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RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Language, Social Philosophy, Normative Ethics

Areas of Competence: Early Modern Philosophy, Aesthetics, Formal Semantics, Feminist Philosophy

PRIMARY EDUCATION

Yale University

PhD in Philosophy | expected May 2019

*Dissertation*: What We Can Say to Each Other

*Committee*: Zoltán Gendler Szabó (chair), Shelly Kagan, Daniel Greco,

Eric Swanson (Michigan)

Harvard University

MA in English | May 2016

BA in English, *summa cum laude* | May 2014

OTHER EDUCATION

Joint PhD student in English and Philosophy (no degree awarded)

Harvard University, September 2015-May 2016

North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information (NASSLLI)

Rutgers University, July 2016

PUBLICATIONS

What’s the Good of Language? On the Moral Distinction between Lying and Misleading

R&R at *Ethics*

IN PREPARATION

How We Really Talk to Each Other: On the Central Role of Pretense in Conversation

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

*\*peer reviewed*

How We Really Talk to Each Other: On The Central Role of Pretense in Conversation

2019 Eastern APA\* (under the title: “Pretense in a Language Game”)

2018 American Pragmatics Association\* (under the title: “Implausible Deniability and

Conversational Modeling”)

What We Won’t Say to Each Other

2018 Social Ontology\* (under the title: “Speech Acts and the Limits of Pretense”)

Identity and Impossible Moral Choices

2018 Bern-Zurich Moral Theory Workshop\* (under the title: “Gates on Moral

Theorizing”)

What’s the Good of Language?

2018 UT Austin Graduate Conference\* (under the title: “What’s the Good of

Assertion?”)

How are Slurs Bad Words?

2016 ECOM, University of Connecticut\*

2016 ELLMM City Working Group, Yale University

Comments on Patrick O’Donnell’s “When Code Words Aren’t Coded”

2018 Princeton Workshop in Social Theory

Comments on Keui-Chen Chen’s “Isomorphism, Representation, and Phenomenal Intentionality”

2017 Yale Graduate Conference

AWARDS

Prize Teaching Fellowship, Yale University, 2018

Franke Fellowship (competitive), Yale University, 2016-2018

Mind, Brain, Behavior Graduate Student Award, Harvard University, 2016

Phi Beta Kappa, inducted 2013

TEACHING

*as primary instructor*

Introduction to Ethics

Yale University, Summer 2018

*as teaching assistant*

Introduction to Logic (Kenneth Winkler)

Yale University, Fall 2017

*outreach & other*

What Really Exists? (Lecture, 1 hour)

Yale University Summer Faculty Series, 24 July 2018

Yale University Community Breakfast (Outreach series), 6 September 2018

Introduction to Metaphysics (Workshop, 1, 2-hour session)

Yale Splash (high school outreach), 27 October 2018

Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Workshop, 1, 1-hour session)

Yale Splash (high school outreach), 29 September 2018

Introduction to Epistemology (Workshop, 2, 2-hour sessions)

Yale Splash (high school outreach), 7 April 2018

What Makes Good Art Good? (Workshop, 2 1-hour sessions)

Yale Sprout (middle school outreach), 24 February 2018

SERVICE

Minorities and Philosophy, co-organizer, June-December 2017

Conference organizer, Digital Britain, Harvard University (English), March 25-26, 2016

LANGUAGES

Latin (reading)

Old English (reading)

Old Norse-Icelandic (reading)

Russian (intermediate)

Spanish (reading)

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Philosophy:

Skepticism\* Susanna Rinard, Harvard (Fall 2014)

Predicates of Personal Taste\* Dilip Ninan, Tufts (Fall 2014)

Modal logic Mark Richard, Harvard (Spring 2015)

Perception Susanna Siegel, Harvard (Spring 2015)

Race and Social Justice Tommie Shelby, Harvard (Fall 2015)

Meaning Mark Richard, Harvard (Fall 2015)

Quine Warren Goldfarb, Harvard (Spring 2016)

Aristotle Jacob Rosen, Harvard (Spring 2016)

Proseminar Michael Della Rocca, Elizabeth Miller, Yale (Fall 2016)

Language and Power Jason Stanley, Yale (Fall 2016)

Kant’s Third Critique Karsten Harries, Yale (Fall 2016)

History of Ethics Stephen Darwall, Yale (Fall 2016)

Philosophy of Language Zoltán Gendler Szabó, Yale (Spring 2017)

Normative Ethics Shelly Kagan, Yale (Spring 2016)

Early Modern Rationalisms Michael Della Rocca, Julia Borcherding, Yale (Spring 2017)

Antinomies of Being Karsten Harries, Yale (Spring 2017)

Linguistics:

Semantics I Gennaro Chierchia, Harvard (Fall 2014)

Semantics II Gennaro Chierchia, Harvard (Spring 2015)

Topics in Semantics Gennaro Chierchia, Harvard (Fall 2015)

Foundational Issues in Semantics\* Philippe Schlenker, NYU (Fall 2017)

Syntax I Raffaella Zanuttini, Yale (Fall 2016)

Syntax II\* Jim Wood, Yale (Spring 2017)

*\*audit*

REFERENCES

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Kenneth Winkler (teaching reference)

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