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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology (especially Formal Epistemology)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaepistemology, Philosophy of Logic, Philosophy of Science, Decision Theory

EMPLOYMENT

2019- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
2017-2019 Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

EDUCATION

May 2017 PH.D. Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2008 MA. Philosophy, The University of Western Ontario
2007 B.COMM., Concordia University (Montreal, Canada)

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“Conditionalization” in *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology, 3rd Edition*, eds. Kurt Sylvan, Matthias Steup, Ernest Sosa and Jonathan Dancy, Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming.

“The Positive Argument for Impermissivism”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

“Time-Slice Epistemology for Bayesians”, *Inquiry*, 68 (2), 428–451. 2025

“Moral Encroachment and Positive Profiling”, *Erkenntnis*, 89 (5): 1759-1779. 2024.

“Bayesian Coherentism”, *Synthese* 198 (10): 9563-9590. 2021.

“Commutativity, Normativity and Holism: Lange Revisited”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 50 (2): 159-173. 2020.

“Higher-Order Beliefs and the Undermining Problem for Bayesianism”, *Acta Analytica* 34 (2): 197-213. 2019.

Book Reviews

Review Essay, *The Objects of Credence* by Anna Mahtani, *Mind*, 2025; fzaf001.

RECENT AND UPCOMING TALKS (* = REFEREED)

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| Nov. 2025 | Johns Hopkins University, Talks in Theoretical Philosophy, “Retrospective Updating and Model-Based Epistemology”, Baltimore, MD |
| Nov. 2024 | 2nd Annual Duke/UNC Epistemology Workshop, “Normativity and Arbitrariness”, Chapel Hill, NC |
| Oct. 2024 | Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference, “Modeling our Norms”, Philadelphia, PA* |
| Sept. 2024 | Department Colloquium, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, “Normativity and Arbitrariness”, Las Vegas, NV |
| Dec. 2023 | Department Colloquium, MIT, “The Retrospective Account of Bayesian Updating”, Cambridge, MA |
| Sept. 2023 | Department Colloquium, Indiana University, Bloomington, “Normativity and Arbitrariness”, Bloomington, IN |
| May 2023 | National University of Singapore, Formal Epistemology Conference, “The Retrospective Account of Bayesian Updating”, Singapore |
| April 2022 | University of Maryland, College Park, Work-In-Progress Series, “The Retrospective Account of Bayesian Updating”, College Park, MD |
| Jan. 2022 | The Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Main Program, “Moral Encroachment and Positive Profiling”, Baltimore, MD* |
| Nov. 2021 | The 27th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, “Commutativity and Accuracy”, Baltimore, MD* |
| Feb. 2020 | Brown Bag Talk, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “The Retrospective Account of Bayesian Updating” (previously given under the title “An Evidence-First Account of Bayesian Updating”), Madison, WI |
| Nov. 2019 | Department Colloquium, University of Delaware, “Bayesian Coherentism”, Newark, DE |
| June 2019 | The 5th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, “An Evidence-First Account of Bayesian Updating”, Boston, MA |
| May 2019 | Society for Exact Philosophy, “An Evidence-First Account of Bayesian Updating”, Toronto, ON* |
| Oct. 2018 | University of Maryland, Baltimore County, “Time-Slice Epistemology for Bayesians”, Baltimore, MD |

RECENT AND UPCOMING TALKS (CONTINUED)

- June 2018 Bochum Epistemology Seminar, “An “Evidence-First” Approach to Bayesian Epistemology”, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum, Germany
- Sept. 2017 Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium (Main Program), Washington and Jefferson University, “A Problem for Hypothetical Priors”, Washington, PA*
- July 2017 Workshop on Experience and Updating, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, “A Permissive Solution to the Input Problem”, Bochum, Germany*
- May 2017 Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, “Bayesian Coherentism”, Toronto, ON*
- May 2017 Formal Epistemology Workshop, University of Washington, Seattle, “Bayesian Coherentism”, Seattle, WA*
- May 2017 Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Calgary, “Bayesian Coherentism”, Calgary, AB*
- April 2017 The Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Main Program, “Bayesian Coherentism”, Seattle, WA*
- Feb. 2017 University of Maryland, Baltimore County, “The Evidence Problem for Bayesian Epistemology”, Baltimore, MD
- Feb. 2017 Susquehanna University, “Belief, Credence and Evidence”, Selinsgrove, PA
- Oct. 2016 Northern New England Philosophical Association, “Bayesian Coherentism”, Keene, NH*
- June 2015 Canadian Philosophical Association, “Updating on (Partly True) Demonstratives”, Ottawa, ON*
- May 2015 Society for Exact Philosophy, “Updating on (Partly True) Demonstratives”, Hamilton, ON*
- April 2015 Notre Dame/Northwestern Epistemology Conference, “Updating on (Partly True) Demonstratives”, South Bend, IN*
- Oct. 2014 Western Canadian Philosophical Association, “Jeffrey Conditionalization and Commutativity”, Vancouver, BC*

COMMENTARIES

- April 2025 Northeastern Epistemology Workshop, Comments on Somayeh Tohidi’s “Does Political Relevance Make a Difference When Reading Science”, Boston, MA
- Feb. 2024 The Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Author-Meets-Critics, on Daniel Greco’s “Idealization in Epistemology: A Modest Modeling Approach”, New Orleans, LA

COMMENTARIES (CONTINUED)

- Jan. 2023 The Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Comments on Joshua Pearson's, "Preserving Anticipation", Montreal, QC
- Feb. 2022 The Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Author-Meets-Critics, on Juan Comesaña's "Being Rational and Being Right", Chicago, IL
- Jan. 2020 The Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Comments on Isaac Wilhelm's "Centering the Principal Principle", Philadelphia, PA
- June 2019 The 5th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, Comments on Casey Johnson's "Mansplaining and Illocutionary Force", Boston, MA
- June 2019 The 5th Biennial Mentoring Workshop for Pre-Tenure Women in Philosophy, Comments on Nykki Dular's "Constructivism's Own Epistemology", Boston, MA
- May 2019 The 8th Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Commentator-at-Large, Orange Beach, AL
- June 2018 Bochum Epistemology Seminar, Comments on Richard Pettigrew's, "How to Aggregate Credences", Bochum, Germany
- May 2018 The 7th Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Commentator-at-Large, Orange Beach, AL
- June 2015 Canadian Philosophical Association, Comments on Benjamin Wald's, "Transparency and Reasons for Belief", Ottawa, ON
- April 2013 UMass Amherst Graduate Conference, Comments on Ryan Doody's "The Sunk Cost "Fallacy" is Not a Fallacy", Amherst, MA

OTHER PRESENTATIONS (GUEST LECTURES, OUTREACH, PRESENTATIONS AT HOME INSTITUTION, ETC.)

- April 2023 The Howard Logic and Reasoning Lab, Howard University, "Bayesian Epistemology", Washington, DC
- July 2022 PIKSI-Logic (Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute) at Northeastern University, "The Logic of Belief Revision", Boston, MA
- Jan. 2019 Rationality and Decision Theory Group Meetup, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, "Bayesian Coherentism", Baltimore, MD
- Sept. 2016 UMass Amherst Research Fellows Symposium, "Norms for Bayesians", Amherst, MA
- Sept. 2013 UMass Amherst, "Bayesianism and the Undermining Problem", Amherst, MA

TEACHING

As Full Instructor

—AT UMBC—

Scientific Reasoning (Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021,
Fall 2020, Spring 2020)

Deductive Logic (Spring 2026, Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021,
Fall 2020, Fall 2019)

Decision Theory (Fall 2024, Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Spring 2018)

Philosophy of Logic (Spring 2026, Spring 2023, Spring 2021)

Contemporary Moral Issues (Fall 2025, Spring 2025)

Epistemic Normativity (Spring 2019)

—AT SMITH COLLEGE—

Valid and Invalid Reasoning (Fall 2016)

(co-taught with Jay Garfield and Jim Henle)

—AT UMASS, AMHERST—

Medical Ethics (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2015)

Introduction to Logic (Winter 2016, Summer 2015)

Honors Ethics (Fall 2013, Spring 2015)

Problems in Social and Political Philosophy (Fall 2014)

Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2014)

As Teaching Assistant

—AT UMASS, AMHERST (UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)—

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2012 for Ernesto Garcia)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2011 for Peter Graham)

Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2011 for Ernesto Garcia)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2010 for Fred Feldman)

Early Modern Philosophy (Spring 2010 for Eileen O'Neill)

Junior Year Writing for Philosophy (Spring 2010 for Eileen O'Neill)

Media Ethics (Spring 2008 at the University of Western Ontario for Ryan Robb)

Business Ethics (Fall 2007 at the University of Western Ontario for Dean Proessel)

Honors Thesis Supervision

Madeline Mora, “Logicism and Neologicism” (2021-2022)

SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS

2026	Dresher Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship—Project Title: Logic’s Own Epistemology: Two Notions of Rationality
2020	Summer Research Faculty Fellowship—Project Title: Idealizations: Between the Descriptive and the Normative
2017	APA Graduate Student Travel Stipend
2016	Princeton’s Mentoring and Networking Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy, Invited Participant
2016	UMass Amherst Diversity Fellowship
2015	Dissertation Completion Stipend
2015	ALANA Honoree for Outstanding Research Achievement
2014	Graduate Student Travel Award, WCPA

DEPARTMENTAL, UNIVERSITY, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

various	Referee (“*”= multiple): <i>Mind</i> , <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> , <i>British Journal for the Philosophy of Science</i> *, <i>Theoria</i> , <i>Analysis</i> *, <i>Synthese</i> *, <i>Erkenntnis</i> , <i>Episteme</i> , <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> , <i>Journal of Applied Philosophy</i> , Mount Holyoke Summer Philosophy Conference, Formal Epistemology Workshop*, UMass Philosophy Graduate Student Conference
2026	Program Committee, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
2025-present	Advisory Board, UMBC Center for Ethics and Values
2024-present	Member, UMBC Center for Ethics and Values
2025-present	Philosophy Department Representative, UMBC Faculty Senate
2025-present	Philosophy Department Assessment Coordinator
2024-2025	Search Committee Member, Ethics/PPE
2023-2024	Search Committee Member, Asian Philosophy
2022	PIKSI-Logic Instructor
2019-2023	Faculty Advisor for <i>PhilAnon</i> , the Undergraduate Philosophy Club
2019-present	Departmental Advisor for Philosophy Majors
2012-2014	UMass Amherst Dept. Faculty-Graduate Student Liaison
2012	UMass Amherst Dept. Climate Committee Member

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), French (fluent)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.