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Curriculum Vitae

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AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Practical Reason, Metaethics, Philosophy of Mind, Social Philosophy, Food Ethics

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, University of Vermont *2019–Present*
Assistant Professor, University of Vermont *2014–2019*

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill *2014*
M.A. in Philosophy University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill *2010*
B.A. in Philosophy (Honors) and Mathematics Williams College *2008*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“On The ‘Epistemic’: What Are Epistemologists Theorizing About?”

Forthcoming in *Knowledge and Rationality: Essays in Honor of Stewart Cohen*.
Routledge. (Word count: ~6,000)

“Epistemic Norms: What Are They? Why Do They Matter?”

Forthcoming in *Philosophical Topics*. (Word count: ~11,000)

“Epistemic Constitutivism”

Forthcoming in *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology*, 3rd Edition. (Word count:
~4,000)

“Knowledge Without Factivity”

(2024) in Borges, R. & Schnee, I., eds. *Illuminating Errors: New Essays on Knowledge
from Non-Knowledge*. Routledge. (Word count: ~11,000) [Invited]

**“A Victory (of What Sort) for Strict Purist Invariantism? Some Reflections on
Gerken’s *On Folk Epistemology: How We Think and Talk About Knowledge*”**

(2023) *Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2222948> (Word count: ~7,000)
[Invited]

“Epistemically Flawless False Beliefs”

(2020) *Synthese*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-020-02787-w> (pp. 1–21; word count: ~10,000) [Blind reviewed]

“Epistemic Norms, All Things Considered”

(2019) *Synthese*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02485-2> (pp. 1–21; word count: ~9,000) [Invited, blind reviewed]

“Another Kind of Pragmatic Encroachment”

(2018) in Kim, B. & McGrath, M., eds. *Pragmatic Encroachment*. Routledge: 35–54. (Word count: ~9,500) [Invited]

“Moral Agency in Believing”

(2018) *Philosophical Topics*. 46 (1): 53–74. (Word count: ~10,000) [Invited]

“Why Only Evidential Considerations Can Justify Belief”

(2018) in McHugh, C., Way, J., & Whiting, D. eds. *Normativity: Epistemic and Practical*. Oxford University Press: 179–199. (Word count: ~9,500) [Invited]

“Food Choices and Moral Character”

(2018) in Barnhill, A., Budolfson, M., & Doggett, T. eds. *Oxford Handbook on Food Ethics*. Oxford University Press: 680–699. (Word count: ~10,000) [Invited]

“Functional Belief and Judgmental Belief”

(2017) *Synthese*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-017-1510-0> (pp.1–17; word count: ~9,000) [Invited, blind reviewed]

“Belief Self-Knowledge”

With Dorit Bar-On. (2016) *Oxford Handbooks Online*. (Word count: ~10,000) [Invited, blind reviewed] 50% contribution.

“How to be a Normativist about the Nature of Belief”

(2015) *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 96 (2):181-204. [Blind reviewed]

“Which Mental States Are Rationally Evaluable, And Why?”

(2015) *Philosophical Issues* 25 (1):41-63. [Invited]

“Why Is Epistemic Evaluation Prescriptive?”

(2014) *Inquiry*, 57 (1):97-121. [Invited, blind reviewed]

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Comments on D. Singer’s *Right Belief and True Belief*

Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association

January 2024

Comments on Z. Gabor’s “Rationality, Capacity-First”

Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association

February 2023

“Epistemic Norms: What Are They? Why Do They Matter?”

Colloquium Series, Brandeis University

February 2023

Comments on A. Falbo’s “Should Epistemology Take the Zetetic Turn?”

Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association

January 2023

“Methodology: How Do We Arbitrate Between Competing Epistemological Views?”

Northern New England Ethics and Epistemology Workshop

August 2022

- “Philosophy of Mind to Epistemology: A Normativist Account of the Nature of Belief”**
Function-First Epistemology Workshop, Fordham University *May 2022*
- “Where Do Norms of Rationality Come From?”**
Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop *May 2022*
- “Non-Factive Knowledge”**
Colloquium Series, McGill University *January 2020*
Helsinki Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar, Helsinki, Finland *December 2019*
- “An Action-Oriented Approach to Epistemic Theorizing”**
Interuniversity Research Group on Normativity, Montreal, Canada *January 2020*
Workshop on Competence and Success in Epistemology and Beyond, Helsinki, Finland *December 2019*
- Comments on A. Edmond’s “Epistemic Normativity, Tradeoffs, and the Value Connection”**
Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill *March 2019*
- “Action-Oriented Epistemic Constitutivism”**
Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *February 2019*
- “Belief is Action-Oriented”**
Northeast Normativity Workshop, New York University *March 2019*
The Ethics of Belief Workshop, Harvard University *March 2018*
- “Epistemic Norms, All Things Considered”**
Conference on the Value of Truth, Budapest, Hungary *November 2018*
The Third Varieties of Normativity Workshop, Uppsala, Sweden *April 2017*
- “Epistemically Flawless False Beliefs”**
The University of Connecticut *March 2018*
Filosophie UQÀM Colloquium Series, Montreal, Canada *April 2016*
Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *January 2016*
Penn Reasons and Foundations in Epistemology Conference, University of Pennsylvania *November 2015*
- “Moral Agency and Belief”**
Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, NYU Abu Dhabi *February 2018*
Williams College *November 2017*
- “Another Kind of Pragmatic Encroachment”**
Northern New England Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, University of Vermont *August 2017*
- Comments on Berislav Marušić’s *Evidence and Agency: Norms of Belief for Promising and Resolving***
Annual Meeting, Canadian Philosophical Association *May 2017*
- Comments on Brandon Carey’s “A New Theory of Epistemic Possibility”**
Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *April 2017*
- “Why the Epistemic Status of Our Beliefs Ought to Weigh With Us”**
Dartmouth Constitutivism Workshop *October 2016*
Middlebury College *March 2016*
- Comments on Ralph Wedgwood’s *The Normativity of Rationality***

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| Workshop on Ralph Wedgwood's The Normativity of Rationality, Université de Montréal | May 2016 |
| “Why Evidence (and Only Evidence) Can Justify or Rationalize Belief” Bled Epistemology Conference, Bled, Slovenia Williams College | <i>June 2015</i> <i>December 2014</i> |
| “Which Mental States Are Rationally Evaluable, And Why?” Workshop on Critical Reflection and Belief, Union College | <i>May 2015</i> |
| Comments on Ram Neta's “Basing and Treating” Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association | <i>March 2015</i> |

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

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| “Epistemically Flawless False Beliefs” Conference on False but Useful Beliefs, London, UK | <i>February 2016</i> |
| “Why Evidence (and Only Evidence) Can Justify or Rationalize Belief” Workshop on the Ethics of Belief, Cornell University 2014 Annual Meeting, Canadian Society for Epistemology | <i>November 2014</i> <i>November 2014</i> |
| “Why the Epistemic Status of Our Beliefs Ought to Weigh With Us” SWIP Analytic, CUNY Graduate Center 2014 Annual Meeting, Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology | <i>May 2014</i> <i>February 2014</i> |

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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| UVM Humanities Center Fellowship Fellowship to provide one semester of teaching relief in order to pursue research. | <i>2019–2020</i> |
| Undergraduate Research Assistantship \$1,200 UVM Humanities Center grant to fund an undergraduate research assistant. | <i>Summer 2018</i> |
| Lattie F. Coor International Travel Grant \$500 grant to support travel expenses for presenting “Why Evidence (and Only Evidence) Can Justify Belief” at the Bled Epistemology Conference in Bled, Slovenia. | <i>Summer 2015</i> |
| Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship \$25,000 competitive fellowship to support a year of research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of PhD dissertation writing. | <i>2013–2014</i> |
| Bertha Colton Williams Fellowship Fellowship to provide one semester of teaching relief during graduate study in philosophy at UNC-Chapel Hill. | <i>Fall 2012</i> |
| Horace Williams Fellowship Fellowship to provide two semesters of teaching relief during graduate study in philosophy at UNC-Chapel Hill. | <i>2008–2009</i> |

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| SWIP Analytic Graduate Student Essay Prize | <i>Spring 2014</i> |
| Graduate and Professional Student Federation Travel Award | <i>Fall 2012</i> |

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

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| Referee for <i>American Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Analytic Philosophy</i> , <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> , Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, <i>Episteme</i> , <i>Ergo</i> , <i>Erkenntnis</i> , <i>Mind</i> , National Endowment for the Humanities, <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> , and <i>Synthese</i> | 2014–Present |
| Co-chair, CAS Strategic Planning Committee | 2023–Present |
| Member, UVM Committee for the Comprehensive 5 th Year Review of Dean David Jenemann | 2023 |
| Session Leader, Burlington Public Philosophy Week | 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023 |
| Advisor, CAS Orientation for First-Year Students at UVM | 2015–2022 |
| Chair, UVM Philosophy Department Committee on Curricular Reform | 2021–2022 |
| Member, CAS Core Curriculum Task Force | 2021 |
| Co-organizer, Northern New England Ethics and Epistemology Workshop hosted by UVM and Dartmouth College | 2017, 2019, 2022 |
| Member, Organizing Committee for the Annual Race, Gender, and Sexuality Conference at UVM | 2015–2019 |
| Co-organizer, Annual Food Ethics Conference at UVM | 2015–2019 |
| Member, The Imperfect Cognitions Network, Project PERFECT | 2015–2019 |
| Foundational Writing and Information Literacy Fellow | 2017–2018 |
| Mentor, The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy | 2015–2018 |
| Member, Design for Learning Cohort, UVM Center for Teaching and Learning | 2017 |
| Member, Chair Selection Committee, UVM Philosophy Department | 2017 |
| Participant, Foundational Writing and Information Literacy Assessment Day | 2017 |
| Member, Ad Hoc Committee Tasked with Developing UVM Philosophy Department Hiring Plan | 2016 |

COURSES REGULARLY TAUGHT

Theorizing Marginalized Identity and Privilege
 Feminism: Theories and Issues
 Advanced Seminar on The Ethics of Belief
 Advanced Seminar on The Self
 Introduction to Logic
 Ethics of Eating