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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor-Philosophy Department, Vassar College

Fall 2006-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy, Princeton University, January 2007

Dissertation: *The Dynamic Foundations of Epistemic Rationality*

M.A. Philosophy, Princeton University, January 2004

B.A. (*summa cum laude*) Philosophy, English (w/ minor in History and Philosophy of Science) University of California, Irvine 2001

Education Abroad, 1999 Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language/Linguistics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science, Logic, History of Early Modern Philosophy

RESEARCH ARTICLES

ON THE RATIONALITY OF BELIEF-INVARIANCE IN LIGHT OF PEER DISAGREEMENT
forthcoming in *Philosophical Review*

CALIBRATED PROBABILITIES AND THE EPISTEMOLOGY OF DISAGREEMENT
forthcoming in *Synthese*

ARE CANTONESE SPEAKERS REALLY DESCRIPTIVISTS?
Cognition 115:320-329

COURSES TAUGHT AT VASSAR

PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY, Philosophy 105. Fall, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, Spring 2011
An introduction to issues such as skepticism, free will, personal identity, and moral luck.

HISTORY OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY II, Philosophy 102. Spring, 2007

An introduction to the metaphysics and epistemology of Early Modern philosophers.

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE, Philosophy 222. Fall, 2006, 2008, Spring 2011

A survey of theories of linguistic meaning and use from Frege to Kripke.

PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE, Philosophy 226. Fall, 2007

A survey of recent work on scientific realism, explanation, observation and, theory-change.

EPISTEMOLOGY, Philosophy 228. Spring, 2008, 2009, Fall, 2009, 2010

A survey of recent work on the analysis of knowledge, belief, skepticism, and justification.

SKEPTICISM ABOUT THE EXTERNAL WORLD, Philosophy 310. Spring, 2007

A seminar on skeptical arguments and linguistic, externalist, and Moorean responses.

RATIONALITY AND JUSTIFICATION, Philosophy 310. Spring, 2008

A seminar on the nature and principles of epistemic normativity.

PRAGMATISM AND RELATIVISM, Philosophy 310. Fall, 2010

/smallA seminar in epistemic relativism, pragmatic encroachment, and relative truth.

LANGUAGE AND THE INFINITE MIND, Cognitive Science/Philosophy 311. Spring, 2009

(w/ Jan Andrews) A seminar on theories of language acquisition and the relationship between language and non-linguistic cognition.

INVITED TALKS

“Calibrated Probabilities and the Epistemology of Disagreement,”

Society for Exact Philosophy, 2010 Meeting in Kansas City, Mo. scheduled March. 2010

“Calibrated Probabilities and the Epistemology of Disagreement,”

Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, UC Irvine, scheduled Feb. 2010

“On the Rationality of Belief-Invariance in Light of Peer Disagreement,”

Knowledge, Belief, Normativity Project, 2009 Conference at VU University, Amsterdam, NL. Aug. 2009.

Comments on Christopher Meacham’s “Binding and its Consequences,”

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference 2009. University of Western Washington, Aug. 2009

“Rationality from a Dynamic Point of View,”

Department of Philosophy, Vassar College, Feb. 2006.

“The Importance of Dynamic Rationality,”
Department of Philosophy, Swarthmore College, Jan. 2006.

“Rationality from a Dynamic Point of View,”
Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas, Jan. 2006.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for *Erkenntnis*, *International Journal in the Philosophy of Science*, and Russell, G., and Fara, D. eds., *Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language*

HONORS AND AWARDS

Research Grant, Vassar College Committee on Research, Spring 2010 for
“Pragmatic Encroachment and the Ethics of Belief”

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship 2001

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (2001, *declined*)

Humanities Scholarship, UC Irvine 1999

Phi Beta Kappa, UC Irvine 2000 (junior year)