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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics
Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Free Will and Moral Responsibility

EMPLOYMENT

University of Houston, Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2023-present
Churchill College, University of Cambridge, Junior Research Fellow, 2018-2019
University of Houston, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2017-2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona, Aug. 2017

Dissertation: *Counterfactuals Without Causation, Probabilistic Counterfactuals and the Counterfactual Analysis of Causation*

Committee: Terry Horgan (chair), Juan Comesaña, Carolina Sartorio, Jason Turner

M.A., Philosophy, Virginia Polytechnic and State University (2009-2011)

B.A. *Honors*, Philosophy, University of Southern California (2003-2007)

PUBLICATIONS

“Reasons-Responsiveness, Control and the Negligence Puzzle”, (2023). *Philosophical Issues*, 33(1): 124-139.

“Against the Standard Solution to the Grandfather Paradox”, (2022). *Synthese*, 200(2).

“Should We Be Skeptics or Contextualists About Counterfactual Conditionals?”, (2021). *Philosophy Compass*, 16(10): e12768.

“Heim Sequences and Why Most Unqualified Counterfactuals are Not True” (2021). *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 99(3): 597-610.

“Morgenbesser’s Coin” (2021). *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 51(5): 317-328.

“Why the Direct Argument Does Not Shift the Burden of Proof,” (2016). *The Journal of Philosophy*, 113 (4): 210-223.

FORTHCOMING

“A Puzzle About Succession on the B-Theory” in *Time in Science and Metaphysics: Essays from a Naturalistic Perspective*, Cambridge University Press.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“A Puzzle About Succession on the B-Theory”,

Philosophy of Time Naturalized, Winston-Salem, NC, June 4-5, 2024 (invited)

Texas A&M Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, Nov. 24, 2024 (invited)

“Reasons-Responsiveness, Control and the Negligence Puzzle”,

DEX VIII, UC Davis, April 2023 (invited)

“Against the Standard Solution to the Grandfather Paradox”

The International Association for the Philosophy of Time 6th Annual Conference, Boulder CO, June 2019

London School of Economics, June 2019 (invited)

Modal Metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)possible VII Conference, Bratislava, May 2019

Birkbeck, University of London, May 2019 (invited)

Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, Nov. 2018 (invited)

“Negligence and Control”

Rice University, Nov. 2021 (invited)

Cambridge Forum for Legal and Political Philosophy (invited)

“Reverse Sobel Sequences and Why Most Counterfactuals are Not True”, June 2019 (invited)

3rd Belgrade Conference on Conditionals, University of Belgrade, May 2017

London School of Economics, February 2017 (invited)

University of Houston, February 2017 (invited)

Texas Tech, February 2017 (invited)

UCLA, Jan. 2017 (invited)

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2-hour Symposium Session, April 2017

“Morgenbesser’s Coin,”

Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers, 2016

American Philosophical Association, Central Division, February 2016

“On the Direct Argument and the Burden of Proof”

Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Conference, Rutgers University, 2014.

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 2-hour Symposium Session, April 2013.

COMMENTS

Comments on Martin Glazier’s “What Time is it in Other Possible Worlds?” *Modal Metaphysics: Issues on the (Im)possible VII Conference*, Bratislava, May 2019

Comments on Rebecca Livernois’s “Regretful Decisions and Climate Change,” *Athena in Action: Mentoring and Networking Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy*, Princeton, 2016

Comments on Jonah Nagashima’s “Grounding and the Luck Argument Against Libertarianism,” *APA*, Pacific, 2016.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Riesen Prize (Best Graduate Student Paper), “Morgenbesser’s Coin,” Philosophy Department, University of Arizona (2017)

Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona (Fall 2015)

Riesen Prize (Best Graduate Student Paper), “On the Direct Argument and the Burden of Proof,” Philosophy Department, University of Arizona (2014)

Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona (Fall 2011)

USC Dean’s Scholar Award (4-year, merit-based ¼-tuition scholarship), University of Southern California (2003-2007)

ACADEMIC, COLLEGE & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Fall 2022: Director of Undergraduate Studies and department rep on the College Undergraduate Studies Committee, University of Houston

Fall 2022: College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Research Committee member, University of Houston

Spring 2022: Philosophy Department Speaker Series Coordinator, University of Houston

Spring 2022: College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Research Committee member, University of Houston

Fall 2021: Philosophy Department Speaker Series Coordinator, University of Houston

Fall 2021: College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) Research Committee member, University of Houston

Fall 2021: Graduate Academic Assessment Program Committee member, University of Houston

Spring 2021: Organizer of the Intradepartmental Colloquium Series, University of Houston

Fall 2020: Job Search Committee Member, University of Houston

Fall 2020: Graduate Academic Assessment Program Committee member, University of Houston

Spring 2020: Job Search Committee member, University of Houston

Fall 2019: Graduate Academic Assessment Program Committee member, University of Houston

Spring 2018: Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer, Churchill College, University of Cambridge

Spring 2017: Graduate Admissions Committee member, University of Houston

Referee: *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Acta Analytica*, *Synthese*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Mind*, *Ratio*, *Philosopher’s Imprint*, *Philosophia*, *Analytic Philosophy*

REFERENCES

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