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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Ethics, Philosophy of Science, Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Perception, Logic

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Philosophy AUGUST 2013
University of Iowa (GPA: 4.17)
Dissertation: The Problem of Easy Justification: An Investigation of Evidence, Justification, and Reliability
Committee: Richard Fumerton (Advisor), David Cunniff, Evan Fales, Ali Hasan, and Gregory Landini
- M.A., Philosophy MAY 2011
University of Iowa
- B.A., Philosophy (English Minor) MAY 2007
University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
Magna Cum Laude and with Distinction

FACULTY POSITIONS

- Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Tuskegee University 2018 - PRESENT
Instructor, Philosophy, Auburn University 2015 – 2018
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of Minnesota – Duluth 2014 – 2015
Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of Iowa 2013 – 2014

OTHER POSITIONS

- Series Editor, Professor Reflection Series, American Philosophical Association 2023 – PRESENT
Official Blog

SCHOLARY PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming.* "Acquaintance, Attention, and Introspective Justification." *Acta Analytica*.
- Forthcoming.* "Direct Acquaintance" for the Blackwell Companion to Epistemology 3rd Edition (Wiley-Blackwell). Edited by Kurt Sylvan, Matthias Steup, Ernest Sosa, and Jonathan Dancy.
2024. "Inferential Internalism Defended" (with Brett Coppenger). *Southwest Philosophy Review* 20 (1): 195-206.
2022. "Comments on Simpson's 'More Clarity About Concessive Knowledge Attributions.'" *Southwest Philosophy Review* 38 (2): 13-16.

2022. "Review of *Brain-Mind: From Neurons to Consciousness and Creativity*, by Paul Thagard." *The Review of Metaphysics* 75 (4): 831-833.

2015. "Is Justification Easy or Impossible? Getting Acquainted with a Middle Road." *Synthese* 192 (9): 2987-3009.

2015. "What Seemings Seem to Be." *Episteme* 12 (3): 363-384.

PEDAGOGICAL PUBLICATIONS

2023. "Syllabus Showcase: Introduction to Philosophy, Samuel A. Taylor." *The APA's Official Blog, Syllabus Showcase Series*. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2023/10/18/syllabus-showcase-introduction-to-philosophy-samuel-a-taylor/>.

2023. "The Importance of Professor Reflections on Teaching." *The APA's Official Blog, Professor Reflection Series*. <https://blog.apaonline.org/2023/07/26/the-importance-of-professor-reflections-on-teaching/>.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Perceiving and Misperceiving Meaning in our Lives (Article in preparation)

Mutually Reinforcing Webs of Hostile Epistemology (Article in preparation)

Rational Inference (Article in preparation)

Acquaintance, Evidence, and Justification (Book Proposal preparing for submission)

PRESENTATIONS

JANUARY 2024: "Comments on Falwell's 'The Varieties of Infelicity,'" *American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting*.

NOVEMBER 2023: "Inferential Internalism Defended." Southwestern Philosophical Society 2023 Annual Meeting.

AUGUST 2023: "Ethical Implications of Generative AI in Higher Education." *Tuskegee University Panel Discussion on AI in Higher Education*.

MAY 2023: "Ethical implications of ChatGPT in Academic Research." *Tuskegee University Presentation to Faculty and University Partners*.

OCTOBER 2021: "Comments on Simpson's 'More Clarity about Concessive Knowledge Attributions,'" *Southwestern Philosophical Society 2021 Annual Meeting*.

SEPTEMBER 2019: "Defending Inferential Internalism," *Alabama Philosophical Society 57th Annual Meeting*.

FEBRUARY 2019: "Comments on Austin's 'Acquiring a Concept of Visual Experience,'" *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting*

APRIL 2017: "The Nature and Epistemic Significance of Acquaintance," *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*

NOVEMBER 2016: "The Nature and Epistemic Significance of Acquaintance," *Tennessee Philosophical Association 48th Annual Meeting*

OCTOBER 2014: "Inference, Regress, and Bootstrapping," *Central States Philosophical Association Meeting*

OCTOBER 2014: "Inference, Regress, and Bootstrapping," *Minnesota Philosophical Society*

FEBRUARY 2014: "Inference, Regress, and Bootstrapping," *38th Midsouth Philosophy Conference*

OCTOBER 2013: "Believing I'm Fallible: Skepticism, Reason, & Naturalism in Hume," *38th Annual European Studies Conference*

APRIL 2012: "What Seemings Seem to Be," *14th Rocky Mountains Philosophy Conference*

APRIL 2012: "What Seemings Seem to Be," *3rd Northwestern/Notre Dame Epistemology Conference*

MARCH 2012: "How to Get Things Together: Trope Theory & Bradley's Regress," *Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference*

MARCH 2012: "Attending to the Speckled Hen," *14th Annual Jakobsen Conference*

FEBRUARY 2012: "What Seemings Seem to Be," *36th Midsouth Philosophy Conference*

JANUARY 2012: "Attending to the Speckled Hen," *9th Annual University of Miami Graduate Conference in Epistemology*

OCTOBER 2010: "How to and How Not to Respond to Bergmann's Dilemma," *6th Biennial Rochester Graduate Epistemology Conference*

DECEMBER 2009: "How to and How Not to Respond to Bergmann's Dilemma," *University of Iowa Graduate Society Fall Conference*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY

- Introduction to Philosophy (x26)
- Ethics (x14)
- Modern Philosophy (x5)
- Philosophy of Mind
- Business Ethics
- Technology Ethics (upcoming Fall 2024)
- Philosophy and Games (upcoming Fall 2024)

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

- Philosophy of Religion (x4)
- Logic (x6)
- Ethics (x8)

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA – DULUTH

- Theories of Knowledge
- Philosophy and World Religions (x2)
- Introduction to Philosophy (x3)
- Symbolic Logic

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

- Metaphysics
- Principles of Reasoning
- Honors Principles of Reasoning
- Undergraduate Seminar: Varieties of Skepticism
- Introduction to Philosophy (x5)
- TA for Philosophy & Human Nature (x2)
- TA for Philosophy & the Just Society (x2)

IOWA LYCEUM (Philosophy Summer Camp for High School Students)

- Lecture: Does Science Conflict with Religion?

AWARDS

2024: OSUN Scholarship for CEU Summer Course on The Ethics of Attention

2012-2013: Ballard Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship
SPRING 2012: University of Iowa Philosophy Department Travel Funds Award
SPRING 2012: Outstanding TA Award (University-Wide)
SPRING 2012: Outstanding Humanities Paper (“Attending to the Speckled Hen”)
FALL 2011: 4th Year University of Iowa Philosophy Department Fellowship
SUMMER 2011: University of Iowa Graduate School Summer Fellowship
SUMMER 2011: Hugh Vollrath Ross Scholarship
SUMMER 2010: Pre-Comprehensive Exam Fellowship
SUMMER 2009: University of Iowa Philosophy Department Summer Fellowship
2008-2009: 1st Year University of Iowa Philosophy Department Fellowship

SERVICE

2023-Present: *Senator*, Tuskegee Faculty Senate
2023-Present: Philosophy Program Coordinator, Tuskegee University
2023-Present: Series Editor, Professor Reflection Series, The APA’s Official Blog 2023: Co-organizer, philosophy recruitment dinner, Tuskegee University
2022-Present: Inaugural Faculty Cohort for the Global Humanities Minor
2022-Present: Grievance Committee Member
2022-Present: Instruction Committee Member
2022: Co-organizer for philosophy recruitment dinner
2022: Paper referee for *Southwest Philosophy Review*
AUGUST 2022: Participant with *American Council of Learned Societies* HBCU faculty focus group on communication and support for grant opportunities
2020-Present: Grade appeal committee, Mod. Lang., Comm., and Philosophy Department
2021-2022: Ad-hoc Faculty Senate Maintenance Committee Member
2020: Ad-hoc philosophy committee for measuring, documenting, and reporting student achievement on critical thinking general education outcome.
2020: Textbook reviewer for Oxford University Press
2019: Co-organizer, philosophy recruitment lunch, Tuskegee University 2019: Paper Referee for *Res Philosophica* and *Philosophy Christi*
MAY 2019: Session Chair for Orange Beach Philosophy Conference
NOVEMBER 2019: Co-organizer for Philosophy Minor Recruitment Meeting
SEPTEMBER 2019: Co-creator, grade appeal process and form for department of Modern Languages, Communications, and Philosophy at Tuskegee University
2019-Present: Philosophy minor advisor for various students at Tuskegee University
SPRING 2018: Co-creator, Critical Thinking general education grading rubric, Tuskegee University
2015: Reviewer for book proposal for Oxford University Press
2014-2015: Faculty Advisor for the UMD Socratic Society (Undergraduate Philosophy Club)
SEPTEMBER 2014: Referee for the Minnesota Philosophical Society Conference
2011-2012: Senator for the University of Iowa Graduate Student Senate
2010-2011: Vice-President of the Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society
NOVEMBER 2010: Epistemology Session Chair at the Iowa Philosophical Society Conference
2009-2010: President of the Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society
APRIL 2010: Co-Organizer of the 7th Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society Spring Conference
DECEMBER 2010: Co-Organizer of the 7th Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society Fall Conference
2008-2014: Submission Referee for the Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society Annual Conferences

MEMBERSHIPS

2012-PRESENT: American Philosophical Association
2021, 2023, 2024: Southwest Philosophical Society
2008-2013: Iowa Graduate Philosophical Association

REFERENCES

RICHARD FUMERTON

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Additional references available on request