#### Curriculum Vitae

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**Areas of Specialization:** Areas of Teaching Competence:

Philosophy of Language Ethical Theory
Philosophy of Mind Modern Philosophy
Epistemology Ancient Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion Philosophy of Law

Matanhania

Metaphysics

#### **Educational Record:**

**Ph.D.** Philosophy: University of California, Santa Barbara, August, 2000.

Dissertation: Externalism, Inference, and Introspective Knowledge

Of Comparative Content

Committee: Nathan Salmon (chair), Anthony Brueckner, Kevin Falvey, and

Francis Dauer

M.A, Philosophy: University of California, Santa Barbara, December

C.Phil.

1994.

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Thesis: "What is the Price of Abandoning Introspective

Knowledge of Comparative Content?"

**B.A.** Philosophy: Carleton College, June 1989.

## **Refereed Publications:**

- 1. "The Evil-God Challenge: Extended and Defended," *Religious Studies* 55, pp. 85-109, March 2019.
- 2. "The Dispute between Constitutional Originalism and Evolutionism Rests on a Semantic Mistake," *Law and Philosophy* 30, pp. 645-684, November 2011.
- 3. "Content Externalism and Brute Logical Error," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 30, n. 4, pp. 549-574, December 2008.
- 4. "Temporal Externalism, Natural Kind Terms, and Scientifically Ignorant Communities," *Philosophical Papers* 35, n. 1, pp. 55-68, March 2006.

- 5. "Epistemic Closure Principles," Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy (http://www.iep.utm.edu/), 2006.
- 6. "Feldman's Account of Death's Badness, and Life-Death Comparatives," *Southwest Philosophy Review* 21, n. 2, pp. 83-99, July 2005.
- 7. "Ryan on Epistemic Closure Principles," *Philosophia* 29, n. 1-4, pp. 371-376, May 2002.

## **Professional Presentations:**

- 1. "Why Do So Few People Believe in an Evil God?" The Southeastern Committee for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, March 9, 2019.
- 2. Commentator, "Comments on 'Entrapment, Counterfactuals, and Police', Luke Hunt, American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Main Program), Chicago, February 22, 2018.
- 3. Commentator, "Comments on 'Closure and Epistemic Modals", Justin Bledin and Tamar Lando, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Main Program), San Francisco, March 31, 2016.
- 4. Commentator, "Comments on 'The No Gratuitous Evil Thesis is Overly Anthropomorphic", Michael Schrynemakers, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Main Program), January 7, 2016.
- 5. "The Argument from Good", Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, April 3, 2015 (comments by Anthony Kreider).
- 6. "The Argument from Good", Lighthearted Philosophers Society, Galveston, Texas, October 10, 2014 (comments by Thomas Brommage).
- 7. "The Argument from Good", North Carolina Philosophical Society, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 21, 2014.
- 8. Commentator, "Comments on Temptation, Resolution and Epistemic Self-Trust", Arthur Lau, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charleston, South Carolina, February 8, 2014.
- 9. Commentator, "Comments on 'It's Not All about Beliefs: the Extended Mind and Why Propositional Attitudes are Still in the Head", Greg Nirshberg, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Austin, TX, March 1, 2013.
- 10. Commentator, "Comments on 'Semantic Ineliminability, Fictionalism, and Ontology', Eric Hiddleston, Central States Philosophical Association, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, September 22, 2012.
- 11. Commentator, "Comments on 'Putting Fallibilism to Work", Charity Anderson, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Main Program), Seattle, Washington, April 5, 2012.
- 12. Commentator, "Comments on 'Meta-Semantic Arguments Against Skepticism", Justin Fisher, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Savannah, Georgia, March 22, 2012.
- 13. Commentator, "Comments on 'A Textualist Argument for a Living Constitution", Anthony Kreider, Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri, September 17, 2011.
- 14. "Agent Relative Fallacies," presented at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, March 10, 2011.

- 15. Commentator, "Comments on 'Multi-Premise Closure and Knowledge," Tim Kakos, Central States Philosophical Association, Detroit, September 23, 2010.
- 16. "Agent Relative Fallacies," presented at the International Society for the Study of Argumentation, Amsterdam, July 1, 2010.
- 17. Commentator, "Comments on 'Quotation and Compositionality," Paul Saka, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Main Program), San Francisco, April 1, 2010.
- 18. Commentator, "Comments on 'Two Standpoints on Knowledge," Anthony D. Coleman, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Main Program), Vancouver, British Columbia, April 10, 2009.
- 19. Commentator, "Comments on 'Self-Representation and the Transparency of Consciousness," Kenneth Williford, Central States Philosophical Association, St. Paul, MN, September 26, 2008.
- 20. Commentator, "Comments on 'Hawthorne on the Deeply Contingent A Priori," Yuval Avnur, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Main Program), Pasadena, March 22, 2008.
- 21. Commentator, "Comments on 'Knowability and Cartesian Propositions," Salvatore Florio, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Main Program), Chicago, April 2007.
- 22. "A Bet on Free Will is a Sure Bet," presented at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, April 2007 (commentator: Eddy Nahmias).
- 23. Commentator, "Comments on 'Mooreanism, Skepticism and Sensitivity," Geoff Pynn, presented at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, April 5, 2007.
- 24. "Temporal Externalism and Interpretation of the Law," presented at Temporal Externalism workshop, Toronto, Ontario, April 2, 2006.
- 25. Commentator, "Comments on 'Properties and Exact Resemblance," Eric Funkhouser, at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Charleston, South Carolina, April 14, 2006.
- 26. "Constitutional Evolutionism, Originalism, and Externalist Semantics," delivered at the joint meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, at the University of South Carolina, February 18, 2006.
- 27. Commentator, "Comments on 'Epistemic Circularity Squared? Skepticism about Common Sense," Baron Reed, at the Central States Philosophical Association, Lexington, Kentucky, October 8, 2005.
- 28. Commentator, "Comments on Epistemic Utility and the Authority of Inner Sense," William Larkin, at the Central States Philosophical Association, Lexington, Kentucky, October 8, 2005.
- 29. "Temporal Externalism, Natural Kind Terms, and Scientifically Ignorant Communities," (poster presentation) at the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, at Wake Forest University, June 9, 2005.
- 30. "Temporal Externalism, Natural Kind Terms, and Scientifically Ignorant Communities," delivered at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, at Durham, NC, March 25, 2005.

- 31. "Temporal Externalism, Natural Kind Terms, and Scientifically Ignorant Communities," delivered at the North Carolina Philosophical Society, at Duke University, February 19, 2005.
- 32. "Externalism and Skepticism about Introspective Knowledge of Logical Form," delivered at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Society for Skeptical Studies), in Pasadena, California, March 2004.
- 33. "The Epistemic View of Vagueness, and Externalism," delivered at the State University of New York at Buffalo, November 2003.
- 34. Commentator, "Comments on 'Knowledge of Content and McKinsey-style Reasoning," James Pryor, at Utah Self-Knowledge Conference, at the University of Utah, April 5, 2002.
- 35. "Introspective Self-Knowledge, Externalism, Skepticism, and the Twin Concepts Principle," delivered at the Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Society for Skeptical Studies), in Seattle, Washington, March 28, 2002.
- 36. "Externalism, the Preservative Role of Memory, and Introspective Access to Inferential Form," delivered at John Carroll University, in Cleveland, Ohio, March 1, 2001.

#### **Grants:**

1. BB&T Active Learning and Leadership Grant, Spring 2015, \$1000.

## Honors and Awards:

- 1. 2005 Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award, for best paper by junior faculty at 2005 meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology
- 2. 2005 Best Paper by Untenured Faculty Award, for the 2005 meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society
- 3. 1999 Paul Wienpahl Memorial Award for excellence in teaching by a graduate student in philosophy at the University of California at Santa Barbara.

# **Teaching Experience**

- 1. Associate Professor: East Carolina University, 2007 to present.
- 2. Assistant Professor: East Carolina University, 2001 to 2007.
- 3. Instructor: University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996-2001.
- 4. Instructor: Santa Barbara City College, 2000-2001.
- 5. Teaching Assistant: University of California, Santa Barbara, 1993-1997.

# **Courses Taught:**

Introductory Level: Introduction to Philosophy, Critical Thinking, Introduction to

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy, Late Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion,

Contemporary Moral Problems, Philosophy of Law,

Philosophy of Sport

Upper Division: Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Ethical Theory,

Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Religion, Moral Theories of Punishment, Ancient Philosophy,

Plato

**Graduate Thesis Committees** 

Nazenin Carpenter, MA in Linguistics (2012-13)

## **Professional Activity**

Membership in professional organizations

American Philosophical Association

North Carolina Philosophical Society

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Central States Philosophical Association

Society for Skeptical Studies

International Society for the Study of Argumentation

# Other professional activity

Referee: MIT Press, Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Religious Studies, Philosophia, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Papers, Polish Journal of Philosophy, McGraw-Hill Publishers, Prentice-Hall Publishers, Society for Skeptical Studies, Mary Williamson Prize (Hollins University), International Society for the Study of Argumentation, North Carolina Philosophical Society, and Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

Judge: Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Finals (2019)

## University Service

Educational Policies and Planning Committee (2017 to present)

General Education and Instructional Effectiveness Committee (2018-present)

Research and Creative Activity Grants Committee (2005-08)

Undergraduate Council (2014-present)

Harriott College Curriculum Sub-Committee (2016-18)

Appellate Hearing Committee (2014-17)

Faculty Leadership Course (2009-10)

Faculty Senate Alternate

Quality Enhancement Plan Assessor (2013)

ECU Women's Ultimate Frisbee, faculty advisor (2016-18)

Classical Studies Faculty Committee (2017-present)

Great Books Faculty Committee (2016-present)

College Research Award Committee (2007-08)

ECU Honors College Application Reviewer (2017-18)

Department Service (selected)

Philosophy Undergraduate Program Director (2010-present)

Department of Philosophy Outcomes Assessment Committee (chair)

Department of Philosophy Personnel Committee (chair)

Department of Philosophy Tenure Committee (chair)

Department of Philosophy Search Committees (many)

Department of Philosophy Code Committee

Department of Philosophy Planning Committee (chair)

Department of Philosophy Curriculum Committee (chair)

Department of Philosophy Majors Advisor (2010-present)

Philosophy Club, Faculty Advisor (2007-present)

Phi Sigma Tau, ECU Chapter, Faculty Advisor (2011-present)

Secular Student Alliance, ECU Chapter, Faculty Advisor (2011-2018)

Department of Philosophy liaison to the QEP/Writing Ctr (2012-present)

Five-year review of philosophy chair (2014-15, 2019-20)

Philosophy Productivity Committee (2014-16)

## References

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