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AOS

Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

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Metaphysics, Ancient Philosophy, Bioethics

Education

MIT, 2011-Present Dissertation, *What Imagination Teaches*
Doctoral Candidate in Philosophy Committee: Alex Byrne (chair), Roger White, Stephen Yablo, Susanna Siegel

Brown University, 2011 *Magna cum Laude*
B.A. in Philosophy Honors in Philosophy
B.A. in Classics Thesis, *The Tractability of a Perceptual Theory of Concepts*

Work Experience

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2015 Bioethics (Instructors: Valentina Urbanek, Natasha Scull)
Fall 2014 Problems of Philosophy (Instructor: Caspar Hare)
Fall 2013 Minds and Machines (Instructor: Jack Spencer)
 ➤ two sections
Spring 2013 Bioethics (Instructors: Julia Markovits, Natasha Schull)
Fall 2012 Classics of Western Philosophy (Instructor: Rae Langton)

Writing Advisor

Fall 2014 Problems of Philosophy (Instructor: Caspar Hare)
Fall 2013 Minds and Machines (Instructor: Jack Spencer)

Guest Lectures & Workshops

- Fall 2014 “Masculinities,” for Feminist Theory (Instructor: Sally Haslanger)
- Fall 2014 “Personal Identity,” for Problems of Philosophy (Instructor: Caspar Hare)
- Spring 2014 Workshop on Consciousness, for MIT Graduate Students
- Fall 2013 “What is it Like to be a Bat?” for Minds and Machines (Instructor: Jack Spencer)
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Conferences

- 2015 American Association of Mexican Philosophers (AAMP) at Columbia University
Title, “Transformative Experiences and Imagination”
- Segundo Taller Filosofía en Español, Harvard University
Title, “La imaginación y las experiencias transformativas”
- Conceptual Engineering Workshop at Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Commentary on “The Self and The Past: Or, Personal Identity without Identity” by Alexis Burgess
- 2014 OZSW Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy, VU University Amsterdam
Title, “It’s Easy If You Try: Getting Knowledge from Imagination”
- The Senses: CUNY Graduate Conference, April 26, 2014
Title, “It’s Easy If You Try: Getting Knowledge from Imagination”
- Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy, April 12, 2014
Commentary on “Simple Theories Simple Minds” by Mike Dacey
- American Association of Mexican Philosophers (AAMP) at Stanford University
Commentary on “De Se Thoughts and Names” by Maite Ezcurdia and Carla Menino-Rajme
- 2013 American Association of Mexican Philosophers (AAMP) at Rutgers University, 2013
Title, “A Critical Defense of Neurofunctionalism”
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Presentations

- 2015 Graduate Student Workshop Presentation
Title, “Imagination Has at least one Role (and also Imagination is a Thing)”
- Work In Progress presentation at MIT
Title, “Some Epistemic Roles for Imagination”

2014 Graduate Student Workshop Presentation

Title, “I Can’t *Imagine...*”

Reading Group Presentation

On “What You Can’t Expect When You’re Expecting” by L.A. Paul and “Expecting the Unexpected” by Sophie Horowitz, Tom Dougherty, and Paulina Sliwa

Reading Group Presentation

On “Galileo and the Indispensability of Scientific Thought Experiment” by Tamar Szabo Gendler

2013 Reading Group Presentation

Title, “Inconceivable! Conceivability in Kendall Walton’s *Mimesis and Make-Believe*”

Reading Group Presentation

On “The Case for Zombie Action” by Wayne Wu

Publications

2011 “The Messenger as Spectator-Performer: The Exangelos and Meta-theatricality in Oedipus Rex,” in *The Brown Classical Journal*

Coursework

Proseminar I: Frege to Carnap (Holton & Rayo) Social Structures (Haslanger)

Proseminar II: Quine to Kripke (Stalnaker & Yablo) Modularity (Siegel, Block, Mandelbaum | Harvard)

Aristotle (Jones | Harvard) Conditionals (Stalnaker)

Representation and Fragmentation (Rayo & Elga) Pragmatics (Langton & Richard | Harvard & MIT)

† Survey in Epistemology (White) British Empiricism (McDonough | Harvard)

† Topics in Metaphysics & Mind (Spencer) Special Obligations (Markovits)

The Epistemic Role of Consciousness (Smithies) Understanding Actions (Kim | Brown)

Naturalism, Materialism, Physicalism (Kim | Brown) † Feminist Theory (Haslanger)

† Indicates not for credit

Awards

2010 Recipient, Curt John Ducasse Premium in Metaphysics, Brown University

Service

Organizer, MIT Colloquium Series 2014-2015

Organizer, MIT Faculty Reading Group, 2014

Organizer, MIT Week Stata, 2013

Librarian, James F. Thomson Library at the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy at MIT, 2011-2015

Webmaster, American Association of Mexican Philosophy (AAMP): <https://aamp.mit.edu>

Activity

Organizer, *WisdomSpeak*, a project to produce sound recordings of philosophical texts:
<http://sofiaortiz.mit.edu/wisdomspeak>

Member of the MIT Think Tank

Languages

Modern

English, Spanish, (intermediate) Russian

Ancient

(reading-level) Greek, (basic) Coptic

References

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