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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Technology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Gender and Race, Latin American Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

Bowdoin College

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Jul 2022 – present

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow

Jul 2021 – Jun 2022

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D. in Philosophy

May 2021

Dissertation: Hinge-Commitments as Arational Beliefs

Committee: Ram Neta (co-director), Alex Worsnip, (co-director), Matt Kotzen

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

M.A. in Philosophy

May 2017

Thesis: A Testable Model of Visual Awareness

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

M.A. in Philosophy (with Honors) GPA 10/10

Apr 2015

Thesis: De Re Modality after Quine

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

B.A. in Philosophy (with Honors) GPA 9.56/10

Apr 2011

Thesis: Consciousness as a Necessary and Sufficient Condition for Personal Identity

PUBLICATIONS

- “Structural Encroachment”
Philosophical Issues, 34 Sept 2024
- “Hinge Commitments as Arational Beliefs”
Synthese, 109 March 2023
- “Redefining Rigor: From Adversarial Methods to Intentional Partnerships in Education”
Anthology Chapter, *Brill* Forthcoming
- “Taming In-Class Participation; How to Use Participation to Foster Inclusion and Deep Philosophical Engagement in the Classroom.”
Anthology Chapter, *Bloomsbury* Forthcoming

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- “Hinge commitments as arational beliefs”
(published 10/04/2023 in [Imperfect Cognitions](#))

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Bowdoin College

- Polarization, Disagreement, and Intellectual Humility Spring 2024
Pragmatic and Moral Encroachment Spring 2023, 2025
Ancient Philosophy F&S 2023, F 2024
Ethics for a Digital World Fall 2022 & Spring 2025
Philosophical Issues of Gender and Race Spring 2022 & 2024
Responsibility and Rational Belief Spring 2022, Fall 2024
Philosophy and the Internet Fall 2021 & 2023

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Knowledge and Society Spring 2021
Introduction to Mathematical Logic Summer 2019
Critical Thinking (Carolina Courses Online) Summer 2018
Moral and Philosophical Issues of Gender in Society Spring 2018
Critical Thinking Fall 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (Carolina Courses Online) Summer 2017

Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium, Mexico City, Mexico

Propositional Logic 2013 - 2014
Strategies of Argumentation 2014 - 2015

Teaching Assistant

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Knowledge and Society (supervised by Alex Worsnip) Spring 2019
Introduction to Mathematical Logic (supervised by Gillian Russell) Fall 2018
Critical Thinking (supervised by Ram Neta) Spring 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (supervised by Mariska Leunissen) Fall 2016

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

[AAC&U Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and the Curriculum](#)

This new, fully online institute is designed to help departments, programs, colleges and universities respond effectively to the challenges and opportunities artificial intelligence presents for courses and curricula.

Awarded to a representative committee of Bowdoin College.

2024 - 2025

[Sze Family Faculty Fellow Award](#)

Awarded to a selected cohort of faculty interested in learning strategies to enhance inclusivity and equity in the classroom.

2021 - 2022

Summer Research Fellowship, UNC 2020

Horace Williams Fellowship (non-service fellowship), UNC 2019 - 2020

Chancellor's Doctoral Candidacy Award, UNC 2019

Maynard E. Adams Fellowship in the Public Humanities, UNC 2018 - 2019

Craig Newman Graduate Fellowship, UNC 2016

Awarded to a second-year student who shows promise as an excellent teacher and humanitarian

Horace Williams Fellowship (non-service fellowship), UNC 2015 - 2016

Grant (PAPIIT) for "Modal Anti-Realism", UNAM, Mexico 2013 - 2014

National Fellowship, CONACYT, Mexico 2011 - 2013

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Living Up to Your Beliefs: Beliefs & Commitments"

Latinx Philosophy Conference (Keynote Speaker)

The Pennsylvania State University May 2025

- “Commitment normativism: How a Normativist about Belief Can Embrace Output-Side Requirements Without Giving up the Connection to Truth”
Philadelphia Normative Philosophy Conference,
University of Pennsylvania Oct 2024
- “Structural Encroachment: Encroachment without Morality”
Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki, Aug 2023
- “Commitment Normativism: A Novel Normativist Approach to the Nature of belief”,
The 2023 Mentoring Workshop (Marc Sanders Foundation),
University of Missouri Jun 2023
- “Hinge Commitments and the Arational Beliefs View”
Society for Skeptical Studies, Central APA, Denver Feb 2023
- “¿Qué es una creencia? El Normativismo Redefinido”
Seminario de Investigadores, UNAM, Mexico May 2022
- “Commitment normativism: A Novel Normativist Approach to the Nature of belief”, 6th Latinx Philosophy Conference,
Temple University Mar 2022
- “An Epistemic Puzzle About Justification”
Philosophy in 15 Minutes, UNC-Chapel Hill 2019
- “The Nature of Our Substantive Evaluative Beliefs: A Novel Theory of Evaluative Beliefs” (accepted but unable to attend), Siena Heights University 2018
- “A Testable Model of Visual Awareness”, 9th Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers University of Colorado 2017
- “A Testable Model of Visual Awareness”, 15th annual Philosophy of Mind, Language and Cognition Graduate Conference, Western University 2017
- “Essentialism and De Re modality”
3rd Philosophy in Spanish Workshop, Harvard University 2016

COMMENTS

Miriam Schleifer McCormick’s *Belief as Emotion*

Book symposium Pacific APA. San Francisco, California	April 2025
Paskalina Bourbon's "Reasons Required: What is a Kind of Reasoning?" St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality	May 2024
Laura Soter's "Rethinking Doxastic (In)Voluntarism" The 2023 Mentoring Workshop (Marc Sanders Foundation), University of Missouri	Jun 2023
Melanie Rosen's "Personal Identity and the Dream Body" The 2023 Mentoring Workshop (Marc Sanders Foundation), University of Missouri	Jun 2023
David Alexander's "Optional Knowledge and the Obligation to Believe" Pacific APA. Portland, Oregon	Mar 2023
Laura Soter's "Acceptance: A Psychological Profile of Doxastic Response Modulation" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, UAB	Mar 2022
Commentator at Large 5th Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference University of Pennsylvania	2019
Philip Kitcher's "Why is Climate Change So Difficult to Address or Stop?" UNC-Chapel Hill	2019
Alessandro Torza's "Ground and Modality" 11 th Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers Florida State University	2019
Michael Hannon's "Why Purists Should be Infallibilists" Eastern APA, New York	2019
Arturo Javier Castellano's "Diachronic Composition, Spontaneous Change, and the Grounding Problem" 9 th Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers Syracuse University	2016
Frances Fairbairn's "Advanced Modalizing"	

Athena in Action 2016: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy
Princeton University 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for Synthese	Fall 2025
Speaker and mentor at Piksi-Boston 2024 Harvard, MIT, U-Mass Boston	Summer 2024
Referee for Philosophical Quarterly	Summer 2024
Referee for Erkenntnis	Fall 2023
Referee for the Canadian Philosophical Association	Spring 2023
Referee for Synthese	Spring 2022
Panelist at Bowdoin’s Faculty Seminar/Conversation: “Inclusive and Equitable Course Design”	Spring 2022
Panelist at the UNC Faculty Showcase on Teaching	Spring 2021
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl (NHEB) Organizer and moderator, Discussion Session on the Values of the Ethics Bowl	Spring 2021 & 2019 Spring 2019
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2020
Philosophy Outreach at Atria Senior Living NC	Spring 2017
Member, UNC Diversity Committee	2017-2018
Philosophy Outreach at Atria Senior Living NC	Fall 2017
Judge, Summer Undergraduate Pipeline (SUP)	Summer 2017
Mentor, SWIP-Analytic México	Summer 2017
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2017
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics School Bowl	Spring 2017
Member, UNC Diversity Committee	2016-2017
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2016
Organizer, “1st IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Conference” Mexico	Fall 2014

REFERENCES

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