Jan 2018 American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Colloquium
 “Parity, Incomparability, and Categorical Judgments”
- Aug 2017 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
 “Seeming Incomparability and Rational Choice” [Poster]

- Aug 2017 Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress
Comments on Andrew Erickson’s “Ideal Rule Consequentialism and the Incompleteness Objection”
- Oct 2016 Northwest Philosophy Conference
“Parity, Incomparability, and Categorical Judgments”
- Mar 2013 American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Colloquium
“Externalist Accounts of Racial Epithets”
- Sep 2011 Central States Philosophical Association
“The Connection between Political Legitimacy and Justification”

Refereed Graduate Conference Presentations and Commentaries

- Apr 2014 Arizona State University Philosophy Graduate Conference
“Braun’s Account of Fictional Names and the (Im)Possibility of Empty Reference”
- Apr 2014 Arizona State University Philosophy Graduate Conference
Comments on Eric Mathison’s ‘Preventive Harm’

Awards

- 2016-2017 Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University
- 2012-2013 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University
- 2010-2012 Research Assistantship, Peter Vallentyne, University of Missouri
- 2011 Scott T. Davey Memorial Prize for Excellence in MA Research,
“Externalist Accounts of Racial Epithets”, University of Missouri
- 2011 Florence G. Kline Fellowship for Ethics, University of Missouri
- 2009 Florence G. Kline Fellowship, University of Missouri

Service

- 2017-2018 Mentor, Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy, Brown University
Responsible for advising students from underrepresented groups in philosophy who are considering graduate level work and providing them with feedback on papers in progress.
- 2017 Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl – RI Regional Tournament
- 2013 Co-Organizer, 8th Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Brown University

- 2010-2012 Organizer, Semiannual Florence G. Kline Workshops, University of Missouri
- 2010-2012 President and Treasurer, Philosophy Graduate Student Organization,
University of Missouri
- 2011 Program Assistant, Central States Philosophical Association Annual Meeting