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Areas of Specialization and Competence

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Mathematics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Logic and Language

Areas of Competence: Metaphysics, Ethics, Political Philosophy

Academic Experience

- OCT 2016– Junior Research Fellow
University of Oxford (Corpus Christi College)
- 2017 Ph.D., Philosophy
New York University
Dissertation: Freedom, Truth, and Consistency
Committee: Crispin Wright (Chair), Hartry Field, Cian Dorr
- 2010 MMathPhil, Mathematics and Philosophy
University of Oxford (Worcester College)
First Class Honours

Publications

- “A Metasemantic Challenge for Mathematical Determinacy” (with Jared Warren)
Synthese (forthcoming)
- “Deflationism, Arithmetic, and the Argument from Conservativeness”
Mind (forthcoming)

Work in Progress or Under Review

- “Natural and Unnatural Theories of Truth and Syntax” (with Beau Mount)
- “Is Mathematics Unreasonably Effective?”
- “Rescuing Implicit Definition from Abstractionism”
- “Truth, Transmission Failure, and the Justification of Consistency”
- “The Role of Mathematical Truth in Benacerraf’s Dilemma”
- “Did Gentzen Prove the Consistency of Arithmetic?”
- “Hume’s Anti-Sceptical Epistemologies: Old and New” (with Hsueh Qu)

Academic Honours and Awards

- 2016 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in Philosophy, New York University
- 2010-5 Henry MacCracken Fellowship, New York University
- 2013 Graduate Fellow, New York Institute of Philosophy Project on Foundations of Epistemology
- 2010 Elizabeth Anscombe Thesis Prize, University of Oxford
awarded for the best undergraduate Philosophy thesis in all honour schools:
“Can Topos Theory Provide an Adequate Foundation for a Structuralist Philosophy of Mathematics?”
- 2010 Gibbs Prize in Philosophy, University of Oxford
awarded for the best performance in Philosophy finals in the honour school of Mathematics and Philosophy
- 2007 Scholarship, Worcester College, University of Oxford

Selected Presentations and Comments

- “Natural and Unnatural Theories of Truth and Syntax” (with Beau Mount)
University of Oxford, Fourth New College Logic Meeting (March 2017)
- Comments on Jessica Flanigan’s “Two Moral Points of View”
Georgetown University, Workshop on Methodology in Applied Ethics (February 2017)
- “Structuralism and the Epistemology of Coherence”
Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU-Munich, Conference on the Foundations of Mathematical Structuralism (October 2016)
- “The Epistemic Status of Consistency Claims”
Bilkent University, Ankara (February 2016)
City University of New York, Logic and Metaphysics Workshop (April 2015)
- “Is There a Good Argument for Mathematical Indeterminacy?” (with Jared Warren)
Kurt Gödel Research Center, Vienna, Symposium on the Foundations of Mathematics III (September 2015)
- “Truth, Transmission Failure, and the Justification of Consistency”
University of Helsinki, Congress of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science (August 2015)
- Comments on Javier Hidalgo’s “The Obligation to Resist Immigration Restrictions”
Georgetown University, Workshop on Freedom and Well-being (June 2015)
- Comments on Ralf Bader’s “Liberty: Moralized or Value Neutral?”
University of Arizona, Workshop in Advanced Research in Social and Political Philosophy (September 2013)
- “Mathematical Realism, Pluralism, and Reliability Challenges” (with Jared Warren)
New York Epistemology Forum (October 2012)
NYU Epistemology Workshop (May 2012)

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate tutorials/classes given (Oxford)

Frege: Foundations of Arithmetic (Trinity 2017)

Philosophy of Mathematics (Hilary 2017)

Philosophical Logic (Hilary 2017)

Undergraduate courses taught as primary instructor:

Logic (Spring 2016, New School for Social Research)

Political Philosophy (Summer 2015, NYU)

Medical Ethics (Summer 2013, NYU)

Undergraduate courses taught as teaching assistant (NYU):

Great Works in Philosophy (Spring 2015, instructor Harvey Lederman)

Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2014, instructor Jessica Moss)

Texts and Ideas: Guilt and Sin, Law and Justice (Spring 2014, instructor Tim Maudlin)

Political Philosophy (Fall 2013, instructor Aaron James)

Life and Death (Spring 2013, instructor Joshua Gillon)

Great Works in Philosophy (Fall 2012, instructor Jonathan Cottrell)

Professional Service

Referee for: Mind, Philosophical Studies, Erkenntnis, and Ethical Theory and Moral Practice.

Mathematics and Philosophy Lecturer, Philosophy Plus Science Day, University of Oxford
(a talk – “To Infinity, and Beyond” – given to approx. 150 interested Year 11 and 12 schoolchildren, i.e. ages 15 and 16, intended to give a sense of the interaction between philosophy and mathematics)

Member, Task Force on Advising, Mentorship and Professional Development, NYU Philosophy

Member, NYU Philosophy Climate Committee

Member, NYU Philosophy Colloquium Committee

Participant Teacher, NYU Philosophy Outreach Program

Co-organizer, Columbia/NYU Graduate Student Conference

References

Crispin Wright
Professor of Philosophy
New York University

Hartry Field
Silver Professor of Philosophy
New York University

Cian Dorr
Professor of Philosophy
New York University

Sharon Street (teaching reference)
Professor of Philosophy
New York University

Ian Rumfitt
Senior Research Fellow, All Souls College
University of Oxford

Daniel Isaacson
University Lecturer in the Philosophy of Mathematics (Emeritus)
University of Oxford