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Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Mind · Epistemology · Philosophy of Cognitive Science

Areas of Competence: Metaphysics · Philosophy of Sexuality · Business Ethics · Environmental Ethics

Employment

McDonnell Postdoctoral Fellow 2022–3
Washington University in St. Louis
Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology Program

Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream 2020–2
University of Toronto

Education

PhD, Philosophy **University of Toronto** 2020
Supervisor: Jennifer Nagel Readers: Diana Raffman, David Barnett

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy **UC San Diego** 2012
Summa Cum Laude

Publications

‘Perceiving Agency’ 2022
Mind and Language

‘Other Minds Are Neither Seen Nor Inferred’ 2021
Synthese

Papers in Progress

‘Constructing Persons: The Personal–Subpersonal Distinction’ Revise and Resubmit
Philosophical Psychology

'Phenomenal Anti-Imperialism' Under Review

'Polarization is Epistemically Innocuous' Under Review

Presentations

'Polarization is Epistemically Innocuous' February 2022
American Philosophical Association: Central Division Meeting

'Perceiving Agency' July 2021
Society for Philosophy and Psychology

'Polarization is Epistemically Innocuous' May 2021
Canadian Philosophical Association

'A Constructivist Account of the Personal–Subpersonal Distinction' April 2021
American Philosophical Association: Pacific Division Meeting

'Animacy as Perceived Agency' December 2020
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

'The Epistemology of Looks' January 2020
American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting

'Perceiving Animacy' July 2019
The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association

'The Personal–Subpersonal Distinction and Social Cognition' (Poster) July 2019
Society for Philosophy and Psychology

'Ampliative Perceptual Judgments and Other Minds' June 2019
Canadian Philosophical Association: Annual Congress

'Other Minds are Neither Seen Nor Inferred' January 2019
American Philosophical Association: Eastern Division Meeting

Outreach

'What Are Mental States' 2021
WiPhi Video (Script)

'The Problem of Other Minds' 2021
WiPhi Video (Script)

'Replies to The Problem of Other Minds' 2021
WiPhi Video (Script)

'Free and Easy Conversing: Zhuangzi and Skepticism'
Animated Dialogue (Animation) 2020

Teaching

Course Instructor

Philosophy of Emotions	Winter '22
Issues in Philosophy of Mind	Fall '20, '21
Introductory Philosophy	Winter '20, '21, '22
Business Ethics	Fall '19, '20, '21
Issues in Environmental Ethics	Winter '20, '21
Seminar in Metaphysics: Color	Fall '19
Persons Minds and Bodies	Summer '19
Philosophy of Sexuality	Summer '17, '18

Teaching Assistant

Biomedical Ethics	Winter 2018
Persons Minds and Bodies	Winter 2017, Fall 2017
Philosophy for Scientists	Fall 2016
Knowledge and Reality	Fall 2015
Introduction to Ethics	Summer 2015
Introduction to Philosophy	Fall 2014, Winter 2015

Awards

Graduate Fellow in Humanities, Jackman Humanities Institute (\$30,000)	2018–9
Connaught International Scholarship (\$175,000)	2013–8

Service

<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Synthese</i>	2022
<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Ergo</i>	2022
<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Erkenntnis</i>	2021
<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Episteme</i>	2021
<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Philosophical Psychology</i>	2021
<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i>	2021
<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Diametros—A Journal of Philosophy</i>	2021
<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Routledge Handbook</i>	2021
<i>Head Judge</i> Ontario High School Ethics Bowl	2020
<i>Reviewer</i> <i>Synthese</i>	2019

Other Work

<i>Research Assistant</i> for Jennifer Nagel, Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto	2019
<i>Research Assistant</i> for Andrew Sepielli, Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto	2018

References

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