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EMPLOYMENT

2016-present Instructor, Marion Military Institute.

2013-2016 Visiting Instructor, Mississippi State University.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2013.

Dissertation: *Semantics, Pragmatics, and the Nature of Semantic Theories.*

M.A., Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2010.

M.Phil., Philosophy, University of Glasgow, 2007.

B.A., Theological Studies, University of Valley Forge, 2003.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language, Epistemology.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Feminist Philosophy, Logic, Ethics, Metaphysics, History of Philosophy.

PUBLICATIONS

(Forthcoming) “Understanding Assertion to Understand Silencing: Finding an Account of Assertion that Explains Silencing Arising from Testimonial Injustice,” *Episteme*.

(Forthcoming) “Getting Expression Based Semantics Right: Its Proper Objects of Evaluation and Limits.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

2016 “A Modulation Account of Negative Existentials.” *Philosophia*. 44 (1): pp. 227–245.

REVIEWS

2013 *Reference and Existence* (2013, OUP) by Saul Kripke, in *Metapsychology* Vol. 17, No. 42 (2013).

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Paper Presentations:

- 2016 “Varieties of Silencing.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Tennessee, February 2016.
- 2015 “The Constitutive Norm Account of Assertion: Explaining Epistemic Harm, but not Silencing.” Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2015.
- 2015 “Understanding Assertion to Understand Silencing.” Joint Meeting of the Indiana and Kentucky Philosophical Associations, April 2015.
- 2015 “Understanding Assertion to Understand Silencing.” Mississippi Philosophical Association, March 2015.
- 2014 “Keeping the Audience in Mind.” Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2014.
- 2014 “Soames on Demonstratives, Meaning, and Linguistic Understanding.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2014.
- 2011 “Confusion over Expression-Based Semantics.” Northwest Philosophy Conference, November 2011.
- 2011 “Confusion over Expression-Based Semantics.” Northern Institute of Philosophy Graduate Conference, July 2011.
- 2010 “Everett’s Linguistic Criticism of Fictional Characters as Abstract Artifacts.” CUNY 13th Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference, April 2010.
- 2010 “A Semantic/Pragmatic Distinction for Negative Existentials Does Explain our Intuitions Regarding the Existence of Fictional Characters.” Brandeis University Graduate Student Philosophy Conference — “Intersections with the Philosophy of Language,” March 2010.
- 2007 “Maintaining Rationality in the Face of Contradictory Beliefs: A Defense of Direct Reference.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, University of Memphis, Tennessee, February 2007.

Invited Presentations:

- 2016 Comments on Jeremy Shipley’s “Varying Variance, Invariantly.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College, Tennessee, February 2016.
- 2015 “Understanding Assertion to Understand Silencing: Finding an Account of Assertion that Explains Silencing Arising from Testimonial Injustice.” University of Alabama, Birmingham, Department of Philosophy, September 2015.
- 2015 Comments on Allen Gehring’s “Molinism, Truthmaking, and Epistemology.” Joint Meeting of the Indiana and Kentucky Philosophical Associations, April 2015.
- 2014 Comments on Megan Henricks Stott’s “Linguistic Meaning and Etiological Functions.” Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2014.

Campus Talks:

- 2016 Panelist, “Encouraging Critical Thinking about Gender through Writing in Introductory Courses,” Mississippi State University, *Feminist Pedagogy*, January 2016.

- 2015 Panelist, “Measures of a Man: How Race, Place, and Religion Shape South Masculinities,” Mississippi State University, *Maroon Edition*, October 2015.
- 2015 “Silence and Disagreement: The Right Account of Assertion Can Explain Both.” Mississippi State University Language Research Group, February 2015
- 2013 “Choose Your Words Wisely: The Pragmatics of Word Choice and The Substitution of Co-referring Terms.” Mississippi State University, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Visiting Speaker Series, November 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Independent Instructor

Mississippi State

History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy: (Fall 2014).

Epistemology: (Spring 2014).

Introduction to Philosophy: (Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014).

Introduction to Ethics, (Fall 2013, Summer 2014 [online], Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016).

Symbolic Logic: (Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016).

University of California, Santa Barbara

Introduction to Philosophy: (Summer 2010, Spring 2012).

History of Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy: (Winter 2011).

Introduction to Ethics: (Summer 2011).

Critical Thinking: (Spring 2013).

Teaching Assistant

Lower-division

Introduction to Philosophy: (Spring 2010).

Critical Thinking: (Fall 2009).

Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy: (Winter 2009).

Introduction to Ethics: (Fall 2008, Spring 2011).

Ancient Philosophy: (Fall 2011).

Late Modern Philosophy: (Spring 2009).

Right and Wrong (Glasgow).

Knowledge and the World (Glasgow).

Knowledge and Meaning (Glasgow).

Upper-division:

Symbolic Logic: (Winter 2010, Fall 2012).

Epistemology: (Winter 2013).

Philosophy of Language: (Fall 2010).

Teaching Leadership

Summer Teaching Institute for Associates, UCSB, Facilitator, 2012.

AWARDS

2012 Nathan Salmon Fund Scholarship for Graduate Student Excellence in Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, Winter 2012.

2007 Ralph W. Church Fellowship. University of California, Santa Barbara 2007-2008.

EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2015-2016. Supervisor, Logic Lab–Logic Tutoring.

2014-2016. Faculty Advisor, Philosophy and Religion Club.

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

2004-present. American Philosophical Association.

LANGUAGES

French: Intermediate reading; Basic conversational.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Nathan Salmon, Professor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy
University of California, Santa Barbara

Michael Rescorla, Associate Professor of Philosophy
Department of Philosophy
University of California, Los Angeles

John Bickle, Professor of Philosophy and Department Chair
Department of Philosophy and Religion
Mississippi State University