Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Sport

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Bioethics, Logic, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, History of Modern Philosophy, Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy

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Education

1999-2006	Cornell University, Ph.D. (Dissertation: *Modal Knowledge* (Zoltán Gendler Szabó, supervisor))
1996-1999	University of Houston, M.A., Philosophy (Master's Thesis: *Externalism, Introspection, and Knowledge of Content* (Bredo Johnsen, supervisor))
Spring 1994	University of Texas, Austin
Fall 1993	Utrecht University, Netherlands, Visiting Student supported by ISEP (International Student Exchange Program)
1992-3; 1994-6	Texas Lutheran University, B.A., Philosophy, *magna cum laude* (Senior Thesis: *In Defense of Norman Malcolm's Ontological Argument*)

Articles

2026	"The Ethics of Doping in Animal Sport" (with Bob Fischer) (forthcoming in the *The Oxford Handbook of Sports Ethics*)
	"Regret and the Prudential Rationality of Near-Term Bias" (*Argumenta*, forthcoming)
2025	"Credence 1 Cruxes: Closure of Inquiry, Surety, and Steadfastness" (*Logos & Episteme*, https://doi.org/10.5840/logos-episteme20251612)

	"The Prudential Rationality of Risking Traumatic Brain Injury in Dangerous Sport: a Parfitian Defense" (*Philosophies*, https://doi.org/10.3390/philosophies10030059)
2024	"On the Reality and Evidential Status of Temporal Passage Phenomenology" (*Metaphysica*, https://doi.org/10.1515/mp-2023-0054)
2023	"Indifference, Indeterminacy, and the Uncertainty Argument for Saving Identified Lives" (*Journal of Applied Philosophy*, https://doi.org/10.1111/japp.12700)
	"Risky Transplants and Partial Cures: Against the Objectivist View of Moral Obligation" (*The Journal of Value Inquiry*, https://doi.org/10.1007/s10790-023-09958-1)
	"Against the anti-closure response to the factivity problem for epistemic contextualism" (*Principia*, doi: 10.5007/1808-1711.2023.e86155)
	(with Bob Fischer) "Self-affirmation in sled dogs? Affordances, perceptual agency, and extreme sport" (*Sport, Ethics and Philosophy*, doi: 10.1080/17511321.2023.2233702)
2022	"Skeptical Theism, the Preface Paradox, and Non-Cumulative Inductive Evidence of Pointless Evil" (*Philosophia*, https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-022-00564-2)
2021	"Disagreement and Deep Agnosticism" (*Logos & Episteme*)
	"Doping, Debunking, and Drawing the Line" (*Sports, Ethics, and Philosophy*, https://doi.org/10.1080/17511321.2020.1727556)
2020	"Understanding by Testimony: A Reply to Malfatti" (*Theoria*, https://doi.org/10.1111/theo.12263)
2019	"How Lewis Can Meet the Integration Challenge" (with Bob Fischer), *Journal of Philosophical Research* 44: 129-44
2018	"Contrastivism and Negative Reason Existentials," *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*
2016	"Vicious Competitiveness and the Desire to Win," *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport*, vol. 43, no. 3 (November 2016)
	"Contingency, Metaphysical Error, and Modal Truth by Convention," *Southwest Philosophical Studies*, vol. 36 (2016)
2014	"Salvaging Serviceability in Metaphysics" (with Bob Fischer), *Southwest Philosophy Review*, vol. 29, no. 1 (January 2014)
2010	"Fixity Without Necessity?," *Southwest Philosophical Studies* 32 (2010), 61-67.
2001	"Externalism and Memory," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 16 (2000-1), 51-58.

In Preparation

"Risks, Costs, and Pragmatic Encroachment"

Defends the moderate pragmatist view that there is an epistemically significant distinction between risks of belief (i.e., costs of falsely believing p) and costs of belief which accrue regardless of the belief's truth or falsity; discusses a problem for this view, the problem of evidence-proportionate risk, and shows how the moderate pragmatist might account for such cases.

''Impact Sports, Child 'Brain Abuse', and the Precautionary Principle"

A commentary on "Sport-Structured Brain Trauma is Child Abuse," by E. Anderson, G. Turner, J. Hardwicke, and K.D. Parry (*Sport, Ethics and Philosophy (2023)*)

''Pragmatic Encroachment and Framing Effects"

Argues that the thesis of pragmatic encroachment, according to which pragmatic factors can bear on the evidentiary threshold for justified belief, faces a problem regarding framing effects (a well-known phenomenon in cognitive psychology). In particular, our intuitions of whether an evidentiary threshold is modulated by a pragmatic factor depend on how the factor is described (specifically, whether or not it is framed as a *cost*). But whether it is reasonable to believe p, according to pragmatic encroachment, depends only on whether relevant pragmatic factors are present, not on how they are framed. So, the pragmatic encroachment thesis turns out to be incoherent.

Talks

9/19/23	"Time Preference and the Parfitian Defense of Risking Brain Injury in Dangerous Sport," 50th Annual International Association for the Philosophy of Sport Conference, Split, Croatia
4/9/22	"Partial Cures and Risky Transplants: Against the Objectivist View of Moral Obligation," New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Waco, TX
4/5/19	"Disagreement and Deep Agnosticism," New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society, San Antonio, TX
4/5/19	Comment on Zach Thornton's "Distinctness as Possible Difference," New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society, San Antonio, TX
3/27/15	"Source Incompatibilism and Doing One's Reasonable Best," New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society, Houston, TX
3/28/15	Comment on Jae Hong Kim's "Practical Reasoning and Contextual Content in the First-Person Perspective," New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society, Houston, TX

3/13/15	"Source Incompatibilism and Doing One's Reasonable Best," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN
3/14/15	Comment on Michael Campbell's "'You Don't Have My Concept!' – Parfit and Street on Reasons," Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN
11/8/13	"Salvaging Serviceability in Metaphysics," Southwestern Philosophical Society, Fredericksburg, TX
10/5/13	"Salvaging Serviceability in Metaphysics," Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University
4/10/13	"Does Time Have Causal Powers?," Philosophy Dialogue Series, Texas State University
3/23/13	Comment on Jean-Paul Vessel, "Against Securitism," New Mexico West Texas Philosophical Society, San Antonio, TX
3/22/13	"Contingency, Metaphysical Error, and Modal Truth By Convention," New Mexico West Texas Philosophical Society, San Antonio, TX
9/23/11	"Contextualism, Closure, and the Factivity Problem," Alabama Philosophical Society, Pensacola, FL
3/28/09	"Fixity Without Necessity?," New Mexico-West Texas Philosophical Society, Houston, TX
2/13/09	"Fixity Without Necessity?," Auburn University
11/10/07	Comment on Greg Caruso's "Consciousness and Free Will," Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, San Antonio, TX
11/8/06	"Epistemic Counterparts," Lewis & Clark College
12/9/05	"Epistemic Counterparts," Discussion Club, Cornell University
10/20/05	"An Argument for a Modal Component of Concepts," Dissertation Workshop, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University.
12/8/04	"Modal Rationalism," Discussion Club, Cornell University.
11/10/04	"Possible Confusions about Possibilities," Philosophy Club, Ithaca College.
Spring 2004	"Noncognitivism, Noncontingency, Response Dependence," Dissertation Workshop, Cornell University.
Spring 2003	"How to Explain Away Modal Intuition," Dissertation Workshop, Cornell University.
Spring 2002	"Rule-Circular Justification," Syracuse University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference. (Refereed)
November 1999	"Externalism and Memory," Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society, Houston, TX. (Refereed)

Employment

2021-present	Assistant Professor, Texas State University
2012-2021	Senior Lecturer, Texas State University
2008-2012	Instructor, Auburn University
2007-8	Adjunct Professor, New Mexico State University
2006-7	Adjunct Professor, University of Portland
Spring 2007	Adjunct Professor, Portland State University
Fall 2007	Adjunct Professor, Lewis & Clark College
Fall 2004	Adjunct Professor, Ithaca College

Courses Taught

At Texas State:

Applied Philosophy, PHIL 5301

Bioethics, PHIL 4327

Elementary Logic, PHIL 2330

Ethics & Society, PHIL 1320

Philosophy & Critical Thinking, PHIL 1305

Philosophy and Sport, PHIL 3326

Metaphysics, PHIL 4370

Philosophical Logic, PHIL 5340

Philosophical Theory of Science, PHIL 4355

Independent Study: Philosophy of Mathematics (Matthew McCutchen)

Independent Study: Metaphysics (Brandon Hobbs)

At other universities:

Introduction to Ethics, PHIL 1020, Auburn University

Business Ethics, PHIL 1040, Auburn University

Independent Study (Matthew Howell): Natural Law and Practical Rationality, PHIL 4960, Auburn University

Introduction to Philosophy, PHIL 101G, New Mexico State University

Biomedical Ethics (online), PHIL 321, New Mexico State University

Ethics, PHIL 223G, New Mexico State University

Ancient Philosophy, PHIL 341, New Mexico State University

Introduction to Philosophy, PHIL 201, Portland State University

Ethics, PHIL 220, University of Portland

Logic, PHIL 101, Lewis & Clark College

Self & Identity, PHIL 335, University of Portland

Introduction to Philosophy, PHIL 101, Ithaca College

Necessity and Knowledge, PHIL 100.3, Freshman Writing Seminar, Cornell University

Logic I, PHIL 1321, University of Houston

Fellowships

Sage School Fellowship, Cornell University, 2002-2003

Sage School Fellowship, Cornell University, 1999-2000

Service

Institutional

Texas State:

Pre-health committee, 2022-present

Tenure-track search committee, Spring 2020

Undergraduate curriculum committee, 2017-present

Graduate scholarship committee, 2015-2025

Other institutions:

External reviewer for the Department of Philosophy & Theology, Texas Lutheran University, 2021

Graduate student representative to the search committee, Cornell, Fall 2003.

Professional

Associate Editor, *Journal of Philosophical Research*

Referee, *Philosophies*, *Dialectica*, *Logique et Analyse*

Referee, New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society

Community

Board member, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, San Marcos, TX, 2017-2022

Trail Crew, San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance

References

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