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EMPLOYMENT

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Modelling Interdisciplinary Inquiry, 2017-present
Washington University in St. Louis

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Southern California 2017
Dissertation: Telling Each Other What to Do: On Imperative Language
Committee: Robin Jeshion (chair), Gabriel Uzquiano,
Scott Soames, Stephen Finlay, Barry Schein
M.A. in Philosophy, Northern Illinois University 2010
B.A. in Philosophy, Northern Illinois University 2006
Minor in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*

INTERESTS

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Language, Mind, Action, Social/Political

AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Ethics (incl. Metaethics)

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS: Kapitan on Indexicals and Indexical Thought (Forthcoming, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*)
The Essential Indexicality of Intentional Action (2016, *Phil. Quarterly*)

IN PROGRESS: Intentions and the *De Se* (under review)
Imperatives Express Nonmodal Propositions (under review)
De-Intellectualizing Coercion
What Pains are About

HONORS & AWARDS

Graduate Student Travel Stipend Recipient, APA, Central Division	2017
<i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> Essay Prize for ‘The Essential Indexicality of Intentional Action’	2016
Graduate Student Travel Stipend Recipient, APA, Central Division	2016
USC College Merit Award, University of Southern California	2010-16
C. Mason and Madeline Myers Award, Northern Illinois University	2010

PRESENTATIONS

SPEAKER:

“Making Sense of the <i>Just Following Orders</i> Defense in American Law” Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, WashU in St. Louis [scheduled]	2019
“Imperatives Express Nonmodal Propositions” APA Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO [accepted]	2019
“Intention Ascriptions and the <i>De Se</i> ” APA Eastern Division Meeting, New York, NY [poster; accepted]	2019
“De-Intellectualizing Coercion” Colloquium Presentation, University of Houston [scheduled]	2018
“Taking Passive Agency Seriously” Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, Wash. University in St. Louis	2018
“Directives and Responsibility” Saint Louis Ethics Workshop, Wash. University in St. Louis	2017
“Kapitan on Indexicals and Indexical Thought” Tomis Kapitan Memorial Conference, Northern Illinois University	2017
“Why Pain Motivates: A Critique of the Imperativist View of Pain.” APA Central Division Meeting, Kansas City, MO	2017
“The Essential Indexicality of Intentional Action: A Reply to C&D” APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL	2016
“Towards a Semantics of Imperatives” Linguistics/Philosophy Interface Workshop, Univ. of Southern Cal.	2015
“A Difference Between ‘a’ and ‘the’.” Iowa Philosophical Society, Drake University	2012

COMMENTATOR:

“Republican Freedom, Popular Action, and Collective Control” by Frank Lovett Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, Wash. University in St. Louis	2018
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- “Essentially Indexical Second-Person Thought” by Bryan Chambliss 2018
 APA, Central Division Meeting, Chicago, IL
- “How Does Moral Uncertainty Affect Our Obligations?” by Brian Talbot 2018
 Workshop in Politics, Ethics, and Society, Wash. University in St. Louis
- Unsettled Thoughts* by Julia Staffel 2017
 New Book Workshop, Wash. University in St. Louis
- “Consequences of Conditional Excluded Middle” by Jeremy Goodman 2015
 USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, UCLA
- “A Critique of the Physicalist Theory of Color” by Pendaran Roberts. 2010
 Midwest Graduate Student Conference, Northern Illinois University

TEACHING

PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR:

Washington University in St. Louis, MO

- Theories and Methods: What’s Freedom? (Spring 2019)
- Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2018)
- Theories and Methods: Rethinking ‘Violence’ (Spring 2018)
- Freshman Seminar: Class and Class Struggle (Fall 2017)

University of Houston, TX

- Philosophy of Language (Fall 2018)
- Introduction to Ethics (Summer 2018)
- Introduction to Ethics (Summer 2017)

Lone Star College, TX

- Introduction to Formal Logic (Spring 2017)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2017; x3 sections)

Houston Community College, TX

- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2017; x2 sections)
- Cooperative in Philosophy (Spring 2017)

California State University–Long Beach, CA

- Philosophical Psychology (Fall 2016)

University of Southern California, CA

- Elementary Formal Logic I (Fall 2013)
- Elementary Formal Logic II (Fall 2013)

NON-COLLEGE TEACHING:

Washington University Prison Education Project, MO
Language and Thinking (Fall 2018)

National Society for the Gifted and Talented, CA

Theories of Time Travel: Spacetime Physics and Wormholes (Summer 2016)
Cosmic Proportions: The Origin and Structure of the Universe (Summer 2016)
Astrophysics: The Stars of Celestial Motion (Summer 2016)
Biopsychology (Summer 2016)

Philosophy: Diving into Deep Thoughts (Summer 2015)
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Philosophy: Diving into Deep Thoughts (Summer 2014)
Theories of Time Travel: Spacetime Physics and Wormholes (Summer 2014)
Biopsychology (Summer 2014)

Immortality: Myths and Legends (Summer 2013)
Cosmic Proportions: The Origin and Structure of the Universe (Summer 2013)
Contemplating the Complexity of Communication (Summer 2013)

Immortality: Myths and Legends (Summer 2012)
Cosmic Proportions: The Origin and Structure of the Universe (Summer 2012)
What's Your Point? The Art of Debate (Summer 2012)

Philosophy: Diving into Deep Thoughts (Summer 2011)
Sneaker Economics: Introduction to Microeconomics (Summer 2011)
Spying: Secrets, Surveillance, and Science (Summer 2011)

PROFESSIONAL

SERVICES:

Co-Organizer, <i>Living with Others</i> Conference, Wash. Univ. in St. Louis	2018-19
AMCS Postdoc Search Committee, Wash. University in St. Louis	2018
Undergraduate Outreach Committee, Wash. University in St. Louis	2017-
Treasurer, Pegasus: USC Philosophy Graduate Student Association	2013-14
Co-Organizer, 7 th USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy	2012-13
Co-Organizer, 6 th USC/UCLA Graduate Conference in Philosophy	2011-12

REFEREEING:

Between 2012 and present, I have refereed for the following journals:

Linguistics & Philosophy; Theoria; Thought; Philosophical Studies; American Philosophical Quarterly; Mind; Dialogue; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Philosophical Association

2009–

COURSEWORK (* indicates audit)**PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE & LINGUISTICS**

- Phil 565* Vagueness (Bacon, Fall 2015)
- Ling 585* Syntax and Grammatical Theory (Pancheva, Spring 2015)
- Phil 565 Slurs (Jeshion, Fall 2012)
- Phil 565 Definite/Indefinite Distinction & Propositions (Lewis & Soames, Spring 2012)
- Ling 636 Mass and Count Nouns (Schein, Fall 2011)
- Ling 536 Intensional Semantics (Schein, Spring 2011)
- Phil 695 Minimalism vs. Contextualism (Kapitan, Fall 2009)
- Phil 691 Theories of Truth (Buller, Spring 2009)
- Phil 504 Fregeanism and Russellianism (Kapitan, Spring 2009)

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

- Phil 501* Self/Other Asymmetries (Schroeder, Fall 2015)
- Phil 565* Singular Reference and Thought (Jeshion, Spring 2013)
- Phil 501 *De Se* Thought (Higginbotham, Fall 2011)
- Phil 695 Reductionism, Non-Reductionism, and Emergentism (Gillett, Spring 2010)
- Phil 640 What are Minds? (Gillett, Fall 2009)

METAPHYSICS & EPISTEMOLOGY (including Science and Religion)

- Phil 501* Central Topics in Epistemology (Hawthorne, Spring 2016)
- Phil 585 Bayesianism (Easwaran, Fall 2010)
- Phil 691 Paradoxes (Alori, Spring 2010)
- Phil 612 Metaphysics (Kapitan, Fall 2009)
- Phil 510 Modality (Engel, Spring 2009)
- Phil 611 Theories of Knowledge (Engel, Fall 2008)
- Phil 670 Philosophy of Religion (Kapitan, Fall 2008)

ETHICS & VALUE THEORY

- Phil 501* Rationality (Wedgwood, Fall 2014)
- Phil 540 Reasons and Rationality (Schroeder, Fall 2013)
- Phil 503 Pro-Seminar in Value Theory (Schroeder & Watson, Spring 2011)
- Phil 530 Philosophy of Law (Marmor, Fall 2010)
- Phil 531 Advanced Ethical Theory (Sytsma, Spring 2008)

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

- Phil 520* Modern Philosophy: Thomas Reid (van Cleeve, Fall 2011)
- Phil 520 Modern Philosophy: John Locke (McCann, Spring 2011)
- Phil 500 Pro-Seminar in 20th Century Analytic Philosophy (Higginbotham, Fall 2010)
- Phil 529 20th Century Analytic Philosophy (Buller, Spring 2010)

LOGIC

- Phil 551 Logic and Modality (Uzquiano, Spring 2012)
- Phil 510 Logic and Computability (Higginbotham, Spring 2011)

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