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RESEARCH AOS: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind
INTERESTS AOC: Ethics, Logic, Epistemology

EDUCATION **University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN

 Ph.D. in Philosophy, August 2020

 M.A. in Philosophy, May 2017 (GPA: 4.0)

Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR

 B.A., *magna cum laude*, Philosophy, December 2014

DISSERTATION
ABSTRACT

The Algebraic Structure of Propositions Booleanism is the thesis that logically equivalent propositions are identical. While this theory has received widespread acceptance throughout the 20th century, usually in the form of the possible worlds conception of propositions, it faces a problem with the content of propositional attitudes. The first part of my dissertation is a defense of Booleanism. In the latter parts of my dissertation, I go on to use an abductive approach to address further problems that arise when we attempt construct general theories of propositions, properties and relations, focusing in particular on the theory of logical form, the theory of representation and the theory of explanation.

Committee Daniel Nolan (advisor), Jeff Speaks (advisor), Brian Cutter, Jc Beall, Christopher Shields

Defense Date June 15, 2020

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming “Naturalness is Not an Aim of Belief.” *Erkenntnis*.

Forthcoming “Phenomenal Properties are Luminous Properties.” *Synthese*.

Forthcoming “Unity and Application.” *Ergo*.

2021 “Indefinite Extensibility and the Principle of Sufficient Reason.”
Philosophical Studies 178 (2): 471-49.

UNDER REVIEW

“Booleanism and Belief”

“Is Consciousness Vague?” (R&R, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*)

“Metaphysical Deflationism”

PRESENTATIONS

- November, 2019 “Booleanism and Belief,” at Propositions, Reference and Meaning: the Philosophy of Scott Soames, Institute of Philosophy Bratislava, Slovak Academy of Sciences.
- October 2019 “The Metaphysics of Form,” at Notre Dame Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Notre Dame.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2021 Instructor of Record, *Intro to Philosophy*. University of Notre Dame (Two Sections)
- Winter / Summer 2021 Instructor of Record, *Ethical Theory*. University of Notre Dame (Online Course)
- Fall 2020 / Spring 2021 Instructor of Record, *Ethical Theory*. University of Notre Dame.
- Spring 2019 Instructor of Record, *Minds, Brains and Persons*. University of Notre Dame.
- Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Philosophy*, w/ Jeff Speaks, University of Notre Dame.
- Fall 2016 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Philosophy*, w/ Jeff Speaks, University of Notre Dame.

SERVICE

- Referee: Philosophical Studies, Analysis
- 2020-21 Graduate Student Writing Tutor, University of Notre Dame
- 2018-20 Organizer of metaphysics reading group, University of Notre Dame.
- 2016-20 Co-founder and co-organizer of Notre Dame’s graduate student colloquium, University of Notre Dame.
- 2018-20 Graduate student mentor, University of Notre Dame.
- 2017 Graduate student member of the Philosophy Department Climate Committee, University of Notre Dame.
- 2017 Designer and TA for Medieval Logic Course, University of Notre Dame.
- 2016-17 Reviewer for Northwestern and Notre Dame graduate epistemology conference.

GRADUATE
COURSEWORK

Metaphysics, Mind and Epistemology

- Ontology and Meta-Ontology (Peter van Inwagen)
- The Problem of Free Will (Peter van Inwagen)
- Material Beings (Peter van Inwagen)
- Possible and Impossible Worlds (Daniel Nolan)
- Consciousness and Intentionality (Brian Cutter)
- Personal Identity (Therese Corey)
- Speech Acts and the Spread of Knowledge (Lizzie Fricker; audit)
- Time Travel (Sara Bernstein; audit)

Logic & Philosophy of Math

- Intermediate Logic (Patricia Blanchette)
- Philosophy of Model Theory (Patricia Blanchette)
- Modal Logic (Tim Bays)
- Computability Theory (Julia Knight)
- Descriptive Set Theory (Julia Knight)
- Intuitionism (Curtis Franks)
- Medieval Logic (Curtis Franks)
- Gödel's Theorems (Michael Detlefsen)
- Model Theory (Sergei Starchenko; audit)
- Logical Consequence (Tim Bays; audit)
- Incompleteness and Computability (Tim Bays; audit)
- Set Theory (Tim Bays; audit)
- Philosophy of Set Theory (Tim Bays; audit)

History of Philosophy

- Aristotle's Metaphysics (Christopher Shields)
- Kant's First Critique (Karl Ameriks)
- Hume (Lynn Joy)