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## Employment

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**Kansas State University** Visiting Assistant Professor

Fall 2016-Present

## Education

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**University of Massachusetts, Amherst** PhD Philosophy 2016

**University of Wisconsin, Madison** MA Philosophy 2010

**California State University, Northridge (CSUN)** BA Philosophy, Minor Linguistics 2008  
*Magna Cum Laude, With Honors*

## Areas of Interest

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**AOS:** Epistemology, Ethics, Metaethics

**AOC:** Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

**Additional Teaching Interest:** Philosophy of Race

## Journal Articles

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1. The Word of a Reluctant Convert  
Forthcoming in *Synthese*
2. Second-Best Epistemology: Fallibility and Normativity  
Forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*
3. Evidence and Fallibility  
Forthcoming in *Episteme*
4. Higher-Order Defeat is Object-Independent  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 99(2) (2018): 248 – 269
5. Indoctrination Anxiety and the Etiology of Belief (with Robert M. Simpson)  
*Synthese* 193 (2016): 3078 – 3098.
6. Probabilistic Promotion Revisited (with Jeff Behrends)  
*Philosophical Studies* 173(7) (2016): 1735 – 1754.
7. Reason to Promotion Inferences (with Jeff Behrends)  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, www.jesp.org, August (2015): 1 – 10.
8. Finlay and Schroeder on Promoting a Desire (with Jeff Behrends)  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, www.jesp.org, December (2011): 1 – 7.

## Book Chapters

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9. Crippled Moral Epistemologies  
Forthcoming in Klenk, M. (ed.) *Higher-Order Evidence and Moral Epistemology*. [Invited.]

## Work in Progress

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- Conversion, Causes, and Closed-Mindedness (R&R at *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*)  
Disagreeing with Converts (In Preparation)  
Self-Licensing: Moral and Epistemic (In Preparation)  
No Vice in Sight? (In Preparation)

## Public Writing

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- The Origin of Belief (with Robert Simpson) [Invited]  
The Forum: Thinking in Public. (2016) <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/theforum/the-origin-of-belief/>  
Reprinted in *The Philosopher's Magazine* 78(3) (2017): 90 – 93.

## Dissertation

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**Title:** *Fallibility and Epistemic Normativity*

**Committee:** Hilary Kornblith (Chair), Christopher Meacham, Katia Vavova  
Erik Cheries (Psychology)

**Description:** Sometimes we should abandon our rationally formed beliefs when we acquire misleading evidence suggesting we arrived at those beliefs in error. In other words, sometimes we should give up our beliefs even when we're believing exactly what we should be believing. Why? Not for standard Evidentialist or Bayesian reasons. Rather, to cope with our imperfection. Imperfect reasoners aware of their flaws must reason in imperfect ways. In my dissertation, I substantiate these claims by examining fallibility, defeat, epistemic reasons, and non-ideal theory in ethics and epistemology.

## Presentations

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- Behind the Veil: Teaching Rawls through Digital Gaming (w/ Scott Tanona)  
Eastern APA. Innovative Methods in Philosophical Pedagogy. January 2018.  
Conversion, Epistemic Virtue, and Self-Licensing  
Central States Philosophical Association Conference. October 2017.  
Reason to Promotion Inferences (w/ Jeff Behrends)  
Central States Philosophical Association Conference. November 2015.  
Probabilistic Promotion Revisited (w/ Jeff Behrends)  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference. August 2015.  
Higher-Order Defeat  
California State University, Northridge. February 2015.  
Epistemic Akrasia and Evidence  
Northern New England Philosophical Association Conference. August 2013  
In Defense of Modal Invariantism  
Syracuse Philosophy Graduate Conference. April 2012  
When do the Means Promote the Ends? (w/ Jeff Behrends)  
Naturalisms in Ethics, Auckland, NZ. July 2011

Time Travel and Mereology: Simple Self-Visitation  
Iowa Philosophical Society Conference. November 2009

## Comments

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On S. Arkonovich and A. Salomon's "Moral Testimony and Anti-Luck Epistemology"  
Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference. August 2015.

On B. Fischer's "TRUE is False"  
Central States Philosophical Association Conference. September 2012

## Presentations for Students

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Healthcare Ethics: Tips for Interviews

Pre-Physician Assistant Meeting, K-State. September 2018. Invited by former student.

Going from Cal State System to Graduate School in Philosophy

California State University, Northridge. February 2015. Invited.

Killing the Frog: On the Philosophy of Humor

Faculty Chat, UMass Amherst. April 2014. Invited by former student.

## Awards, Honors, & Fellowships

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**Peer Review of Teaching Program** Teaching Portfolio (65 pages) recognized as an "Exemplar."

**Peer Review Teaching Fellowship** Kansas State University, Teaching & Learning Center 2017-2018

**Dissertation Summer Stipend** UMass, Amherst 2015

**Dissertation Fellowship** Saint Louis University, Templeton Intellectual Humility Project 2014-2015

**Dissertation Fellowship** Northwestern University, Social Epistemology 2014-2015 [Declined]

**Robison Prize** For teaching excellence. UMass, Amherst, Philosophy Dept., 2013-2014

**Oliver Prize** For best graduate student paper. UW, Madison, Philosophy Dept., 2008-2009

**Luckenbach Award** For work in logic/philosophy of science. CSUN, Philosophy Dept., 2007-2008

**Presidential Scholarship** For work on context-sensitivity in language. CSUN, 2007-2008

## Teaching Experience

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### Kansas State University

Philosophy of Religion: Conversion and Radicalization (Seminar)

Epistemology (Majors Course)

Philosophy and Race

Medical Ethics (x4)

Introduction to Moral Philosophy (x7)

Introduction to Philosophical Problems (x6)

**UMass:** Instructor: Full Responsibility

Philosophy of Humor

Traditional and Social Epistemology

Medical Ethics

Introduction to Ethics Online (x3)

Introduction to Philosophy Online (x2)

Medical Ethics Online

Introduction to Logic Online

**UMass or UW Madison:** Teaching Assistant

Critical Thinking

Symbolic Logic (x2)

Introduction to Ethics (x3)

Introduction to Philosophy (x3)

## Service

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Refereeing: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2016, 2018); *Dialectica* (2015, 2017); *Episteme* (2018 x2); *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (2016, x2); *Mind* (2018); *Philosophical Studies* (2016, 2017 x2); *Res Philosophica* (2018); *Synthese* (2018)

## Graduate Coursework

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(\* Signifies audit.)

### Epistemology

Bootstrapping, Closure, and Disagreement  
(Titelbaum)

Bayesianism (Meacham)

Modal Epistemology (Eddon & Levine)

Intuitions (Kornblith)

Epistemic Normativity (Kornblith)

Naturalism & the First Person Perspective  
(Kornblith & Baker)

Epistemic Justification\* (Kornblith)

Inductive Reasoning\* (Titelbaum)

### Language & Logic

Philosophy of Language (Antony)

Philosophy of Language (Sidelle)

Modal Logic (Hardegree)

### Metaphysics

Time Travel (Vranas)

Material Objects (Sidelle)

Objects and Metametaphysics (Sidelle)

Metametaphysics (Eddon)

Identity & Modality\* (Sidelle)

### Ethics & Metaethics

Ross and Intuitionism (Graham)

Moral Responsibility (Sartorio)

Normativity (Shafer-Landau)

Puzzles in Decision Theory (Meacham)

### History

Spinoza (Nadler)

Aristotle's Philosophy of Mind (Gottlieb)

Ancient Philosophy\* (Gottlieb)

## General References

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