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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Technology, Philosophy of Gender, Philosophy of Race

EMPLOYMENT AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Bowdoin College

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow 2021 - 2022

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ph.D., Philosophy May 2021

Dissertation: “Hinge-Commitments as Arational-Beliefs”

Committee: Ram Neta (co-director), Alex Worsnip, (co-director), Matt Kotzen

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

M.A. in Philosophy May 2017

Thesis: A Testable Model of Visual Awareness

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

M.A. in Philosophy GPA 10/10 2015

Thesis: De Re Modality after Quine With Honors

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

B.A. in Philosophy GPA 9.56 /10 2011

With Honors

Thesis: Consciousness as a Necessary and Sufficient Condition for Personal Identity

PAPERS

“Hinge-commitments as Arational Beliefs” (Under Review)

“A Novel Normativist Approach to the Nature of Belief” (Under Review)

SELECTED AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

[Baldwin CLT Faculty Fellows Program](#) 2021 - 2022

Awarded to a selected cohort of faculty interested in learning strategies to enhance inclusivity and equity in the classroom.

Summer Research Fellowship, UNC 2020

Horace Williams Fellowship, (non-service fellowship), UNC 2019 - 2020

Chancellor’s Doctoral Candidacy Award, UNC 2019

Maynard E. Adams Fellowship in the Public Humanities, UNC 2018 - 2019

Craig Newman Graduate Fellowship, UNC 2016

Awarded to a second-year student who shows promise as an excellent teacher and humanitarian

Horace Williams Fellowship, (non-service fellowship), UNC 2015 - 2016

PAPIIT: “Modal Anti-Realism”, UNAM, Mexico. 2013 - 2014

National Fellowship, CONACYT. Mexico. 2011 - 2013

PRESENTATIONS

“An Epistemic Puzzle About Justification” 2019

Philosophy in 15 minutes, UNC-Chapel Hill

“The Nature of Our Substantive Evaluative Beliefs: 2018

A Novel Theory of Evaluative Beliefs” (accepted but unable to attend)

Siena Heights University

“On a Testable Model of Visual Awareness” 2017

9th Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers

University of Colorado

“A Testable Model of Visual Awareness” 2017

15th annual Philosophy of Mind, Language and Cognition Graduate Conference

Western University

“Essentialism and De Re modality” 2016

3rd Philosophy in Spanish Workshop, Harvard University

- “Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism” 2014
Second Workshop of Associated Students, IIF. UNAM
- “Gender: A natural kind? An Introduction to a Problem in Feminist Metaphysics” 2014
International Women’s Day at IIF. UNAM
- “Is there a Quinean skepticism about de re modality after David Lewis?” 2013
First Workshop of Associated Students, IIF. UNAM
- “The reason why Philosophers use strange scenarios but are not crazy.” 2011
Universidad de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico.

COMMENTARIES

- Commentator at Large
5th Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Conference
University of Pennsylvania 2019
- Philip Kitcher’s “Why is Climate Change So Difficult to Address or Stop?”
UNC-Chapel Hill 2019
- Alessandro Torza’s “Ground and Modality”
11th Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers
Florida State University 2019
- Michael Hannon’s “Why Purist Should be Infallibilists”
2019 APA Eastern Division Meeting 2019
- Arturo Javier Castellano’s “Diachronic Composition, Spontaneous Change, and the Grounding Problem”
9th Annual Conference, American Association of Mexican Philosophers
Syracuse University 2016
- Frances Fairbairn’s “Advanced Modalizing”
Athena in Action 2016: A Networking and Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Student Women in Philosophy
Princeton University 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Bowdoin College

Philosophical Issues of Gender and Race	Spring 2022
Responsibility and Rational Belief	Spring 2022
Philosophy and the Internet	Fall 2021

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Knowledge and Society	Spring 2021
Introduction to Mathematical Logic	Summer 2019
Critical Thinking (Carolina Courses Online)	Summer 2018
Moral and Philosophical Issues of Gender in Society	Spring 2018
Critical Thinking	Fall 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (Carolina Courses Online)	Summer 2017

Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium, Mexico City, Mexico

Propositional Logic	2013 - 2014
Strategies of Argumentation	2014 - 2015

Teaching Assistant

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Knowledge and Society (supervised by Alex Worsnip)	Spring 2019
Introduction to Mathematical Logic (supervised by Gillian Russell)	Fall 2018
Critical Thinking (supervised by Ram Neta)	Spring 2017
Introduction to Philosophy (supervised by Mariska Leunissen)	Fall 2016

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

Introduction to Philosophy (supervised by Lourdes Valdivia)	Fall 2010
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Other Courses Prepared to Teach

Introductory

Latin American Philosophy
History of Philosophy
Ethics of AI

Advanced

Epistemology
Metaphysics
Philosophy of Mind

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Panelist at the UNC Faculty Showcase on Teaching	Spring 2021
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl (NHEB)	Spring 2021 & 2019
Organizer and moderator, Discussion Session on the Values of the Ethics Bowl	Spring 2019
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2020
Philosophy Outreach at Atria Senior Living	Spring 2017
Member, UNC Diversity Committee	2017-2018
Philosophy Outreach at Atria Senior Living	Fall 2017
Judge, Summer Undergraduate Pipeline (SUP)	Summer 2017
Mentor, SWIP-Analytic México.	Summer 2017
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2017
Judge, North Carolina High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2017
Member, UNC Diversity Committee	2016-2017
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl	Spring 2016
Organizer, “1st IIFs-UNAM Philosophy Graduate Conference”	Fall 2014

REFERENCES

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Scott Sehon (teaching reference)
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Graduate Course Work at UNC

History

Modern Philosophy, *Alan Nelson*

The Beginning of Analytic Philosophy, *Matthew Kotzen* and *Alan Nelson*

History of Moral Philosophy, *Thomas E. Hill, Jr.*

Aristotle's Politics, *Mariska Leunissen*, and *C.D.C. Reeve*

Aristotle, *C. D. C. Reeve*

Ethics/Metaethics

Advanced Studies in Moral Theory, *Russ Shafer-Landau*

Reading Course in Feminist Theory*¹, *Susan Wolf*

Epistemology

Philosophy of Psychology (and Irrationality), *Alex Worsnip*

Advanced Studies in Epistemology, *Ram Neta*

Current Issues in Analytic Philosophy: Normative Epistemology*, *Alex Worsnip*

Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind

Idealism and the Limits of Conceptual Representation, *Thomas Hofweber*

Research Seminar in Philosophy of Mind, *William G. Lycan* and *Carla Merino-Rajme*

Philosophy of Mind, *Carla Merino-Rajme*

Nihilism and the Limits of Revision. *Thomas Hofweber*

Special Fields of Philosophy Seminar, *Karen Neander* and *Carlotta Pavese*, (At Duke University)

Logic and Philosophy of Science

Symbolic logic, *Gillian Russell*

Extensions of and Alternatives to Classical Logic, *Gillian Russell*

Advanced Studies in Philosophy of Science, *Marc Lange*

¹ *=Audited