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EMPLOYMENT

University of Nevada Las Vegas, Instructor	Fall 2013–present
College of Southern Nevada, Instructor	Spring 2018–present
University of Massachusetts Amherst, Teaching Associate and Assistant	Fall 2009–Winter 2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst Dissertation Title: <i>Meaning and Modality</i> Committee: Phillip Bricker (chair), Joseph Levine, Christopher Meacham, Seth Cable (Linguistics)	May 2018
M.A., Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst Certificate, Central European University Summer School Topic: Conditionals	Spring 2012 Summer 2009
B.A., Philosophy, University of Nevada Las Vegas Minors in mathematics and political science	Spring 2008

AREA OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

AOS: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics
AOC: Logic, Critical Thinking, Applied Ethics

PUBLICATIONS

“Chalmers on the Objects of Credence,” 2014, *Philosophical Studies* 170 (2): 343-358

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Propositional Benacerraf Dilemma” (Under review)

An influential objection to traditional set-theoretic propositions is more complicated than previously thought, and, with the right understanding of the objection’s target, likely fails altogether.

“Can Bayesianism Solve Frege’s Puzzle?” (Under review)

This paper follows up on issues from the *Philosophical Studies* publication.

“Iconic Propositions” (In preparation)

I extract a theory of propositions from recent cognitive science that differs greatly from other theories of propositions on offer, yet the proffered propositions do what we want them to.

“First- and Third-Person Epistemic Modals” (In preparation)

I offer a pragmatic solution to puzzling epistemic modal disagreement data.

TALKS

“First- and Third-Person Epistemic Modals,” Univ. of Nevada Las Vegas colloquium	March 2014
“First- and Third-Person Epistemic Modals,” dissertation seminar, UMass Amherst	Fall 2013
“The Objects of Credence,” dissertation seminar, UMass Amherst	Spring 2012

AWARDS

UMass Amherst Summer Dissertation Grant	Summer 2015
UMass Amherst Philosophy Department Graduate Travel Fellowship	Summer 2009
UMass Amherst College of Humanities and Fine Arts Travel Fellowship	Summer 2009
UMass Amherst Puryear Fellowship	Fall 2008

TEACHING

Instructor with Full Responsibility:

UNLV:

Advanced logic (Total: 3 sections in person)
Semesters taught: Fall 18 (×2), Spr. 18

Introduction to logic (Total: 3 sections in person)
Semesters taught: Fall 18, Spr. 18 (×2)

Reasoning and critical thinking (Total: 23 sections—5 in person, 18 online)
Semesters taught: Summer 18 (×2), Fall 17 (×2), Summer 17, Spring 17 (×2), Fall 16 (×3), Summer 16, Spring 16 (×3), Fall 15 (×2), Summer 15, Spring 15 (×2), Fall 2014, Summer 14, Spring 2014, Fall 2013

Introduction to philosophy (Total: 1 section in person)
Semester taught: Summer 17

CSN:

Reasoning and critical thinking (Total: 1 section online)
Semester taught: Spr. 18

Introduction to philosophy (Total: 1 section in person)
Semester taught: Fall 18

UMass:

Introduction to Logic (Total: 5 sections online)
Semesters taught: Winter 16, Winter 15, Fall 14, Fall 13, Fall 12

Medical Ethics (Total: 2 sections in person)
Semesters taught: Spring 12, Fall 11

Introduction to Philosophy (Total: 4 sections online)
Semesters taught: Spring 16, Summer 15, Spring 15, Spring 13

Introduction to ethics (Total: 2 sections in person)
Semesters taught: Fall 10, Spring 10

Introduction to Philosophy (Total: 2 sections in person)
Semesters taught: Spring 2011, Fall 09

SERVICE

Erkenntnis referee

Steward, UMass Graduate Employee Organization

2009–2011

GRADUATE COURSES

Legend:

★ = seminar † = audit

Modal logic (Gary Hardegree)	John Rawls (Ernesto Garcia)*
Propositional Attitudes (Gary Ostertag)*	Semantics and Generative Grammar (linguistics, Angelika Kratzer)
Constitution and Composition (Maya Eddon)	Metametaphysics (Maya Eddon)*,†
External World Skepticism (Jonathan Vogel)	Jerry Fodor (Joseph Levine)
Formal Semantics (Gary Hardegree)	Philosophy of Language (Louise Antony)
Bayesian Epistemology (Christopher Meacham)*	Semantics and Generative Grammar II (linguistics, Seth Cable)
Truth (Phillip Bricker)*,†	Modals and Conditionals (linguistics, Angelika Kratzer)*
Practical Reason (Ernesto Garcia)	Plato's <i>Republic</i> , (Jyl Gentzler)*
Free Will (Pete Graham)*	
Mathematical Logic (Kevin Klement)	

REFERENCES

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