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EMPLOYMENT

- 2014- University of Kansas: Professor of Philosophy
(Assistant: 2014-2016; Associate: 2016-2020, Chair: 2024-)
- 2010-2013 London School of Economics and Political Science: Assistant Professor / Lecturer

EDUCATION

- 2010 University of Wisconsin-Madison, PhD, Philosophy
- 2006 London School of Economics and Political Science, Philosophy, MPhil
- 2003 London School of Economics and Political Science, Philosophy & Economics, BSc

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION & COMPETENCE

- AOS Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Economics
- AOC Social & Political Philosophy, Formal Epistemology

BOOKS

3. *It's Only Human: The Evolution of Distinctively Human Cognition*, forthcoming, Oxford University Press.
2. *Structure, Evidence, and Heuristic: Evolutionary Biology, Economics, and the Philosophy of their Relationship*, 2020, New York: Routledge.
1. *Efficient Cognition: The Evolution of Representational Decision Making*, 2018, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (ALL PEER-REVIEWED)

30. "Phylogenetic Economics: Animal Models and the Study of Choice." *Philosophy of Science*, forthcoming.
29. "The Origins of Distinctively Human Mindreading: A Bio-Social-Technological Coevolutionary Account." *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, forthcoming.
28. "Equilibrium Modeling in Economics: A Design-Based Defense." *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 2024, 31: 36-53.
27. "Institutional Corruption: The Teleological and Non-Normative Account." *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, 2023, 25: 464-494.
26. "Microfoundations and Methodology: A Complexity-Based Reconceptualization of the Debate" (with Nadia Ruiz). *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2023, 74: 359-379.

25. “Episodic Memory, Simulated Future Planning, and their Evolution” (with Sarah Robins). *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 2023, 14: 811-823, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-021-00601-1>.
24. “Explaining Human Diversity: The Need to Balance Fit and Complexity.” *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 2023, 14: 457-475, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13164-021-00582-1>.
23. “Tools of the Trade: The Bio-Cultural Evolution of the Human Propensity to Trade.” *Biology and Philosophy*, 2022, 37: 8, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10539-022-09837-2>.
22. “Enhancing Thoughts: Culture, Technology, and the Evolution of Human Cognitive Uniqueness.” *Mind & Language*, 2022, 37: 465-484, <https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12320>
21. “Idealizations and Partitions: A Defense of Robustness Analysis” (with Gareth Fuller). *European Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2021, 11: 107, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13194-021-00428-8>.
20. “It Just Looks the Same: An Evolutionary Psychological Account of Differences in Racial Cognition Among Infants and Older Humans” (with Kamuran Osmanoglu). *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 2019, 10: 631-647.
19. “The Ways of Altruism” (with Gualtiero Piccinini). *Evolutionary Psychological Science*, 2019, 5: 58-70.
18. “The Evolution of Psychological Altruism” (with Gualtiero Piccinini). *Philosophy of Science*, 2018, 85: 1054-1064.
17. “By Genes Alone: A Model Selectionist Argument for Genetical Explanations of Cooperation in Non-Human Organisms.” *Biology and Philosophy*, 2018, 32: 951-967.
16. “Altruism, Egoism, or Neither: A Cognitive-Efficiency-Based Evolutionary Biological Perspective on Helping Behavior.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 2016, 56: 15-23.
15. “Firms, Agency, and Evolution.” *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 2016, 23: 57-76.
14. “Preferences vs. Desires: Debating the Fundamental Structure of Conative States.” *Economics and Philosophy*, 2015, 31: 239-257.
13. “Niche Construction, Adaptive Preferences, and the Differences between Fitness and Utility.” *Biology and Philosophy*, 2014, 29: 315-335.
12. “The Benefits of Rule Following: A New Account of the Evolution of Desires.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of the Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 2013, 44: 595-603.
11. “Exaptation, Adaptation, and Evolutionary Psychology.” *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*, 2013, 35: 193-212.
10. “Overextension: The Extended Mind and Arguments from Evolutionary Biology.” *European Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2013, 3: 241-255.
9. “Selection, Drift, and Independent Contrasts: Defending the Methodological Foundations of the FIC.” *Biological Theory*, 2013, 7: 38-47.
8. “Gigerenzer’s Evolutionary Arguments against Rational Choice Theory: An Assessment.” *Philosophy of Science*, 2011, 78: 1272-1282.

7. “Sober & Wilson’s Evolutionary Arguments for Psychological Altruism: A Reassessment.” *Biology and Philosophy*, 2011, 26: 251-260.
6. “The Adaptive Importance of Cognitive Efficiency: An Alternative Theory of Why We Have Beliefs and Desires.” *Biology and Philosophy*, 2011, 26: 31-50.
5. “Simulation, Simplicity, and Selection: An Evolutionary Perspective on High-Level Mindreading.” *Philosophical Studies*, 2011, 152: 271-285.
4. “It Takes Two: Sexual Strategies and Game Theory.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of the Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 2010, 41: 41-49.
3. “Condorcet and Communitarianism: Boghossian’s Fallacious Inference.” *Synthese*, 2009, 166: 55-68.
2. “Structural Flaws: Massive Modularity and the Argument from Design.” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2008, 59: 733-745.
1. “Risky Business: Evolutionary Theory and Human Attitudes towards Risk – A Reply to Okasha.” *Journal of Philosophy*, 2008, 105: 156-165.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS (PEER-REVIEWED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

6. “What’s the Point? A Presentist Social Functionalist Account of Institutional Purpose.” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (special issue on the “Philosophy of the Social Sciences Roundtable”), 2022, 52(1-2): 53-80.
5. “Human Curiosity Then and Now: The Anthropology, Archaeology, and Psychology of Patent Protections.” *Explorations in Archaeology and Philosophy* (ed., A. Killin & S. Allen-Hermanson), 2021, Dordrecht: Springer, pp. 67-84.
4. “The Evolution of Empathy.” *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Empathy* (ed., H. Maibom), 2017, London: Routledge, pp. 64-73 (invited).
3. “The Heuristic Defense of Scientific Models: An Incentive-Based Assessment.” *Perspectives on Science* (special conference issue on “Models and Simulations 5”), 2015, 23: 424-442.
2. “Beyond the Hype: The Value of Evolutionary Theorizing in Economics.” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences* (special issue on the “Philosophy of the Social Sciences Roundtable”), 2013, 43: 46-72.
1. “Heuristic Evolutionary Psychology.” In K. Plaisance & T. Reydon (eds.), 2012, *Philosophy of Behavioral Biology*, Dordrecht: Springer, pp. 217-234.

EDITORIAL WORK

Editor (with Justin Garson): special section on “Evolutionary Arguments for Psychological Altruism” in *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 2016, 56; (featuring contributions by Stephen Stich, Elliott Sober, Grant Ramsey, Christine Clavien & Michel Chapuisat, Justin Garson, and Armin Schulz).

COMMENTS, BOOK REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES (ALL INVITED)

9. “Core Knowledge and Its Role in Explaining Uniquely Human Cognition: Some Questions.” *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, forthcoming.
8. “The Evolutionary Foundations of Resource-Rational Analysis.” *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 2019, 43: e23. doi:10.1017/S0140525X1900164X.
7. “Externalization of Moral Demands Does Not Motivate Exclusion of Non-Cooperators: A Defense of a Subjectivist Moral Psychology.” *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 2018, 41: E112. doi:10.1017/S0140525X18000171.
6. “The Extended Phenotype” and “Reliability, Efficiency, and Economy” (with Marco Polo Camacho). In T. Shackelford and V. Weekes-Shackelford (eds.), 2016, *Encyclopedia of Evolutionary Psychological Science*. Dordrecht: Springer.
5. Review of Chao et al.’s “Mechanism and Causality in Biology and Economics,” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*, 2015, 50: 94-97.
4. Review of Kim Sterelny et al.’s “Cooperation and Its Evolution,” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2014, 65: 893-897.
3. Review of Peter Hammerstein & Jeffrey Stevens’s “Evolution and the Mechanisms of Decision Making,” *Acta Biotheoretica*, 2014, 62: 527-530.
2. Review of Brian Skyrms’s “Signals,” *Journal of Economic Methodology*, 2012, 19: 84-88.
1. “Bayesianism,” “Probabilistic Logic,” “Probability,” “Interpretations of Probability,” and “Richard Jeffrey.” In: F. Russo & J. Williamson (eds.), 2010, *Key Terms in Logic*, London: Continuum Books.

TALKS (PEER-REVIEWED UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

- 67-69. “It’s Only Human: Explaining the Evolution of Distinctively Human Cognition.”
 - Pittsburgh Center for Philosophy of Science Quadrennial Fellows Conference, Miami, FL, 2024
 - Australia/New Zealand Philosophy of Biology Workshop, Bundanoon, Australia, 2024
 - Mark A. Ratner Series Lecture, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 2023 (invited)
66. “It’s Only Human? The Evolution of the Propensity to Truck, Barter, and Exchange.” Human Cognitive Evolution Workshop, University of California-Irvine, 2024 (invited)
65. “Interspecific Economics: Decision-Making Across Species Boundaries.” Economic Methodology: Models, Measurement, and Interventions, Stanford University, 2024 (invited)
64. “Beyond Corroboration: Animal Models of Choice and Their Role in Economics.” Metropolitan Area Philosophy of Science, New York, NY 2023 (invited)
63. “Equilibrium Modeling in Economics: An Intentional-Design-Based Defense.” *Philosophy of Science Association*, Pittsburgh, PA, 2022
62. “Idealizations and Partitions: A Defense of Robustness Analysis” (with Gareth Fuller). *Philosophy of Science Association*, Baltimore, MD, 2021

61. “Undermining Purposes: Institutional Corruption and Social Functionalism.” *Philosophy of the Social Sciences Roundtable*, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan 2021 (virtual)
60. “The Familiar Other: A Framework for Bridging Human and Non-Human Economic Decision Making.” *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, San Diego, CA, 2019
59. “A Framework for Bridging Human and Non-Human Economic Decision Making.” *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Vancouver, Canada, 2019
58. “Ratchetting Cognition: Technology, Cultural Learning, and Representational Decision-Making in Human Evolution.” *Center for Philosophy of Science*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 2019
57. “Response to Critics.” Author-Meets-Critics Session on *Efficient Cognition*; *American Philosophical Association, Central Division*, Denver, CO, 2019
- 55-56. “The Ways of Altruism” (with Gualtiero Piccinini).
- *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Ann Arbor, MI, 2018
 - *Cognitive and Brain Sciences Proseminar*, University of Kansas, 2016 (invited)
54. “Bridging Human and Non-Human Economic Decision Making.” *Center for Philosophy of Science*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 2018 (invited)
53. “Understanding Helping Behavior: The Usefulness of Evolutionary Biology.” *Lincoln College*, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, 2017 (invited)
52. “Generalist vs. Specialist Decision Making: A New Evolutionary Biological Perspective.” *Evolution and Social Sciences Series*, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO, 2017 (invited)
- 50-51. “Familiar Faces, Familiar Races: A Familiarity-Based Account of Early Racial Cognition” (with Kamuran Osmanoglu).
- *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Savannah, GA, 2017
 - *American Philosophical Association, Central Division*, Kansas City, MO, 2017
- 47-49. “A Moderate Evolutionary Psychology.”
- *Philosophy of Science Association*, Atlanta, GA, 2016
 - *Kansas State University*, Department of Philosophy, Manhattan, KS, 2016 (invited)
 - *University of Missouri-St. Louis*, Department of Philosophy, St. Louis, MO, 2015 (invited)
46. “The Evolution of Altruism” (with Gualtiero Piccinini). *Philosophy of Science Association*, Atlanta, GA, 2016
45. “The Virtues of Complexity: The Evolution of a Pluralism of Decision Heuristics.” *Frankfurt School of Finance and Management*, Department of Legal Studies and Ethics, 2016 (invited)
- 43-44. “Kin Selection, Multi Level Selection, and Model Selection.”
- *Philosophy of Biology at Madison 2016*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
 - *Missouri Philosophy of Science Workshop*, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 2016 (invited)
42. “Kin Selection, Multi Level Selection, and Pragmatics.” *Evolution and Ecology Seminar Series*; University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 2015 (invited)

41. “Kin-Selection, Multi-Level Selection, and the Truth: Why Kin Selection May Be the Better Account of the Evolution of Cooperation Despite (Sometimes) Being False.” *International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology*, Montreal, Canada, 2015
40. Commentary on Paul Thagard’s “Explaining Mental Illness.” *Conference for Daniel Hausman*, Madison, WI, 2015 (invited)
39. “Human Diversity: A Plea for a Unified Account.” *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Vancouver, Canada, 2015
- 36-38. “Revaluing the Given: Niche Construction, Adaptive Preferences, and the Differences between Fitness and Utility.”
- *University of Bristol Philosophy Society*, Bristol, UK, 2013 (invited)
 - *University of Bern, Department of Philosophy*, Bern, Switzerland, 2013 (invited)
 - *University of Edinburgh, Department of Philosophy*, Edinburgh, UK, 2013 (invited)
35. “Altruism, Egoism, or Neither? The Evolution of Psychological Capacities for Helping Behavior.” *International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology*, Montpellier, France, 2013
- 32-34. “Desires vs. Preferences: Debating the Structure of Conative States.”
- *University of Kansas, Department of Philosophy*, Lawrence, KS, 2013 (invited)
 - *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Seattle, WA, 2012
 - *LSE Choice Group*, London School of Economics, London, UK, 2011 (invited)
- 28-31. “Selection, Drift, and Independent Contrasts.”
- *Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Philosophy*, St. Louis, MO, 2012 (invited)
 - *Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice*, Exeter, UK, 2011
 - *London School of Economics, Department of Philosophy*, London, UK, 2011 (invited)
 - *University of Bristol, Department of Philosophy*, Bristol, UK, 2010 (invited)
- 25-27. “Exaptation, Adaptation, and Evolutionary Psychology.”
- *Philosophy of Science Association*, San Diego, CA, 2012
 - *Philosophy of Biology in the UK*; Oxford, UK, 2012
 - *King’s College London, Philosophy Society*, London, UK, 2011 (invited)
- 21-24. “Rules and Representations: Desire from an Evolutionary Point of View.”
- *University of Durham Philosophical Society*, Durham, UK, 2012 (invited)
 - *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, London, UK, 2012
 - *Philosophy@LSE Public Lecture*, London School of Economics, London, UK, 2011 (invited)
 - *Evolution, Co-operation, and Rationality II*, Bristol, UK, 2011
20. “The Heuristic Defense of Idealized Models: A Critical Assessment.” *Models and Simulations 5*, Helsinki, Finland, 2012

- 18-19. “Beyond the Hype: The Value of Evolutionary Theorizing in Economics.”
- *Reductionism and Non-Reductionism in the Social Sciences*, London School of Economics, London, UK, 2012 (invited)
 - *Philosophy of the Social Sciences Roundtable*, Lincoln, NE, 2012
17. “The Adaptive Importance of Cognitive Efficiency.” *London School of Economics, Cumberland Lodge*, London, UK, 2010 (invited)
- 14-16. “Gigerenzer’s Evolutionary Arguments against Rational Choice Theory: An Assessment.”
- *Philosophy of Science Association*, Montreal, Canada, 2010
 - *London School of Economics, Department of Philosophy* (invited), London, UK, 2009
 - *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Vancouver, Canada, 2009
13. “Desire, Belief, and Natural Selection.” *London School of Economics, Department of Philosophy*, London, UK, 2010 (invited)
12. “Rational Choice Theory and the Argument from Evolution: An Assessment.” *Evolution, Co-Operation, and Rationality*, Bristol, UK, 2009
11. “Wagner’s ‘Communication and Structured Correlation’: Some Comments.” *Formal Epistemology Workshop*, Pittsburgh, PA, 2009 (invited)
10. “Simulation, Simplicity, and Selection: An Evolutionary Perspective on Human Mindreading.” *Philosophy of Science Association*, Pittsburgh, PA, 2008
9. “The Structure of Evolutionary Psychology.” *British Society for the Philosophy of Science*, St. Andrews, UK, 2008
8. “Evolutionary Psychology as a Heuristic Device.” *Biological Explanations of Behavior*, Hannover, Germany, 2008
7. “Epistemic Compromise between Difference Splitting and Scoring Rules: A Response to Moss.” *Formal Epistemology Workshop*, Madison, WI, 2008
6. “It Takes Two: Sexual Strategies and Game Theory.” *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, Pasadena, CA, 2008
- 3-5. “Condorcet and Communitarianism: Meeting Boghossian’s Challenge.”
- *Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference*, 2007
 - *Mid-South Philosophy Conference*, Memphis, TN, 2007
 - *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Philosophy Graduate Student Conference*, 2007
2. “The Pragmatic Rationality of Bayesian Conditionalization.” *Canadian Society for Epistemology*, Sherbrooke, Canada, 2006
1. “Davidson, Thought, and Language: Pitfalls of a Methodology of Philosophy.” *Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Mind, Language, and Cognitive Science*, 2006; University of Western Ontario, Canada

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Internal Conflict and the Origins of Collective Agency in Biology and Economics (2024-2027)
(co-PI with Manus Patten—Biology, Georgetown—and Arvid Agren—research associate, Cleveland Clinic)

Templeton Foundation

(\$878,584 for investigating internal conflicts in collective agents in biology and economics)

Agency, Directionality, Function Project (2021-)

Templeton Foundation

(Cluster coordinator for the “Modeling Agency Formally” cluster)

Morrison Award (2023)

University of Kansas

(\$8200 for organizing a workshop on “Evolutionary Social Science and Philosophy”)

Center for Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh: Visiting Fellow (Spring 2018)

General Research Fund Grant (2017)

University of Kansas

(\$5888 for research on evolutionary economics)

New Faculty General Research Fund Grant (2015)

University of Kansas

(\$3000 for a book project concerning the evolution of representational decision making)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

University Scholarly Achievement Award (2024)

University of Kansas

(in recognition of “truly outstanding scholarly or research contributions”)

Mark A. Ratner Scholar (2023)

Northwestern University, Department of Chemistry

(“chosen by a committee of students as someone who they think will spark the imagination of a broad range of scientists by immersing the Department of Chemistry in a field to which it may not regularly be exposed”)

Public Scholars Group (2022)

University of Kansas

(support for accessible yet research-based communication that enriches public discourse)

Byron A. Alexander / John C. Wright Graduate Mentor Award Nomination (2016 and 2017)

University of Kansas

(nominated twice by graduate students for exceptional faculty mentorship)

LSE Teaching Excellence Award Nomination (2013)

London School of Economics and Political Science

(nominated by students for outstanding teaching)

Salary Band Promotion (2012)

London School of Economics and Political Science

(recognition of outstanding research, teaching and administrative service to the school)

Singer Award & Richard W. McHugh Memorial Fund Scholarship (2009)
Department of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison
(research support for outstanding graduate students)

Prize Fellowship (2005)
Graduate School of Letters and Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison
(research support in recognition of outstanding academic credentials)

Outstanding Teacher Award (2005)
Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, London School of Economics and
Political Science
(recognition of outstanding undergraduate class teaching)

Andrea Mannu Award (2003)
Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, London School of Economics and
Political Science
(recognition of outstanding academic achievement in the BSc)

German National Merit Award Scholarship (2001-2004)
Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes
(study support for especially gifted students)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Philosophy of Economics, University of Kansas (x2) & London School of Economics (x3)
(for graduate and advanced undergraduate students)
Topics discussed include the nature of economics; microfoundations; evolutionary
economics, Rational Choice Theory; game theory; social choice theory; welfare
economics; utilitarianism; Rawlsianism; egalitarianism

Philosophy of Social Science (x4), University of Kansas
(for graduate and advanced undergraduate students)
Topics discussed include folk psychological theorizing; Rational Choice Theory;
interpretationist social inquiry; functionalism and holism; biologically-based social
science; feminist social inquiry; the relationship between ethics and social inquiry

Introduction to Cognitive Science (x3), University of Kansas
(for undergraduate students)
Topics discussed included the nature of psychological content, the nature of memory, the
evolution of cognition, the relationship between cognition and perception, the interplay
between learning and innate cognitive structures, the nature of psychological and neural
computation, the structure of human and animal minds.

Processes in Biology (Advanced Topics in Philosophy), University of Kansas
(for graduate students)
Topics discussed include the idea that the common mechanistic and substance-focused
understanding of biological events should be replaced with one based on a hierarchy of
interdependent processes, the nature of selection, the nature of fitness, adaptationism,
units of selection, the nature and centrality of genes in biology, gene-culture
coevolutionary theory, the logic of phylogenetic inferences

Evolutionary Economics (Topics in Philosophy of Science), University of Kansas
(for graduate students)

Topics discussed include the basics of evolutionary theory and economic theory; reductionism; evidence and confirmation theory; heuristics in science; firm evolution; long-term economic growth; equilibrium modeling; economic decision-making in non-human animals; parallels between natural selection and economic decision-making; the evolution of human economic decision-making

The Evolution of Cognition (Topics in Philosophy of Mind), University of Kansas
(for graduate students)

Topics discussed include the basics of evolutionary theory; two-systems models of the mind; the modularity of mind; the evolution of representational cognition; classic work in evolutionary psychology; the evolution of learning; the evolution of extended cognition; the evolution of altruism

Philosophy of Science, University of Kansas (x2)
(for graduate and advanced undergraduate students)

Topics discussed include logical positivism, falsificationism, Kuhnian philosophy of science, historical and sociological views of science, feminist philosophy of science, scientific realism, explanation, confirmation theory, Bayesianism; applications of the philosophy of science in the sciences.

Philosophy of Biology, University of Kansas (x1) & London School of Economics (x3)
(for graduate and advanced undergraduate students)

Topics discussed include the nature, unit, and importance of natural selection; the concepts of gene, fitness, and species; the logic of phylogenetic inference; the existence of macroevolutionary trends; the aims and methods of ecology.

Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy (x4 in-person; x1 online), University of Kansas
(for undergraduates)

A large-lecture course introducing students to social and political philosophy. Topics discussed included the origins and nature of government, the aims of ruling, and the methodology of social and political philosophy. Readings were drawn from historical and contemporary sources in the Western and non-Western tradition.

Introduction to Ethics, University of Kansas
(for undergraduates)

A large-lecture course (over 200 students) introducing students to ethics. Topics discussed include altruism; social contract theories; utilitarianism; deontology; (Confucian) virtue ethics; the ethics of care; metaethics (error theory and moral realism); ethical methodology; moral responses to famine; markets in reproductive labor; gender and racial inequality; vegetarianism.

Philosophical Communication (x2), University of Kansas
(for undergraduates)

A large-lecture course introducing students to the practice of oral communication using philosophical arguments. Topics discussed included personal identity; mind-body dualism and the identity theory; artificial intelligence; consciousness; animal cognition; cognitive delusions.

Proseminar (x6), University of Kansas
(for first year graduate students)

Topics discussed include descriptivist and causal theories of reference; Gricean conversational implicatures; teleosemantics; possible world semantics; two-dimensional semantics; empiricist criteria of meaning, the analytic / synthetic distinction; feminist epistemology; experimental philosophy; the metaphysics of possible worlds

History of Analytic Philosophy, University of Kansas
(for undergraduate students)

Topics discussed include key works by Frege, Russell, Moore, Wittgenstein, Ayer, Hempel, Carnap, Goodman, Quine, Davidson, Ryle, Sellars, and Kripke.

Introduction to Philosophy (Honors) (x3), University of Kansas
(for undergraduate students in the university's honors program)

Topics discussed include the major moral theories; skepticism; falsificationism in science; the ontological argument and the argument from design; the problem of evil; mind-body dualism and the identity theory; artificial intelligence; free will

Philosophy, Morals, and Politics (x2), London School of Economics
(for graduate and advanced undergraduate students)

Topics discussed include Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*; Locke's *Second Treatise*; Rawls's *Theory of Justice*; recent empirical work on moral theorizing.

Reason, Knowledge, and Values, London School of Economics and Political Science
(introduction to philosophy for undergraduate students)

Taught two-week section on the argument from design, based on readings by Paley, Hume, and Sober

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

PhD dissertation chair:

Jihui Huang (philosophy)—completed; now: postdoc, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Nadia Ruiz (philosophy)—completed; now: postdoc, philosophy; University of Hannover

Gareth Fuller (philosophy)—completed; now: Coordinator of College Success Skills and First-Year Experience at the University of Maine Farmington

Marco Polo Camacho (philosophy)—completed; now: Ethics Program Manager, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Philadelphia, PA

Levi Winegar (geography; co-chair)—completed; now: adjunct assistant professor at American River College, Rancho Cordova, CA

Kamuran Osmanoglu (philosophy)—completed; now: lecturer, Academic Writing Program, Koc University, Turkey

Clint Hurshman (philosophy)—ongoing.

PhD dissertation committee member:

Andrew McFarland (philosophy)—completed; now: associate professor, philosophy, CUNY-LaGuardia Community College

Brittnee Carter (political science, 2015-2016)—completed; now: associate professor, political science, University of Kansas

Ramon Alvarado (philosophy)—completed; now: assistant professor, philosophy, University of Oregon

MA thesis supervisor:

Banin Sukmono (philosophy)—completed; now: PhD student, Logic & Philosophy of Science, University of California-Irvine

Deborah Williams (philosophy)—completed; now: professor, environmental science & biology, Johnson County Community College

Christopher Stratman (philosophy)—completed; now: visiting assistant professor of instruction, philosophy and classics, University of Texas at San Antonio

Arthur Carlyle (philosophy)—completed; now: lecturer of philosophy at Hartwick College

David Tamez (philosophy)—completed; now: assistant research professor and research program director for the Institute for Information Sciences, University of Kansas

MA thesis committee member:

Rebecca Fensholt (philosophy)—completed

Undergraduate senior thesis supervisor:

Jeffrey Carmody (philosophy)—completed; now: attorney at law

Tessa Scott (philosophy)—completed; now: postdoctoral fellow, Future of Higher Education program, University of California-Berkeley

Extended essay supervisor:

Approximately 20 masters and undergraduate extended essays (philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science and University of Kansas)

Second PhD supervisor:

Adam White (philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2011-2013)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Evolutionary Social Science and Philosophy (ESS-Phi 2023), University of Kansas

Workshop organizer (invited speakers: Sarah Brosnan, Katie Demps, Jennifer Jhun, Kareem Khalifa)

Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Program chair (philosophy): annual conference (2021); executive committee (2021-); chair of constitution committee (2021-2022)

American Philosophical Association:

Central Division Program Committee (2023-2024); Committee for International Cooperation (2018-2021)

Conference for Daniel Hausman, Madison, WI (2015)

Conference co-organizer (with Hallie Liberto)

“Psychological Altruism from a Biological Point of View,” International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (2013), Montpellier, France (2013)

Session co-organizer (with Justin Garson)

Article referee:

Philosophy of Science; British Journal for the Philosophy of Science; Biology and Philosophy; Economics and Philosophy; Studies in History and Philosophy of the Biological and Biomedical Science; European Journal for the Philosophy of Science; Erkenntnis; Royal Society Open Science, Ethics; PLOS One; Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Synthese; Philosophical Psychology; Mind and Machines; Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology; The Journal of Value Inquiry, Utilitas, History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences; Philosophical Quarterly; South African Journal of Philosophy; Philosophia, Kriterion, Journal of Economic Methodology; Cambridge Journal of Economics, Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy

Book referee:

Oxford University Press, MIT Press, Palgrave Macmillan, Elsevier, Routledge

Proposal referee:

National Science Foundation (2015)

Presentation referee:

Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference (2024, 2022, 2016, 2009), Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Conference (2024, 2018), Central States Philosophical Association Meeting (2022); Philosophy of Biology in the UK (2012)

Session chair:

Soberfest – A Conference in Honor of Elliott Sober’s 65th Birthday, Madison, WI (2013); Philosophy of Biology in the UK; Oxford, UK (2012); Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice Biennial Meeting, Exeter, UK (2011); Biological Explanations of Behavior, Hannover, Germany (2008)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair (2024-), Philosophy, University of Kansas

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2021-2024), Philosophy, University of Kansas

Executive Dean Search Committee (2022-2023), College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Kansas

Chancellor’s and Dean’s and Doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee (2017-2019), University of Kansas

Research Excellence Fund Award Committee (2017-2019), University of Kansas

Graduate Studies Committee (2014-2017, 2018-2019, 2023-), University of Kansas

Committee for Undergraduate Studies and Advising (Fall 2017, Spring 2023), University of Kansas

Diversity Committee (Fall 2015-2019), Philosophy, University of Kansas

Academic Program Committee (2015-2017), Philosophy, University of Kansas

Admissions & Awards Committee (2015-2017), Philosophy, University of Kansas

Course Transfer Committee, Philosophy, University of Kansas (2017-)

Visiting Assistant Professor Search Chair (2023) & Committee (2015), Philosophy, University of Kansas

Assistant / Associate Professor Search Committee (2023-2024)

Graduate Program Director (2011-2013), Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method, London School of Economics and Political Science

Placement Officer (2010-2013), Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method, London School of Economics and Political Science

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Research assistant for Stephen Stich (Rutgers University): researching and collecting readings for a course on human diversity; researching grant opportunities and organizing a workshop on this topic; maintaining an associated website

LANGUAGES

English (fluent); German (native language); French (proficient); Italian (basic); Latin (basic reading knowledge)

SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS (IN GERMAN)

“Den Hirnforschern Auf’s Maul Geschaut”. *Gehirn und Geist* (5 / 2004) [German version of *Scientific American – Mind*]
(interview with P.M.S. Hacker)

“Arbeiter am Fundament des Bewusstseins: David Papineau”, *Gehirn und Geist* (1 / 2003)
[German version of *Scientific American – Mind*]
(interview with David Papineau)