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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, University of Oxford
Dissertation: Laws and Modelling in Economics
2005-2008 B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford

Areas of specialization

Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics

Areas of competence

Metaethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Economics

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
“Why are there High-Level Regularities?”, *Levels of Explanation* edited by Katie Robertson and Alastair Wilson, Oxford University Press, forthcoming
“Explanationism vs Modalism in Debunking (and Theory Choice)”, *Mind*, 2023
“What’s the Coincidence in Debunking?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2023
“The Package Deal Account of Naturalness”, *Humean Laws for Human Agents*, edited by Michael Hicks, Siegfried Jaag, and Christian Loew, Oxford University Press, 2023
“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

Presentations

- 2023 “Strikingness”, *HPS Seminar*, Leeds University
 “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

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*