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Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization
Areas of Teaching Competence

Metaphysics & Epistemology
Logic, Ethics, World Religions, Philosophy of Science &
History of Philosophy: Ancient, Modern, and Analytic

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy	University of Washington	2016
M.A. in Philosophy	University of Washington	2010
B.A. in Philosophy	Western Washington University	2003
	<i>Minors: Classical Studies & The Academic Study of Religion</i>	
A.A.S. (with honors)	Whatcom Community College	2000

Professional Appointments

Visiting Assistant Professor	Kalamazoo College	2011-present
Adjunct Instructor	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	2017-present
Online Instructor	Ashford University	2014-present
Adjunct Instructor	Governors State University	2018
Adjunct Instructor	Grand Valley State University	2016
Adjunct Instructor	Southwestern Michigan College	2016
Adjunct Instructor	Lansing Community College	2012
Adjunct Instructor	Jackson College	2012
Adjunct Instructor	Bellevue College	2010
Teaching Associate	University of Washington	2007-2013

Academic Awards and Honors

Top 10% Student Evaluations	University of Washington	2008 & 2007
Departmental Teaching Award	University of Washington	2007
Top Scholar Research Assistantship	University of Washington	2004-2005

Department, University, and Community Service

Frequent Guest Philosopher	Loy Norrix High School Metaphysics Club	2017-present
Faculty Liaison	Kalamazoo College Logic Society	2013
Writing Committee	Dept. of Philosophy (Univ. of Washington)	2008-2010
<i>Hypatia</i> Anniversary Conference	Dept. of Philosophy (Univ. of Washington)	2007-2008
Curriculum Committee	Dept. of Philosophy (Univ. of Washington)	2006-2007
Graduate Mentor	Dept. of Philosophy (Univ. of Washington)	2006-2007
Graduate Student Senate	Dept. of Philosophy (Univ. of Washington)	2004-2006

Teaching Record

Informal Logic (x19) [5-week online course]	Ashford University	Aug`19, Jul`19, Apr`18, Feb`18, Dec`17, Nov`17, Aug`17, Jul`17, May`17, Feb`17, Jun`16, Mar`16, Feb`16, Dec`15, Sep`15, Aug`15, Jun`15, May`15, Apr`15
Logic & Reasoning (x17)	Kalamazoo College	Win`19, Win`18, Spr`18, Spr`17, Spr`16, Fall`15, Fall`13, Fall`12, Spr`12, Fall`11
	Lansing CC	Sum`12
	Bellevue College	Sum`10
	Univ. of Washington	Win`10, Spr`09, Spr`08 Fall`07, Sum`07
Ethics (x13)	Kalamazoo College	Fall`18
	Kalamazoo Valley CC	Win`19, Fall`18, Win`18 (x2), Fall`17 (x2)
	Grand Valley State Univ.	Fall`16 (x3)
	Lansing CC	Fall`12, Spr`12
	Jackson College	Spr`12
Ethics and Moral Reasoning (x13) [5-week online course]	Ashford University	Aug`18, Jan`18, Sep`17, Apr`17, Mar`17, Mar`15, Jan`15, Dec`14, Oct`14, Sep`14, Aug`14, Jun`14, Apr`14
Philosophy of Science (x3)	Kalamazoo College	Win`19, Win`17, Fall`12
Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Philosophy (x2)	Kalamazoo College	Fall`18, Fall`17
Plato's <i>Republic</i> (x2)	Gov. State Univ. [online]	Sum`18
	Univ. of Washington	Win`13
Modern Philosophy (x2)	Univ. of Washington	Sum`13, Fall`10
Introduction to Philosophy (x2)	Univ. of Washington	Sum`10, Sum`08
Analytic Philosophy & Science (x1)	Kalamazoo College	Spr`19
Metaphysics & Mind (x1)	Kalamazoo College	Spr`19
Intro to Knowledge & Reality (x1)	Kalamazoo College	Win`18
World Religions (x1)	SW Michigan College	Fall`16
Epistemology (x1)	Univ. of Washington	Spr`13
Special Topics: Modality (x1)	Univ. of Washington	Fall`09
Philosophy of Religion (x1)	Univ. of Washington	Sum`09

Professional Organizations

American Philosophical Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers

Metaphysical Society of America
The Philosophy of Science Association

Publications

2013. "Quine, W. V. O." The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History.
Oxford University Press.

Professional Presentations (* denotes a peer-reviewed conference)

Title: Why We Should Not Believe in Possible Worlds
Faculty Colloquium Grand Valley State University November 2016

Title: Defeating Extreme Modal Skepticism
*APA Main Program Central Meeting (St. Louis, MO) February 2015

Title: Toward Reconciling the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Modality
*Graduate Conference Western Michigan University December 2013
*Graduate Conference University of Miami January 2010
*Graduate Conference Princeton University March 2009
Graduate Colloquium University of Washington February 2009

Dissertation Information

“Modal Truth: Reconciling the Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Semantics of the Necessary and the Possible.”
Committee: Arthur Fine (chair), Ann Baker, Cass Weller

The integration challenge for modality states that metaphysical theories of modality tend to fail on one of the following two counts: either they render the meanings of modal sentences mysterious, or they render modal knowledge mysterious. I argue that there are specific semantic and epistemic constraints on metaphysical theory implied by the integration challenge and that a plausible metaphysical theory of modality must satisfy both of them. I further argue that no popular metaphysical theory of modality manages simultaneously to satisfy both of the constraints. Therefore, a new theory is needed. I attempt to supply the needed theory and to show that it satisfies the constraints of the integration challenge. The overall result is an argument for a new and unique metaphysical theory of modality that I call constructionism.

Professional References

Confidential letters of recommendation available (by request through Interfolio) from the following:

Arthur Fine
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