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Education

PhD Philosophy, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2022
MA Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2012
BA Philosophy and Ancient Greek & Roman Studies, University of Delaware, 2008

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Logic, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion

Dissertation

Title: “The Metaphysics of Organized Social Groups” (defended 08/30/2022)

Committee: Nathan Salmon (Chair), Teresa Robertson Ishii, Dan Korman

Abstract:

I put forth and defend what I call ‘the function correspondence account’ of organized social groups (e.g., pick-up basketball teams, families, and rock bands), according to which an organized social group is a composite whole that may vary in its constitution. The first part of the dissertation is a critical survey of various leading metaphysical accounts of organized social groups, none of which, I argue, can adequately capture the intuitive persistence conditions of such things. The rest of the dissertation is dedicated to sketching out and defending a novel, alternative account, one that avoids the problems faced by accounts examined in the first part.

Publications

“Memberless Social Groups,” *Synthese*, forthcoming

Selected Works in Progress

“Desert Landscapes and Criteria of Identity” (under review)

“Organized Social Groups as Composite Wholes”

“Hume, Causation, and the Contiguity Criterion” (with Rebecca Chan)

Selected Presentations

“Memberless Organized Social Groups,” SoCal Metaphysics Network Graduate Workshop, April 2022

Comments on Noam Hoffer's "Moses Mendelssohn's Original Modal Proof for the Existence of God," American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division Meeting, March 2021

Comments on Noam Hoffer's "Moses Mendelssohn's Original Modal Proof for the Existence of God," American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division Meeting, April 2020 (event canceled)

"Desert Landscapes and Criteria of Identity," Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, June 2019

"Desert Landscapes and Criteria of Identity," Louisiana State University Philosophy Graduate Conference, April 2019

"A Problematic Approach to Resolving the Sorites Paradox," Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, October 2016

"Modal Realism, Causal Acquaintance, and Necessary Knowledge," Graduate Philosophy Conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 2016

"Can Modal Realists Be Theists?" Society of Christian Philosophers – Pacific Regional Meeting, March 2016

"Sports' Problem of Evil," co-authored and co-presented with Rebecca Chan, Baylor Symposium of Faith and Culture – Spirit of Sports, November 2015

"Why Lumpl and Goliath are Identical," North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2014

Comments on Julia Neufeld's "Conditionals of Freedom, Truth and Grounding, Necessity," Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, April 2012

Summer Seminars

CEU Summer University Program on Ontology and Metaontology, Central European University, 2017

Teaching Experience

As Instructor of Record at the University of California at Santa Barbara

Critical Thinking	Winter 2022
Symbolic Logic	Summer 2019
Philosophy of Religion	Summer 2018

As Instructor of Record at Red Rocks Community College

Intro to Philosophy	Spring 2014
Philosophy of Religion	Fall 2013, Spring 2013

As Teaching Assistant at the University of California at Santa Barbara

Metaphysics	Winter 2020
Intro to Philosophy	Spring 2021, Winter 2021, Spring 2019, Winter 2019
Philosophy of Science	Fall 2018
Symbolic Logic	Spring 2022, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Winter 2018
Philosophy of Language	Fall 2017
Critical Thinking	Fall 2021, Spring 2018, Spring 2017
Theory of Knowledge	Winter 2017
Intro to Ethics	Fall 2020, Fall 2016

As Teaching Assistant at the University of Colorado at Boulder

Symbolic Logic	Fall 2011
Intro to Philosophy	Spring 2011

As Grader at the University of Colorado at Boulder

Intro to Philosophy	Spring 2011, Fall 2010
Symbolic Logic	Fall 2010

Non-Philosophy Teaching Experience as Instructor of Record

Advanced English at Shunde Polytechnic Institute	Spring 2015, Fall 2014
Business English at Shunde Polytechnic Institute	Spring 2015, Fall 2014

Awards

Paul Wienpahl Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2022
R.W. Church Scholarship, University of California at Santa Barbara, Fall 2016 – Spring 2022
University of California President's Pre-Professoriate Fellowship, nominee, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2021
Graduate Opportunity Diversity Fellowship, nominee, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2019
CEU Summer University Scholarship, Central European University, Summer 2017
Department of Philosophy Fellowship, University of California at Santa Barbara, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
Phi Sigma Tau International Honors Society in Philosophy, University of Delaware, 2007
Dean's List, University of Delaware, 2006 – 2008

Service/other

Member, American Philosophical Association, 2018 – present
Advanced Graduate Student Mentor, Graduate Scholars Program, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2021, 2022

Referee, *Analysis*, 2017 (x2), 2019, 2022
Chair, Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, 2019
Participant, So Cal Feminist Philosophy Salon, 2019
Co-adviser, UCSB Ethics Bowl Team, University of California at Santa Barbara, 2017,
2018
Participant, The Nature of Belief Conference, University of California at Santa Barbara,
2018
Referee, Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, 2017
Participant, California Metaphysics Conference – Metaphysics and Philosophy of
Religion, University of Southern California, 2017
Chair, Society of Christian Philosophers – Pacific Regional Meeting, 2016
Referee, English Writing Competition, Shunde Polytechnic Institute, 2015
Head Adviser, Shunde Polytechnic English Salon, Shunde Polytechnic Institute, 2014,
2015
Referee, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder,
2010, 2012, 2013
Co-organizer, Fall Faculty Symposium, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2010

References

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