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Areas of Interest

Social and Political Philosophy, Pragmatism

Education:

PhD – Bowling Green State University, *current*
MA – Bowling Green State University, *April 2023*
BA – Warren Wilson College, Philosophy, *April 2018*

Presentations

“Polycentricity and Public Reason” presented at Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Society 8th Annual Meeting, November 2024

“Fact-Insensitive Principles and the Scope of Fundamental Justice” presented at The 31st Annual Philosophy Graduate Student Conference in Remembrance of May 4th, Kent State University, March 2024

“Deweyan Democracy: Pluralism and Democratic Faith” presented at the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, January 2024.

“Democratic Equality and Welfare-State Capitalism: A Response to Jeppe Von Platz” presented at Philosophy Department Graduate Colloquium, Bowling Green State University, 2023.

“Deweyan Democracy: Pluralism and Democratic Faith” presented at the Shanklin Graduate Colloquium, Bowling Green State University, 2023.

“Academic Freedom and the Public Sphere” presented at the 1st Annual Southeast Student Conference in Applied Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, 2018

“A Line Drawn Too Sharp: Rorty on Culture and Politics” presented at the 19th Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of North Carolina, Asheville, 2018. Awarded second prize paper by panel of judges.

“Locke and Property: Differential Protection” presented at the 18th Annual Southern Appalachian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, University of North Carolina, Asheville, 2017

Fellowships and Assistantships

Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, 2023-24; 2024-25

Research Assistant, PPEL Program, BGSU, 2023-24

Teaching Assistant, BGSU: All classes consisted of leading two discussion sections and grading.

Introduction to Ethics, BGSU, Fall 2021

Introduction to Philosophy, BGSU, Spring 2022

Introduction to Logic, BGSU, Fall 2022

Medical Ethics, BGSU, Spring 2023

Graduate Coursework

Proseminar in Philosophy, Donhauser, Fall 2021

Perfectionism in Politics, Vallier, Fall 2021

History of Modern Philosophy, Warmke, Fall 2021

Logic and Analysis, Worley, Spring 2022

Cutting Edge Ethics, Coons, Spring 2022

Seminar in Teaching Philosophy, Weber, Spring 2022

Democracy in Trouble: Critique, Innovation, Renewal, Dzur, Spring 2022

Directed Readings: John Dewey, Dzur, Fall 2022

History of Ancient Philosophy, Warmke, Fall 2022

Money and Happiness, Weber, Fall 2022

History of Political Philosophy, Carroll, Spring 2023

Social and Political Epistemology, Joshi, Spring 2023

Metaphysics, Worley, Spring 2023

Philosophy, Politics, and Economics of Trust (audit), Vallier, Fall 2023

Liberalism (audit), Vallier, Spring 2024

Epistemology, Siscoe, Fall 2024

Professional Development

PPE Graduate Summer Workshop, Chapman University, July 2024

Service

Departmental:

Graduate Colloquium Co-Chair, 2023-24

Representative to Graduate Student Senate, 2022-23; 2023-24

Graduate Student Events Coordinator, 2022-23
Graduate Student Handbook Committee, Spring 2023