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## Employment

2017- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park

## Education

2011-2017 Ph.D. in Philosophy, New York University.  
*Dissertation: Special Science Explanation in a Physical World*  
2008-2010 B.Phil in Philosophy, Oxford University  
*Dissertation: Laws and Modelling in Economics*  
2005-2008 B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Oxford University

## Areas of specialization

Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics

## Areas of competence

Philosophy of Economics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Physics

## Publications

“What Chance Doesn’t Know” (with Michael Townsen Hicks), *Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming  
“Moral Necessitism and Scientific Contingentism”, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, forthcoming  
“Moral Principle Explanations of Supervenience”, *Philosophical Studies*, forthcoming  
“What’s the Coincidence in Debunking?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming  
“The Package Deal Account of Naturalness”, *Humean Laws for Human Agents*, edited by Michael Hicks, Siegfried Jaag, and Christian Loew, Oxford University Press, forthcoming  
“Humean Nomic Essentialism” (with Zee R Perry), *Noûs*, 2023  
“On Unexplained (Modal) Patterns”, *Erkenntnis*, 2022  
“Difference-making and Deterministic Chance”, *Philosophical Studies*, 2021  
“Induction and the Glue of the World”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2021  
“Humeanism about Laws of Nature”, *Philosophy Compass*, 2020  
“Nomothetic Explanation and Humeanism about Laws of Nature”, *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, 2021  
*Winner of the 2018 Sanders Prize in Metaphysics*  
“Coincidences and the Grain of Explanation”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2020  
“Minimal Anti-Humeanism” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2017  
“What the Humean Should Say About Entanglement” (with Zee R Perry), *Noûs*, 2017

## In Progress

“Explanationism vs Modalism in Debunking (and Theory Choice)”, accepted subject to minor revisions, *Mind*  
“Why are there High-Level Regularities?”, commissioned for *Levels of Explanation* edited by Katie Robertson and Alastair Wilson, Oxford University Press

Presentations

- 2023 “Does Anything Explain the Regularity of the World?”, *HPS Seminar*, University of Leeds  
 “Moral Necessitism and Scientific Contingentism”, *SPAWN Conference*, Syracuse University  
 “Does Anything Explain the Regularity of the World?”, *Laws of Nature Workshop*, Johns Hopkins University  
 “Moral Necessitism and Scientific Contingentism”, *Princeton Metaphysics Workshop*, Princeton University  
 Comments on Kenneth Boyce’s “The Fine-Tuning Argument against the Multiverse”, *Central Division Meeting of the APA*, Denver
- 2022 “Moral Necessitism and Scientific Contingentism”, *Madison Metaethics Workshop*, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 “Moral Necessitism and Scientific Contingentism”, *FraMEPhys Speaker Series*, University of Birmingham
- 2021 “Humean Nomic Essentialism”, *FraMEPhys Workshop on Humean Approaches to Entanglement*, University of Birmingham
- 2020 “Strikingness”, *Colloquium*, University of Sheffield  
 “Strikingness”, *Balter Distinguished Lecture*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 “Does Anything Explain the Regularity of the World?”, *Bloomington Metaphysics Bootcamp*, University of Indiana, Bloomington
- 2019 Comments on Tyler Hildebrand’s “Best Systems: Metaphysical or Epistemological”, *Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference*, University of Toronto  
 Two Conceptions of Explanation and Patterns that Need to be Explained, *FraMEPhys Workshop on Grounding and the Laws of Nature*, University of Birmingham  
 “Induction and the Glue of the World”, *Harvard Workshop on Humean Laws*, Harvard University  
 Comments on Zoe Ashton’s “Explanation by Effect: Regression to the Mean and Causation”, *Pacific Division Meeting of the APA*, Vancouver
- 2018 “Coincidences and the Grain of Explanation”, *Committee for the History and Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*, University of Colorado, Boulder  
 “Coincidences and the Grain of Explanation”, *Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*, University of British Columbia
- 2016 “Minimal anti-Humeanism”, *Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2015 “Three Dimensions of Explanatory Goodness”, *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*, University of Manchester  
 “The Metaphysical and the Scientific: One Weird Trick for Defending Humeanism about Laws of Nature”, *Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference*, Rutgers University, Newark  
 “The Metaphysical and the Scientific: One Weird Trick for Defending Humeanism about Laws of Nature”, *Midsummer Philosophy Workshop*, University of Edinburgh
- 2014 “Chance and Explanation: Why the New Principle is false”, *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*, University of Cambridge
- 2014 Comments on Alex Kaiserman’s “Normative Causation”, *NYU-Columbia Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Columbia University
- 2012 “The Chancy Past” *Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, Rutgers University

Grants, honors & awards

- 2018 Sanders Prize in Metaphysics
- 2016 NSF Travel Grant
- 2016-17 Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2014-2015

	New York University Travel Grant
2013	Scholarship, Rotman Institute in the Foundations of Statistical Mechanics
2011-16	MacCracken Dissertation Fellowship, New York University
2008-2010	Research Preparation Masters Award, Arts and Humanities Research Council, UK
2008-2010	Graduate Scholarship in Philosophy, Oxford University Faculty of Philosophy/Somerville College
2006-2008	Exhibition, Merton College, Oxford
2006-2007	Fowler Prize, Merton College, Oxford

## Teaching

### *at Maryland*

Spring 2023	Are Sports Ethical? Metaphysics
Fall 2022	PPE Capstone: Philosophy of Economics Philosophy of Science
Spring 2022	Are Sports Ethical? The Metaphysics of Laws and Chance (Graduate Seminar)
Spring 2021	PPE Capstone: Philosophy of Economics Metaphysics
Fall 2020	Are Sports Ethical? Philosophy of Science II
Spring 2020	Metaphysics Seminar in Metaphysics: Reading “New Work...” (Graduate Seminar)
Spring 2019	Metaphysics Philosophical Issues: Philosophy and Sports
Fall 2018	Philosophy of Science II Are Sports Ethical?
Spring 2018	Varieties of Explanation (Graduate Seminar)
Fall 2017	Philosophy of Science Dissertation Committee Member: Michael Dascal (Philosophy of Physics), Kyle Ewing (Metaphysics), Chris Masciari (Philosophy of Mind), Shen Pan (Metaphysics/Philosophy of Mind), Moonyoung Song (Aesthetics), Kal Kalewold (Philosophy of Biology/Philosophy of Science) Honors Thesis Advisor: Eunice Cho (Metaphysics), Ariel Levchenko (Metaphysics), Thomas McEvoy Zafropulos (Metaphysics), Madeline Naumann (Metaphysics)

### *at NYU, as instructor with full responsibilities*

Sum 2014	Metaphysics
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### *at NYU, as teaching assistant*

Spring 2017	Aesthetics (Asya Passinsky)
Spring 2015	History of Early Modern Philosophy (Kristin Primus)
Fall 2014	Epistemology (Jane Friedman)
Spring 2014	Ethics and Society (Barry Maguire)
Fall 2013	Life and Death (Sharon Street)

Department and Professional Service

- 2022-2023 *Search Committee*
- 2022-2023 *ARHU Research Advisory Committee*
- 2022-2023 *Salary Committee*
- 2018-2023 *Placement Director*
- 2019-2022 *Program Committee, British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference*
- 2019-2022 *PPE Major committee, Collegiate Council*
- 2019-2020 *Member, PhD Admissions Committee, Salary Committee*
- 2018-2019 *Member, PPE Major committee, PhD Admissions Committee, Salary Committee*
- 2017-2018 *Member, PPE Major committee, Strategic Plan committee, Placement committee, Targeted Hire Committee, PhD Admissions Committee – University of Maryland*
- 2016- *Referee, Philosophical Studies, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Analysis, Philosophical Quarterly, Mind, Philosophy Compass, Erkenntnis, Ergo, Analysis, Nous, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Oxford University Press*
- 2015-2016 *Instructor, New Preceptor Induction and Training – NYU*
- 2015-2016 *Member, Undergraduate Climate Task Force – NYU*
- 2015 *Referee, Metaphysics of Quantities Conference – NYU*
- 2013-2015 *Referee, NYU-Columbia University Graduate Conference in Philosophy*
- 2013 *Co-organizer, Metaphysics Bootcamp Workshop – NYU*
- 2012 *Co-organizer, NYU-Columbia University Graduate Conference in Philosophy*