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Education

University of Maryland, College Park

Ph.D., Philosophy (2010–present)

Rutgers University – New Brunswick

B.A. (Hons.), Philosophy (2003–2008)

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Information, Philosophy of Probability, Philosophy of Science

Areas of Competence

Aesthetics, Epistemology, Logic

Publications

1. **A cortical substrate for memory-guided orienting in the rat.** With J.C. Erlich and C.D. Brody (2011). *Neuron*, vol. 72 (pp. 330–343).

Presentations

- **European Philosophy of Science Association**, *Chance in Information Theory*, Helsinki, Finland (2013).
- **Society for Exact Philosophy**, *A Humean-Classical Account of Objective Chance*, the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (2012).
- **British Society of Aesthetics**, *Some Ontology of Jokes*, the Queen's College, Oxford, UK (2012).
- **Australasian Association of Philosophy**, *Hofer's Justification of the Principal Principle*, University of Wollongong, Australia (2012).

Awards

- **International Conference Student Support Award** (2012)
- **Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant** (2012)
- **Australian Centre of Excellence for Risk Analysis Doctoral Fellowship** (2011–2012)
- **Moreland Perkins Fellowship in Philosophy** (2011)
- **Rutgers University President's Bridge Award** (2007)
- **Aresty Undergraduate Research Grant** (2005)

Teaching Experience

At University of Maryland, College Park:

- **Introduction to Logic:** Summer 2014, Spring 2013 (Asst.), Fall 2012 (Asst.)
- **Introduction to Philosophy:** Fall 2010 (Asst.)
- **Symbolic Logic:** Fall 2013

Service

- **Referee for:** *Journal of Philosophical Logic*
- **UMD Philosophy Graduate Student Association**
 - President (2013–present)
 - Chair of the Career Development Committee (2012–2013)
- **Philosophy Outreach**
 - Kenmoor Middle School, ages 11–14, Landover, Maryland (2011–2013)
- **Rutgers University – New Brunswick**
 - Special Interest Housing: Philosophy Section Leader (2007–2008)
 - Transformation of Undergraduate Education Information Development Subcommittee (2006–2007)
- **Rutgers Undergraduate Philosophy Journal**
 - Founding Vice President (2007–2008)

Graduate Courses

At University of Maryland, College Park:

- **Aesthetic Theory**, Jerrold Levinson
- **Beauty, Aesthetic Experience, and the Aesthetics of the Ordinary** (Audit), Jerrold Levinson
- **Biological Mechanisms: Discovery and Explanation**, Lindley Darden
- **Chance**, Aidan Lyon
- **Concepts**, Georges Rey
- **Defaults, Defeasibility, and Argumentation**, Jeff Horty
- **From Social Choice to Theory Choice**, Michael Morreau
- **Maimonides**, Charles Manekin
- **Metaphysics, Mind, and Language**, Erin Eaker
- **Modal Logic**, Eric Pacuit
- **Models, Confirmation and Decision-Making Under Uncertainty** (Audit), Mathias Frisch
- **Performance**, Jerrold Levinson
- **Representing Numbers**, Paul Pietroski
- **Value Theory**, Patricia Greenspan

At Rutgers University – New Brunswick:

- **Philosophically Useful Logic**, Ted Sider
- **Probability in Philosophy** (Audit), Barry Loewer