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Areas of Interest

Aesthetics, Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, Epistemology, Metaphysics

Education

2005-Present **Ph.D. program, Philosophy, University of Michigan**

Spring 2009 **Visitor, Philosophy, Yale University**

Summer 2008 **Visitor, RSSH Philosophy, The Australian National University**

2002-2005 **B.A., Philosophy, Rutgers University**
Graduated with High Honors

Presentations

“Immersion in Pretense and Desire-like Imagination”

Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, November 2007

Philosophy of Mind Reading Group, RSSH, Australian National University, June 2008

“What Are Centered Worlds?”

University of Texas-Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2007

Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, July 2008

“Another Look at Visualizing in Mathematics”

Philosophy Graduate Student Working Group, University of Michigan, October 2006

"The Necessary Existents Argument and Its Metaphysics"

3rd Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, May 2005

Graduate Coursework

(at University of Michigan, and in Philosophy, unless indicated otherwise; * indicates audited)

Metaphysics of Modality, Ted Sider – Rutgers (Fall 2004)

Proseminar, Jim Joyce and Andy Egan (Fall 2005)

Modal Logic, Rich Thomason (Fall 2005)

Metaphysics of Modality, Boris Kment (Fall 2005)

Aesthetics Course, Kendall Walton (Winter 2006)

Metaphysics of Relativism, Andy Egan (Winter 2006)

Philosophy of Mathematics, Jamie Tappendan (Winter 2006)

Evolution and Ethics, Allan Gibbard, Peter Railton and Chandra Sripada (Winter 2006)

Kant, Ian Proops (Fall 2006)

Metaphysics of Concepts, David Braddon-Mitchell (Fall 2006)*

Aristotle's Philosophy of Mind, Victor Caston (Winter 2007)
17th Century Art and Visual Culture, Celeste Brusati – History of Art (Winter 2007)
Aesthetics Seminar, Kendall Walton (Fall 2007)
Decision Theory, Jim Joyce (Fall 2007)*
Emotions, Randolph Nesse – Psychology (Winter 2008)*
Persistence and Monism, Michael Della Rocca – Yale (Spring 2009)*

Teaching Experience

As graduate student instructor (lead two discussion sections each term):
Fall 2008 – Knowledge and Reality (Carrie Jenkins)
Winter 2008 – Problems of Philosophy (Jim Joyce)
Fall 2007 – Informal Logic (Brian MacPherson)
Winter 2007 – Problems of Philosophy (Ian Proops)
Fall 2006 – Law and Philosophy (Patrick Grim)

Honors and Awards

Research Assistant, Tamar Gendler (Yale), Spring 2009
Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2005-2006 and Winter 2009-Fall 2010
Logos (Cornell's Undergraduate Philosophy Journal) Essay Prize Winner, 2005
for “Things are Their Parts” in *Logos* vol. 2, issue 2.
Jacob Cooper Award in Philosophy, Rutgers University, 2005
Philosophy Departmental High Honors, Rutgers University, 2005
Edward J. Bloustein Scholarship, 2002-2005
Outstanding Scholars Award, Rutgers University, 2002-2005
Member, Rutgers College Honors Program, 2002-2005

Service

Creator, Administrator, Contributor, *Go Grue!* (UMich grad blog), 2007-present
Coordinator, Philosophy Graduate Student Working Group, University of Michigan, 2007-2008
Graduate Representative, Philosophy Department, University of Michigan, 2007-2008

Citizenship: Taiwan

Permanent Residency: United States of America