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AOS Early Modern Philosophy
AOC Mind, Epistemology, Metaphysics, Ancient Philosophy

Education Yale University, PhD in Philosophy 2023 (exp.)

Dissertation: *Ideas and Intelligibility: Hume's Conceptual Skepticism*

My dissertation is a study of Hume's conceptual skepticism in the *Treatise of Human Nature*. Whereas epistemological skepticism aims to show that a class of beliefs lacks epistemic merit, conceptual skepticism aims to show that a class of beliefs is unintelligible, incomprehensible, or contentless. It is orthodoxy among commentators that conceptual skepticism is of peripheral concern to Hume, its importance dwarfed by that of his naturalistic ambitions and epistemological skepticism. I show that this underestimates the scope, force, and sophistication of Hume's conceptual skepticism. Attention to conceptual skepticism allows us to resolve long-standing interpretive problems and sheds new light on the epistemology of the *Treatise*.

Committee: Kenneth Winkler (chair), Michael Della Rocca, Stephen Darwall, Don Garrett (external)

University of Edinburgh, Visiting Student Winter 2022
Supervisor: Jennifer Smalligan Marušić

Yale University, MA and MPhil in Philosophy 2021

Lewis & Clark College, BA in Philosophy 2017
summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa
Thesis Advisor: Rebecca Copenhaver

Publications "Fiction and Content in Hume's Labyrinth." Forthcoming
The Philosophical Quarterly

"Locke, Simplicity, and Extension" Forthcoming
Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie

“Leibniz and the Molyneux Problem” 2020
Journal of Modern Philosophy 2 (1): 1-18.

“Rationalizing Socrates’ *Daimonion*” 2018
British Journal for the History of Philosophy 26 (2): 225-240.

Under Review “Hume on Modal Projection”

Presentations Title TBD 2023
(* refereed) Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop

“Modal Projection and Causal Judgement”* 2022
48th International Hume Society Conference

“Hume on Modal Projection” 2022
Edinburgh Modern Philosophy Working Group

“Hume on Modal Projection” 2021
Propositional Attitudes Task Force at the Five Colleges Consortium

“Hume on Modal Projection”* 2021
Institute for the Study of Scottish Philosophy Annual Conference

Comments on Sasser, “Why Hume Believes in the Duration and Self-Identity of
Changeless Objects.” 2019
46th International Hume Society Conference

Comments on Broackes, “Substance, Form, and Quality in the New Mechanical
World of Descartes, Boyle, and Locke.” 2019
History of Hylomorphism Conference

Teaching Co-instructor (w/ Ken Winkler), PHIL 414/614: Mind in Modern Philosophy* 2022
(*scheduled) Teaching Fellow, PHIL 126: Introduction to Modern Philosophy (Keith DeRose) 2021
Teaching Fellow, PHIL 179: Life (Shelly Kagan) 2020

Honors & Grants	University Fellowship, Yale University	2018-
	NEH Institute Stipend, "Hume in the 21st Century"	2022
	Hume Society Emerging Scholar Award	2022
	MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship	2022
	University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University	2021-2022
	Edgar H. Stone Fellowship, Yale University	2019
	Hume Society Graduate Student Travel Grant	2019
	MacMillan International Conference Travel Grant	2019

Service	Assistant Category Editor, "David Hume," PhilPapers.org	2022-
	Co-founder and Co-organizer (w/ Jake Rohde), Yale Philosophy Grad-Undergrad Mentorship Program (sole organizer from fall 2021)	2020-
	Organizer, Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale	2018-
	Judge, Connecticut High School Ethics Bowl	2022
	Graduate Student Teaching Reform Committee, Yale Philosophy	2021-2022
	Doctoral Education Reform Committee, Yale Philosophy	2021
	Climate Committee, Yale Philosophy	2020-21
	Social Representative, Yale Philosophy	2019-20
	Organizer, Yale Reading Group in Early Modern Philosophy	2018-20

Languages	French (reading)
	Latin

Courses (*audit)	<i>History of Philosophy</i>	
	Leibniz	Michael Della Rocca
	Wittgenstein	Ken Winkler
	Early Modern Ethics	Steve Darwall
	Locke's <i>Essay</i> (tutorial)	Ken Winkler
	Causation in Modern Philosophy	Michael Della Rocca & Ken Winkler
	Spinoza*	Michael Della Rocca
	Early Modern Philosophy of Language*	Ken Winkler & Zoltan Szabo
	Plato's <i>Gorgias</i>	Verity Harte
	<i>Metaphysics & Epistemology</i>	
	Meaning, Paradox, Methodology	Michael Della Rocca
	Recent Work in Epistemology*	Keith DeRose
	Epistemology	Keith DeRose

Knowledge and Action
*Akrasia**
Skepticism*

Michael Della Rocca
David Charles
Michael Della Rocca

Other

First-Year Seminar
Recent Work in Ethical Theory
Mathematical Logic
Modal Logic*

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References

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