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## AREA OF SPECIALIZATION

**Epistemology**

## AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

**Practical Reason, Metaethics, Philosophy of Mind, Social Philosophy, Food Ethics**

## EMPLOYMENT

<b>Associate Professor, University of Vermont</b>	<i>2019–Present</i>
<b>Assistant Professor, University of Vermont</b>	<i>2014–2019</i>

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D. in Philosophy</b> University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	<i>2014</i>
<b>M.A. in Philosophy</b> University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	<i>2010</i>
<b>B.A. in Philosophy (Honors) and Mathematics</b> Williams College	<i>2008</i>

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### **“Why Are (Some) Epistemic Norms Evidential?”**

Forthcoming in McCain, K., and Stapleford, S. (Eds.) *Evidentialism at 40: New Arguments, New Angles*. Routledge. (Word count: ~6,500) [Invited]

### **“On The ‘Epistemic’: What Are Epistemologists Theorizing About?”**

Forthcoming in Comesaña, J., and McGrath, M. (Eds.) *Knowledge and Rationality: Essays in Honor of Stewart Cohen*. Routledge. (Word count: ~6,000) [Invited]

### **“Epistemic Norms: What Are They? Why Do They Matter?”**

Forthcoming in *Philosophical Topics*. (Word count: ~11,000) [Invited]

### **“Epistemic Constitutivism”**

Forthcoming in *Blackwell Companion to Epistemology*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. (Word count: ~4,000) [Invited]

### **“Knowledge Without Factivity”**

(2024) in Borges, R. and Schnee, I. (Eds.) *Illuminating Errors: New Essays on Knowledge from Non-Knowledge*. Routledge. (Word count: ~11,000) [Invited]

- “A Victory (of What Sort) for Strict Purist Invariantism? Some Reflections on Gerken’s *On Folk Epistemology: How We Think and Talk About Knowledge*”**  
 (2023) *Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2222948> (Word count: ~7,000)  
 [Invited]
- “Epistemically Flawless False Beliefs”**  
 (2020) *Synthese*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-020-02787-w> (pp. 1–21; word count: ~10,000) [Blind reviewed]
- “Epistemic Norms, All Things Considered”**  
 (2019) *Synthese*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02485-2> (pp. 1–21; word count: ~9,000) [Invited, blind reviewed]
- “Another Kind of Pragmatic Encroachment”**  
 (2018) in Kim, B. and McGrath, M. (Eds.) *Pragmatic Encroachment*. Routledge: 35–54. (Word count: ~9,500) [Invited]
- “Moral Agency in Believing”**  
 (2018) *Philosophical Topics*. 46 (1): 53–74. (Word count: ~10,000) [Invited]
- “Why Only Evidential Considerations Can Justify Belief”**  
 (2018) in McHugh, C., Way, J., and Whiting, D. (Eds.) *Normativity: Epistemic and Practical*. Oxford University Press: 179–199. (Word count: ~9,500) [Invited]
- “Food Choices and Moral Character”**  
 (2018) in Barnhill, A., Budolfson, M., and Doggett, T. (Eds.) *Oxford Handbook on Food Ethics*. Oxford University Press: 680–699. (Word count: ~10,000) [Invited]
- “Functional Belief and Judgmental Belief”**  
 (2017) *Synthese*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-017-1510-0> (pp.1–17; word count: ~9,000) [Invited, blind reviewed]
- “Belief Self-Knowledge”**  
 With Dorit Bar-On. (2016) *Oxford Handbooks Online*. (Word count: ~10,000) [Invited, blind reviewed] 50% contribution.
- “How to be a Normativist about the Nature of Belief”**  
 (2015) *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 96 (2):181-204. [Blind reviewed]
- “Which Mental States Are Rationally Evaluable, And Why?”**  
 (2015) *Philosophical Issues* 25 (1):41-63. [Invited]
- “Why Is Epistemic Evaluation Prescriptive?”**  
 (2014) *Inquiry*, 57 (1):97-121. [Invited, blind reviewed]

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Comments on D. Singer’s *Right Belief and True Belief***  
 Philosopher Meets Critics Series, Cologne Center for Contemporary Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition *November 2024*  
 Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *January 2024*
- “Exploring an Action-Oriented Approach to Understanding the Nature of Knowledge”**  
 Empirical Epistemology Network Workshop *September 2024*
- “Epistemic Norms: What Are They? Why Do They Matter?”**

- Montreal Normativity Workshop *July 2024*  
 Colloquium Series, Brandeis University *February 2023*
- Comments on Z. Gabor’s “Rationality, Capacity-First”**  
 Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *February 2023*
- Comments on A. Falbo’s “Should Epistemology Take the Zetetic Turn?”**  
 Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *January 2023*
- “Methodology: How Do We Arbitrate Between Competing Epistemological Views?”**  
 Northern New England Ethics and Epistemology Workshop *August 2022*
- “Philosophy of Mind to Epistemology: A Normativist Account of the Nature of Belief”**  
 Function-First Epistemology Workshop, Fordham University *May 2022*
- “Where Do Norms of Rationality Come From?”**  
 Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop *May 2022*
- “Non-Factive Knowledge”**  
 Colloquium Series, McGill University *January 2020*  
 Helsinki Moral and Political Philosophy Seminar, Helsinki, Finland *December 2019*
- “An Action-Oriented Approach to Epistemic Theorizing”**  
 Interuniversity Research Group on Normativity, Montreal, Canada *January 2020*  
 Workshop on Competence and Success in Epistemology and Beyond, Helsinki, Finland *December 2019*
- Comments on A. Edmond’s “Epistemic Normativity, Tradeoffs, and the Value Connection”**  
 Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill *March 2019*
- “Action-Oriented Epistemic Constitutivism”**  
 Central Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *February 2019*
- “Belief is Action-Oriented”**  
 Northeast Normativity Workshop, New York University *March 2019*  
 The Ethics of Belief Workshop, Harvard University *March 2018*
- “Epistemic Norms, All Things Considered”**  
 Conference on the Value of Truth, Budapest, Hungary *November 2018*  
 The Third Varieties of Normativity Workshop, Uppsala, Sweden *April 2017*
- “Epistemically Flawless False Beliefs”**  
 The University of Connecticut *March 2018*  
 Philosophie UQÀM Colloquium Series, Montreal, Canada *April 2016*  
 Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *January 2016*  
 Penn Reasons and Foundations in Epistemology Conference, University of Pennsylvania *November 2015*
- “Moral Agency and Belief”**  
 Workshop on Normativity and Reasoning, NYU Abu Dhabi *February 2018*  
 Williams College *November 2017*
- “Another Kind of Pragmatic Encroachment”**  
 Northern New England Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, University of Vermont *August 2017*

- Comments on Berislav Marušić’s *Evidence and Agency: Norms of Belief for Promising and Resolving***  
Annual Meeting, Canadian Philosophical Association *May 2017*
- Comments on Brandon Carey’s “A New Theory of Epistemic Possibility”**  
Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *April 2017*
- “Why the Epistemic Status of Our Beliefs Ought to Weigh With Us”**  
Dartmouth Constitutivism Workshop *October 2016*  
Middlebury College *March 2016*
- Comments on Ralph Wedgwood’s *The Normativity of Rationality***  
Workshop on Ralph Wedgwood’s *The Normativity of Rationality*, *May 2016*  
Université de Montréal
- “Why Evidence (and Only Evidence) Can Justify or Rationalize Belief”**  
Bled Epistemology Conference, Bled, Slovenia *June 2015*  
Williams College *December 2014*
- “Which Mental States Are Rationally Evaluable, And Why?”**  
Workshop on Critical Reflection and Belief, Union College *May 2015*
- Comments on Ram Neta’s “Basing and Treating”**  
Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association *March 2015*

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- “Epistemically Flawless False Beliefs”**  
Conference on False but Useful Beliefs, London, UK *February 2016*
- “Why Evidence (and Only Evidence) Can Justify or Rationalize Belief”**  
Workshop on the Ethics of Belief, Cornell University *November 2014*  
2014 Annual Meeting, Canadian Society for Epistemology *November 2014*
- “Why the Epistemic Status of Our Beliefs Ought to Weigh With Us”**  
SWIP Analytic, CUNY Graduate Center *May 2014*  
2014 Annual Meeting, Southern Society for Philosophy & Psychology *February 2014*

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- UVM Humanities Center Fellowship** *2019–2020*  
Fellowship to provide one semester of teaching relief to pursue research
- Undergraduate Research Assistantship** *Summer 2018*  
\$1,200 UVM Humanities Center grant to fund an undergraduate research assistant
- Lattie F. Coor International Travel Grant** *Summer 2015*  
\$500 grant to support travel expenses for presenting “Why Evidence (and Only Evidence) Can Justify Belief” at the Bled Epistemology Conference in Bled, Slovenia
- Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship** *2013–2014*  
\$25,000 competitive fellowship to support a year of research and writing to help advanced graduate students in the humanities and related social sciences in the last year of PhD dissertation writing
- Bertha Colton Williams Fellowship** *Fall 2012*

Fellowship to provide one semester of teaching relief during graduate study in philosophy at UNC-Chapel Hill

**Horace Williams Fellowship** 2008–2009

Fellowship to provide two semesters of teaching relief during graduate study in philosophy at UNC-Chapel Hill

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award** 2024

**SWIP Analytic Graduate Student Essay Prize** 2014

**Graduate and Professional Student Federation Travel Award** 2012

**John W. Miller Prize in Philosophy** 2008

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Referee for *American Journal of Philosophy*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, *Episteme*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Mind*, National Endowment for the Humanities, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, and *Synthese* 2014–Present

Co-chair, CAS Strategic Planning Committee 2023–Present

Member, UVM Committee for the Comprehensive 5<sup>th</sup> Year Review of Dean David Jenemann 2023

Session Leader, Burlington Public Philosophy Week 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023

Advisor, CAS Orientation for First-Year Students at UVM 2015–2022

Chair, UVM Philosophy Department Committee on Curricular Reform 2021–2022

Member, CAS Core Curriculum Task Force 2021

Co-organizer, Northern New England Ethics and Epistemology Workshop hosted by UVM and Dartmouth College 2017, 2019, 2022

Member, Organizing Committee for the Annual Race, Gender, and Sexuality Conference at UVM 2015–2019

Co-organizer, Annual Food Ethics Conference at UVM 2015–2019

Member, The Imperfect Cognitions Network, Project PERFECT 2015–2019

Foundational Writing and Information Literacy Fellow 2017–2018

Mentor, The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy 2015–2018

Member, Design for Learning Cohort, UVM Center for Teaching and Learning 2017

Member, Chair Selection Committee, UVM Philosophy Department 2017

Participant, Foundational Writing and Information Literacy Assessment Day 2017

**COURSES REGULARLY TAUGHT**

**Theorizing Marginalized Identity and Privilege**

**Feminism: Theories and Issues**

**Advanced Seminar on The Ethics of Belief**

**Advanced Seminar on The Self**

**Introduction to Logic**

**Ethics of Eating**