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**Areas of specialization** Epistemology, ethics (esp. metaethics)  
**Areas of competence** Philosophy of language, philosophical psychology, political philosophy, history of modern philosophy

### Employment & higher education

**2016-** Assistant Professor of Philosophy (tenure-track), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
**2015-2016** Faculty Fellow in Philosophy (postdoctoral position), New York University  
**2010-2015** PhD in Philosophy, Yale University  
**2008-2010** BPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford  
**2005-2008** BA (with First Class Honours) in Philosophy, Politics and Economics, University of Oxford

### Publications

#### Original articles

“What to believe about your belief that you’re in the good case,” forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*, vol. 6  
“What is (in)coherence?,” forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 13  
“Isolating correct reasoning,” forthcoming in Magdalena Balcerak Jackson & Brendan Balcerak Jackson (eds.), *Reasoning: New Essays on Theoretical and Practical Thinking*, Oxford University Press  
“The conflict of evidence and coherence,” forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (published Online Early View)  
“Cryptonormative judgments,” *European Journal of Philosophy*, 25(1), 2017  
“Metanormative contextualism and normative uncertainty” (with John Pittard), *Mind*, 126(501), 2017  
“Belief, credence, and the preface paradox,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 94(3), 2016  
“Moral reasons, epistemic reasons and rationality,” *Philosophical Quarterly*, 66(263), 2016  
“IIA, rationality, and the individuation of options” (with Tina Rulli), *Philosophical Studies*, 173(1), 2016  
“Hobbes and normative egoism,” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 97(4), 2015  
“Narrow-scoping for wide-scopers,” *Synthese*, 192(8), 2015  
“Possibly false knowledge,” *Journal of Philosophy*, 112(5), 2015  
“Two kinds of stakes,” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 96(3), 2015  
“Disagreement about disagreement? What disagreement about disagreement?,” *Philosophers’ Imprint*, 14(18), 2014

#### Literature review/overview articles

“Contextualism and knowledge norms,” in Jonathan Jenkins Ichikawa (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*, Routledge, 2017

## Critical responses and book reviews

- “Reasons, rationality, reasoning: how much pulling-apart?” forthcoming in *Problema* (special issue of papers on the work of John Broome from a workshop at UNAM in his honor, with Broome’s reply)
- “Explanatory indispensability and deliberative indispensability: against Enoch’s analogy,” *Thought*, 5(4), 2016
- Review of Daniel Star’s *Knowing Better*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, January 2016

## Recent and forthcoming presentations (selection only; \*=presented under an earlier title)

### Papers

- Title TBC
- USC/Shandong Conference on Ethics and Epistemology, Shandong Univ., China, May 2018
  - University of Cambridge, December 2017
  - King’s College London, December 2017
- “Incoherence and immorality”
- Workshop on Varieties of Normativity, Uppsala University, Sweden, December 2017
  - Constructivism Seminar, UW-Milwaukee, September 2017
- “Conditionalization reimaged”
- New Trends in Epistemology Workshop, University of Hamburg, Germany, October 2017
- “Reasons, rationality, reasoning: how much pulling-apart?”
- Workshop on the work of John Broome, UNAM, Mexico, September 2017
- “Incoherence and the wrong kind of reason”
- UNC-KCL Workshop on Reasons, June 2017
- “What is (in)coherence?”
- Fordham Ethics and Epistemology Workshop, February 2017
  - Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop, September 2016\*
- “Eliminating prudential reasons”
- Arizona Workshop in Normative Ethics, January 2017
- “What to believe about your belief that you’re in the good case”
- Society for Skeptical Studies session at the Eastern APA, January 2017\*
  - Union College Workshop on Critical Reflection and Belief, May 2015\*
- “Explanatory indispensability and deliberative indispensability: against Enoch’s analogy”
- Realism in Ethics Early Career Workshop, University of Sheffield, UK, July 2016
- “Metanormative contextualism and normative uncertainty” (with John Pittard)
- New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, February 2016
- “Cryptonormative judgments”
- University of Notre Dame, February 2015
  - British Society for Ethical Theory (BSET), University of Cambridge, UK, July 2014
  - Northwestern Univ. Society for Theory of Ethics & Politics (NUSTEP), March 2014
- “Believing at will as a failure of coherence”
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 2015

University of Pittsburgh, January 2015

University of California, San Diego, January 2015

“IIA, rationality, and the individuation of options” (with Tina Rulli)

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK, January 2015

“Belief, credence, and the preface paradox”

Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, July 2014

“The conflict of evidence and coherence”

St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), May 2014

### **Comments**

On Jonathan Ichikawa, *Contextualizing Knowledge*, Author-Meets-Critics, Pacific APA, April 2018

On Mark Schroeder, “Expressivism to the Rescue: Graded Belief and the Basicness of Objective Reasons”, Ranch Metaphysics Conference, January 2016

On Joshua Schechter, “Small Steps and Great Leaps in Thought: The Epistemology of Basic Deductive Rules,” Konstanz Reasoning Conference, Germany, July 2014

On Matthew McGrath, “Pragmatic Encroachment: Its Problems are Your Problems,” Southampton Workshop on Epistemic and Practical Normativity, UK, June 2014

### **Awards & honors**

**2015** Distinction for PhD dissertation (*awarded unanimously by the five readers*)

**2010-2015** University Fellowship, Yale University (2010-2015)  
(2012-14: *John A. Farwell Fellowship*; 2014-15: *Hall-Mercer Fellowship*)

**2010** Distinction and highest mark in graduating class for the Oxford BPhil thesis

**2006-2008** College Scholarship, St Anne’s College, Oxford

### **Courses taught (or forthcoming) as Primary Instructor**

**Spring 2018 (UNC)** Proto-Seminar (with Susan Wolf) (*for all first-year PhD students*)  
Knowledge and Society (*introductory undergraduate, honors college*)

**Fall 2017 (UNC)** Advanced Studies in Value Theory: Practical Reasons & Rationality (*graduate*)  
Contemporary Ethical Theory: Metaethics (*intermediate undergraduate*)

**Spring 2017 (UNC)** Dissertation Research Seminar (with Mariska Leunissen) (*graduate*)  
Philosophy of Psychology: Irrationality (*advanced undergraduate/graduate*)

**Fall 2016 (UNC)** Theory of Knowledge (*intermediate undergraduate*)  
Introduction to Philosophy: Great Works (*introductory undergraduate, honors college*)

**Spring 2016 (NYU)** Great Works in Philosophy (*introductory undergraduate*)

**Fall 2015 (NYU)** The Nature of Values (Metaethics) (*intermediate undergraduate*)

**Fall 2013 (Yale)** Rationality (with Stephen Darwall) (*intermediate undergraduate*)

### **Professional service and other academic activities** (*all committee work is at UNC*)

**Administrative** Graduate Placement Committees x1, Graduate Admissions Committees x2,

	Hiring Search Committees x3
<b>Advising</b>	PhD Dissertation Committee Member: Amy Glaser; Keshav Singh; Ian Cruise MA Thesis Committee Member: Sylvie Ramirez; Alex Campbell; Dominik Berger Undergraduate Thesis Advisor: Yiran Hua
<b>Examining</b>	PhD Dissertation Exam Committees x1, Dissertation Proposal Exam Committees x4, Graduate Area Exam Committees x3 (Epistemology x2, Philosophy of Mind x1)
<b>Conferences</b>	Co-Founder and Co-Organizer, Chapel Hill Normativity Workshop, 2018 Organizing Committee, 51 <sup>st</sup> Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, 2017 Organizing Committee, Yale/UConn Graduate Conference, 2012
<b>Editorial</b>	Co-Managing Editor, <i>Oxford Studies in Epistemology</i> , 2011-15
<b>Refereeing</b>	<u>Book manuscripts</u> : Oxford University Press <u>Journal articles</u> (*=multiple times): <i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i> ; <i>Analysis</i> ; <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> *; <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> *; <i>Dialectica</i> *; <i>Episteme</i> ; <i>Ergo</i> *; <i>Erkenntnis</i> *; <i>Ethics</i> ; <i>European Journal of Political Theory</i> ; <i>Grazer Philosophische Studien</i> ; <i>Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy</i> ; <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> ; <i>Mind</i> *; <i>Noûs</i> ; <i>Oxford Studies in Epistemology</i> *; <i>Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy</i> ; <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> ; <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> *; <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> *; <i>Philosophical Review</i> ; <i>Philosophical Studies</i> *; <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> ; <i>Synthese</i> * <u>Grant funding</u> : DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) <u>Conferences</u> : <i>Madison Metaethics Workshop</i> ; <i>Society for Philosophy and Psychology</i>
<b>Translation</b>	Research Assistant for Prof. Susanne Bobzien, translating her “Die Kategorien der Freiheit bei Kant” (“Kant’s Categories of Freedom”) from German to English, 2013

### **Publications for a general audience (selection)**

Review of John D. Caputo, *Truth*, *Prospect Magazine*, 2014

“Not for anything,” *The Point*, 2013

Review of David Miller, *Justice For Earthlings*, *Prospect Magazine*, 2013

“Against pragmatism,” *Prospect Magazine*, 2012

“Moral rethink” (essay on Jonathan Haidt’s *The Righteous Mind*), *Prospect Magazine*, 2012