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Research

- AOS Philosophy of Language, Political Philosophy
- AOC Logic, Epistemology, Applied Ethics, Feminist Philosophy

Employment

- Fall 2018 **Assistant Professor**, *Philosophy Department, Northwestern University.*

Education

- Summer 2018 **PhD in philosophy**, *University of Texas at Austin, This Machine Kills Fascists: Detecting Propaganda with Formal Models of Mass Discourse Structure: Propaganda issues a "deliberative script" vis-à-vis issues of public importance. I argue that highly divergent deliberative scripts across mass publics should be of interest to the political theorist interested in the health and legitimacy of democracies. I then develop a model of mass discourse which makes use of formal pragmatic work on the information structure of non-mass discourses, in terms of which mass discourse pathologies related to the notion of highly divergent deliberative scripts are precisified..*
J. Dever (Supervisor), D. Beaver, R. Buchanan, H. Kamp, C. Roberts (Ohio State), J. Stanley (Yale)
- 2012-2015 **MA**, *University of Texas, Austin.*
'Discourse-Level Information Structure and the Challenge of Higher Order Discourse'
- 2008-2012 **BA**, *University of Victoria, Philosophy and Writing.*
with high distinction

Publications

- Forthcoming **'Political Correctness and Non-Ideal Theory'**, *Ethics, Left and Right*, (Ed. Bob Fischer), Oxford University Press.

Selected Presentations

- June 2018 **'Polarization as Propaganda'**, *The Prindle Institute for Ethics Applied Epistemology Research Retreat*, Greencastle, IN.
- Sept 2016 **'Modeling Utterance Relevance and Defective Discourse Using Higher Order QUD Functions'**, *HSE Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop*, Moscow, Russian Federation.
- April 2016 **'Information Structure and the Challenge of Higher Order Discourse'**, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.
- Nov 2015 **'On the Politics of the Function Inference'**, *Society for Women and Philosophy (Ireland) Annual Meeting*, Dublin, Ireland.
- June 2015 **'Discourse-level Information Structure and the Challenge of Metadiscursives'**, *Canadian Philosophical Association Annual General Meeting*, Ottawa, ON.
- April 2015 **'Minimalism, contextualism, and successful communication'**, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, Vancouver, BC.
- Feb 2014 **'Resisting addictive desire: difficulty and epistemic exculpation'**, *Ryerson University Graduate Conference*, Toronto, ON.
- Jan 2013 **'Phenomenological false negatives and the cognitive phenomenology debate'**, *Department of Philosophy Colloquium, University of Victoria*, Victoria, BC.

Professional Service

- October 2017, **Facilitator**, *Focus Groups on Climate for Women and Trans Students in Graduate and Professional Programs*, Graduate Student Assembly, UT Austin.
April 2018
2016-2018 **Instructor**, *Corrupt the Youth*, Eastside Memorial Highschool.
A philosophy program run at underresourced schools
2016-2017 **Policy Advisor, Faculty Liaison**, *Minorities and Philosophy*, UT Austin Chapter.
2015-2016 **President**, *Minorities and Philosophy*, UT Austin Chapter.
2013-2014 **Founder, Organizer**, *Feminist Philosophy Reading Group*, UT Austin.
2013-2014 **Member**, *Organizing Committee*, Philosophy Graduate Conference, UT Austin.

Awards

- 2015 **Doctoral Fellowship**, *Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada*.
2012 **Entrance Fellowship**, *Philosophy Department*, University of Texas at Austin.

Teaching

Course Instructor, UT Austin

- Spring 2018 PHL312: Introduction to Logic
Fall 2016 PHL313: Introduction to Symbolic Logic
Spring 2016 PHL304: Contemporary Moral Problems
Teaching Assistant, UT Austin
Spring 2017 PHL304: Contemporary Moral Problems
Summer 2016 PHL313: Introduction to Symbolic Logic
Fall 2015 UGS303: The Discovery of Freedom
Spring 2015 PHL301: Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 2014 PHL303M: Mind and Body
Spring 2014 UGS303: Dante's Hell and Its Afterlife
Fall 2013 PHL304: Contemporary Moral Problems
Spring 2013 PHL356: Yoga as Theory and Practice
Fall 2012 PHL304: Contemporary Moral Problems

Languages

English (native), French (proficient).