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Curriculum Vitæ

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Education

- Ph.D. in Philosophy**, University of Rochester expected 2019
Dissertation: *Epistemic Reasons and Epistemic Evaluations*
Committee: Richard Feldman and Earl Conee (co-directors), Stewart Cohen (external)
- M.A. in Philosophy**, University of Rochester 2017
- B.A. in Philosophy**, University of Iowa 2012
Summa cum laude and with honors
Thesis director: Richard Fumerton

Area of Specialization

Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Early Modern Philosophy | Feminist Philosophy | Ethics

Awards and Fellowships

- Edward Peck Curtis Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Graduate Student** 2017
University-wide merit-based award requiring departmental nomination and undergraduate-student support
University of Rochester
- Susan B. Anthony Teaching Fellowship** spring 2017
University-wide competition-based fellowship
Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
University of Rochester
- Best Teaching Assistant of the Year** (×2) fall 2013–spring 2015
Department-wide merit-based award
Philosophy Department, University of Rochester
- Gustav Bergmann Philosophy Prize** 2012
Department-wide merit-based award
Philosophy Department, University of Iowa
- Phi Beta Kappa** 2012
National merit-based award
University of Iowa

Teaching

Introduction to Ethics (×6) The College at Brockport, SUNY Philosophy Department	fall 2017–spring 2018
The Gendered Nature of Academia: Philosophy as a Case Study University of Rochester Philosophy Department/Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Department	spring 2017
Moral Problems University of Rochester Philosophy Department	summer 2016

Teaching Assistance (2013–2017)

Moral Problems (×4) <i>Guest lectures: “The Principle of Alternative Possibilities”</i> (×2) and “Kant’s Categorical Imperative”	William FitzPatrick
Ethical Decisions in Medicine	William FitzPatrick
Ethics <i>Guest lecture: “Feminist Virtue Ethics”</i>	Jonathan Tresan
Introduction to Philosophy (×2) <i>Guest lectures: “Cartesian Mind–Body Interaction,”</i> “Cartesian Epistemology,” and “The Gettier Problem”	Brett Sherman

Presentations

7. Cavendish on Inanimate Matter and Motion Transfer 5th Annual Philosophy Conference: Women in Early Modern Philosophy Lehigh University	October 2017
6. Truth and Accuracy: Perfectionism without Precision Long Island Philosophical Association Molloy College	April 2016
5. Dead Epistemic Possibilities Epistemology Brownbag Series (invited) Northwestern University	March 2016
4. What Does Fallibilism Require of Epistemic Possibility? 17th Annual Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference University of Colorado at Boulder	April 2015
3. What Does Fallibilism Require of Epistemic Possibility? Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference University of Florida	March 2015
2. What Does Fallibilism Require of Epistemic Possibility? Iowa Philosophical Society Iowa State University	November 2014

1. **The Madness of Cavendish's Panpsychist Materialism** March 2014
21st Annual Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference
University of Rochester

Commentary

3. **Kevin McCain, title TBA (Distinguished Rochester Alumnus Keynote)** November 2018
10th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference
University of Rochester
2. **Luís Pinto de Sá's "Defending Traditional (Indirect) Virtue Epistemology"** October 2016
9th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference
University of Rochester
1. **Rodrigo Borges's "Knowledge from Knowledge"** October 2014
8th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference
University of Rochester

Academic Service

- Conference referee** fall 2018
10th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference
- Conference referee** fall 2016
9th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference
- Conference organizer** fall 2015–spring 2016
23rd Annual Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies
Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference
- Conference referee** fall 2014
8th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference
- Conference organizer** fall 2014–spring 2015
22nd Annual Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies
Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference
- Companion-website content author** fall 2013–spring 2014
Ney, Alyssa. *Metaphysics: An Introduction*. Routledge, 2014.
<http://www.routledge-textbooks.com/textbooks/9780415640756/default.php>
- Graduate student representative** fall 2013–spring 2014
University of Rochester Philosophy Department
- Conference assistant** September 2013
Metaphysics Meets the Philosophy of Physics in Rochester

Service to Undergraduates

- Honors project advisor (×2)** fall 2017
The College at Brockport, SUNY

Referee <i>Journal of Undergraduate Research</i> , University of Rochester	spring 2017
Speaker (×3), on philosophical and professional topics Undergraduate Philosophy Council, University of Rochester	2012–2013

Additional Funding

Conference-travel grant (×5) University of Rochester Philosophy Department	fall 2014–fall 2017
Conference-travel grant (×2) University of Rochester Graduate Student Association	spring 2015, fall 2017

Graduate Coursework

Related to Area of Specialization

Collective Epistemology	Richard Feldman
Disagreement (audited)	Richard Feldman
Epistemic Possibility (independent study)	Richard Feldman
Fallibilism	Richard Feldman
Reasons in Epistemology (independent study)	Earl Conee
Luminosity and Infallibilism (seminar)	Earl Conee
Theory of Knowledge	Earl Conee

Related to Areas of Competence

Properties and Predications, Medieval to Modern (seminar)	Paul Audi and Alison Peterman
Margaret Cavendish (independent study)	Alison Peterman
Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz	Ralf Meerbote
Bacon, Locke, and Hume	Ralf Meerbote
Normative Realism and Naturalism (seminar)	William FitzPatrick

Additional Coursework

Plato: From Elenchus to Division (seminar)	Deborah Modrak
Ancient Philosophy	Deborah Modrak
Fundamentality: Grounding, Vagueness, and Objectivity (seminar)	Alyssa Ney
Metaphysics	Alyssa Ney
Non-Classical Logics	Alyssa Ney

Philosophy of Language	Brett Sherman
Metalogic	Brett Sherman
Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Religion	Ed Wierenga
Philosophy of Biology	Brad Weslake
Philosophy of Mind	Brad Weslake
Philosophy of Science	Brad Weslake

References

Research

Richard Feldman Professor of Philosophy University of Rochester	<code>richard.feldman@rochester.edu</code>
Earl Conee Professor of Philosophy University of Rochester	<code>earl.conee@rochester.edu</code>

Teaching

William FitzPatrick Gideon Webster Burbank Professor of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy University of Rochester	<code>william.fitzpatrick@rochester.edu</code>
Gordon Barnes Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy The College at Brockport, SUNY	<code>gbarnes@brockport.edu</code>