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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Loyola University, 2009-current
Course Instructor, UC Santa Barbara, 2007-2009

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara
Philosophy, September 2009
Dissertation: *Justification and Entitlement*
Committee Members: Kevin Falvey, Anthony Brueckner, Michael Rescorla

M.A. University of California, Santa Barbara
Philosophy, March 2007

B.A. University of Wisconsin, Madison
Psychology and Philosophy, May 2003

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, History of Modern Philosophy (Descartes through Kant), Ethics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Loyola University, New Orleans

PHIL A307: Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2011, Fall 2012)
PHIL V277: Minds and Machines (Fall 2012)
PHIL A492: Major Authors Seminar: John Locke (Fall 2010)
PHIL A210: Metaphysics (Spring 2010, Spring 2012)
PHIL T122: Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2011)
PHIL A220: Epistemology (Fall 2009, Fall 2011)
PHIL A201: Practical Logic (Fall 2009, Spring 2011, Spring 2012)

University of California, Santa Barbara

PHIL 20B: History of Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy (Winter 2009)
PHIL 1: Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2008)
PHIL 163: John Locke (Winter 2008)
PHIL 100B: Theories of Knowledge (Summer 2007)

PAPERS

“Entitlement, Justification and the Bootstrapping Problem,” (2012) *Acta Analytica*, 27: 257-272.

“Reliabilism and Brains in Vats,” (2011) *Acta Analytica*, 26: 257-272

“Epistemic Entitlement,” (2011) *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*,
<http://www.iep.utm.edu/ep-en/> (12,000 words)

“Terms of Entitlement,” (2010) (co-authored with Anthony Brueckner) in A. Brueckner (ed.)
Essays on Skepticism, New York: Oxford University Press

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Epistemic Deontology and Feldman on Role-Oughts”

“Perceptual Entitlement and Skepticism” (co-authored with Anthony Brueckner)

“Entitlement as a Response to the Problem of Clairvoyance”

PRESENTATIONS

“Epistemic Deontology and Feldman’s Role-Oughts”
Epistemology Workshop, University of Edinburgh School of Philosophy, Psychology, and
Language Sciences, Scotland (March 2013)

“Epistemic Deontology and Feldman’s Role-Oughts”
Southern Epistemology Conference, University of North Florida, Jacksonville (October 2012)

“Entitlement, Justification and the Bootstrapping Problem,”
Southern California Epistemology Workshop, University of California, Irvine (October 2011)

“Entitlement, Justification and the Bootstrapping Problem,”
European Epistemology Network Meeting, Lund University, Sweden (March 2011)

“Reliabilism and Brains in Vats,”
Dutch-Flemish Society for Analytic Philosophy VAF IV Conference, Catholic University of
Leuven, Belgium (January 2010)

“Comments on Joseph Shieber’s ‘Against the Paradoxicality of Moore’s Paradox’,”
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2009)

“Leveling the Playing Field: Equality of Opportunity and Counterfactual Responsibility,”
International Society for Utilitarian Studies Conference, University of California, Berkeley
(September 2008)

“Leveling the Playing Field: Equality of Opportunity and Counterfactual Responsibility,”
North American Society for Social Philosophy Conference, University of Portland (July 2008)

"Phenomenal Internalism and Access to Qualia,"
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Graduate Conference (March 2007)

"Phenomenal Internalism and Access to Qualia,"
University of California, Santa Barbara Graduate Colloquium (January 2007)

"Nonconceptual Content and the Rational Scrutinizability Condition for Perceptual Belief,"
University of Washington Graduate Conference (October 2005)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member of the Loyola University Senate, 2010-current

Academic advisor, Philosophy majors and General Studies majors, 2010-current

Webmaster of the Loyola Philosophy Department website, 2009-current

Member of the departmental job-hiring committee in the search for Modern History of Philosophy (2011)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee for the journal, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (June 2013)

Referee for the journal, *Episteme* (May 2013)

Referee for the journal, *Synthese* (September 2012)

Referee for the journal, *Philosophical Papers* (June 2012)

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Recipient of the Bobet Fellowship for Academic Research (Loyola University, 2010)

Recipient of the Wienpahl Award for Excellence in Teaching (UCSB Philosophy Department, 2009)

Recognized as Outstanding Professor by Residential Housing Association Award (UCSB, 2009)

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

I propose that the correct account of epistemic warrant should make room for two independent concepts: justification and entitlement. We are entitled to hold various non-inferential beliefs, paradigmatically beliefs based on perception, but the higher standards associated with justification apply to beliefs that are inferred from other beliefs.

REFERENCES

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GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN

METAPHYSICS, EPISTEMOLOGY, AND MIND

Seminar on Skepticism (Anthony Brueckner, Winter 2009) (audited)
Seminar on Conceptual Role Semantics (Michael Rescorla, Spring 2008) (audited)
Seminar on Perceptual Justification (Anthony Brueckner, Winter 2008) (audited)
Seminar on First-Person Reference (Kevin Falvey, Fall 2007) (audited)
Seminar on Self-Knowledge (Tyler Burge, UCLA, Spring 2007) (audited)
Seminar on Singular Thought and Perceptual Content (Kevin Falvey, Spring 2006)
Seminar on Consciousness (Jack Loomis, Psychology department, Winter 2006) (audited)
Seminar on Contextualism and Practical Interests (Aaron Zimmerman, Fall 2005)
Perception (Kevin Falvey, Spring 2005)
Seminar on Apriori Justification (Anthony Brueckner, Winter 2005)
Seminar on Self-Knowledge and First-Person Authority (Kevin Falvey, Fall 2004)

ETHICS

Seminar on Moral Skepticism (Aaron Zimmerman, Winter 2007) (audited)
Seminar on Distributive Justice (Christopher McMahon, Spring 2006)
Meta-ethics (Christopher McMahon, Fall 2005)

LOGIC AND LANGUAGE

Intermediate Logic (Nathan Salmon, Winter 2005)
Meaning and Reference (Nathan Salmon, Fall 2004)

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

Wittgenstein (Kevin Falvey, Spring 2008) (audited)
Seminar on John Locke (Thomas Holden, Winter 2006)
Kant (Hubert Schwyzer, Winter 2005)
Plato (Voula Tsouna, Spring 2005)