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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	Fall 2017
Dissertation Title: Meaning and Modality	
Committee: Phillip Bricker (chair), Joseph Levine, Christopher Meacham, Seth Cable (Linguistics)	
M.A., Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst	Spring 2012
Certificate, Central European University Summer School on Conditionals	Summer 2009
B.A., Philosophy, University of Nevada Las Vegas	Spring 2008
Minors in mathematics and political science	

## 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 at *Noûs*)

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 at *Mind*)

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

“Iconic Propositions”

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”

I offer a solution to puzzling epistemic modal disagreement data that is simple and pragmatic.

## 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

## 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

## TEACHING

*Instructor with Full Responsibility:*

UNLV:

Advanced logic (3 sections in person)  
 Introduction to logic (2 sections in person)  
 Reasoning and critical thinking (21 sections—5 in person, 16 online)  
 Introduction to philosophy (1 section in person)

CSN:

Reasoning and critical thinking (1 section online)

UMass

Introduction to Logic (5 sections online)  
 Medical Ethics (2 sections in person)  
 Introduction to Philosophy (4 sections online)

*Teaching Assistant at UMass:*

Introduction to ethics (2 section)  
 Introduction to Philosophy (2 sections)

## SERVICE

<i>Erkenntnis</i> referee	
Steward, UMass Graduate Employee Organization	2009–2011

## REFERENCES

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Phillip Bricker (UMass): [bricker@philos.umass.edu](mailto:bricker@philos.umass.edu)

Joseph Levine (UMass): [jle@philos.umass.edu](mailto:jle@philos.umass.edu)

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