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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ancient Philosophy (esp. the Stoics and Pyrrhonian Skeptics)

Epistemology (esp. Ethics of Belief and Virtue Epistemology)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Feminist Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

2023-present Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Denison University
2016-2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, University of Kansas
2021-2022 Lecturer, Philosophy, Agnes Scott College
2021-2022 Lecturer, Philosophy, Wichita State University
2015-2017 Lecturer, Classics, University of Kansas
2011-2015 Latin Teacher, Columbus School for Girls
2009-2011 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Classics, Ohio State University

EDUCATION

May 2023 PhD Philosophy, University of Kansas
Dissertation: *What is Epistemic Success? Essays in Intellectual Character, Virtue, and Responsibility* (Prospectus defended with Honors)
2018 MA Philosophy (Honors), University of Kansas
Thesis: *An Amicable Divorce: Separating the Definition of Knowledge from the Value of Knowledge in Virtue Epistemology*
2011 MA Greek and Latin, Ohio State University
Thesis: *Isocrates' Mimetic Philosophy*
2009 BA Classics, San Francisco State University
Thesis: *Praise and Condemnation in Seneca's Apocolocyntosis*

PUBLICATIONS

2024 "Inquiry, Value, and Some Peculiarities of the Pyrrhonist's Psychology," *Synthese* 203: 175
2024 "The Viability of Feminist Stoicism: On the Compatibility of Stoic and Feminist Epistemology," in M. Bowen, M. Gilbert, and E. Nally (eds.) *Believing Ancient Women: Feminist Epistemologies for Greece and Rome*, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 202-220
2018 "Moral Motivation and Epistemic Virtue: Comments on Thomas Metcalf's 'An Epistemic-Virtue Solution to Some Peer-Disagreements in Philosophy'," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 34 (2): 27-31

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Pyrrhonist Preferences and Ethical Action”

“Skeptical Tranquility: Reassessing *Epoche* and *Ataraxia* in Sextus Empiricus’s *Outlines of Pyrrhonism*”

“Virtue or Vice?: The Role of Ambition in Stoic Political Thought”

“Inside Thoughts: Some Problems with Doxastic Wronging”

“Intellectual Virtue without Epistemic Success”

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- 2025 “Pyrrhonist Preferences and Moral Action,” The Ohio State University
- 2024 “Inside Thoughts: Some Problems with Doxastic Wronging,” Wittenberg University
- 2023 “Intellectual Virtue without Epistemic Success,” The Ohio State University
- 2023 “Virtue or Vice?: The Role of Ambition in Stoic Political Thought,” University of Kansas
- 2023 “Virtue or Vice?: The Role of Ambition in Stoic Political Thought,” Creighton University
- 2023 “Virtue or Vice?: The Role of Ambition in Stoic Political Thought,” St. Louis University
- 2023 “Virtue or Vice?: The Role of Ambition in Stoic Political Thought,” Denison University
- 2023 “Virtue or Vice?: The Role of Ambition in Stoic Political Thought,” University of South Florida
- 2020 “A Community-Based Theory of Intellectual Virtue,” Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas
- 2019 “Intellectual Virtue and Structural Injustice,” Annual Kirk Philosophy Lecture, Agnes Scott College
- 2018 “Skeptical Tranquility: Reassessing *Epoche* and *Ataraxia* in Sextus Empiricus’ *Outlines of Pyrrhonism*,” Ancient Epistemology Workshop, Vanderbilt University
- 2015 “The Viability of Sextus Empiricus’ Pyrrhonian Skepticism,” Indiana Classical Conference

Conference Presentations (Peer-Reviewed)

- 2024 “Pyrrhonist Preferences and Moral Action,” 47th Annual Ancient Philosophy Workshop, University of Oklahoma
- 2024 “Can the Pyrrhonian Skeptic be Moral?” Classical Association of the Middle West and South
- 2023 “The Viability of Feminist Stoicism: On the Compatibility of Stoic and Feminist Epistemology,” Classical Association of the Middle West and South
- 2023 “Virtue or Vice?: The Role of Ambition in Stoic Political Thought,” APA Central Division
- 2022 “Inside Thoughts: Some Problems with Doxastic Wronging,” Rightness, Ignorance, Uncertainty, and Praise Workshop, University of Southern California
- 2018 “Doxastic Responsibility and Degree of Belief,” 9th Annual Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference, Northwestern University
- 2018 “Doxastic Responsibility and Degree of Belief,” Kansas Philosophical Society, Kansas State University

Conference Participation

- 2018 “Comments on Arianna Falbo’s ‘Permissive Epistemic Standards and Rational Isolation,’” Athena in Action: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy, Princeton University, Princeton NJ

- 2017 “Moral Motivation and Epistemic Virtue: Comments on Thomas Metcalf’s ‘An Epistemic-Virtue Solution to Some Peer-Disagreements in Philosophy,’” Southwestern Philosophical Society, Waco TX

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Research

- 2022 Robinson Essay Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas (\$500)
Awarded to the best essay written by an undergraduate or graduate student, for “The Viability of Feminist Stoicism: On the Compatibility of Stoic and Feminist Epistemology”
- 2020 Richard and Jeannette Sias Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas (\$9000)
Awarded for one semester of dissertation support
- 2019 Summer Research Scholarship, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Kansas (\$5000)
Awarded to support research for underrepresented graduate students
- 2018 Robinson Essay Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas (\$500)
Awarded to the best essay written by an undergraduate or graduate student, for “Doxastic Responsibility and Degree of Belief”
- 2017 Templin Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas (\$500)
- 2009 Classics Departmental Award, San Francisco State University (\$500)

Teaching

- 2018 People’s Choice Award (finalist), Jayhawk Choice Awards, University of Kansas
Awarded by students to an exceptional graduate student, staff member, or faculty member (university-wide competition)
- 2018 Departmental GTA Award, Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas (\$300)
Awarded to the best graduate teaching assistant

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work

- 2020 Graduate Recruitment and Retention Fund Award, College Office of Graduate Affairs, University of Kansas (\$4000)
Awarded for organizing the annual Minorities and Philosophy conference

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Honor Societies

- 2020 Genova Scholarship, Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas (\$1000)
Awarded to an outstanding student making excellent progress toward their degree
- 2016 William T. Belt Graduate Scholarship, University of Kansas (\$5000)
Awarded to outstanding underrepresented graduate students
- 2009 Roy A. Koenigsknecht Graduate Fellow, Ohio State University
Awarded to outstanding African-American graduate students
- 2009 Dean’s Graduate Enrichment Fellow with Excellence Bonus, Ohio State University (\$2000)
- 2009 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, San Francisco State University

TEACHING (as Instructor of Record, 52 Courses)

Denison University

- 2023-Present PHIL 101: Introduction to Philosophy (x3)

PHIL 231: Greek and Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 296: Belief, Morality, and Responsibility

University of Kansas, Philosophy

2016-2023 PHIL 148: Reason and Argument (online) (x2)
PHIL 150: Philosophical Communication (Topic: Epistemology and Ethics of Belief) (x4)

Agnes Scott College, Philosophy

2021 PHI 295: What Should We Believe? Current Topics in Ethics of Belief (online)

Wichita State University, Philosophy

2021 PHIL 100: Meaning of Philosophy (online)

University of Kansas, Classics

2015-2023 LAT 104: Elementary Latin I (hybrid)
LAT 108: Elementary Latin II (hybrid)
LAT 303: Roman Historians (Seneca)
CLSX 148: Greek and Roman Mythology
CLSX 210/310: Greek Rhetoric in Theory and Practice (x4)
CLSX 332: Medical Terminology: Greek and Latin Roots (online) (x5)

Columbus School for Girls

2011-2015 Latin I (x4)
Latin II (x5)
Latin III (x7)
Latin IV (x3)
AP Latin: Virgil and Caesar (x4)
Advanced Readings in Latin (x2)
Ancient Greek I (x2)
Ancient Greek II

Ohio State University

2010-2011 Latin I
Latin II
Latin III

TEACHING (as Graduate Teaching Assistant, 9 Courses)

University of Kansas, Philosophy

2016-2023 PHIL 140: Introduction to Philosophy (x2)
PHIL 160: Introduction to Ethics (x4)
PHIL 170: The Meaning of Life (x2)

Ohio State University

2010-2011 Greek Mythology

SERVICE

University of Kansas

- 2019-2023 Organizer, Annual University of Kansas Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Undergraduate Philosophy Conference
Drafted the call for papers and invited keynote speaker. Formed selection committee to evaluate student papers. Made travel arrangements for attendees and advertised event locally and regionally. Secured \$2600 in grants for the conference from four sources (MAP; KU Student Senate; KU Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Fund; KU Pepsi Program).
- 2018-2023 Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Representative, Department of Philosophy, University of Kansas
Recruited and retained students from underrepresented groups in philosophy. Advised and mentored undergraduate students in their goals of pursuing graduate school in philosophy. Offered mediation and conflict resolution for issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Provided guidance on appropriate workplace conduct. Informed students of color about available scholarships and opportunities. Organized the annual KU MAP undergraduate philosophy conference.

Columbus School for Girls

- 2013-2015 Upper School Chair, *IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Advocacy)* Committee
Helped shape school policy on issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Worked with students, parents, faculty, administrators, and trustees to develop new initiatives to support educational success for students of color.
- 2013-2014 Upper School Faculty Representative, *ISACS (Independent Schools Association of the Central States)*
Served as the upper school faculty representative on the committee for the re-accreditation of the school with *ISACS*. Helped complete organization-wide program assessment and evaluation. Interviewed and gathered data from upper school faculty about teaching and curriculum.
- 2013-2014 Upper School Faculty Representative, Head of School Search
Served as the upper school faculty representative on a search committee for the Head of School. Interviewed and evaluated candidates and made recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
- 2014 Organizer, Student Trip to Italy, Columbus School for Girls
Led 9-day trip to main archaeological sites and museums in Italy (Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, Naples, Rome). Organized the schedule, finances, and travel logistics. Gave guided tours of museums and archaeological sites.
- 2012-2015 Advisor, Various Student Groups
Served as advisor for the Senior Class, advisor for the Latin Club, and advisor for the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad Competition