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Employment and Education

- 2017-Present **Assistant Professor**, *Manhattan College*, Riverdale.
2015-2017 **Full Time, Permanent Lecturer**, *University of Massachusetts*, Lowell.
2015 **Ph.D., Philosophy**, *University of Massachusetts*, Amherst.
2009 **M.A., Philosophy**, *University of Massachusetts*, Amherst.
2004 **B.A., Philosophy**, *University of Colorado*, Boulder.

Areas of Concentration

- Specialization Ethics and Applied Ethics (Philosophy of Technology)
Competence Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, and Aesthetics

Dissertation

- Title *Disagreement and the Semantics of Predicates of Personal Taste*
Committee Phillip Bricker (chair), Hilary Kornblith, Eileen O’Neill, Jonathan Schaffer, and Barbara H. Partee (Linguistics).
Description In my dissertation, I explore the role of taste disagreements in the debate about the semantics of predicates of personal taste. Linguistic data derived from examples of gustatory disagreement often plays a major role in deciding the correct semantics of taste. I claim that, contrary to the trend in the recent literature, taste disagreements should not play any part in this debate. I argue that the data can be accommodated independently of the semantics by a theory of the purpose of “subjective” disagreements, such as taste disagreements. In support of this claim, I develop such a theory—one that includes an appeal to distinctively gustatory norms. I demonstrate how this theory can be applied equally well to the two major competing semantic theories—relativism and contextualism—to explain taste disagreements. If I am correct, this discovery represents a substantial contribution to the dialectic because it offers philosophers and linguists decisive motivation to discontinue their reliance on disagreement data in the debate about the semantics of taste.

Publications

- Forthcoming *Beyond the Code: Engineering Ethics for Tomorrow* (Book) with Sujata Bhatia (Harvard); Routledge
Forthcoming “Introducing Ethical Thinking about Autonomous Vehicles into an AI Course” (Article) with Fred Martin (UMass Lowell); AAAI Press
2017 “Aristotle and Autism: Reconsidering Virtue Ethics in Engineering” (Article); *Science and Engineering Ethics*

- 2017 “The Paradox of Gustatory Taste” (Article); *Ergo*
2016 “Do Ignorant Assessors Cases Pose a Challenge to Relativism About Epistemic Modals?”(Article); *Linguistic and Philosophical Investigations*

Other Peer-Reviewed Scholarly Work

- Forthcoming “ A Module on Ethical Thinking about Autonomous Vehicles in an AI Course” (published Instructional Modual) with Fred Martin (UMass Lowell); AAAI Press

Under Review or In Progress

- In Progress “Crowd-Sourcing and the Ethics of Autonomous Vehicles ”; (Article).
In Progress “Engineering Agency” (Article)
Review “The Role of Dialogues and Soliloquies in the Semantics of Predicates of Personal Taste” (ArticleUnder Review)

Awards, Grants, Fellowships & Honors

- 2017 National Science Foundation “Cultivating Cultures for Ethical STEM” (CCE STEM) Grant. Co PI with Nicolas Evans (University of Massachusetts Lowell). 556,650.00 for three year project.
2016 Travel Grant (University of Hokkaido University.)
2016 Chancellor’s 2020 Grant (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
2015 Service Learning Mini-Grant for Engineering Ethics (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
2015 Departmental Award for Teaching (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
2011 Residential First-Year Experience Student Choice Award for Teaching (University of Massachusetts, Amherst.)
2009 Puryear Graduate Fellowship (University of Massachusetts Department of Philosophy.)
2008–2009 Herbert Heidelberger Prize in Philosophy (University of Massachusetts Department of Philosophy.)
2007–2008 John Robison Prize for Excellence in Teaching (University of Massachusetts Department of Philosophy.)
2004 Honors in Philosophy: *Summa cum Laude* (University of Colorado, Boulder.)

Selected Professional Presentations

- 2018 ”Introducing Ethics into an Artificial Intelligence Course” (Co-Presenter); The Eighth Symposium on Educational Advances in Artificial Intelligence.
2018 ”A Module on Ethical Thinking about Autonomous Vehicles in an AI Course” (Co-Presenter); The Eighth Symposium on Educational Advances in Artificial Intelligence — Model AI Assignments.
2018 Peer Reviewed Poster Presentation; The American Philosophical Association Eastern Division 2018 Easter Division Conference.
2017 “A Rossian Approach to the Ethics of Autonomous Vehicles ”; Ethics and Artificial Intelligence Conference, Kristiansand Norway (Fully Funded).
2017 Commentator at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Conference
2017 “Crowd-Sourcing Targeting Algorithms” (Co-Presenter); 7th Annual Values in Medicine, Science, and Technology Conference

2017 “Ethical Engineering and Autism”; 10th International Conference on Applied Ethics, Hokkaido University

Teaching

- 2017-Present **Assistant Professor**, *Manhattan College*, New York.
Responsible for teaching Ethics and Roots of Philosophy.
- 2017-Present **Online Instructor**, *University of Massachusetts*, Lowell.
Responsible for teaching Engineering Ethics and Ethics online.
- 2015-2017 **Lecturer**, *University of Massachusetts*, Lowell.
Responsible for teaching Applied Ethics (Engineering Ethics) and Aesthetics.
- 2013-2014 **Grader**, *University of Massachusetts*, Amherst.
Responsible for grading for introductory and intermediate logic classes.
- 2009–2013 **Instructor**, *University of Massachusetts*, Amherst.
Responsible for creating and teaching upper-division and lower-division classes including Ethics, Bioethics, and Aesthetics.
- 2010–2014 **Online Instructor**, *University of Massachusetts Continuing and Professional Education and Western New England University*.
Responsible for designing and teaching online courses in Logic and Ethics.
- 2006–2009 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Massachusetts*, Amherst.
Responsible for teaching discussion sections and grading in Introduction to Ethics and Introduction to Philosophy.

Service

- 2017-Present Graduate School Adviser for Philosophy (Manhattan College, Riverdale)
- 2017-Present Philosophy Club Faculty Sponser (Manhattan College, Riverdale)
- 2016-2017 Curriculum Development (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
- 2016-2017 Freshman Coordinator for Philosophy (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
- 2016-2017 Technology, Society, and Values Faculty Group (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
- 2015-2017 Transfer Coordinator for Philosophy (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
- 2015-2017 Graduation Coordinator for Philosophy (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
- 2014-2017 Gender Studies Faculty Group (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
- 2014-2017 University Council of Advisers (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
- 2015-2016 Faculty Senate Representative for Philosophy (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
- 2015-2016 Advisor Bachelor for Liberal Arts and Advisor for Undeclared Liberal Arts (University of Massachusetts, Lowell.)
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