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EMPLOYMENT

2019-present Assessment Director, Marion Military Institute.

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

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

PUBLICATIONS

(Forthcoming) "Perlocutionary Silencing: A Linguistic Harm that Prevents Discursive Influence," *Hypatia*.

2021 "Conversational Epistemic Injustice: Extending the Insight from Testimonial Injustice to Speech Acts Beyond Assertion," *Social Epistemology*. 35 (6): pp. 593-607.

2017 "Understanding Assertion to Understand Silencing: Finding an Account of Assertion that Explains Silencing Arising from Testimonial Injustice," *Episteme*. 14 (4): pp. 423-440.

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).

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Paper Presentations:

- 2019 “Should Silencing Assume Oppression?” Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2019.
- 2018 “Answering Machines and Semantic Tokens.” Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2018.
- 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 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:

- 2017 “Varieties of Silencing,” University of Alabama, Department of Philosophy, November 2017.
- 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, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)
- Ethics and Society: (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021)

Mississippi State

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

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

- Faculty Professional Development on Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment, Marion Military Institute, Organized and Co-taught with Logan Logan, 2019.

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

AWARDS

2018 Chancellor's Award, Alabama Community College System Award of Excellence.

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.

GRANTS

2018 Reflective Journaling In and out of Philosophy Classrooms, American Association of Philosophy Teachers 2018 Grant for Innovations in Teaching.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Referee for Journals: *Social Philosophy Today* (2019), *Pragmatics* (2017).

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Title IX Advisor, Marion Military Institute. 2021-present.

Ethics Bowl Coach, Marion Military Institute. 2018-present.

Sick Leave Bank Committee, Vice President, Marion Military Institute. 2018-present.

Retention Committee, Marion Military Institute. 2018-2019.

Marion Military Institute Quality Enhancement Plan Facilitator Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2019.

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

EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Intramural Ethics Bowl Organizer. 2017-present.

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