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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*.  
2016 “Getting Expression Based Semantics Right: Its Proper Objects of Evaluation and Limits.” *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*. 54 (3): pp. 393-410.  
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).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“On the Metaphysics of Semantic Tokens: The No-Token Problem” (revise and resubmit)  
“Unnecessary Norms: The Constitutive Norm Account of Assertion in Explaining Epistemic Injustice”  
“Varieties of Silencing”

## PRESENTATIONS

### **Refereed Paper Presentations:**

- 2017 “From Disagreement to Epistemic Injustice.” Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2017.
- 2016 “Are There Perlocutionary Silencings?.” Alabama Philosophical Society, October 2016.
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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:**

- 2017 “Varieties of Silencing,” University of Alabama, Department of Philosophy, November 2017 (Scheduled).
- 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

### **Marion Military Institute**

Introduction to Philosophy: (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017)

Ethics and Society: (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017)

### **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 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.

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Manuscript Referee *Pragmatics*, 2017

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Marion Military Institute Quality Enhancement Plan Facilitator, 2017

## EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Intramural Ethics Bowl Organizer. 2017-present.

Supervisor, Logic Lab–Logic Tutoring, Mississippi State University 2015-2016.

Faculty Advisor, Mississippi State University Philosophy and Religion Club. 2014-2016.

## MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

2004-present. American Philosophical Association.

## LANGUAGES

French: Intermediate reading; Basic conversational.