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## EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Philosophy	University of North Carolina, expected 2020
M.A.	Philosophy	University of North Carolina, 2017
M.A.	Philosophy	University of Wisconsin, 2015
M.A.	Philosophy	Texas Tech University, 2012
B.A.	Philosophy	University of Tennessee, 2009

## INTERESTS

Ethics, Metaethics, Epistemology, Bioethics, Philosophy of Religion

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- “The Self-Undermining Arguments from Disagreement,” in Russ Shafer-Landau, (ed.)  
*Oxford Studies in Metaethics, Volume 14* (forthcoming)
- “Against Scanlon’s Theory of the Strength of Practical Reasons”  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, September (2015)
- “On Believing the Error Theory” (with Alexander Hyun)  
*Journal of Philosophy*. Vol. 111, No. 11, (2014)
- “Parsimony and the Argument from Queerness” (with Justin Morton)  
*Res Philosophica*. Vol. 91, No. 4. (2014), special issue on moral nonnaturalism, ed.,  
Terence Cuneo

## PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- “What if Ideal Agents Disagree?: A Dilemma for Idealizing Reasons Internalism”  
• Alabama Philosophical Society (September 2018)
- “The Self-Undermining Arguments from Disagreement”  
• 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop (September 2017)

“Can We Rationally Believe Conciliationism?”

- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Social Epistemology Networking Event, University of Oslo (May 2018)
- APA Central Division, Chicago (February 2018)
- Social Epistemology Summer School, University of Madrid (August 2017)
- Northwestern-Notre Dame Epistemology Conference (April 2017)
- IIFS-UNAM Philosophy Conference, Mexico City (February 2017)

“Group Conciliationism”

- Workshop on Groups and Disagreement, University of Copenhagen (March 2017)

“Why You Should Be Agnostic about Composite Objects” (with Justin Morton)

- Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference (April 2015)
- Western Michigan Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (Dec. 2014)

“Parsimony and the Argument from Queerness” (with Justin Morton)

- 40<sup>th</sup> Conference on Value Inquiry: Evolution and the Foundations of Morality (May 2014)

“On Believing the Error Theory” (with Alex Hyun)

- Wisconsin Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (April 2014)
- The Arizona State University Philosophy Graduate Conference (April 2014)

“How (Not) to Solve the Problem of Uninstantiated Concepts”

- University of Western Ontario Conference in Philosophy of Mind, Language, and Cognitive Science (May 2013)
- University of Iowa Graduate Student Conference (April 2013)
- Talbot Philosophical Society Conference (March 2013)

## COMMENTS

Invited Commentator-at-Large

- Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference (Nov. 2018)

Comments on Susanne Mantel’s “Levels of Reasonableness and Worldly Reasons”

- Rationality & Reasonableness Conference, University of Cologne (Apr. 2018)

Comments on Aaron Wolf’s “Do Reasons Drain Away?”

- APA Central Division (March 2016)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Lead Instructor*

Bioethics

Intro to PPE: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Political Philosophy  
The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense  
Philosophy of Western Religion  
Intro to Ethics  
Intro to Philosophy (4x)

*Teaching Assistant*

Bioethics (2x)  
Intro to PPE: Philosophy, Politics, and Economics  
The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense  
Contemporary Moral Issues  
Intro to Philosophy (2x)  
Intro to Ethics  
Logic (2x)

**SERVICE**

Referee: *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*  
PPE Reading Group Leader: Locke's *Second Treatise* and *A Letter Concerning Toleration*  
PPE Graduate Student Advisor (2018-19)  
Planning Committee Member: PPE Society Meeting in New Orleans (2019)  
UNC Graduate Mentor (2018-19)  
Research Assistant: Russ Shafer-Landau's *Living Ethics*  
Research Assistant: Elliott Sober's *Ockham's Razors*  
Judge: North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl (2016, 2017, 2018)  
Judge: National High School Ethics Bowl Championships (2016, 2017, 2018)

**HONORS & AWARDS**

*North Carolina*

APA Central Graduate Travel Stipend, \$400 (Spring 2018)  
Langman PPE Fellow (Fall 2017- Spring 2018)  
Penn Bioethics Boot Camp Participant, \$4,000 (Summer 2017)  
UNC Conference Travel Funding, \$5,200 (2017)  
UNC Conference Travel Funding, \$2,400 (2016)

*Wisconsin*

College of Letters and Sciences Teaching Fellow Nominee (Spring 2014)  
Early Excellence in Teaching Nominee (Fall 2013)

*Texas Tech*

Graduate Part-Time Instructorship (Summer 2011 – Spring 2012)  
Jerry V. Fox Memorial Scholarship, \$500 (2011-2012)

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

### *Ethics and Metaethics*

Normative Concepts (Geoff Sayre-McCord)  
New Work on Moral Realism (Russ Shafer-Landau, Mike Titelbaum)  
The Weight of Normative Reasons (Russ Shafer-Landau, independent study)  
New Work in Metaethics (Russ Shafer-Landau)  
Metaethics Survey (Russ Shafer-Landau)  
Practical Reasons and Rationality (Alex Worsnip)  
Irrationality (Alex Worsnip)  
Agency and Practical Rationality (Sarah Paul)  
Well-Being (Jennifer Hawkins – Duke)  
Utilitarianism (Susan Wolf)  
Feminist Philosophy (Susan Wolf)  
Early Modern Moral Philosophy (Thomas Hill)  
Kant's Ethics (Claudia Card)  
Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (Paula Gottlieb)  
Aristotle's *Politics* (C.D.C. Reeve)  
Plato on Friendship and Love (C.D.C. Reeve)  
Plato's Moral Psychology (Emily Fletcher)

### *Metaphysics and Epistemology*

Metaontology (Peter van Inwagen – Duke)  
Nihilisms in Philosophy (Thomas Hofweber)  
Ockham's Razor (Elliott Sober)  
Philosophy of Mathematics (Marc Lange)  
Bayesian Epistemology (Mike Titelbaum)  
Rule-Following (Ram Neta)  
Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy (Mike Titelbaum)  
Personal Identity (Alan Sidelle)  
Objects and Modality (Alan Sidelle)  
Advanced Logic (Gillian Russell)

## REFERENCES

Russ Shafer-Landau  
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