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Areas of Interest

Philosophy of Psychiatry, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind

Education

University of British Columbia, PhD in progress (Expected 2024)

Philosophy

GPA: 4.3

Georgia State University, MA (2019)

Neurophilosophy

GPA: 4.04

Slippery Rock University, B.S. (2017)

Psychology/Philosophy Double Major

Major GPA: 3.9

Overall GPA: 3.4

Teaching

Instructor

COGS 200: Introduction to Cognitive Systems, Fall 2022

Teaching Assistant work at UBC

The Philosophy of Plato (Brooks Sommerville): Fall 2019

Environmental Ethics (John Beatty): Spring 2019

Philosophy of Religion (Anders Kraal): Summer 2020

Philosophy of Science (Paul Bartha): Fall 2020

Philosophy of Mind (Murat Aydede): Fall 2020

Philosophy of Mind (Evan Thompson): Spring 2021

Philosophy of Perception (Murat Aydede): Spring 2021

Philosophy of Literature (Stefan Lukits): Summer 2021

Introduction to Philosophy (Eric Margolis): Fall 2021

Introduction to Philosophy (Eric Margolis): Spring 2022

Teaching Training

Certificate Program in Advanced Teaching and Learning. UBC, in progress

Instructional Skills Workshop. UBC, 2021-2022

Guest Lectures

Minds & Machines, on the Extended Mind thesis. 2019

Intro to Philosophy, on Free Will and Determinism. 2021

Intro to Philosophy, on Mind-Body Dualism. 2022

Intro to Philosophy, on Free Will and Determinism. 2022

Positions

Graduate Research Assistant for Eric Margolis
UBC, Spring 2022
Graduate Research Assistant for Eric Margolis
UBC, Summer 2021
Graduate Research Assistant
GSU, 2017-2019
Introduction to Formal Logic Tutor
SRU, 2015-2017
Student Worker in Philosophy Office
SRU, 2015-2017

Presentations

- “Narrative Psychiatry: what’s truth got to do with it?” Upcoming, Pacific APA, April 2022
- “Narrative Psychiatry: what’s truth got to do with it?” Graduate Student Colloquium, UBC, April, 2021
- Comments on Ege Yumasek’s “The Format of Gist (and the Gist of Format at the Border)” SSPP, Virtual, December 2020
- “Finding bias in unexpected places: racially biased perception” Brains & Behavior Annual Retreat, Georgia State University, May 2019
- “Predictive Processing, modularity, and auditory omissions” poster presentation, Predictive Processing Workshop, Tufts University, MA, April 2018
- “Predictive Processing, modularity, and auditory omissions” poster presentation, Atlanta Neuroscience Symposium, Atlanta, GA, April 2018
- Comments on Yuanyuan Liu’s “Akratic Omissions: A New Challenge to Understanding Control Over Omissions”, Annual Student Philosophy Symposium, Georgia State University, February 2018
- “Conducting Research in the Philosophy of Mind with Undergraduate Students” poster presentation, Teaching Philosophy Session at APA meeting, Baltimore, MD, January 2017
- “On the Death of Tragedy”, Interdisciplinary Association for Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference, East Stroudsburg, PA, March 2016
- Poster: Knafelc, S., Shero, A., Ferchaw J., Robinson, E. “The Relationship Between Moral Foundations, SDO, and Compassion-For-Others”, Eastern Psychological Association Conference, New York City, NY, March 2016
- Poster: Knafelc, S., Robinson, E “Are Men More Transphobic than Women?”, Eastern Psychological Association Conference, New York City, March 2016
- Poster: Knafelc, S., Pleso, M. “Moral Foundations and the Dark Triad”, Eastern Psychological Association Conference Philadelphia, PA, March 2015
- “The Search for Extra-Terrestrial Life Within our Solar System”, Slippery Rock Symposium, Slippery Rock PA, 2015

Graduate Coursework

University of British Columbia

Bodily Awareness, Self, and the Metaphysics of Mind (Murat Aydede)

Philosophy of Biology (Chris Stephens)

Metaphysics: Free Will (Paul Russell)

Philosophy of Mind (Evan Thompson)
Special Topics in the Philosophy of Mind: Process (Chris Mole)
The Philosophy of Death (Evan Thompson)
Loneliness and Belonging (Kimberley Brownlee)
Philosophy and Cognitive Science: Nativism (Eric Margolis)
Directed Reading on the Philosophy of Psychiatry (Chris Mole)

Georgia State University

PHIL6240 Philosophy and Cognitive Science (Neil Van Leeuwen)
PHIL8030 Seminar in Ancient Ethics (Tim O'Keefe)
NEUR6250 Neuroscience of Memory (Marise Parent)
NEUR6020 Cognitive Neuroscience (William Hopkins)
PHIL6330 Philosophy of Mind (Dan Weiskopf)
PHIL8330 Seminar in Philosophy of Emotions (Andrea Scarantino)
PHIL6500 Symbolic Logic (Ed Cox)
NEUR6070 Sensory Neuroscience (Walter Wilczynski)
PHIL8330 Seminar: Free Will and Punishment (Eddy Nahmias)
PHIL6820 Philosophy of Law (Suzie Love)
PHIL8340 Seminar in Philosophy and Cognitive Science: Belief and Ideology (Neil Van Leeuwen)
PSYC8541 Special Topics in Cognitive Psychology: Primate Evolution & Behavior (Sarah Brosnan)

Awards

- Research Fellowship, UBC (2019-present)
- Brains and Behavior Fellowship (2017-2019)
- Travel Funding from Brains & Behavior for Predictive Processing Workshop (April 2018)
- Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Grant (June 2016)
- Funding from SRU Psychology department to conduct EEG research (2016-2017)
- Travel Funding for Eastern Psychological Association Conference (March 2015)
- Travel Funding for Eastern Psychological Association Conference (March 2016)
- Travel Funding for American Philosophical Association (January 2017)

Professional Service

- Reviewer for GSU's Annual Graduate Symposium
- Chairing APA Session Panel Discussion: Philosophy Under Fire: How to Convey to Stakeholders the Value of Teaching Philosophy (January 2017)

Community Service

- Facilitator of Socrates Café Event on Happiness in Grove City, PA (October 2016)

Professional Membership

- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP) (2019-Present)
- Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP) (2020-Present)
- American Philosophical Association (APA) member (2016-Present)
- Eastern Psychological Association (EPA) member (2014-2017)
- Phi Sigma Tau member (2016-2019)

References

Neil Van Leeuwen, Ph.D.
Department of Philosophy
Georgia State University

Daniel Weiskopf, Ph.D.
Department of Philosophy
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Eric Margolis, Ph.D.
Department of Philosophy
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Chris Mole Ph.D.
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