
Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Mind/Cognitive Science, History and Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Environmental Ethics, Logic and Language, Early Modern Philosophy, Political Philosophy

Education

- PhD, Philosophy (Cornell University)August 2018
 - BA, Philosophy, Mathematics (Appalachian State University).....May 2009
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Employment

- Visiting Assistant Professor (Colgate University)..... August 2019-Present
 - Visiting Assistant Professor (Virginia Commonwealth University)..... August 2018-May 2019
 - Instructor (The College of New Jersey)..... August 2017-May 2018
 - Instructor (Lehman College) August 2017-December 2017
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Research

Dissertation: Ends, Norms, and Representations: Why ask “Why?” in Biology?

Committee: Derk Pereboom (co-chair), Richard Boyd (co-chair), William Starr

Publications

- How to be a Naturalist and a Social Constructivist About Disease
[with Shane Glackin] *Philosophy of Medicine* vol 2, issue 1 (2021) [[link](#)]
- Mayr and Tinbergen: Disentangling and Integrating
Biology and Philosophy vol 35, issue 4 (2020) [[link](#)]
- Review of “The Scientific Method: An Evolution of Thinking from Darwin to Dewey”
(invited) *The Quarterly Review of Biology* Vol 96, issue 3 (2021) [[link](#)]
- Review of “What Functions Are and Why They Matter”
(invited) *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* (2020) [[link](#)]

Peer-Reviewed Conference Talks

- Rethinking the Function-Accident Distinction
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology.....July 2021
- How to be a Naturalist and a Social Constructivist About Disease, part 1
British Society for the Philosophy of Science.....July 2019

- How to be a Naturalist *and* a Social Constructivist About Disease, part 1
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology.....July 2019
- Disentangling and Integrating Mayr and Tinbergen
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology.....July 2017
- Taking Genetic Representation Seriously
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology.....July 2017
- Putting Dysfunction to Work in Functional Analysis
4th European Advanced Seminar in the Philosophy of the Life SciencesSeptember 2016
- Putting Dysfunction to Work
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology.....July 2015

Invited Talks

- Author Meets Critic panelist, Justin Garson’s “What Functions are and Why They Matter”
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting..... January 2021
- From Dysfunction to Disease
Workshop: The Concept of Function in Biology, University of Quebec, Montreal.....October 2019
- Virtue Ethics
Fraternity Lecture Series, Virginia Commonwealth University..... March 2019

Teaching

Colgate University

- Medical Ethics Spring 2022
- Philosophy of Mind Fall 2021
- Philosophy of Science (online)..... Spring 2021
- Political Philosophy (2 sections, online) Spring 2021
- Environmental Ethics..... Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
- Philosophy of Biology Fall 2019 and Fall 2021
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2 sections) Spring 2020 and 2022
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2 sections, online) Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

Virginia Commonwealth University

- Critical Thinking About Moral Problems (2 sections)..... Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
- Normative Ethics Fall 2018
- Social and Political Philosophy..... Spring 2019

The College of New Jersey

- Introduction to Philosophy Spring 2018
- Environmental Ethics..... Spring 2018
- Introduction to Logic Spring 2018
- Contemporary Moral Issues (3 sections) Fall 2017

Lehman College

- Justice and Society..... Fall 2017
- Biology, Gender, and Objectivity Fall 2017

Cornell University

- Philosophy in Practice: Conservation Ethics Spring 2017
- Philosophy in Practice: Biology, Gender, and Objectivity Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
- Introduction to Philosophy (TA under Karen Bennett) Fall 2013
- Early Modern Philosophy (TA under Derk Pereboom)..... Spring 2013 and Spring 2014
- Philosophy of Science (TA under Richard Boyd) Fall 2012 and Fall 2016

Awards, Service & Professional Development

- International Society for the History Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology Travel Grant
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship (Cornell University Center for Teaching Excellence, declined)
- Philosophical Review Postdoctoral Lectureship (Cornell University, declined in favor of position at VCU)
- Journal Reviewer for: *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*
- Graduate Representative to the Faculty (Cornell University)
- Philosophy Leadership, Training, and Advocacy Organization (PLATO) elected “social officer” (Cornell University graduate field organization)
- Misc. organizational leadership roles (events, reading groups, speakers, etc.)
- North American Summer School for Language Logic and Information (NASSLLI) (2012 Austin, TX and 2014 College Park, MD)
- European Summer School for Language Logic and Information (ESSLLI) (2013 Dusseldorf Germany)
- Teaching as Research Conference (Cornell University)

References

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