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**Areas of Current Interest**

Epistemology, Psychoanalysis, Philosophical Psychology, Wittgenstein & Ordinary Language Philosophy

**Employment History**

Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington: July 2018 - present

Visiting Scholar, Psychoanalysis Unit, Division of Psychology and Language Sciences, University College London, 2011-12

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington: July, 2006 - 2018

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington: 2000 – 2006

**Clinical Affiliation**

Pro Bono Clinician, Bloomington Center for Connection, February 2023 – present

Clinical Internship, Bloomington Center for Connection, Fall 2019 – February 2023

**Licensure**

Indiana Licensed Mental Health Counselor – Associate

**Education**

Clinical Candidate in Psychoanalysis, Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute, 2019-present

MA-level coursework pursuant to licensure as a Mental Health Counselor, Institute for Clinical Social Work (Chicago, IL) and Indiana University, 2019-2022

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2000

University of California, Berkeley, B.A. (summa cum laude) in Philosophy, 1992

**Publications**

*Monographs*

1. *How to Take Skepticism Seriously*, Oxford University Press, January 2024, 360 pages.

*Articles*

37) “Some Challenges Raised by Unconscious Belief: comments on Eric Marcus’s *Belief, Inference, and the Self-Conscious Mind,*” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 108:3 (May 2024), 838-843.

36) “Austin and the Scope of Our Knowledge,” *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* (special issue on Mark Kaplan’s Austin’s *Way with Skepticism*), 12:3 (Aug 2022), 195-206 (first online publication 2020).

35) “Self-Love and Self-Acceptance,” in Gatzia, D. and Brogaard, B. *The Philosophy and Psychology of Ambivalence*, Routledge, 2021 (co-authored with Katy Abramson).

34) “Illocution, Expression, and Self-Consciousness: comments on Moran’s *The Exchange of Words*,” European Journal of Philosophy, 27:3, 2019, 777-785.

33) “Skepticism and Epistemic Asymmetry,” L. Miracchi and E. Sosa, eds., *Philosophical Issues* (a supplement to *Nous*), special volume on epistemology, vol. 29, 2019, 184-197.

32) “Empathy Without Sharing: Empathetic Responsiveness in Psychoanalysis and Politics,” in *Philosophical Perspectives on Empathy: Theoretical Approaches and Emerging Challenges*, Derek Matravers and Anik Waldow, eds., Routledge, 2019, 144-166 (with Katy Abramson)

31) “The Plain Inquirer’s Plain Evidence Against the Global Skeptical Scenarios,” *The International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, 8:3, 2018, 208-222 (symposium on Penelope Maddy’s *What Do Philosophers Do?*)

30) "Integrating Unconscious Belief,” *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Psychoanalysis*, Richard G. T. Gipps and Michael Lacewing, eds., Oxford University Press, 2019, pp. 305-330. Online publ. Nov 2018, DOI:10.1093/oxfordhb/9780198789703.013.19

29) “Love, Value, and Reasons," *Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Love*, Oxford University Press, Online Publication Date Jul 2018, DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199395729.013.7 (with Kate Abramson, approx. 9,200 words).

28) "Expressivism, Psychic Health, and the First-Person Stance," *Journal of Personality Disorders*, 32:3, 2018, 351-373 (invited contribution to a special issue on self-knowledge and personality disorders)\*

27) “Projective Identification, Clinical Context, and Philosophical Elucidation,” *Philosophy, Psychiatry, & Psychology*, 25(2), 2018, 81-87 (invited critical commentary, special issue on psychoanalysis and philosophy)

26) “Second-Personal Desire,” *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 2(4), 2016, pp. 597-616 (published in print and online March 2017).\*

25) "Changing One's Mind," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Version of Record online 7 NOV 2016, DOI: 10.1111/phpr.12332 (print publication: vol. 97:1, 2018, 150-171.)\*

24) “Experiential Self-Understanding”, *International Journal of Psychoanalysis*, 97(2), April 2016, 305-32 (co-authored with David Bell)\*

23) "Some Thoughts on *Varieties of Skepticism*" (invited critical review), *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*, vo. 4 no. 2, Dec. 2015, 146-52.

22) “Why Don’t I Know I’m Not a Brain-in-a-Vat?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 90:11, 2015, 205–213 (invited symposium on Krista Lawlor’s *Assurance*)

21) “Self-Hatred, Self-Love, and Value,” in *Love and its Objects*, Palgrave-Macmillan, 2014, pp. 75-90. (co-authored with Kate Abramson)\*

20) "Standing Beliefs, Skepticism, and Some Questions about Zalabardo’s Probabilistic Approach", *Teorema: International Journal of Philosophy* (invited critical study, special issue on Jose Zalabardo’s *Skepticism and Reliable Belief)*, XXXIIII/3 (October 2014), 159-70.

19) ‘“That’s not evidence; it’s not even true!”’, *Philosophical Quarterly*, 63:250, 2013, 81-104 (published online December 17, 2012)\*

18) “Love as a Reactive Emotion,” *Philosophical Quarterly*, 61: 245, 2011, 673-699; published online 2 August 2011 IDOI: 10.1111/j.1467-9213.2011.716.x (Co-authored with Kate Abramson. Winner of the 2010 *Philosophical Quarterly* essay prize.)\*

17) “Austin on Dreams and Scepticism,” in M. Gustafsson and R. Sorli, eds, *The Philosophy of J. L. Austin*, Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 78 - 113.\*

16) “Immediate Warrant, Epistemic Responsibility, and Moorean Dogmatism,” in *Reasons for Belief*, A. Reisner and A. Steglich-Petersen (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 2011, pp. 158-79.\*

15) “How to Take Skepticism Seriously,” *Philosophical Studies*, 148 (1), 2010, 39-60.\* (Selected by the Program Committee to appear in a volume of *Philosophical Studies* devoted to the best papers delivered at the 2009 Pacific Division American Philosophical Association meeting.)

14) “Fallibilism,” *The Blackwell’s Companion to Epistemology*, 2nd ed., E. Sosa and M. Steup, editors, Blackwell-Wiley, 2010, 370-5.

13) “Believing One’s Reasons are Good,” *Synthese* (special volume on epistemic responsibility), 161(3), 2008, 419-441.\*

12) “How to Link Assertion and Knowledge Without Going Contextualist: A reply to DeRose’s 'Assertion, Knowledge, and Context',” *Philosophical Studies*, 134 (2), 2007, pp. 111-129.\*

11) “Epistemic Instrumentalism and Reasons for Belief: a reply to Tom Kelly,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 75 (2), 2007, 456–464.\*

10) “Epistemic Gradualism and Ordinary Epistemic Practice,” *Philosophia*, 34:3, 2006, 311- 324 (a reply to Stephen Hetherington’s critical discussion in *Philosophia* of my paper, “Is Fallibility an Epistemological Shortcoming?”).\*

9) Critical Review of Duncan Pritchard’s *Epistemic Luck*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (April, 2006) (invited review, 20 ms. pages).

8) “Epistemological Externalism and the Project of Traditional Epistemology,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, vol. LXX no. 3, May 2005, 505 - 533.\*]

7) “A Localist Solution to the Regress of Epistemic Justification,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* vol. 83 no. 3, Sept., 2005, pp. 395 - 421.\*

6) “On Williamson’s Arguments that Knowledge is a Mental State,” *Ratio (new series)*, vol. XVIII no. 2, June 2005, pp. 165 - 75.\*

5) “Some Worries for Would-be WAMmers,” *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, special issue on contextualism, vol. 69, 2005, pp. 101 - 25.

4) “Skepticism, Closure, and Sensitivity (or Why the Closure Principle is Irrelevant to Skepticism),” *The Croatian Journal of Philosophy*, special issue on Robert Nozick, vol. IV no. 12, 2004, pp. 335 - 350.\*

3) “On Justifying and Being Justified,” *Philosophical Issues* (a supplement to *Nous*), vol. 14, Epistemology, 2004, pp. 219 – 253.\*]

2) “Is Fallibility an Epistemological Shortcoming?” *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 54: 215, April 2004, pp. 232 – 251.\*

1) “Socrates' Critique of Cognitivism,” *Philosophy* 66, 1991, pp. 145 - 167 (with Wallace I. Matson; reprinted in Matson, *Uncorrected Papers*, 2006).\*

\* Refereed publications.

### Grants and Fellowships

Indiana University, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, course development grant $8000 (shared with Kirk Ludwig, 2015)

Indiana University, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, SOTL research grant for study of games and motivation (2013-16), $5000

Indiana University, College Arts and Humanities Institute, semester fellowship, Spring 2014

Andrew W. Mellon New Directions Fellowship (awarded spring 2010; $297,000 for the period 2010-14; renewed through June 2016)

Indiana University, Teaching Writing Grant, Summer 2009

Indiana University, College Arts and Humanities Institute, workshop grant (2007-08)

Indiana University, College Arts and Humanities Institute, semester fellowship, Fall 2004

Indiana University, College of Arts and Sciences, summer research grant, Summer 2001

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, Dissertation Fellowship, 1997

Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1992

## Honors and Awards

Trustees’ Teaching Award, Indiana University, Department of Philosophy, 2017

*Philosophical Quarterly* Essay Prize (shared with Kate Abramson), 2010

Trustees’ Teaching Award, Indiana University, Department of Philosophy, 2010

Trustees’ Teaching Award, Indiana University, Department of Philosophy, 2007

Bechtel Prize in Philosophy, Harvard University, 2000

University Medalist, University of California, Berkeley, 1992 (awarded to "the most distinguished graduate of the year")

K. K. Pritchett Prize in Ancient Greek, University of California, Berkeley, 1992

Phi Beta Kappa, 1991

## Submitted and Invited Paper Presentations

## (forty-minute to one hour presentation followed by Q&A unless otherwise noted)

(47) “External World Skepticism and the Prephilosophical Position,” Harvard University, Sept. 2024

(46) “Unconscious Belief”, Seminar Presentation (Class Meeting), University of Chicago, May 2022 (two hours)

(45) “Unconscious Belief”, Seminar Presentation (Class Meeting), University of Chicago, May 2021 (two hours)

(44) “Illocution, Expression, and Self-Consciousness,” Author Meets Critics Commentary on Dick Moran’s *The Exchange of Words*, American Philosophical Association Central Division, February 2019 (30 minute paper)

(43) “Skepticism and Perception,” UC Irvine Conference on Skepticism, Sept. 2018

(42) Author Meets Critics Commentary on Penelope Maddy's *What Do Philosophers Do?*, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, March 2018 (35 minute paper)

(41) "Not Even the Shadow of a Reasonable Doubt," Brandeis University, March 2018

(40) Critical comment on Pamela Hieronymi's "Reasoning First", University of North Carolina Conference on Inference and Reasoning, March 2018 (30 minute)

(39) “Psychoanalysis, Epistemology, and Value”, Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Institute, June 2017

(38) Critical comment on "A Case For Primitive Second-Personal Thoughts," Pacific Division American Philosophical Association, April 2017 (fifteen-minute critical comment)

(37) “Love, Value, and Reasons,” Philosophy Faculty, Cambridge University, December 2016 (with Kate Abramson)

(36) "Empathy and Identification," meeting of the International Network on Sympathy, Empathy, and Identification (at Indiana University, Bloomington), May 2016

(35) “Self-Understanding and Psychic Change,” International Psychoanalytic Association annual meeting, July 2015 (submitted session proposal, with David Bell)

(34) “Experiential Self-Understanding,” Meaning and Mindedness Series, Tavistock Clinic, London, June 2015

(33) “Self-Hatred, Self-Acceptance, and Self-Love,” Affections and Ethics Network, Oxford University, June 2015

(32) “Psychoanalysis and Self-Knowledge: Some Lessons from the Clinical Context,” American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, April 2015

(31) “Comments on Byrne and Gertler on Transparency,” American Philosophical Association Central Division, February 2015 (30 minute critical commentary)

(30) “Moore’s paradox, working through, and the first-person perspective,” Philosophy and Psychoanalysis Conference, University of London, October 2014

(29) “Changing My Mind,” American Philosophical Association Eastern Division (invited paper), December 2013

(28) “Reflections on the Experience of Self-Understanding” (with David Bell), The London Psychoanalysis and Philosophy Group (a study group of the London Institute of Psychoanalysis), December 2013

(27) “Self-Hatred, Self-Acceptance, and Self-Love” (with Kate Abramson), Conference Love and Its Objects, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic, July 2013

(26) “Rational Agency and the First-Person Standpoint”, Conference Theoretical Agency: Issues at the Intersections of Freedom and Belief, Auburn University, March 2013

(25) “Desire and Refusal”, Interdisciplinary Seminars in Psychoanalysis, St John’s Research Centre, St John’s College, Oxford University, December 2012

(24) “Desire and Refusal”, The London Psychoanalysis and Philosophy Group (a study group of the London Institute of Psychoanalysis), June 2012

(23) “On Bilgrami’s ‘What is Enchantment?’”, The London Psychoanalysis and Philosophy Group (a study group of the London Institute of Psychoanalysis), May 2012

(22) “Hayez’s ‘Susanna at Her Bath’ and Second-Personal Desire”, seminar on “Desire, Action, and Ethics,” La Sapienza University of Rome, Research Unit of the National Research Group for the Study of the British Enlightenment, April 2012

(21) ‘“That’s not evidence; it’s not even true!”’ University of East Anglia, March 2012

(20) ‘“That’s not evidence; it’s not even true!”’ Heythrop College, University of London, November 2011

(19) “Love as a Reactive Emotion,” Conference on Reasons of Love, Leuven, Belgium, May 2011 (refereed paper)

(18) ‘“That’s not evidence; it’s not even true!”’ University of Massachusetts, Amherst, December 2010.

(17) ‘“That’s not evidence; it’s not even true!”’ Conference on Epistemic Justification, University of Geneva, Switzerland, March 2010 (invited keynote speaker).

(16) “An Empirical Reply to External World Skepticism,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (invited paper), April 2009. (Selected by the Program Committee as one of the best papers delivered at the 2009 Pacific APA.)

(15) “Immediate Warrant, Epistemic Responsibility, and Moorean Dogmatism,” Midwest Epistemology Workshop, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, October 2008.

(14) “In Defense of Inferential Internalism,” Conference on Inferential Internalism, Fribourg, Switzerland, June 2008.

(13) “Immediate Warrant, Epistemic Responsibility, and Moorean Dogmatism,” Conference on Inferential Internalism, Fribourg, Switzerland, June 2008.

(12) “Comment on Neo-Pyrrhonism, Contrastivism, and Normativity,” 2008 New York University Philosophy Conference at Villa La Pietra, Florence, Italy, June 2008.

(11) Comment, “Knowledge and Decision,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2007 (fifteen-minute critical comment)

(10) Comment, “BonJour’s Arguments Against SkepticismAbout the *A Priori*,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2006 (fifteen-minute critical comment)

(9) Comment, “Knowledge and Certainty: A Speech-Act Contextualist Account,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 2005 (fifteen-minute critical comment)

(8) “A Reconsideration of Foundationalism’s ‘Basic Beliefs’,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2005 (refereed paper)

(7) “Does the Principle of Inferential Justification Generate Regresses?” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, seminar presentation, April 2005

(6) “An Externalist Response to the Project of Traditional Philosophy,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference (“Knowledge and Skepticism”), April 2004 (refereed paper)

(5) “What the Basing Relation can Teach us about Epistemic Justification,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2004 (refereed paper)

(4) Comment, “Reliabilism and Deflationism,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 2004 (fifteen-minute comment)

(3) “Epistemological Externalism and the Project of Traditional Epistemology,” Indiana University, Department of Philosophy, December 2002; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Department of Philosophy, December 2002

(2) “On Justifying and Being Justified,” University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Philosophy, February 2000; Pomona College, Department of Philosophy, February 2000; Indiana University, Department of Philosophy, March 2000

(1) “The Dream Argument and External World Skepticism,” Oberlin College, Department of Philosophy, March 2000

## Selected Professional Service

Chair, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington, (July 2022 – present)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington (2015-July 2021)

American Philosophical Association Lebowitz Prize Committee (2018)

President, Phi Beta Kappa chapter, IUB (2017-18); Vice President (2016-17); Executive Committee member (2015-2021)

Tenure and Promotion Referee: 4 PhD-granting departments, 1 MA-granting department, 1 liberal arts college, 1 state university

Fellowship/Grant Referee: MacArthur Foundation “Genius Grants” (2014), American Council of Learned Societies (2009-10, 2010-11), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2011-12, 2017)

Advisory Committee to the Program Committee, American Philosophical Association Eastern Division (2012-14)

Referee: Oxford University Press, Harvard University Press, Polity Press, Palgrave/Macmillan, Routledge, *Philosophical Review, Mind*, *Nous, Philosopher’s Imprint, The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research,* *Philosophical Studies, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Synthese, Canadian Journal of Philosophy,* *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Dialectica*, *Philosophia* (Israel), *Erkenntnis*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Acta Analytica, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of the History of Analytic Philosophy*, *Philosophy Psychiatry and Psychology*

Co-Organizer, Interdisciplinary Conference on Analytic Philosophy and Clinical Psychoanalysis (May 2016)

Co-Organizer, Workshop Meeting of the International Network on Sympathy, Empathy, and Identification (May 2016)

Co-Organizer, Midwest Epistemology Workshop VI (September 2012)

## Teaching Experience

Indiana University

Topics in Epistemology: Self-Knowledge (graduate, F 2019)

Wittgenstein and “Hinge Epistemology” (graduate, F 2018)

Special Topics: Philosophy of Love (senior seminar, F 2017)

Philosophical Writing and Methods (advanced undergraduate: Sp 2016, Sp 2017, Sp 2019, Sp 2020, SP 2021)

External World Skepticism (graduate: F 2013, Sp 2015, F 2016, F 2020)

Self-Knowledge and Moral Psychology (graduate: F 2012)

Philosophy and Psychoanalysis (Honors College: Sp 2011, Sp 2013, F 2015)

Wittgenstein’s *Philosophical Investigations* (graduate: Sp 2010)

Self-Knowledge (graduate: Sp 2009)

Philosophy of Action (advanced undergraduate: Sp 2006, Sp 2010)

Wittgenstein’s Later Philosophy (advanced undergraduate: Sp 2006, F 2008)

Practical and Epistemic Normativity (with Kevin Toh; graduate: F 2005)

Analytic Philosophy III: Sellars, Quine, and Davidson (graduate: Sp 2004)

Second-Hand Knowledge (graduate: Sp 2002, Sp2011)

Empirical Justification (graduate: Sp 2001, F 2006)

Topics in the Theory of Knowledge (advanced undergraduate: F 2001, F 2003, Sp 2007)

Skepticism about the External World (advanced undergraduate: F 2000)

Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge, Self, and Freedom (F 2001)

Introduction to Philosophy: Appearance and Reality (F 2000, Sp 2001, Sp 2002, Sp 2003, F 2003, Sp 2005, F 2005, F 2006, Sp 2007, Sp 2008, F 2008, Sp 2009, F 2009, F2010, F2012, Sp2013, F2013, Sp 2015, F 2015, F 2016, F2017, Sp 2018, F2018, Sp 2019, F2019, Sp 2020, F2020, SP 2021)

Indiana University Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grant, $5000, for multi-year study of the effects of pedagogical games on student motivation

Faculty Learning Community: Intrinsic Motivation and Play, Indiana University

A year-long bi-weekly faculty study group, organized through the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning, focused on intrinsic motivation and play in the classroom.

Faculty Learning Project, Indiana University:

Invitation-only two-week interdisciplinary seminar/practicum for experienced teachers of introductory courses (Sp 2006)

Graduate Writing Fellow, Harvard University:

Semester-long practicum on the use and evaluation of student writing in undergraduate instruction (Fall 1994)