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| ACADEMIC POSITIONS | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Associate Professor Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Philosophy Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy | July 2014–June 2019 July 2013–present July 2008–June 2013 |
| AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION | Epistemology, Formal Epistemology, Philosophy of Science | |
| AREAS OF COMPETENCE | Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Physics, History of Analytic Philosophy | |
| EDUCATION | New York University Ph.D. in Philosophy | September 2008 |
| | Harvard University A.B. <i>magna cum laude</i> in Philosophy | May 2000 |
| FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS | Faculty Fellow New York Institute of Philosophy Foundations of Epistemology Project | 2011–2014 |
| | Junior Faculty Development Award UNC Chapel Hill Office of the Provost | 2010 |
| | Graduate Fellow and Project Coordinator New York Institute of Philosophy Disagreement Project | 2007–2008 |
| | Graduate Fellow New York Institute of Philosophy Science and Religion Project | 2006–2008 |
| PUBLICATIONS | The Normativity of Humor Forthcoming in <i>Philosophical Issues</i> | |
| | Probability in Epistemology Forthcoming in <i>The Oxford Handbook of Probability and Philosophy</i> | |
| | The Probabilistic Explanation of Why There Is Something Rather Than Nothing In Goldschmidt (ed.), <i>The Puzzle of Existence</i> (Routledge 2013) | |
| | Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat <i>Nôus</i> (2013) 47(1): pp. 154–80. Reprinted in Neta (ed.), <i>Critical Concepts in Philosophy: Epistemology Vol 3</i> (Routledge 2012) Selected for inclusion in <i>The Philosopher's Annual</i> 2013 | |
| | Selection Biases in Likelihood Arguments <i>British Journal for the Philosophy of Science</i> (2012) 63(4): pp. 825–39. | |
| | Silins's Liberalism <i>Philosophical Studies</i> (2012) 159(1): pp. 61–68. | |
| | Dragging and Confirming <i>The Philosophical Review</i> (2012) 121(1): pp. 55–93. Selected for inclusion in <i>The Philosopher's Annual</i> 2012 | |
| | <i>In Defence of Objective Bayesianism</i>, by Jon Williamson <i>Mind</i> (2011) 120(480): pp. 1324–1330. | |

Review of *Decision Theory and Rationality* by José Luis Bermúdez
Philosophical Books (2010) 51(1): pp. 53–62.

PAPERS IN
PREPARATION

Lewis’s Argument Against Desire-as-Belief
Where Should Displaced Credence Go?
Three Principles of Inference and Deliberation
The Bayesian and Frequentist Approaches to Inference
A Formal Account of Evidential Defeat

PRESENTATIONS
AND
COMMENTARIES

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| TBA | March 2016 |
| Dartmouth Department of Philosophy Epistemic Normativity Seminar | |
| Information Sensitivity in Epistemology and Decision Theory | April 2015 |
| 2015 Pacific APA | |
| Misbehaving Conditionals | September 2014 |
| UNC Philosophy in Fifteen Minutes | |
| Comments on Ittay Nissan’s “Contrastive explanations, Crystal Balls, and the Inadmissibility of Historical Information” | May 2014 |
| 2014 UNC–Hebrew University Workshop in the Philosophy of Science | |
| Comments on Branden Fitelson’s “Comparative Confidence” | May 2014 |
| Duke Fitelfest Symposium | |
| Conditional Oughts | August 2013 |
| 2013 Triangle Area Philosophy Symposium | |
| Conditional Oughts and Simpson’s Paradox | May 2013 |
| 2013 Formal Epistemology Workshop | |
| Comments on Mercier and Sperber’s “Why Do Humans Reason?” | April 2013 |
| New York Institute of Philosophy Foundations of Epistemology Project | |
| Simpson’s Paradox and the Sure-Thing Principle | February 2013 |
| MIT Department of Linguistics and Philosophy | |
| Belief-Formation Processes | November 2012 |
| University of St Andrews Arché Research Centre Workshop on the Causes of Belief | |
| Fine-tuning Arguments for God and Multiple Universes | August 2012 |
| Virginia Commonwealth University Life Sciences and Religion Public Lecture (with Paul Davies) | |
| Comments on Julia Staffel’s “Should I Pretend I’m Perfect?” | June 2012 |
| 2012 Formal Epistemology Workshop | |
| Comments on Leandro De Brasi’s “Reliability, Responsibility and Anti-Individualism” | May 2012 |
| 3rd Annual KCL-UNC Conference | |
| Defeating Disjunctions | December 2011 |
| 2011 Eastern Division APA Meeting Symposium in Epistemology | |
| Motivating Dempster-Shafer Theory | November 2011 |
| Rutgers Recent Topics in Formal Epistemology Seminar | |
| Modeling Epistemic Flow | May 2011 |
| University of Chicago Formal Philosophy Workshop | |

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| Comments on David Chalmers’s “Frege’s Puzzle and the Objects of Credence” | June 2010 |
| 2010 Carolina Metaphysics Workshop | |
| Philosophical Perspectives on the Origins of the Universe | May 2010 |
| UNC Program in the Humanities and Human Values | |
| Does Evidence Flow? | May 2010 |
| UC Berkeley Recent Topics in Epistemology Seminar | |
| Selection Biases in Likelihood Arguments | February 2010 |
| Virginia Commonwealth University | |
| Information Session on Statistical Inference | December 2009 |
| 2009 Eastern Division APA Meeting | |
| Selection Biases in Likelihood Arguments | May 2009 |
| 2009 Formal Epistemology Workshop | |
| Comments on Jacob Ross’s “Countable Additivity and the Sleeping Beauty Problem” | May 2008 |
| 2008 Formal Epistemology Workshop | |
| Comments on Peter Kung’s “Dogmatism and Bayesian Confirmation” | March 2008 |
| 2008 Pacific Division APA Meeting | |
| Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat | February 2008 |
| University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | |
| Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat | January 2008 |
| University of Texas at Austin | |
| Dragging and Confirming | January 2008 |
| Cornell University | |
| Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat | January 2008 |
| University of Michigan at Ann Arbor | |
| Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat | January 2008 |
| UCLA | |
| Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat | January 2008 |
| University of Pittsburgh | |
| Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat | January 2008 |
| Ohio State University | |
| Dragging and Confirming | January 2008 |
| Florida State University | |
| Comments on Bernard Nickel’s “CP Laws as Generics” | March 2004 |
| Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy | |

DEPARTMENT
SERVICE

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| Admissions Committee | 2008–2014 |
| Associate Chair | 2014–present |
| Colloquium Committee | 2009–2010 |
| Graduate Committee | 2014–present |
| Hiring Committee | 2008–2009, 2013–2014, 2014–2015 (Chair) |
| Speakers Committee | 2013–2014 (Chair) |

TEACHING

Graduate

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|---|--------------------------|
| Philosophy 700: Protoseminar (with Ryan Preston-Roedder) | Spring 2011 |
| Philosophy 700: Protoseminar (with Keith Simmons) | Spring 2010 |
| Philosophy 735: Survey of Recent Epistemology | Fall 2010 |
| Philosophy 735: The Nature of Epistemic Norms (with Ram Neta) | Fall 2009 |
| Philosophy 765: Philosophy of Humor (with Ram Neta) | Spring 2013 |
| Philosophy 994: Dissertation Research Seminar | Spring 2009, Fall 2009 |
| | Spring 2015, Spring 2016 |
| Philosophy 850: Explanation (with Marc Lange) | Spring 2012 |

Undergraduate

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| Philosophy 55: First Year Seminar: Paradoxes | Fall 2008 |
| Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy | Spring 2009, Spring 2011 |
| | Spring 2014, Fall 2015 |
| Philosophy 180: Philosophy of Comedy | Fall 2012, Fall 2013 |
| Philosophy 335: Epistemology | Spring 2010, Spring 2012 |
| Philosophy 397: Colloquium for Majors | Fall 2013, Spring 2015 |

Undergraduate-Graduate

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| Philosophy 432: The Beginnings of Analytic Philosophy (with Alan Nelson) | Spring 2016 |
| Philosophy 433: Introduction to Formal Epistemology | Spring 2014 |
| Philosophy 455: Intermediate Logic | Fall 2014 |

ADVISING

PhD

Lindsay Brainard, Finnur Dellsén, Katrina Elliott, Emily Given, Tyron Goldschmidt, Christian Loew, Kate Nolfi, Amber Ross, Chris Smith

MA

Lindsay Brainard, Finnur Dellsén, Chris Dorst, Kate Nolfi, John Phillips, Nate Sharadin, Larisa Svirksy

Undergraduate

Allison Balin, Jim Dennison, Priyesh Krishnan, Christopher Register