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ACADAMIC POSITIONS

2025 Lafayette College, Assistant Professor.
2024 University of Notre Dame, Postdoctoral Fellow.

EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D. in philosophy, University of Notre Dame.
2019 Ph.D. Candidate in philosophy, Boston University.
2015 M.A. in philosophy, Tufts University.
2013 B.A. in philosophy and mathematics, *Magna Cum Laude*, Lake Forest College.

AREAS OF RESEARCH

AOS Metaphysics, Meta-ethics
AOC Chinese Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Ethics

DISSERTATION

Anti-realist Approaches to Modality

I propose a novel anti-realist account that unifies different kinds of modality, including metaphysical modality, nomic modality, and feasibility. I also discuss psychological and linguistic evidence for and against existing anti-realist accounts, and suggest that my own account leads with respect to empirical adequacy.

PUBLICATIONS

“Alethic Modality is Deontic”
2024, *Mind & Language*, 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12504>

PRESENTATIONS

2025 **Predictive Processing and Modal Epistemology**
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting.

2025 **Why Are Laws Counterfactually Laws? A Humean Account of Nomic Preservation**
American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting.

2024 Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference.

2024 Syracuse Graduate Philosophy Conference, Syracuse University.

- 2024 **Language, Modality, and Empirical Evidence**
Central New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Rochester
- 2023 **The Best System Account of Metaphysical Modality.**
Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University.
- 2022 USC-UCLA Philosophy Graduate Conference, UCLA.
- 2022 **Testing Normativity in Modal Judgments.**
Neuro-ethics and Moral Psychology Talk Series, Lake Forest College (invited).
- 2022 **Modal Anti-realism and the Contingency Problem.**
Columbia-NYU Philosophy Graduate Conference, New York University.
- 2019 **How Can Contingent Conventions Generate Necessary Truths?**
Metaphysics Reading Group, University of Notre Dame.
- 2019 Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University.
- 2018 **Modality, Fundamentality, and Quantificational Truth.**
Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Oxford.
- 2018 **Modality, Morality, and Evolution.**
The Boston Area Moral Cognition Group (BAM), Harvard University.
- 2018 Graduate Student Presentation Series (GSPS), Boston University.
- 2018 Summer Seminar in Cognitive Science of Modal Reasoning, Central European University
- 2018 **From Actual to Possible Objects.**
International Graduate Conference of the Department of Philosophy of Central European University, Central European University.
- 2018 Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society, Winthrop University.
- 2018 Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College.

COMMENTS

- 2020 **Conceptual Engineering: Not What it Seems** by Ari Koslow
Athena in Action, Cornell University.
- 2019 **Plural Reference to Vague Objects: A Way to Avoid Evans's Argument?** By Michael Hegarty
Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University.
- 2018 **Complex Properties and the Limits of Hylomorphism** by Graham Renz
Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College.

2016 **Feminism and (Contested) Concepts** by Manon Garcia
Graduate Student Presentation Series, Boston University.

TEACHING

As primary instructor

2024 Mind, Brain, and Machine, University of Notre Dame.
2022 Paradoxes, University of Notre Dame.
2018 Reasoning and Argumentation, Boston University.

As teaching assistant

2022 God and the Good Life, University of Notre Dame.
2021 Philosophy of Law, University of Notre Dame.
2020 Game Theory, University of Notre Dame.
2019 Introduction to Philosophy, Boston University.
2018 Introduction to Philosophy, Boston University.
2018 Introduction to Ethics, Boston University.
2017 Reasoning and Argumentation, Boston University.
2017 Paradoxes and Puzzles, Boston University.
2016 Reasoning and Argumentation, Boston University.

As grader

2016 Paradoxes and Puzzles, Boston University.

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

2024 Chair, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting.
2022 Chair, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting.
2022 Referee, *Chinese Philosophical Review*.
2020-2022 Member, Department Climate Committee, University of Notre Dame.
2020 Chair, Philosophy Diversity Reading Group, University of Notre Dame.
2020&2022 Mentor, Peer Mentoring Program, University of Notre Dame.
2020 Referee, Notre Dame/Northwestern Annual Epistemology Conference,
Northwestern University.
2018 Referee, Boston University Graduate Conference in Philosophy.
2017 Organizer, Reading Group on Simone de Beauvoir, Boston University.
2016-2017 Organizer, Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), Boston University Chapter.
2016 Referee, Boston University Graduate Conference in Philosophy.