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EDUCATION

PhD The Pennsylvania State University
 Philosophy, Defended Successfully November 17, 2014
 Graduation Expected May 2015

MA The Pennsylvania State University
 Philosophy, 2013

BA University of Dayton
 Philosophy with Spanish minor, 2009

AREAS OF STUDY

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Hume (esp. Hume's Ethics), Early Modern Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics and Applied Ethics (esp. Bioethics), Social and Political Philosophy, Symbolic Logic

DISSERTATION

TITLE

"The Party of Humankind": Sociality and Moral Revision in David Hume

COMMITTEE

Emily Grosholz (advisor), John Christman, Chris Long, Jonathan Marks (outside member)

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

in press Hume and the Problem of Paternalism: When is Humanity Sufficient? *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*.

in press Co-authored with David W. Agler. Hume and Peirce on the Ultimate Stability of Belief. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*.

2014 Evaluating the State of Nature through Game Play. *Teaching Philosophy* 37(1): 57-72.

BOOK REVIEWS

2012 Review of Anik Waldow, *David Hume and the Problem of Other Minds. Tradition and Discovery: The Polanyi Society Periodical* 39(1): 76-9.

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2014 The Generosity and Capacity of Our Nature: Hume's Reply to Hutcheson in the *Treatise*. Colloquium Presentation at the Eastern Division Meeting of the APA. Philadelphia, PA. December 27-30.

2013 Uniting Philosophical Painting and Anatomy through Hume's Mitigated Skepticism. Lehigh University's Inaugural Annual Philosophy Conference "The Last Chapter." Bethlehem, PA. October 3-4.

2013 Hume and the Extension of Justice. 40th Annual Hume Society Conference. Belo Horizonte, Brazil. July 22-27.

2012 Using Games in the Philosophy Classroom. Nineteenth International Conference-Workshop on Teaching Philosophy. St. Edwards University, Austin, Texas. July 25-29.

2011 Stability and Skepticism: An Action-Based Interpretation of Hume's Notion of Belief. Belief and Doubt in David Hume. Prague, Czech Republic. September 6-8.

COMMENTARIES, DEPARTMENTAL TALKS, AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2015 Hume and the Problem of Paternalism. Poster Presentation at the Penn State Graduate School Exhibition. University Park, PA. March 22.

2014 Commentary on Travis Timmerman's Reconsidering Categorical Desire Views. First Annual Penn State Philosophy Graduate Student Organization Conference. University Park, PA. March 1-2.

2012 Hume and the Extension of Justice. Departmental talk given as part of Penn State Philosophy Research Colloquium. Penn State University. University Park, PA. October 5.

AWARDS

- 2015 Alumni Association Dissertation Award – Penn State Graduate Council Committee on Fellowships and Awards.
- 2014 Graduate Student Travel Stipend – Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association.
- 2014 Graduate Prize for Excellence in Teaching – Penn State Department of Philosophy.
- 2014 Harold F. Martin Graduate Assistant Outstanding Teaching Award – Penn State Graduate School and the Office of the Vice President and Dean for Undergraduate Education.
- 2013 Hume Society Young Scholar Award – 40th Annual Hume Society Conference.
- 2009 University Fellowship – Penn State University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

FULL RESPONSIBILITY

- Spring 2015 Modern Philosophy
- Spring 2015 Introduction to Ethics in Media and Journalism
- Fall 2014 Basic Problems of Philosophy (2 sections)
- Summer 2014 Basic Problems of Philosophy
- Summer 2014 First Year Seminar in Philosophy/Bioethics
- Spring 2014 Introduction to Bioethics (2 sections)
- Summer 2013 Introduction to Ethics in Media and Journalism
- Fall 2012 Philosophy, Politics, and Social Theory (2 sections)
- Summer 2012 First Year Seminar in Philosophy/Bioethics
- Spring 2012 Introduction to Bioethics (2 sections)
- Fall 2011 Symbolic Logic
- Summer 2011 Introduction to Philosophy of Law and Legal Ethics
- Spring 2011 Persons, Moral Values, and the Good Life (2 sections)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2010 Basic Problems of Philosophy (2 sections)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2013 Research Assistant for the Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State (Bioethics Initiative)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Spring 2014 Bioethics Hiring Committee Graduate Student Representative

Fall 2012-Spring 2013 Graduate Student Secretary

Spring 2012 Tutor for Symbolic Logic (Online)

Spring 2012 Video Tutorial Assistant for Online Logic Class

Fall 2010-Spring 2012 Public Events Committee

Fall 2010-Spring 2012 Philosophy Research Colloquia Coordinator

Spring 2011 Recruitment Assistant

Spring 2010 Recruitment Assistant

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

The Hume Society

American Association of Philosophy Teachers

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

EARLY MODERN/MODERN

2011 Modern Philosophy (Spinoza), Veronique Foti

2011 European Philosophy (Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*), Jennifer Mensch

2011 Hegel (Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*), Brady Bowman, Audited

2010 Modern Philosophy (Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, Hume), Emily Grosholz

- 2010 German Idealism (Kant's *Critique of Judgment*, Schelling, Goethe), Jennifer Mensch
- 2009 Modern Philosophy (Early Modern Social and Political Philosophy), Robert Bernasconi

ETHICS AND SOCIAL/POLITICAL

- 2011 Ethics Seminar (History of Ethics, Ancient to Modern), Mark Fisher
- 2011 Kant (Kant's Practical Philosophy), Jennifer Mensch
- 2011 Independent Study (Contemporary Social/Political Philosophy, Rawls, Taylor, Sandel, Kymlicka), John Christman
- 2010 Medieval Philosophy (Ancient and Medieval Ethics), Robert Bernasconi
- 2010 Ethical Issues in Human Resources and Development (Environmental Ethics and Climate Change), Nancy Tuana

OTHER COURSES

- 2011 Graduate Logic (First-Order Predicate, Intro to Modal logic and Critical Thinking), Mark Fisher
- 2011 Professional Development, Leonard Lawlor
- 2010 Phenomenology (Merleau-Ponty), Veronique Foti
- 2010 Critical Theory (Freud, Horkheimer, Adorno, Habermas), Chris Long
- 2010 Supervised College Teaching, Shannon Sullivan
- 2010 Elementary Intensive German I, Elementary Intensive German II, and German for Reading
- 2009 American Philosophy (Pierce, James, Dewey), Vincent Colapietro
- 2009 Ancient Philosophy (Socratic Politics), Chris Long

REFERENCES

Emily Grosholz

Liberal Arts Research Professor of Philosophy, African American Studies & English

Member, Center for Fundamental Theory / Institute for Gravitation and the Cosmos at Penn State

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