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Academic Appointments

University of Rhode Island / Lecturer in Ethics
fall 2017 - present

University of Rhode Island / Adjunct Instructor
spring 2017

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology / Ph.D., Philosophy
fall 2010 - summer 2016, Cambridge, MA

Dissertation Title: *Precisifying Art Pluralism*

Committee: Sally Haslanger (chair), Bradford Skow, Paul Guyer (Brown University)

Brown University / Visiting Research Fellow
fall 2015 - spring 2016, Providence, RI

University of California, Berkeley / B.A., Philosophy
with Highest Honors (*summa cum laude*) and the Departmental Citation
fall 2007 - spring 2010, Berkeley, CA

Honors Thesis Title: *Normativity in Kant's Philosophy of Logic*

Advisor: John MacFarlane

Community College of San Francisco / Concentration: Philosophy
fall 2005 - spring 2007, San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Art Institute / Concentration: New Genres
fall 2003 - spring 2005, San Francisco, CA

Areas

Specialization: Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art, Formal and Philosophical
Logic, Metaphysics

Competence: Classics of Western Philosophy, Ethics (Applied,
Environmental, & Theoretical), Philosophy of Food,
Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Mind & Language

Works in Progress

“Complex Kinds & Varieties of Pluralism”

“Another Problem -- Tarski & Extensional Logicality”

“The Importance & Efficacy of Non-Traditional Assignments in General Education Philosophy Courses” (SoTL)

“Engendering Personal Connection Through Written Dialogue in General Education Ethics Courses” (SoTL)

Courses

Primary Instructor, University of Rhode Island

- ▽ PHL 101 -- Critical Thinking: fall 2017, fall 2018, fall 2019
- ▽ PHL 212 -- Ethics: spring 2017 through fall 2019
- ▽ PHL 314 -- Ethical Issues in Society & Medicine: spring 2017
- ▽ PHL 323 -- Modern Philosophy (Descartes to Kant): spring 2019
- ▽ PHL 341 -- Introduction to Metaphysics: spring 2018
- ▽ PHL 451 -- Symbolic Logic: spring 2019

Substitute Instructor, University of Rhode Island

- ▽ PHL 212 -- Ethics: November-December 2016
- ▽ PHL 323 -- Modern Philosophy (Descartes to Kant):
November-December 2016

Teaching Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- ▽ Classics of Western Philosophy, Dan Hagan: spring 2014
- ▽ Justice, Lucas Stanczyk: spring 2013
- ▽ Good Food: The Ethics & Politics of Food, Sally Haslanger: fall 2013
- ▽ Moral Problems, Oliver Sensen: spring 2012
- ▽ Minds & Machines, Alex Byrne: fall 2011

Courses Under Development

- ▽ Introduction to Philosophy of Mind (100-level course)
 - ▽ Philosophy of Mind (300-level course)
 - ▽ Philosophy of Food (100-level course)
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Awards & Honors

Grants

- ▽ National Science Foundation, “Future of Work” Planning Grant - coPI with multiple faculty across disciplines at URI, 2019 - Grant Application In-Progress
- ▽ National Science Foundation, “The Multiverse in Set Theory” Research Grant - 2011 - Not Funded

Graduate Fellowships

- ▽ Presidential Scholar Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2011-2015
- ▽ Ida Green Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2010-2011
- ▽ Presidential Scholar Fellowship, Harvard University[☆]

- ▽ Henry H. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University[☆]
- ▽ Berkeley Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley[☆]
- ▽ The Ralph Johnson Bunche Distinguished Graduate Award, Rutgers University[☆]
- ▽ Beinecke Scholarship for Graduate Education in the Arts and Humanities, 2010-2013

[☆] indicates declined to attend MIT

Undergraduate Scholarships

- ▽ University of California, Berkeley Scholarship, 2007-2010
- ▽ Dean's Incentive Scholarship, San Francisco Art Institute, 2003-2005

Awards & Honors

- ▽ Department of Philosophy Commencement Speech, UC Berkeley, May 2010
- ▽ The Departmental Citation Award, UC Berkeley Philosophy Department 2010
- ▽ Highest Honors (*summa cum laude*), UC Berkeley Philosophy Department 2010
- ▽ Highest Distinction in General Scholarship, UC Berkeley, 2010
- ▽ Phi Beta Kappa, 2010
- ▽ David Everall Prize for Best Short Essay in Philosophy, City College of San Francisco, 2006

Presentations & Commentaries

Invited/Referred Presentations

“Successfully Engaging Gen-Ed Ethics Students in Philosophical Argumentation & Dialogue”

- ▽ URI Philosophy Department, March 2019
- ▽ Eastern APA/AAPT Teaching Hub, January 2019

“Complex Kinds & Varieties of Pluralism”

- ▽ Gonzaga University Graduate Conference, April 2016
- ▽ MITing of the Minds Conference, January 2016

“Arguing for Art Pluralism”

- ▽ Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Conference, April 2014

“Normativity in Kant's Philosophy of Logic”

- ▽ Branden Fitelson's Epistemology Graduate Seminar, UC Berkeley, March 2010

Invited Commentaries

2019 Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Conference, May 2019

- ▽ Comments on “Standpoint Aesthetics & the Disinterested Thesis” by Katherine Tullman

Other

“Precisifying Art Pluralism”

- ▽ MIT Public Dissertation Defense, September 2016
- ▽ MIT Graduate WIP Presentation, May 2016

“Arguing for Art Pluralism”

- ▽ MIT Departmental WIP Presentation, February 2014
“Thinking About What Art Could Be”
 - ▽ MIT Graduate WIP Presentation, November 2013
“If Tarski Cared About the Rest of Us”
 - ▽ MIT Graduate WIP Presentation, May 2012
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Education on Pedagogy

American Association of Philosophy Teachers Workshop, summer 2017

Public Engagement

Media Publications

- ▽ “Why Can’t Paintings Just Be Paintings?” -- *Aesthetics for Birds* blog post, February 2015

Media Showcasing

- ▽ Pedagogy Showcasing -- Profile and Interview with Engaged Philosophy, forthcoming April 2019
 - ▽ Research Showcasing -- Profile and Interview with *MIT News*, July 2016
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Service

Professional

- ▽ Co-Founder -- Philosophers for Sustainability, 2019-present
- ▽ Planning Committee -- American Association of Philosophy Teachers 2020 Biennial Conference, 2018-present
- ▽ Contributing Editor -- *Aesthetics for Birds*, a popular aesthetics blog, spring 2016-present
- ▽ Web Design/Manager -- *The UP Directory*, a directory of philosophers from underrepresented groups, spring 2013-spring 2018

Departmental, University of Rhode Island

- ▽ Ethics Curriculum Exploration Committee, fall 2018-present
- ▽ Philosophy Lecture/Speaker Series Committee, spring 2018-present
- ▽ Philosophy Curriculum Committee (facilitator), fall 2017-spring 2018

Departmental, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- ▽ MIT Philosophy Colloquium Committee, fall 2012-spring 2013
 - ▽ Prospective Student Visit Committee, fall 2011-spring 2012
 - ▽ MITing of the Minds Conference Coordinator, fall 2010-spring 2011
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Professional Memberships

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

American Philosophical Association

American Society for Aesthetics