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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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**Area of Specialization:** Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

**Area of Competence:** Ethics, Philosophy of Sport, Philosophy of AI

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Postdoctoral Associate,** Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science 2022-

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Philosophy,** The Ohio State University 2022  
**Dissertation:** The Phenomenal Basis of Thought  
**Committee:** Declan Smithies (chair), Tristram McPherson, Richard Samuels, Charles Siewert (Rice University)

**M.A., Philosophy,** Virginia Tech 2016

**B.A. Philosophy,** Sewanee: The University of the South (with honors) 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

‘Are Phenomenal Theories of Thought Chauvinistic?’ *American Philosophical Quarterly* *forthcoming*

‘Cognitive Phenomenology: In Defense of Recombination’ *Inquiry* *forthcoming*

‘In Defense of Cognitive Phenomenology: Meeting the Matching Content Challenge’ *Erkenntnis* 88: 2391-2401 2023

‘Delusions and Madmen: Against Rationality Constraints on Belief’ *Synthese* 200: 1-30 (with Declan Smithies and Richard Samuels) 2022

### Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

‘Aphantasia and Conscious Thought’ *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, vol. 3, 131-155 (ed. Uriah Kriegel) 2023

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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‘The Value of Cognitive Experience’ *in preparation*  
‘Athletes as Workers’ *under review*

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS** (\* indicates refereed)

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‘The Value of Cognitive Experience’\*  
The Ethics of Consciousness Summer School, Rice University Paris Center, Paris, France *June 2023*

‘Thinking Without Consciousness? The Unconscious Thought Paradigm in Psychology’\*  
Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness, New York University *June 2023*

‘Are Phenomenal Theories of Thought Chauvinistic?’  
Model, Theory, and Reality Workshop, UMass Amherst *May 2023*  
Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science Colloquium Talk *February 2023*  
Smithies Student Workshop, The Ohio State University *May 2022*

‘Athletes as Workers’  
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Montreal QC\* *January 2023*  
First Annual Philosophy and Activism Conference, University of Missouri-St. Louis\* *May 2022*

‘Aphantasia and Conscious Thought’  
Philosophy and Neuroscience at the Gulf IV\* *September 2021*  
Extremes of Mind Wandering, University of Edinburgh\* *June 2021*

‘Meeting the Matching Content Challenge to Cognitive Phenomenology’  
North Carolina Philosophical Society\* *March 2020*  
American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago IL\* *February 2020*  
Philosophy and Representation Graduate Conference, San Diego State University\* *April 2018*  
Graduate Student Workshop, The Ohio State University *March 2018*

‘Against Phenomenal Functionalism’  
Graduate Student Workshop, The Ohio State University *November 2019*

‘The Content Problem for Functionalism About Belief’s Truth-Aim’  
Graduate Student Workshop, The Ohio State University *November 2018*

## **COMMENTS AND STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

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‘What is Cognitive Science?’  
Cognitive Science Club, Rutgers University *October 2022*

‘Delusions and Rationality’ (with Declan Smithies)  
Cognitive Science Club, The Ohio State University *November 2019*

Comments on Sanford Diehl’s ‘Hegel and Natural Teleology’ *November 2014*

in Dewey's Later Thought,' Virginia Tech Graduate Conference

## **PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY**

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'What Can Aphantasia Tell Us About Conscious Thought?'

*The Junkyard*, a scholarly blog about the imagination (ed. Amy Kind)

*September 2022*

## **SUMMER SCHOOLS**

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The Ethics of Consciousness, Rice University Paris Center, Paris, France

*2023*

Cognitive Phenomenology, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary

*2019*

## **AWARDS**

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Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science Research Award (\$2,000)

*2023*

Summer Graduate Research Award

*2021*

Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences, The Ohio State University (\$5,760)

Fink Conference Essay Award

*2020*

The Ohio State University Department of Philosophy

Graduate Student Travel Award

*2020*

American Philosophical Association Central Division

Tuition Waiver, Summer School on Cognitive Phenomenology

*2019*

Central European University (€400)

Fink Conference Essay Award

*2019*

The Ohio State University Department of Philosophy

Graduate Research Small Grant

*2018*

The Ohio State University School of Arts & Humanities

University Fellowship

*2016-7*

The Ohio State University (\$22,000)

Marjorie Grene Memorial Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student

*2016*

Virginia Tech Department of Philosophy

Hugh Harris Caldwell, Jr. Award for Excellence in Philosophy

*2012*

Sewanee: The University of the South Department of Philosophy

## TEACHING

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### **Rutgers University (Instructor of Record)**

The Philosophy of Consciousness (course scheduled, syllabus available upon request) *Spring 2024*

### **Rutgers University (Teaching Assistant)**

Human Nature and Human Diversity (for Stephen Stich) *Spring 2024*

Introduction to Cognitive Science, Honors (for Ryan Rhodes) *Fall 2023*

Introduction to Cognitive Science (for Ryan Rhodes) *Spring 2023*

Introduction to Cognitive Science (for Ryan Rhodes) *Fall 2022*

### **Montclair State University (Instructor of Record)**

Introduction to Cognitive Science (asynchronous online) *Spring 2023*

### **The Ohio State University (Instructor of Record)**

Introduction to Philosophy *Summer 2022*

Engineering Ethics *Spring 2022*

Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the U.S. *Fall 2021*

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Introduction to Philosophy *Fall 2020*

Philosophy and Video Games *Summer 2020*

Introduction to Ethics *Fall 2020*

Contemporary Social and Moral Problems in the U.S. *Fall 2019*

### **The Ohio State University (Teaching Assistant)**

Asian Philosophy (for Steve Brown) *Spring 2019*

Introduction to Ethics (for Justin D'Arms) *Fall 2018*

Introduction to Ethics (for Abe Roth) *Spring 2018*

Introduction to Philosophy (for Eden Lin) *Fall 2017*

### **Virginia Tech (Instructor of Record)**

Global Ethics (online) *Summer 2016*

### **Virginia Tech (Teaching Assistant)**

Modern Philosophy (Nate Rockwood) *Spring 2016*

Morality and Justice (Nate Rockwood) *Fall 2015*

Morality and Justice (Michael Moeller) *Spring 2015*

Knowledge and Reality (Joseph Pitt) *Fall 2014*

## TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

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Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science Pedagogy Brownbags *2022-*  
*A series of ongoing workshops on effective grading, incorporating mid-semester feedback, and more*

Course Design Institute, The Ohio State University *2019*  
*Developed a course in the philosophy of sport*

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Refereeing

*Analysis, Argumenta, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Philosophia, Philosophical Studies,*  
Ohio Philosophical Association, Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference

### Departmental Service, Ohio State Department of Philosophy

Chair of Graduate Recruitment Committee	2021
Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Student Group, President	2018-2020
Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences Student Group, Treasurer	2016-18, 2020-22
Ohio State Philosophy and Critical Thinking Summer Camp, Instructor	2018

### Departmental Service, Virginia Tech Department of Philosophy

Graduate student member of metaethics hiring committee	2016
Research assistant for Tristram McPherson	2015
Organized 12 <sup>th</sup> Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference on Analytic Metaphysics	2015

### Affiliations

American Philosophical Association, Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness

## GRADUATE COURSEWORK

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### Metaphysics and Epistemology

Anti-Representationalism in Metaphysics (Robert Kraut, OSU)  
Proseminar (Abe Roth and William Taschek, OSU)  
Metaphysics of Sexual Orientation (Ben Caplan, OSU)  
Philosophical Methodology (Tristram McPherson, OSU)  
Analytic Existentialism (Ted Parent, VT)  
Metaphilosophy (Ted Parent, VT)

### Mind

Belief, Concepts, and Inference (Declan Smithies, OSU)  
Physical Computation (Richard Samuels, OSU)  
Epistemic Role of Consciousness (Declan Smithies, OSU)  
Reasoning, Inference, and Rationality (Richard Samuels, OSU)  
Philosophy of Cognitive Science (Richard Sameuls, OSU)  
Philosophy of Mind (Kelly Trogdon, VT)

### Ethics

Normative Authority (Tristram McPherson, OSU)  
Rational Sentimentalism (Justin D'Arms, OSU)  
Well-Being (Eden Lin, OSU)  
Metaphysics of Normative Realism (Tristram McPherson, VT)  
Metaethics (Greg Novack, VT)

### History

Early Modern Moral Philosophy (Julia Jorati, OSU)  
Kant on Concepts and Cognition (Lisa Shabel, OSU)  
Mill's Moral and Political Philosophy (Piers Turner, OSU)  
Wittgenstein (James C. Klagge, VT)  
History and Philosophy of Science (Lydia Patton, VT)

### **Science and Logic**

Causation (Chris Pincock, OSU)  
Advanced Symbolic Logic (Neil Tennant OSU)  
Symbolic Logic (Greg Novack, VT)

### **Teaching**

Teaching Philosophy (Julia Jorati, OSU)

### **REFERENCES**

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