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Employment

Assistant Professor, Syracuse University, 2013 – present

Education

PhD (Philosophy), University of Pittsburgh, 2012
BA (Philosophy, Hons, University Medal), University of Sydney, 2001

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Action

Areas of Competence

Epistemology; Philosophy of Language; Pragmatism; Hegel

Dissertation

“Mental Capacities and their Imperfect Exercises: the Essential Normativity of the Mind”

I develop a novel argument for the claim that the mind is essentially normative. The argument depends on an analysis of fallible mental capacities, and has application to problematic foundational concepts in philosophy of mind and philosophy of action.

Committee: Kieran Setiya (director), Robert Brandom, Michael Thompson, Peter Machamer

Publications

3. “The Antinomy of Basic Action” in *Time and the Philosophy of Action*, Sigrist M and Althuser R (eds.), Routledge, forthcoming Sept 2015
2. “On the Very Idea of Direction of Fit”, *Philosophical Review*, Vol 123:4, October 2014
1. “Action as the Exercise of a Two-Way Power”, *Inquiry*, Vol 56:6, 2013

Presentations

“Indifference to Origins”

Invited Speaker, Graduate Student Conference, Syracuse University, 28th March 2015

“Basic Mistakes in Performance”

Central APA Presentation, St Louis MO, 20th February 2015

Comments on Rowland Stout “How the Aristotelian Conception of a Process Avoids Epistemological Problems of the Modern Conception”

Powers, Perception and Agency Conference, Rome, Italy, 28th September 2014

“Action as the Exercise of a Two-Way Power”

Workshop Presentation, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo, 6th April 2013

“Why the Mind is Essentially Normative”
Colloquium Series, Syracuse University, 20th April 2012

“The Antinomy of Basic Action”
Time and Agency Conference, George Washington University, 18th-19th November 2011

Teaching Experience

As an Independent Instructor

Pragmatism (Independent Study, Fall 2014, Syracuse University)
Metaphysics of Mind (Graduate Seminar, Fall 2014, Syracuse University)
Philosophy of Action (Graduate Seminar, Spring 2014, Syracuse University)
Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Fall 2013, Spring 2015 Syracuse University)
Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (Spring 2013, Syracuse University)
Human Nature (Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Syracuse University)
Concepts of Human Nature (Summer 2010, Summer 2011, University of Pittsburgh)
Introduction to Philosophical Problems (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, University of Pittsburgh)

As a Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Philosophical Problems (Spring 2006, Fall 2010, University of Pittsburgh)
Logic (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, University of Pittsburgh)
Ethics (Spring 2011, University of Pittsburgh)

Graduate Supervision

Dissertation Examination Committee Member, John Monteleone, successfully defended Nov 2013

Departmental Service

Organizer, ABD Workshop, Syracuse University, 2014-2015; 2015-2016
Organizer, Colloquium Series, Syracuse University, 2014-2015; 2015-2016
Joint Organizer, Colloquium Series, Syracuse University, 2013-2014
President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association, University of Pittsburgh, 2009
Dissertation Seminar Coordinator, University of Pittsburgh, 2009-2010

Fellowships and Awards

Departmental Research Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2006, 2008
Alan Ross Anderson Fellowship, Fall 2005
Faculty of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2004

Graduate Courses

Taken for Credit

Advanced Logic (Gupta)	Moral Theory (Thompson)
Ethics (Setiya)	Philosophical Perspectives on Feminism (Ruetsche)
Hegel (McDowell)	Philosophy of Science (Belot)
Leibniz (Rescher)	Rationality (Setiya)
Metaphysics and Epistemology (Rescher)	Studies in Aristotle (Moss)

Topics in Contemporary Philosophy –
Experience (Gupta)
Topics in Contemporary Philosophy –
Naturalism (Brandom)

Audited

Kant (Engstrom)

Kantian Ethics (Engstrom)
Hegel (Brandom)
Metaphysics (Dorr)
Philosophy of Action (McDowell)
Philosophy of Language (Brandom)
Plato (Allen)
Self-Consciousness (Rödl)

Languages

English; German (reading)

References

General

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Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh

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Teaching

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