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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Social & Political Philosophy (especially Democratic Theory), Applied Ethics, Voting Theory

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Normative Ethics, American Electoral Behavior, Logic

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy, Logic, Computation, and Methodology Expected May 2018
Department of Philosophy
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Dissertation Title: “Democratic Voting and the Common Good”
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Danielle Wenner (CMU; Chair), Dr. Alex John London (CMU),
Dr. Victoria Shineman (UPitt)

Master of Science, Logic, Computation, and Methodology January 2015
Department of Philosophy
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Thesis Title: “Voting in Epistemic Democracies”
Thesis Committee: Dr. Kevin Zollman (CMU; Chair), Dr. Danielle Wenner (CMU)

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy and Mathematics, *summa cum laude* May 2012
Wheaton College, Norton, MA, USA
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors in Philosophy
Awards: Grace F. Shepard Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship, Holcombe M. Austin Prize in Philosophy

AWARDS

Graduate Student Teaching Award 2017
Deitrich College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University

PUBLICATIONS

Kestigian, Aidan. “Blogging as Practice in Applied Philosophy.” Forthcoming in *Teaching Philosophy*.

Kestigian, Aidan, and Alex John London. “Adversaries at the Bedside: Advance Care Plans and Future Welfare.” *Bioethics* 30.8 (2016): 557-567.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Freedom as Non-Domination in Behavioral and Biomedical Research” (under review)
“Requiring Advance Care Plans: Bridge Technologies and the Hazards of Sequential Decision Making” co-authored with Alex John London
“Sequential Voting in Epistemic Democracies”

PRESENTATIONS

“Using Blogs in the Political Theory Classroom” February 2017
Conference: American Political Science Association Teaching & Learning Conference
Location: Long Beach, CA, USA

“Voting to Promote the Common Good” November 2016
Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Location: Boston, MA, USA

“Blogging as Practice in Applied Philosophy” October 2016
Conference: Carnegie Mellon University Teaching & Learning Summit
Location: Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

“(In)Equality in the American Political System: A Case Study in Group Blogging”
1. Seminar: Exploring Educational Technologies and Their Pedagogical Applications March 2016
Organized by the Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence
Location: Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
2. Technology-Enhanced Learning (TEL) Summer School May 2016
Location: Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

“Freedom as Non-Domination in Behavioral and Biomedical Research” March 2016
Conference: American Philosophical Association Central Meeting 2016
Location: Chicago, IL, USA

“Reliable Decision Making in Epistemic Democracies” June 2015
Conference: Decisions, Games, and Logic
Location: London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

“Adversaries at the Bedside: Present Choice and Future Welfare”
1. Conference: University of Miami Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy October 2014
Location: University of Miami, Miami, FL, USA
2. Conference: BGSU Graduate Workshop in Applied Philosophy November 2014
Location: Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, USA

“Rational Decision Making in Deliberative Democracies” November 2014
Conference: Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting
Location: Boston, MA, USA

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Response to Zoë Johnson King, "Trying is Good" April 2016
Conference: Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy
Location: University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Response to Jian Shen, "Gradual Revelation: A Signaling Model" March 2014
Conference: Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy
Location: University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor, Carnegie Mellon University
Introduction to Philosophy Spring 2017
Ethics and Global Economics Fall 2016
Ethical Judgments in Professional Life Summer 2016
Social Structure, Public Policy, and Ethics Spring 2016
Introduction to Ethics Summer 2014, Fall 2015
Introduction to Political Philosophy Summer 2013

Teaching Assistant/Grader, Carnegie Mellon University
Ancient Philosophy Fall 2014
Ethical Theory Spring 2014
Environmental Ethics Fall 2013
Social Structure, Public Policy, and Ethics Spring 2013

PEDAGOGICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Workshop on Teaching and Learning, Special Emphasis on Inclusive Pedagogy February 2017
Organized by American Association of Philosophy Teachers
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Graduate Teaching Fellows Program December 2016-present
Description: Working alongside Eberly Center staff to provide classroom observations, teaching consultations, and other pedagogy resources to graduate student TAs and instructors.
Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence and Educational Innovation
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Virginia Tech Future Faculty Program January 2017
Description: Invited to participate in program that aims to create a network of scholars and prepare graduate students for faculty life.
Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA, USA

2016 Seminar on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy July 2016
American Association of Philosophy Teachers Biennial Workshop/Conference on Teaching Philosophy
Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI, USA

Future Faculty Program Completed Spring 2016
Eberly Center for Teaching Excellence and Educational Innovation
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Digital Humanities Literacy Workshop Completed Summer 2015
Description: A one-week introduction to theory and practice of digital humanities.
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Technology-Enhanced Learning Summer School Completed Summer 2015
Description: A one-week course that prepares educators in the humanities to make effective design choices around educational technologies.
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

DEPARTMENTAL AND DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

Reviewer, *Teaching Philosophy* 2016-present

Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) Chapter, Carnegie Mellon University
Position: Chapter member Spring 2016-Present
Position: Co-Chair Fall 2013-Spring 2016

Pitt-CMU Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy Organizing Committee
Position: Committee Member Fall 2013-Fall 2014
Position: Committee Chair Fall 2014-Fall 2015

Philosophy Department Job Search Committee
Position: Committee Member Fall 2016-Spring 2017
Position: Committee Member Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Philosophy Department Graduate Admissions Committee
Position: Committee Member Fall 2014-Spring 2015

MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association
American Association of Philosophy Teachers
American Political Science Association
Northeastern Political Science Association