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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Associate Professor Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Philosophy Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy	July 2014–June 2019 July 2013–present July 2008–June 2013
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Epistemology, Formal Epistemology, Philosophy of Science	
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Aesthetics	
EDUCATION	New York University Ph.D. in Philosophy	September 2008
	Harvard University A.B. <i>magna cum laude</i> in Philosophy	May 2000
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship \$288,000 grant to investigate connections between epistemology and the law of evidence	2017–2020
	Ruth and Phillip Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement Prize for scholarly achievement awarded annually to UNC faculty members	2016
	IAH Academic Excellence Award \$3,000 to support research and teaching at UNC	2016
	UNC Interdisciplinary Initiatives Grant \$10,000 to support a conference on Interdisciplinary Approaches to Humor (co-organized with Michelle Robinson)	2015
	Faculty Fellow New York Institute of Philosophy Foundations of Epistemology Project	2011–2014
	Junior Faculty Development Award UNC Chapel Hill Office of the Provost	2010
	Graduate Fellow and Project Coordinator New York Institute of Philosophy Disagreement Project	2007–2008
	Graduate Fellow New York Institute of Philosophy Science and Religion Project	2006–2008
PUBLICATIONS	A Formal Account of Evidential Defeat Forthcoming in <i>Synthese Library</i> festschrift for Peter Klein	
	Comments on Richard Pettigew's <i>Accuracy and the Laws of Credence</i> Forthcoming in <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i>	
	What Follows from the Possibility of Boltzmann Brains? Forthcoming in <i>Current Controversies in Philosophy of Science</i>	
	Probability in Epistemology In Hajek and Hitchcock (eds.), <i>The Oxford Handbook of Probability and Philosophy</i> (OUP 2016)	

The Normativity of Humor

Philosophical Issues (2015) 25(1): pp. 396–414.

The Probabilistic Explanation of Why There Is Something Rather Than Nothing

In Goldschmidt (ed.), *The Puzzle of Existence* (Routledge 2013)

Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat

Nôus (2013) 47(1): pp. 154–80.

Reprinted in Neta (ed.), *Critical Concepts in Philosophy: Epistemology Vol 3* (Routledge 2012)

Selected for inclusion in *The Philosopher's Annual* 2013

Selection Biases in Likelihood Arguments

British Journal for the Philosophy of Science (2012) 63(4): pp. 825–39.

Silins's Liberalism

Philosophical Studies (2012) 159(1): pp. 61–68.

Dragging and Confirming

The Philosophical Review (2012) 121(1): pp. 55–93.

Selected for inclusion in *The Philosopher's Annual* 2012

***In Defence of Objective Bayesianism*, by Jon Williamson**

Mind (2011) 120(480): pp. 1324–1330.

Review of *Decision Theory and Rationality* by José Luis Bermúdez

Philosophical Books (2010) 51(1): pp. 53–62.

PAPERS IN
PREPARATION

**Conditional Oughts and Simpson's Paradox
Where Should Displaced Credence Go?
Lewis's Argument Against Desire-as-Belief
Some Worries about Probabilistic IBE
The Bayesian and Frequentist Approaches to Inference**

DEPARTMENT
SERVICE

Associate Chair and Department Teaching Coordinator 2014–present
Graduate Committee 2014–present
Hiring Committee 2008–2009, 2013–2014, 2014–2016 (Chair)
Admissions Committee 2008–2014
Colloquium Committee 2009–2010
Speakers Committee 2013–2014 (Chair)

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Bowman and Gordon Grey Selection Committee 2015–2016 (Chair)
Polyani Lectureship Selection Committee 2015–2016

PRESENTATIONS
AND
COMMENTARIES

Epistemology and Empirical Science May 2017
Duke University Summer Seminars in Neuroscience and Philosophy (SSNAP)
**Comments on Stephanie Beardman's "Advance Directives and the
Coherence of 'What One Would Have Wanted' "** May 2017
UNC Transformative Experience Workshop
Subversion of Stereotypes and the Ethics of Humor April 2017
Bucknell University Conference on the Ethics and Aesthetics of Humor

Information Sensitivity in Epistemology and Decision Theory Dartmouth College Department of Philosophy	March 2016
Comments on Lee Elkin’s “Confirmation Theory with Imprecise Probabilities” 2016 Eastern APA	January 2016
Some Worries about Probabilistic IBE UNC Conference in honor of Marc Lange	October 2015
Information Sensitivity in Epistemology and Decision Theory 2015 Pacific APA	April 2015
Misbehaving Conditionals UNC Philosophy in Fifteen Minutes	September 2014
Comments on Ittay Nissan’s “Contrastive explanations, Crystal Balls, and the Inadmissibility of Historical Information” 2014 UNC–Hebrew University Workshop in the Philosophy of Science	May 2014
Comments on Branden Fitelson’s “Comparative Confidence” Duke Fitelfest Symposium	May 2014
Conditional Oughts 2013 Triangle Area Philosophy Symposium	August 2013
Conditional Oughts and Simpson’s Paradox 2013 Formal Epistemology Workshop	May 2013
Comments on Mercier and Sperber’s “Why Do Humans Reason?” New York Institute of Philosophy Foundations of Epistemology Project	April 2013
Simpson’s Paradox and the Sure-Thing Principle MIT Department of Linguistics and Philosophy	February 2013
Belief-Formation Processes University of St Andrews Arché Research Centre Workshop on the Causes of Belief	November 2012
Fine-tuning Arguments for God and Multiple Universes Virginia Commonwealth University Life Sciences and Religion Public Lecture (with Paul Davies)	August 2012
Comments on Julia Staffel’s “Should I Pretend I’m Perfect?” 2012 Formal Epistemology Workshop	June 2012
Comments on Leandro De Brasi’s “Reliability, Responsibility and Anti-Individualism” 3rd Annual KCL-UNC Conference	May 2012
Defeating Disjunctions 2011 Eastern Division APA Meeting Symposium in Epistemology	December 2011
Motivating Dempster-Shafer Theory Rutgers Recent Topics in Formal Epistemology Seminar	November 2011
Modeling Epistemic Flow University of Chicago Formal Philosophy Workshop	May 2011

Comments on David Chalmers’s “Frege’s Puzzle and the Objects of Credence” 2010 Carolina Metaphysics Workshop	June 2010
Philosophical Perspectives on the Origins of the Universe UNC Program in the Humanities and Human Values	May 2010
Does Evidence Flow? UC Berkeley Recent Topics in Epistemology Seminar	May 2010
Selection Biases in Likelihood Arguments Virginia Commonwealth University	February 2010
Information Session on Statistical Inference 2009 Eastern Division APA Meeting	December 2009
Selection Biases in Likelihood Arguments 2009 Formal Epistemology Workshop	May 2009
Comments on Jacob Ross’s “Countable Additivity and the Sleeping Beauty Problem” 2008 Formal Epistemology Workshop	May 2008
Comments on Peter Kung’s “Dogmatism and Bayesian Confirmation” 2008 Pacific Division APA Meeting	March 2008
Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	February 2008
Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat University of Texas at Austin	January 2008
Dragging and Confirming Cornell University	January 2008
Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat University of Michigan at Ann Arbor	January 2008
Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat UCLA	January 2008
Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat University of Pittsburgh	January 2008
Multiple Studies and Evidential Defeat Ohio State University	January 2008
Dragging and Confirming Florida State University	January 2008

TEACHING

Graduate	
Philosophy 700: Protoseminar (with Ryan Preston-Roedder)	Spring 2011
Philosophy 700: Protoseminar (with Keith Simmons)	Spring 2010
Philosophy 735: Survey of Recent Epistemology	Fall 2010
Philosophy 735: The Nature of Epistemic Norms (with Ram Neta)	Fall 2009
Philosophy 765: Philosophy of Humor (with Ram Neta)	Spring 2013
Philosophy 994: Dissertation Research Seminar	Spring 2009, Fall 2009
	Spring 2015, Spring 2016
Philosophy 850: Explanation (with Marc Lange)	Spring 2012

Undergraduate

Philosophy 55: First Year Seminar: Paradoxes	Fall 2008
Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2009, Spring 2011 Spring 2014, Fall 2015
Philosophy 155: Introduction to Mathematical Logic	Maymester 2014, Maymester 2014 Maymester 2016, Maymester 2017
Philosophy 180: Philosophy of Comedy	Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2016
Philosophy 335: Epistemology	Spring 2010, Spring 2012
Philosophy 397: Colloquium for Majors	Fall 2013, Spring 2015

Undergraduate-Graduate

Philosophy 432: The Beginnings of Analytic Philosophy (with Alan Nelson)	Spring 2016
Philosophy 433: Introduction to Formal Epistemology	Spring 2014
Philosophy 455: Intermediate Logic	Fall 2014

ADVISING

PhD

Mike Bertrand, Lindsay Brainard, Finnur Dellsén, Chris Dorst, Katrina Elliott, Emily Given, Tyron Goldschmidt, Christian Loew, Jordan Mackenzie, Kate Nolfi, John Phillips, Amber Ross, Chris Smith

MA

Jessi Addison, Lindsay Brainard, Finnur Dellsén, Chris Dorst, Daniel Kokotajlo, Francesco Nappo, Kate Nolfi, John Phillips (chair), Sylvie Ramirez (chair), Nate Sharadin, Larisa Svirksy, Min Tang

Undergraduate

Allison Balin (thesis supervisor), Olivia Branscum, Jim Dennison, Priyesh Krishnan (thesis supervisor), Jonathan McCain, Christopher Register, Siyu Zhao