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Area of Specialization: History of Modern Philosophy

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Metaphysics

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville (2014 - present)

EDUCATION

Georgetown University (2008-2013): Ph.D., Philosophy

Dissertation: *Hume's Faculty-Based Account of Reasoning*

Tom L. Beauchamp (chair), James Mattingly, William Blattner

University of Arizona, B.A., Creative Writing and Philosophy, *summa cum laude*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

'Smith and Hume on Animal Minds.' 2018. *Journal of Scottish Philosophy* 16 (3), 227-243.

'Skeptical Influences on Hume's View of Animal Reasoning.' 2016. *Hume Studies* 42 (1/2), 137-165.

'Backwards Explanation and Unification.' 2016. *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* 6 (1), 55-70.

'Content Blocking and the Patron as Situated Knower: What would it take for an Internet filter to work?' with E.E. Lawrence. 2016. *Library Quarterly* 86 (4), 403-418.

'Bayle's 'Rorarius,' Leibniz, and Animal Souls.' 2015. *Lo Sguardo: rivista di filosofia* 18 (2), 113-127.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of D. Rasmussen, *The Infidel and the Professor: David Hume, Adam Smith, and the Friendship That Shaped Modern Thought*. Forthcoming. *Hume Studies*.

Review of S. Di Bella and T. M. Schmaltz, *The Problem of Universals in Early Modern Philosophy*. 2018. *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Circularity in Hume's "Of the Pride and Humility of Animals"
Illinois Philosophical Association Conference (11/18)

Smith and Hume on Animal Minds

Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy Conference (03/18)

Naturalistic Explanation as Epistemological Firebreak for Hume and Boyle

(with James Mattingly)

Center for the Study of Scottish Philosophy Conference (03/17)

HOPOS 2016, the 11th International HOPOS Conference (06/16)

Montaigne and Hume on Animals

43rd Annual International Hume Society Conference (07/16)

The 'Autism Objection' to Pretense Treatments of Mathematics

2016 American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (03/16)

Hume's Hermeneutic Fictionalism About Objects (and Selves)

42nd International Hume Conference (07/15)

Iowa Philosophical Association Conference (11/14)

Answers to Bayle on Animals: Leibniz and Hume

American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies (03/15)

Bomb-Building, Pornography and Good Intentions: What would it take for an Internet filter to work? (with E.E. Lawrence)

Gender and Sexuality in Information Studies Colloquium (10/14)

Locke's Account of Animal Reasoning

Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy (01/14)

Do Hume's Animals Demonstrate?

For the symposium on the work of Julia Driver, Illinois Philosophical Association conference (11/13)

Problems in Locke's Account of Animal Inference

Northwest Philosophy Conference (10/13)

Alabama Philosophical Society meeting (10/13)

Hume's Naturalistic Mind

2nd Annual Oxford Brookes International Hume Conference: Why Hume Matters (05/13)

Do Non-Human Animals Demonstrate?

Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference (03/13)

Georgetown University Philosophy Conference (04/13)

Hume's "Reasoning": Both Sensation and Not

New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association (11/12)

The Purported Temporal Asymmetry of Explanation

Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy of Science Conference (11/12)

The Epistemic and Psychological Status of “Proof” in Hume
Central States Philosophical Association meeting (09/12)
Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium (09/12)

Terminological Inexactitude in Hume on Human Reasoning
Wisconsin Philosophical Association meeting (04/12)

Hume’s Argument Regarding Animal Reasoning
North Carolina Philosophical Society/South Carolina Society for Philosophy Joint
Conference (02/12)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Hume’s Arguments in “Of the Pride and Humility of Animals”
California State University Bakersfield Philosophy/R.S. Colloquium Series (11/2018)

Adam Smith on Animal Minds
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Department of Philosophy Colloquium
Series (02/17)

Hume’s “Reasoning”: Both Sensation and Not
Georgetown Philosophy Writer’s Workshop (10/12)

Purported Temporal Asymmetry of Explanation
Georgetown Philosophy Writer’s Workshop (03/12)

Accusations
Georgetown Philosophy Writer’s Workshop, with Cassie Herbert (10/11)

COMMENTS

*Comments on Hakkarainen and Ryan’s ‘Hume on Possible Duration without Possible Temporal
Parts’*
44th Annual International Hume Society Conference (07/2017)

Comments for Courtney Morris regarding What’s Necessary of Kant’s Practical Reasoners
Intermountain West Student Philosophy Conference (03/13)

Comments for Patrick Epley regarding The Cogito & Preconceptions
New Jersey Regional Philosophy Association (11/12)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018-9 Targeted Funding Initiative Grant Recipient
Internal competitive grant at SIUE
The SIUE College of Arts and Sciences granted over \$750 to fund the 2017 Early
Modern—Saint Louis conference for 2019

2016-7 Targeted Funding Initiative Grant Recipient
Internal competitive grant at SIUE

The SIUE College of Arts and Sciences granted over \$750 to fund the 2017 Early Modern—Saint Louis conference for 2017
Graduate Fellowship, Georgetown University (2008-2013)
Engelhard Fellow, Georgetown University (Fall 2010)
Emil R. Riesen and Austin H. Riesen Undergraduate Prize for Outstanding Achievements in Philosophy and Remarkable Overall Performance, University of Arizona Philosophy Department (2008)
Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society (inducted 2004)

COURSES DESIGNED AND TAUGHT

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville:

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall '14, Fall '15, Fall '16, Spring '17, Fall '17, Spring '18, Fall '18, Spring '19)
18th Century Philosophy (Spring '16, Spring '18)
17th Century Philosophy (Spring '15, Spring '19)
Animal Cognition: Historical and Contemporary Views (Spring '17)
Theories of Knowledge (Fall '17)
Senior Paper Writing Seminar (Fall '18, Spring '19)
(De)Constructing Difference: Race, Sex, Disability (Fall '16, with Alyson Spurgas)
Reasoning and Argumentation (Fall '14, Spring '15, Fall '15, Spring '16)

Georgetown University:

Disputes in Early Modern Philosophy (Spring '14)
Origins of Animal Rights (Fall '13)
Sex, Science, Society (Spring '13, with Cassie Herbert)
Enquiry: Science & Philosophy (Fall '12)
Clear & Critical Thinking (Summer '12, Summer '11)
Introduction to Logic (Spring '12)
Substance Abuse: Monism/Dualism (Fall '11)

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Organizer and Program Committee Chair, Early Modern—Saint Louis Conference 2017, 2018, 2019 (2016-Present)
Faculty Advisor, SIUE Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2018-Present)
College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2016-Present)
College of Arts and Sciences Strategic Plan Committee, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2017-Present)
Planning Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2018-Present)

Job Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville (2017)

Annual Merit Review Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville (2015-Present)

Colloquium Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville (2014-2018)

Library Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville,
(2015-2018; chair, 2016-2017)

Explore C.A.S. Day Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville (2016-2018)

*Presenter, Sharing Critical Thinking Assessment Data and Ideas for Improving Students' Critical
Thinking Skills workshop* (2016)

Graphic Design Coordinator, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville (2015-Present)

Program Review Committee for Curriculum and Instruction Elementary Education Program,
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (2015-2016)

Reviewer, Polymath: An Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Journal (2015-2018)

Reviewer, 45th Annual International Hume Society Conference (2017)

Fritz Marti Committee, Department of Philosophy, Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville (2014-2015, 2018)

Student representative to the faculty, Graduate Philosophy Student Organization (GPSO),
Georgetown University (2009-2011)

Cofounder, Georgetown Graduate Student Gender and Philosophy Group

Associate Editor, Eudaimonia, Georgetown undergraduate philosophy journal, Georgetown
University (2009-2010)

Organizing Committee, Georgetown University Philosophy Conference (2012-2014)

Session Chair, Eastern APA meetings, Boston (2010), Washington (2011)

Member, Hume Society

Member, American Philosophical Association

Member, International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science

Member, American Society for 18th Century Studies

LANGUAGES

German (speaking & reading competence)
Japanese (intermediate)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Tom L. Beauchamp (advisor)
Professor (Emeritus), Georgetown University, Department of Philosophy
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James Mattingly (reader)
Associate Professor, Georgetown University, Department of Philosophy
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