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AOS Early Modern Philosophy

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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 Supervisor: Jennifer Smalligan Marušić Winter 2022

Yale University, MA and MPhil in Philosophy

2021

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

2017

Publications

"Fiction and Content in Hume's Labyrinth" *The Philosophical Quarterly*

Forthcoming

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

Forthcoming

	"Leibniz and the Molyneux Problem" Journal of Modern Philosophy 2 (1): 1-18.	2020
	"Rationalizing Socrates' <i>Daimonion</i> " British Journal for the History of Philosophy 26 (2): 225-240.	2018
Review	Review of Dan O'Brien (ed.), Hume on the Self and Personal Identity Hume Studies	In prep.
Under Review	"Hume on Modal Projection" (R&R at <i>Mind</i>)	
Presentations (* refereed)	Title TBD Harvard History of Philosophy Workshop	2023
	"Intelligibility in Hume's Logic of Fiction" Hume Society Symposium, Pacific APA	2023
	"Modal Projection and Causal Judgement"* 48th International Hume Society Conference	2022
	"Hume on Modal Projection" Edinburgh Modern Philosophy Working Group	2022
	"Hume on Modal Projection" Propositional Attitudes Task Force at the Five Colleges Consortium	2021
	"Hume on Modal Projection"* Institute for the Study of Scottish Philosophy Annual Conference	2021
	Comments on Sasser, "Why Hume Believes in the Duration and Self-Identity of Changeless Objects." 46th International Hume Society Conference	2019
	Comments on Broackes, "Substance, Form, and Quality in the New Mechanical World of Descartes, Boyle, and Locke." History of Hylomorphism Conference	2019

Teaching	Instructor, PHIL S140: Perception, Illusion, and Hallucination*	2023
*scheduled)	Co-instructor (w/ Ken Winkler), PHIL 414/614: Mind in Modern Philosophy	2022
	Teaching Fellow, PHIL 126: Introduction to Modern Philosophy (Keith DeRose)	2021
	Teaching Fellow, PHIL 179: Life (Shelly Kagan)	2020
Honors &	University Fellowship, Yale University	2018-
Grants	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 Co-founder and Co-organizer (w/ Jake Rohde), Yale Philosophy Grad-Undergrad Mentorship Program (sole organizer from fall 2021) Organizer, Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale Judge, Connecticut High School Ethics Bowl Graduate Student Teaching Reform Committee, Yale Philosophy Doctoral Education Reform Committee, Yale Philosophy Climate Committee, Yale Philosophy Social Representative, Yale Philosophy Organizer, Yale Reading Group in Early Modern Philosophy	2022- 2020- 2018- 2022 2021-2022 2021 2020-21 2019-20 2018-20
Languages	French (reading) Latin	
Courses	History of Philosophy	
(*audit)	Leibniz Michael Della Rocca	

Wittgenstein Ken Winkler
Early Modern Ethics Steve Darwall
Locke's Essay (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 Gorgias Verity Harte

Metaphysics & Epistemology

Meaning, Paradox, Methodology

Recent Work in Epistemology*

Epistemology

Keith DeRose

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Knowledge and Action Michael Della Rocca

Akrasia* David Charles

Skepticism* Michael Della Rocca

Other

First-Year Seminar Keith DeRose
Recent Work in Ethical Theory Steve Darwall
Mathematical Logic Sun-Joo Shin
Modal Logic* Sun-Joo Shin

References

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