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Areas of Current Interest

Epistemology, Wittgenstein, Ordinary Language Philosophy, Philosophy of Action, Moral Psychology and related topics in the Philosophy of Mind

Employment History

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington: July, 2006 - present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Indiana University, Bloomington: 2000 – 2006

Education

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2000
University of California, Berkeley, B.A. (summa cum laude) in Philosophy, 1992

Publications

- 1) "Immediate Warrant, Epistemic Responsibility, and Moorean Dogmatism," forthcoming in *Synthese* (special volume on epistemic reasons). 12,154 words (main text)
- 2) "Dreams and Skepticism: What Austin Saw," forthcoming in a volume of new essays on J. L. Austin (Oxford University Press). 17,000 words (main text)
- 3) "Believing One's Reasons are Good," *Synthese* (special volume on epistemic responsibility), 161(3), 419-441. April 2008. 23 p.
- 4) "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.*
- 5) "Epistemic Instrumentalism and Reasons for Belief: a reply to Tom Kelly," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 75 (2), 2007, 456-464.*
- 6) "Epistemic Gradualism and Ordinary Epistemic Practice," *Philosophia*, 34:3, 2006, 311-324 (a reply to Stephen Hetherington's published discussion of my #13 below).*
- 7) "Fallibilism," forthcoming in *The Blackwell's Companion to Epistemology*, 2nd ed., E. Sosa and M. Steup, editors.
- 8) Critical Review of Duncan Pritchard's *Epistemic Luck*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (April, 2006) (invited review, 20 ms. pages).
- 9) "Epistemological Externalism and the Project of Traditional Epistemology," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, vol. LXX no. 3, May 2005, 505 - 533.*
- 10) "A Localist Solution to the Regress of Epistemic Justification," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* vol. 83 no. 3, Sept., 2005, pp. 395 - 421.*
- 11) "On Williamson's Arguments that Knowledge is a Mental State," *Ratio (new series)*, vol. XVIII no. 2, June 2005, pp. 165 - 75.*
- 12) "Some Worries for Would-be WAMmers," *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, special issue on contextualism, vol. 69, 2005, pp. 101 - 25.

- 13) "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.*
 - 14) "On Justifying and Being Justified," *Philosophical Issues* (a supplement to *Nous*), vol. 14, Epistemology, 2004, pp. 219 – 253.*
 - 15) "Is Fallibility an Epistemological Shortcoming?" *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 54: 215, April 2004, pp. 232 – 251.*
 - 16) "Socrates' Critique of Cognitivism," *Philosophy* 66, 1991, pp. 145 - 167 (with Wallace I. Matson; reprinted in Matson, *Uncorrected Papers*, 2006).*
- * Refereed publications.

Papers in Progress

- "What Regress? (The minimal solution to the problem of the regress)" (under review for publication)
- "So Much for External World Skepticism?"
- "Trust in Testimony"
- "Believing for Reasons"

Honors and Awards

- 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")
- Departmental Citation, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley, 1992
- K. K. Pritchett Prize in Ancient Greek, University of California, Berkeley, 1992
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1991

Grants and Fellowships

- 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
- Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, Dissertation Fellowship, 1997
- Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities, 1992

Presentations and Invited Talks

- ***Upcoming*: "An Empirical Reply to External World Skepticism" American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (invited paper), April 2009.
- "Immediate Warrant, Epistemic Responsibility, and Moorean Dogmatism," Midwest Epistemology Workshop, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, October 2008.
- "In Defense of Inferential Internalism," Conference on Inferential Internalism, Fribourg, Switzerland, June 2008.
- "Immediate Warrant, Epistemic Responsibility, and Moorean Dogmatism," Conference on Inferential Internalism, Fribourg, Switzerland, June 2008.
- "Comment on Neo-Pyrrhonism, Contrastivism, and Normativity," 2008 New York University Philosophy Conference at Villa La Pietra, Florence, Italy, June 2008.

- Comment, “Knowledge and Decision,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, April 2007
- Comment, “BonJour’s Arguments Against Skepticism About the *A Priori*,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2006
- Comment, “Knowledge and Certainty: A Speech-Act Contextualist Account,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, December 2005
- “A Reconsideration of Foundationalism’s ‘Basic Beliefs’,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2005 (refereed paper)
- “Does the Principle of Inferential Justification Generate Regresses?” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, seminar presentation, April 2005
- “An Externalist Response to the Project of Traditional Philosophy,” Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference (“Knowledge and Skepticism”), April 2004 (refereed paper)
- “What the Basing Relation can Teach us about Epistemic Justification,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division, April 2004 (refereed paper)
- Comment, “Reliabilism and Deflationism,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March 2004
- “Epistemological Externalism and the Project of Traditional Epistemology,” Indiana University, Department of Philosophy, December 2002; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Department of Philosophy, December 2002
- “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
- “The Dream Argument and External World Skepticism,” Oberlin College, Department of Philosophy, March 2000

Professional Service

Referee: Oxford University Press, *Nous*, *Philosopher’s Imprint*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Synthese*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Dialectica*, *Philosophia* (Israel)

Teaching Experience

Professor, Indiana University

- Self-Knowledge (graduate, Sp 2009)
- Philosophy of Action (advanced undergraduate, Sp 2006, F 2008)
- Wittgenstein’s Later Philosophy (advanced undergraduate, Sp 2006)
- 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)
- 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)

Faculty Learning Project, Indiana University:

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

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University

tutorials (semester-long seminars for undergraduate philosophy majors):

Skepticism about the External World (Fall 1998)

Hume's *Treatise of Human Nature*, Book I (Fall 1996)

teaching assistantships:

The Later Philosophy of Wittgenstein (Goldfarb, Spring 1999)

Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Parsons, Spring 1998)

Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy (Appiah, Fall 1995)

Plato (Kahn, Spring 1995)

Reason and Evaluation (Scanlon, Fall 1994)

Graduate Writing Fellow, Harvard University:

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