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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

“Conditionalization” in *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology, 3rd Edition*, eds. Kurt Sylvan, Matthias Steup, Ernest Sosa and Jonathan Dancy, Wiley-Blackwell, 2025.

“The Positive Argument for Impermissivism”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 103 (4), 978-993. 2025.

“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*, 135 (538). 2026.

RECENT AND UPCOMING TALKS (*' = REFEREED)

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, University of Pennsylvania, "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

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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 Nicole 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.)

November 2026	Currents Fall 2026, Dresher Center for the Humanities, "Two Notions of Rationality for Formal Epistemology", Baltimore, MD
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

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Honors Thesis Advisor: Madeline Mora, “Logicism and Neologicism” (2021-2022)

Dissertation Committee: Lewis Davis (PhD Human-Centered Computing) (ongoing)

TEACHING

—AT UMBC—

Epistemology (upcoming)

Deductive Logic (x10)

Scientific Reasoning (x8)

Decision Theory (x4)

Philosophy of Logic (x3)

Contemporary Moral Issues (x3)

Epistemic Normativity (x1)

—AT SMITH COLLEGE—

Valid and Invalid Reasoning (x1)

(co-taught with Jay Garfield and Jim Henle)

—AT UMASS, AMHERST—

Medical Ethics (x3)

Introduction to Logic (x2)

Honors Ethics (x2)

Problems in Social and Political Philosophy (x1)

Introduction to Ethics (x1)

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)

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

2027	Moderator for Panel on Governing AI Agents, UMBC Center for Ethics and Values
2026	Program Committee, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association
2026	Member-at-large, Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate
2025-present	Advisory Board, 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
2024-present	Member, UMBC Center for Ethics and Values
2022	PIKSI-Logic Instructor
2021	Department Online/Hybrid Policy Committee
2021	Bylaws Revision Committee
2020	Postdoctoral Conversion Hiring Committee
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

various

Referee (“*” = multiple): *Mind*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science**, *Theoria*, *Analysis**, *Synthese**, *Erkenntnis*, *Thought*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Episteme*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, Mount Holyoke Summer Philosophy Conference, Formal Epistemology Workshop*, UMass Amherst Philosophy Graduate Student Conference