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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

analytic epistemology, self-knowledge, first-person perspective, virtue epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

early modern philosophy, philosophy of science, philosophy of mind, social epistemology, social metaphysics, philosophy of food

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Indiana University: June 2016 (minor in History and Philosophy of Science)

M.A., Philosophy, Northern Illinois University: August 2007

B.A., Philosophy & B.A., Communications, Cedarville University: May 2003

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Central Arkansas, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Assistant Professor (2017-present)

University of Central Arkansas, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Visiting Assistant Professor (2016-2017)

Indiana University, Department of Philosophy, Associate Instructor (2007-2016)

Waubensee Community College, Department of Philosophy, Adjunct Faculty (2007-2013)

Northern Illinois University, Department of Philosophy, Teaching Assistant (2005-2007)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"Agent-Awareness in Reflective Knowledge". *Erkenntnis*, published online Nov. 7, 2017. Print edition forthcoming.

Review of Daniel DeNicola, *Understanding Ignorance: The Surprising Impact of What We Don't Know*. MIT Press 2017. Forthcoming in *Philosophy in Review*.

Review of Robert Pasnau, *After Certainty: A History of Our Epistemic Ideals and Illusions*. Oxford University Press 2018. *Philosophy in Review*, Vol 38, No 4 (2018): November.

Review of Brett Coppenger and Michael Bergmann, eds., *Intellectual Assurance: Essays on Epistemic Internalism*. Oxford University Press 2016. *Philosophy in Review*, Vol 37, No 2 (2017): April.

Review of Robert Audi, *Means, Ends, & Persons: The Meaning & psychological Dimensions of Kant's Humanity Formula*. Oxford University Press 2016. *Metapsychology Online*, Mar 7th 2017 (Volume 21, Issue 10)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (REFEREED)

“Enhancing Equity in STEM Disciplines through Interdisciplinary Course Design” Poster presentation. Association of American Colleges and Universities, 2019 Diversity, Equity, and Student Success Conference. Pittsburgh, PA: March 28-30

“Climate Change as Willful Hermeneutical Ignorance” Society for Philosophy in the Contemporary World Annual Conference; Estes Park, CO: August 2017

“The Sophisticated Thermometer Problem” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN: March 2017

“Externalism for Doxastic Agents?” Tennessee Value and Agency Conference; University of Tennessee-Knoxville, September 4-5: 2015

“The Perspective of Rational Deliberation” American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting; St. Louis, MO: February 18-21, 2015

“Knowledge and Certainty: The case against dogmatism” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN: February 22-23, 2008

OTHER PRESENTATIONS (INVITED)

“Why Go to College?” Presentation to 8th Grade class at Conway Junior High School on the value of liberal arts. November 12, 2018: Conway, AR

“Don’t Be Such a Scientist?” Panel discussion hosted by STEM Arkansas Hall, University of Central Arkansas. November 8, 2018: Conway, AR

“Just Knowledge: The Ethics of Listening to Others” Presentation at the University of Central Arkansas Humanities and Social Sciences Fair, hosted by the College of Liberal Arts. November 1, 2018: Conway, AR

“Global Supply Chains: Philosophical Perspectives” Public lecture hosted by Challenge Week, Schedler Honors College, University of Central Arkansas. October 22, 2018: Conway, AR

“Is Philosophy the Original Science?” Panel discussion hosted by STEM Arkansas Hall, University of Central Arkansas. September 14, 2018: Conway, AR

“Standpoint Theory: Feminist Contributions to the Philosophy of Science” Guest lecture on feminist contributions to the philosophy of science in “Women and Minorities in STEM” course at the University of Central Arkansas. March 14, 2018: Conway, Arkansas

“Eating the Other” Presentation and panel discussion for the University of Central Arkansas College of Liberal Arts Immigration & America – “The Melting Pot: Politics & Culture in a Diverse Society”; November 9, 2017: Conway, AR

“The Science of Science” Panel discussion at Science Wednesday, sponsored by the University of Central Arkansas Society of Physics Students; September 27, 2017: Conway, AR

“The Sophisticated Thermometer Problem” Valparaiso University, Department of Philosophy; January 19, 2015: Valparaiso, IN

“Externalism for Doxastic Agents?” Northwestern University Epistemology Brownbag Series; October 16, 2013: Chicago, IL

“The Perspective of Rational Deliberation” Brand Lecture, Indiana University, Department of Philosophy; April 5, 2013: Bloomington, IN

“The Knowing Agent” Indiana University Graduate Student Colloquium Series, February 12, 2010: Bloomington, IN

“Food & Memory” Guest Lecture for Human Biology Seminar, Indiana University, Bloomington. September 17, 2015

CHAired SESSIONS AND COMMENTARIES:

Chair for Central Division APA Colloquium Session, “Circularity, Closure, and Meno Problems” March 1, 2017: Kansas City, MO

Commentator for Alisbeth Ayars’s “Promising ‘Against the Evidence’ by Challenging the Evidence”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, March 2017: Memphis, TN

Chair for John Greco’s session on “Testimony and the Transmission of Religious Knowledge” Social Epistemology of Religious Belief Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington: October 8-10, 2015

Commentator for Nellie Wieland’s “Hearing the Voice of Competence”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, February 22-23, 2008: Memphis, TN

Commentator for the Northern Illinois University Graduate Student Aesthetics Conference April 21-22, 2006: DeKalb, IL

GRANTS

Faculty Development Grant, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Central Arkansas. This grant supported travel for a poster presentation and participation in the Association of American Colleges & Universities 2019 Diversity, Equity, and Student Success Conference. Pittsburgh, PA: March 28-30, 2019

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS SUPERVISION

Honors Thesis Committee Member, Colton Reinke: “Education as Play: Imagining a Better Curriculum. University of Central Arkansas Honors Program. Completed Spring 2019.

Honors Thesis Advisor, Mary Ellen Johnson: “Fair to Blame?: Exploring Moral Luck through a Pedagogical Computer Game”, University of Central Arkansas Honors Program. Completed Fall 2017.

ADVISING/MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Faculty Advisor for PhiRe Club (Philosophy and Religion Club), Student Organization of the Philosophy and Religion Department, University of Central Arkansas. 2017-present.

Supporting Coach for the UCA Ethics Bowl Team, sponsored by the Philosophy and Religion Department, University of Central Arkansas, 2017-present. The team has competed at the Central States Regional Competition and proceeded to the national competition in both 2017-2018 (Chicago) and 2018-2019 (Baltimore). Ethics Bowl is a national organization sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics.

Student advising, 2018-present.

COMMITTEE WORK

Liberal Arts Advocacy Committee, College of Liberal Arts: Member. University Of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, 2018-present.

Curriculum and Assessment Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion: Member. University of Central Arkansas, Conwa, AR, 2018-present.

Foundation Funds Oversight Committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion: Member. University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, 2017-present.

Philosophy Department Climate Committee, Graduate Student Liaison. Indiana University, Bloomington. 2015-2016. This committee works to promote inclusiveness and diversity in the IU philosophy department.

Graduate Colloquium Committee, Northern Illinois University, Academic Year 2006-2007

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Clark Essay Prize, Indiana University, May 2014

Myles and Peg Brand Graduate Fellowship in Philosophy, Indiana University, Academic Year 2012-2013

C. Mason and Madeline Myers Graduate Philosophy Award, Northern Illinois University, Academic Year 2006-2007

University Fellowship, Northern Illinois University, Academic Year 2006-2007

References available upon request.