
Areas of Specialization

Environmental Ethics, History & Philosophy of Science (esp. Biology, Cognitive Science, Medicine)

Areas of Teaching Competence

Environmental and Medical Humanities, Ethics, Logic, Political Philosophy

Education

- PhD, Philosophy (Cornell University).....August 2018
 - BA, Philosophy, Mathematics (Appalachian State University)May 2009
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Employment

- Visiting Assistant Professor (Washington & Lee University).....August 2023-May 2024
 - Lecturer [full time] (Clemson University) August 2022–May 2023
 - Visiting Assistant Professor [reappointed twice] (Colgate University) August 2019–May 2022
 - Visiting Assistant Professor (Virginia Commonwealth University) August 2018–May 2019
 - Instructor [part time while ABD] (The College of New Jersey) August 2017–May 2018
 - Instructor [part time while ABD] (Lehman College)..... August 2017–December 2017
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Research

Dissertation: Ends, Norms, and Representations: Why ask “Why?” in Biology?

Committee: Derk Pereboom (co-chair), Richard Boyd (co-chair), W. Starr

In Preparation

- Ecosystem Health versus Ecosystem Functioning
- A Generic Theory of Functions

Publications

- Dispositionalism and Dysfunction
Philosophy of Science vol 90, issue 3(2023) [[link](#)]
- How to be a Naturalist and a Social Constructivist About Disease
[With Shane Glackin] *Philosophy of Medicine* vol 2, issue 1 (2021) [[link](#)]
- Mayr and Tinbergen: Disentangling and Integrating
Biology and Philosophy vol 35, issue 4 (2020) [[link](#)]
- Review of “The Scientific Method: An Evolution of Thinking from Darwin to Dewey”
(Invited) *The Quarterly Review of Biology* vol 96, issue 3 (2021) [[link](#)]
- Review of “What Biological Functions Are and Why They Matter”
(Invited) *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* (2020) [[link](#)] (This has generated several responses.)

Peer-Reviewed Conference Talks

- A Generic Theory of Functions
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of BiologyJuly 2023
- Rethinking the Function-Accident Distinction
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of BiologyJuly 2021
- How to be a Naturalist *and* a Social Constructivist About Disease, part 1
British Society for the Philosophy of ScienceJuly 2019
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of BiologyJuly 2019
- Disentangling and Integrating Mayr and Tinbergen
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of BiologyJuly 2017
- Taking Genetic Representation Seriously
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of BiologyJuly 2017
- Putting Dysfunction to Work in Functional Analysis
4th European Advanced Seminar in the Philosophy of the Life Sciences September 2016
- Putting Dysfunction to Work
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of BiologyJuly 2015

Invited Talks

- Author Meets Critic panelist, Justin Garson’s “What Functions are and Why They Matter”
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting.....January 2021
- From Dysfunction to Disease
Workshop: The Concept of Function in Biology, University of Quebec, Montreal October 2019
- Virtue Ethics
Fraternity Lecture Series, Virginia Commonwealth UniversityMarch 2019

Teaching

Washington and Lee University

- TBD.....Spring 2024
- Poverty and Human Capability: An Interdisciplinary Introduction (2 sections) Winter 2024
- Philosophy of Biology Winter 2024
- Environmental Ethics (2 sections) Fall 2023

Clemson University

- Environmental EthicsSpring 2023
- Introduction to Logic (4 sections, 3 sections).....Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

Colgate University

- Medical EthicsSpring 2022
- Philosophy of Mind Fall 2021
- Philosophy of Science (online)Spring 2021

- Political Philosophy (2 sections, online).....Spring 2021
- Environmental EthicsFall 2019 and Spring 2020
- Philosophy of BiologyFall 2019 and Fall 2021
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2 sections) Spring 2020 and 2022
- Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2 sections, online)Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

Virginia Commonwealth University

- Critical Thinking About Moral Problems (2 sections).....Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
- Normative EthicsFall 2018
- Social and Political PhilosophySpring 2019

The College of New Jersey

- Introduction to PhilosophySpring 2018
- Environmental EthicsSpring 2018
- Introduction to LogicSpring 2018
- Contemporary Moral Issues (3 sections).....Fall 2017

Lehman College

- Justice and Society.....Fall 2017
- Biology, Gender, and Objectivity.....Fall 2017

Cornell University

- Philosophy in Practice: Conservation EthicsSpring 2017
- Philosophy in Practice: Biology, Gender, and Objectivity.....Fall 2015 and Spring 2016
- Introduction to Philosophy (TA under Karen Bennett)Fall 2013
- Early Modern Philosophy (TA under Derk Pereboom)Spring 2013 and Spring 2014
- Philosophy of Science (TA under Richard Boyd)Fall 2012 and Fall 2016

Awards, Service & Professional Development

- International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology Travel Grant
- Graduate Teaching Fellowship (Cornell University Center for Teaching Excellence, declined)
- Philosophical Review Postdoctoral Lectureship (Cornell University, declined)
- Speaking at Student Mentoring Forum (Clemson University)
- Washington & Lee University Fall 2023 Faculty Academy
- First@Colgate (organization for first-generation students)
- Honors Thesis Advisor Committee: Daniel (Danny) Shea, Colgate 2020; Matthew (Matt) Marcus, Colgate 2022 (and also many letters of recommendation)
- Journal Reviewer for: *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Acta Biotheoretica*, *Biology and Philosophy*
- Graduate Representative to the Faculty (Cornell University)

- Philosophy Leadership, Training, and Advocacy Organization (PLATO) elected “social officer” (Cornell University graduate field organization)
- Misc. organizational roles (events, reading groups, speaker invites, etc.)
- North American Summer School for Language, Logic, and Information (NASSLLI) (2012 Austin, TX and 2014 College Park, MD)
- European Summer School for Language, Logic, and Information (ESSLLI) (2013 Dusseldorf Germany)
- Teaching as Research Conference (Cornell University)