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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION   Epistemology, Metaethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE   Ethics, Philosophy of Action, Moral Psychology, Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

APPOINTMENTS

2018 - present	Mount Holyoke College, Associate Professor of Philosophy
2021-2022	Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford University, Visiting Scholar
2012 - 2018	Mount Holyoke College, Assistant Professor of Philosophy
2010 - 2012	Amherst College, Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy

EDUCATION

2005 - 2010	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D. in Philosophy Dissertation: "Rational Humility and Other Epistemic Killjoys" Committee: Roger White (Chair), David Christensen, Caspar Hare
2002 - 2005	Mount Holyoke College B.A. *Summa Cum Laude* in Philosophy; Economics minor.
2000 - 2002	West Valley Community College

PUBLICATIONS

A Manifesto for Moral Knowledge, An Element in Epistemology: Moral Epistemology, Cambridge University Press, *under contract*.

"Easy Knowledge, Junk Knowledge, Knowledge Nonetheless" in *Hilary Kornblith and His Critics*, Wiley, *forthcoming*.

"Open-Mindedness, Rational Confidence, and Belief Change." *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 12 (2): 33–44, 2023.

"The Limits of Rational Belief Revision: A Dilemma for the Darwinian Debunker" in *Noûs*, 55(3): 717-734, 2021; first published *early view* February 24, 2020.

"Irrelevant Influences" in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 96(1): 134-152, 2018; first published *early view* May 5, 2016.

"Deliberation and Prediction: It's Complicated" in *Episteme*, 13(4): 529–538, 2016.

"Evolutionary Debunking of Moral Realism" in *Philosophy Compass*, 10(2): 104–116, 2015.

"Moral Disagreement and Moral Skepticism" in *Philosophical Perspectives*, 28(1): 302-333, 2014.

"Debunking Evolutionary Debunking" in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, R. Shafer-Landau (ed.), 9: 76–101, 2014.

"Confidence, Evidence, and Disagreement" in *Erkenntnis*, 79(1): 173-183, 2014.

- **REVIEWS** -

"Berislav Marušić's *Evidence and Agency: Norms of Belief for Promising and Resolving*" in *Ethics,* 128(3): 687-695, 2018.

"Hilary Kornblith's *On Reflection*" with Nishi Shah in *Ethics*, 124(3): 632-636, 2014.

AWARDS

Spring 2021	Meribeth E. Cameron Faculty Fellowship, Mount Holyoke College
Spring 2021	The 1905 Fellowship, Mount Holyoke Alumnae Association
Various	MHC Faculty Awards Research Support Grants, roughly $3K each: Spring 2013, Summer 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2020.
Spring 2016	Faculty Fellowship, Mount Holyoke College
2005-2006	Kenan Sahin Graduate Presidential Fellowship, MIT

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Yeah, you would say that, wouldn't you?" (Previously: "What's so bad about indoctrination?")
    Oxford Epistemology Group, Oxford University (June 2021)
    Colloquium Talk, Stockholm University (May 2021)
    Colloquium Talk, Bowling Green State University (March 2021)

"Moral Responsibility without Blame"
Invited talk, The University of Saint Andrews Philosophy Society (October 2020)
Colloquium Talk, University of Connecticut, Storrs (February 2020)
Colloquium Talk, University of Toronto (October 2019)
Colloquium Talk, Macalaster College (September 2019)
Colloquium Talk, Connecticut College (May 2019)

"A Dilemma for the Darwinian Debunker"
Keynote, 2017 University of Texas-Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference (April 2017)
MITing of the Minds (January 2017)
Uppsala University (November 2016)
Keynote, Science vs Common Sense Conference, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (March 2016)
Colloquium Talk, Brandeis University (April 2015)
Colloquium Talk, Graduate Student Speaker Series, Cornell University (March 2015)
Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop (December 2014)
Metaethics Conference, Institut Jean Nicod (June 2014)
The Science of Ethics Project, University of Michigan (June 2013)

"Cultures of Conviction"
Public Lecture, NYU Abu Dhabi (January 2015)

"Moral Disagreement and Moral Skepticism"
The Fordham Ethics & Epistemology Workshop (October 2014)

"Debunking Evolutionary Debunking"
The 9th Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison (September 2012)
The Australian National University (July 2012)
The Australian Association of Philosophy, University of Wollongong (July 2012)
The University of Sydney (June 2012)

"Irrelevant Influences"
Colloquium Talk, University of Vermont (October 2015)
Keynote, Etiology of Belief Workshop, Oxford University (March 2015)
Midsummer Philosophy Workshop (July 2014)
Symposium Paper, Eastern APA Meeting (December 2012)

"Easy Knowledge, Junk Knowledge: Knowledge Nonetheless"
University of Sydney (August 2012)
Amherst College (March 2011)

"Confidence, Evidence, and Disagreement"
Colloquium Paper, Pacific APA Meeting (April 2012)

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"The Limits of Rational Belief Revision: A Dilemma for the Darwinian Debunker" Seminar visit in PHIL5XX At Princeton University, Sarah McGrath (April 2022).

"The Limits of Rational Belief Revision: A Dilemma for the Darwinian Debunker" Seminar visit in PHIL524, "Systematic Ethics" at Princeton University, co-taught by Harman and McGrath (February 2019)

"Bias and Irrationality" Comments on Kelly and McGrath's "Bias: Some Conceptual Geography" at Princeton-Brown Moral Epistemology Conference (May 2018)

"Trust, Difficulty, and Reliability" at author meets critic session on Marušić's *Evidence and Agency*, Central APA (March 2017)

"What comes first? The values or the rankings?" Comments on Wedgewood's "Values First" at Dartmouth Ethics and Practical Reasoning Workshop (April 2016)

"Against Absolute Belief" Comments on Pasnau's "After Certainty" at The Philosophical Significance of Conceptual History, Arché Center, Saint Andrews University (June 2015)

"Deliberation and Prediction: It's Complicated" Comments on Hájek's "Deliberation Welcomes Prediction" at the 11th Annual *Episteme* Conference (June 2015)

"Why Intrinsic Plausibility Can't Help" Comments on Rice's "Evolution and our Ultimate Reasons for Action" at Eastern APA Meeting (December 2011)

"What is manipulation anyway?" Comments on Gorin's "Interpersonal Manipulation" at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (August 2011)

"Reconciling Modesty and Closure" Comments on Yablo's "Knowing about Things" at MITing of the Minds Conference, MIT (January 2009)

COURSES TAUGHT   - at Mount Holyoke College, unless otherwise noted -

INTRODUCTORY   *Introduction to Philosophy* (PHIL111 at Amherst College) - Spring 2012
God, Free Will, & Morality (FYS 110GF, first year seminar) - Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022
Ethics (PHIL205) - Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023
Women & Philosophy (PHIL249/GNDST210) - Spring 2013, Spring 2015
Political Philosophy (PHIL242) - Spring 2014

MID-LEVEL   *Normative Ethics* (PHIL310 at Amherst College) - Spring 2011, Fall 2011
Epistemology (Phil270) - Spring 2017, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022

ADVANCED   *Beyond the Western Canon* (PHIL350CA, seminar) Spring 2019
Reasons for Belief & Action (co-taught with Nishi Shah, seminar at Amherst College) - Fall 2017
Freedom & Responsibility (PHIL350, seminar) - Fall 2014, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021
Rationality & Responsibility (PHIL591, graduate seminar at UMass Amherst) - Spring 2015

Disagreement (PHIL350, seminar) - Fall 2010 (at Amherst College), Spring 2014

Moral Epistemology (PHIL334, seminar) - Spring 2013, Spring 2020, Spring 2023

Beyond the Western Canon (PHIL350, seminar) - Spring 2019

GRADUATE TEACHING & ADVISING   - As Associated Graduate Faculty at UMass, Amherst -

COURSES   Seminar: Rationality & Responsibility (PHIL591), Spring 2015.

DISSERTATIONS   John W. Robison, "The Epistemic Dimensions of Moral Responsibility and Respect", 2019
Joshua DiPaolo, "Foundations for Fallibility", 2016.
Bob Gruber, "Thinking about Collective Moral Failings", 2018

AREA EXAMS   John Robison, "Skepticism about Responsibility", Spring 2016
Tricia Magalotti, "Epistemology of Emotions", Fall 2015
Hayley Webster, "Self-Knowledge & Confabulation", Fall 2015
Bob Gruber, "Collective Harm", Spring 2015
Daniel McGloin, "Epistemic Value Monism", Fall 2013

SELECTED SERVICE

AY2022-2023	Chair, Philosophy Department, Mount Holyoke College
2013-2021	Mount Holyoke College Philosophy Lecture Series, Organizer
2012-present	Associated Graduate Faculty at UMass, Amherst (duties include graduate teaching and advising listed above)
2020-2021	Mount Holyoke COACHE review committee, Co-Chair
2014-2015	Mount Holyoke College Appeals Committee, member
2011-2012	Amherst College Lectures on Rationality & Religious Belief, Organizer
2007	MITing of the Minds Conference, Co-organizer
2005-2006	MIT Philosophy Colloquium Series, Co-organizer
Various	Session Chair: Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (2010, 2011), Pacific APA (2012), Practical Reason & Metaethics Conference at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2012), SLACRR (2013), Midsummer Philosophy Workshop (2013), Conceptual Engineering Workshop at the University of Oslo (2016)
Various	Referee: *Noûs, Philosophical Studies, European Journal of Philosophy, Philosopher's Imprint, Erkenntnis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Mind, Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, *Philosophy Compass*, and others.