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Positions

Professor, 2017-present, Western Washington University
Associate Professor, 2011-2017, Western Washington University
Assistant Professor, 2007-2011, Western Washington University

Education

Ph.D. 2007, Rutgers University
B.S. 2001, Kansas State University

Publications

“Some Epistemic Roles for Curiosity”. Forthcoming in Inan, Watson, Whitcomb, and Yigit (eds), *The Moral Psychology of Curiosity*. Rowman and Littlefield.

The Moral Psychology of Curiosity (co-edited with Ilhan Inan, Lani Watson, and Safiye Yigit). Forthcoming, Rowman and Littlefield.

“Omniscience”. Forthcoming in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*. Ed. Goetz and Taliaferro.

“Finding Middle Ground Between Intellectual Arrogance and Intellectual Servility: Development and Assessment of the Limitations-Owning Intellectual Humility Scale”. (With Megan Haggard, Wade C. Rowatt, Joseph C. Leman, Benjamin Meagher, Courtney Moore, Thomas Fergus, Heather Battaly, Jason Baehr, and Daniel Howard-Snyder). 2018. *Personality and Individual Differences* 124: 184-193.

“Intellectual Humility: Owning Our Limitations”. (With Heather Battaly, Jason Baehr, and Daniel Howard-Snyder). 2017. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 94 (3):509-539.

“One Kind of Asking”. 2016. *Philosophical Quarterly* 67 (266): 148-161.

“Can There Be a Knowledge-First Ethics of Belief?” 2014. In *The Ethics of Belief: Individual and Social*, eds. Jonathan Matheson and Rico Vitz. Oxford University Press.

“One Wage of Unknowability”. 2013. *Synthese* 190: 339-352.

“Review of *In Praise of Reason*, author Michael Lynch, MIT Press”. 2012. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. (2655 words).

“Grounding and Omniscience”. 2012. In *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion Vol. IV*, ed. Jon Kvanvig.

“Epistemic Value”. 2012. In *The Continuum Companion to Epistemology*, ed. Andrew Cullison.

“The Paradox of the Question”. (with Ryan Wasserman). 2011. *Philosophical Studies* 154: 149-159.

Social Epistemology: Essential Readings. 2011. Oxford University Press. Co-edited with Alvin Goldman.

“Wisdom”. 2011. In *The Routledge Companion to Epistemology*, eds. Sven Bernecker and Duncan Pritchard.

“Wisdom: An Annotated Bibliography”. 2010. *Oxford Bibliographies Online*.

“Curiosity Was Framed”. 2010. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 81/3: 664-687.

Philosophical Studies Special Issue: Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference. 2010. Co-edited with Jason Turner.

“Epistemic Values and Information Management”. (with Don Fallis). 2009. *The Information Society* 25/3: 175-189.

“Factivity Without Safety”. 2008. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 89/1: 143-149.

“Williamson On Justification”. 2008. *Philosophical Studies* 138/2: 161-168.

“Review of *New Waves in Epistemology*, ed. Hendricks and Pritchard, Palgrave Macmillan Press”. 2008. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

“Naturalization of Intentionality”. (with Daniel Kelly and Kelby Mason). 2008. In *The Encyclopedia of Neuroscience*, Ed. Binder, Hirokawa, Windhorst, and Hirsch. Springer-Verlag.

Talks

“The Puzzle of Humility and Disparity” (co-written with Heather Battaly, Jason Baehr, and Dan Howard-Snyder).

Educating for Intellectual Humility Conference, University of Connecticut, 2018.
Humility and Leadership meeting, Palm Springs CA, 2018.

“Content-Focused Epistemic Injustice”. (co-written with Robin Dembroff).

Ways of Knowing In Ethics Conference, Simon Fraser University, 2018.
San Francisco State University and Bay Area Feminism and Philosophy Workshop. 2017.

“Intellectual Humility: Owning Our Limitations”. (Co-written with Heather Battaly, Jason Baehr, and Dan Howard-Snyder).

Biola University, Colloquium, Winter 2015.

Pacific APA, 2015.

Fuller Theological Seminary, Templeton Conference, 2015.

“Norms of Inquiring”.

Bogazici University Conference titled *Curiosity: Epistemics, Semantics, and Ethics*. Keynote Address. 2014. (This presentation was an early version of my “One Kind of Asking” paper.)

“You Only Believe That Because You’re A Philosopher: Foundationalism and the Tools-To-Theories Heuristic”.

Kansas State University, Colloquium, 2013

“Can There Be A Knowledge-First Ethics of Belief?”

University of Manitoba, Colloquium, 2011.

Kansas State University, Colloquium, 2013

“Grounding and Omniscience”.

SUNY-Fredonia, 2010.

University of Wyoming, Colloquium, 2011.

Pacific APA, 2011.

“Wisdom in Mind and Action”.

Fordham University Epistemic Normativity Workshop, 2010.

“Lottery, Gettier, and Meno: Three Arguments for a Knowledge Norm of Belief”.

University of Victoria, 2009.

“Factivity Without Safety”.

Pacific APA, 2006.

“Williamson On Justification”.

University of Miami Graduate Conference, 2006.

Comments

On Jill Fellows’ “Categories of Knowers: The Place of Ethics and Mental Health in Reconceptualizing Objectivity”. Western Canada Philosophical Association, 2012.

On Pekka Vayrynen’s “Thick Concepts and Presupposition”.

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, 2010.

On Gerhard Schurz’s “Meta-induction and Epistemic Trust in the Evolution of Collective Knowledge”.

Collective Knowledge and Epistemic Trust: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Social Epistemology, Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg, Griefswald, 2010.

On Robert Audi's "Moral Perception and Moral Knowledge".
Pacific APA, 2009.

On Russell Jones' "Baehr On The Value Problem".
Eastern APA, 2008.

On Steve Petersen's "Minimum Message Length as a Truth-Conducive Simplicity Measure".
Formal Epistemology Workshop, Carnegie-Mellon University, 2007.

On Branden Fitelson's "Epistemological Critiques of Classical Logic: Two Case Studies".
Why Formal Epistemology Conference, University of Oklahoma, 2007.

On Martin Kusch's "Testimony and the Value of Knowledge".
Stirling Epistemic Value Conference, 2006.

On Julie Van Camp's "Doing Art With a Bang".
American Society for Aesthetics Pacific Division, 2006.

Courses Taught

Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction: Knowledge and Reality
Introduction: Moral Issues
Current Moral and Social Issues
Logical Thinking
Theory of Knowledge I
Theory of Knowledge II
Political Philosophy
Philosophy of Art
Junior Writing Tutorial
Seminar on Epistemic Value
Seminar on Norms of Assertion and Belief
Seminar on Speech Act Theory
Independent Study

Awards

WWU development grant for the "Strand" program (with Johann Neem and Emily Borda), 2012
WWU Summer Teaching Grant, 2011
Younger Scholars Prize in Philosophical Theology, 2010
Young Philosophers' Prize, 2010
WWU Summer Research Grant, 2008, 2009
Emily B. Sellon Fellowship, 2006-07

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, 2001-04, 05-06

Service for the Profession

Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Mind*, *Mind and Language*, *Nous*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Teaching Philosophy*, Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Boise State University, Canadian Philosophical Association, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Western Canada Philosophical Association, and Wiley-Blackwell.

Organizer for Perspectives on Curiosity Conference (2015).

Organizer for Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (2009).

Service for the Department, College, and University

CHSS Professional Leave Committee (2018)

Kleinknecht Award Committee (2018)

Faculty Affairs Council (2017-18)

Scholarship Committee (2016)

Radke Award Committee (2016)

Departmental Steward for Philosophy, UFWW (2015-present)

Integrity Task Force (2014-15)

Philosophy Department Tenure-track hiring committee (2014)

Post-tenure review committee (2012-14; chair in 2014)

Strand Pilot Program member (2012-13)

Faculty Senate (2012-13)

Logic textbook selection committee (2012)

Co-organizer of the philosophy department 50th anniversary conference (2012)

Non-tenure-track faculty mentor (2011-14)

Non-tenure-track hiring committee (chair, 2011)

Humanities representative to *Viking Landing: Making the Most of the GURs* (2011)

Discovery Days panelist (2010, 2011)

Philosophy chair search committee (2010)

Transitions adviser (2010)

Outstanding Graduates Ceremony speaker (2009, 2010)

Speaker in the Turning Points Lecture Series (2009)

Panelist on facilitating professor-student interaction (2009)

Departmental representative at numerous commencements (2008-present)

Guest lecturer for Theatre 497 (2008)

Faculty Affairs Council (2008-09)

Departmental library liaison (2007-2010)

Departmental representative to the majors fair (2007-2011)