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FOCUS

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Logic, Epistemology, History of Analytic Philosophy

Areas of Competence

Logic, Kant, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

EDUCATION

Visiting Scholar

2022–2023

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D Candidate, Philosophy

Expected 2024

University of California, Irvine – Department of Philosophy

Advisor: Annalisa Coliva

Dissertation: I defend the intuition that logic is normative by arguing for the novel view that, simply as a matter of our contingent history, what it is to think is constitutively dependent on being evaluable or answerable to certain logical rules. My view has unique upshots, such as being congenial to a broadly empiricist view of logic, and its compatibility with extreme forms of logical pluralism.

M.A., Philosophy

Awarded May 2018

California State University, Los Angeles

B.A., Philosophy

Awarded Dec 2015

University of Missouri

PRESENTATIONS

“Logical Abductivism From Within Our Form of Life”

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Graduate Conference, April 2022

“Hyperlinked Demonstratives and Online Communication”

INDEXICALS AND DEMONSTRATIVES I, University of Warsaw, April 2022

“Logical Normativity and Logical Constitutivism”

Southwest Graduate Conference, Arizona State University, April 2022

TEACHING

Lead Instructor

Argument & Research, UC Irvine - Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant

Intro to Philosophy, UC Irvine - Winter 2020, Spring 2020, Winter 2023

Puzzles and Paradoxes, UC Irvine - Fall 2019

Philosophy of Law, UC Irvine - Summer 2020

Technology & Society, UC Irvine - Summer 2021, Winter 2022

Critical Thinking and Composition, Cal State LA - Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Engaged Philosophy, Cal State LA - Spring 2018

SERVICE

Conference Co-Organizer

Feb 2020

Archeology in a Post-Truth World – Interdisciplinary Conference at UC Irvine

Graduate Work-In-Progress (GWIP) Organizer

2019 – 2020

University of California, Irvine

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Logic, Philosophy of Logic

Topics in the Philosophy of Logic (Thomas Hofweber)

Independent Study: Logical Constitutivism (Annalisa Coliva)

Independent Study: Logical Aliens (Annalisa Coliva)

Independent Study: Logical Normativity (Annalisa Coliva)

Metalogic (Kai Wehmeier)

Advanced Logic (Mark Balaguer)

Epistemology

What Is This Thing Called “Philosophy”? (Annalisa Coliva)

Social Hinge Epistemology (Annalisa Coliva & Anna Boncompagni)
Justification and the Basic Logical Laws (Annalisa Coliva)
Relativism (Annalisa Coliva)
Knowledge & Skepticism (Steve Levy)

History of Philosophy

Kant's First Critique (Jeremy Heis)
Descartes, Malebranche, and Leibniz (Sean Greenberg)
Reason in Kant (Karl Schafer)
History of Analytic Philosophy I (Jeremy Heis)
History of Analytic Philosophy II (Jeremy Heis)
Self and Other: Husserl and Levinas (David W. Smith & Jeff Helmreich)
History of Phenomenology (Michael Shim)

Mind, Language, Metaphysics

Felicitous Underspecification (Jeff King)
Geometry and Spacetime (JB Manchak)
Transcendental Arguments (M. Oreste Fiocco)
What's Thinking For? The Evolution of Human Cognition (Kyle Stanford)
Anti-Metaphysics (Mark Balaguer)
Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics (Foad Dizadji-Bahmani)
The Mind/Body Problem (David Pitt)
Analytic Phenomenology (David Pitt)
Philosophy of Language Survey (David Pitt)

Social Philosophy, Ethics & Value Theory

The Meaning of Life (Jeff Helmreich)
Philosophy of Social Science (Margaret Gilbert)
Philosophy of Sport (Mohammed Abed)
Trans Philosophy (Talia Bettcher)
Philosophy of Law (Jay Conway)