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curriculum vitae

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Areas of Research

AOS: Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics & Epistemology
AOC: Feminist Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Mind

Employment

Assistant Professor – Wofford College 2019-present

Education

Ph.D., Boston University, August 2019
Dissertation: “On Time and Process in Biology”
Advisor: Alisa Bokulich

B.A., Lawrence University, June 2012
Majors: 1. Biology (Concentration: Neuroscience) 2. Philosophy
Minor: Psychology

Public Facing Projects

“When Did Flowering Plants Appear on Earth?”
Blog Post for *Extinct: The Philosophy of Paleontology Blog* (forthcoming)

“Higher Ed’s Quantification Problem”
Blog Post with E. Scarffe for *Academe Blog* (2024)
<https://academeblog.org/2024/02/07/higher-ed-quantification-problem/>

“Will Data Save Us From Ourselves? Epistemic Uncertainty and Data-Driven Policy Making”
Blog Post with E. Scarffe for *What to Do About Now* (2022)
<https://www.whattodoaboutnow.com/post/can-data-save-us-from-ourselves>

“For what it is worth, I had an abortion”
Blog Post written for *Journal of Medical Ethics* (2022)
<https://blogs.bmj.com/medical-ethics/2022/07/01/fwiw-i-had-an-abortion/>

Publications

Book Review of *Mechanisms in Science: Method or Metaphysics?* by Stavros Ioannidis and Stathis Psillos
British Journal of Philosophy of Science (forthcoming)

“The Trouble with Knowing You Were Trouble” with E. Scarffe
Taylor Swift and Philosophy – Blackwell Pop Culture and Philosophy (forthcoming)

“Has Quantification Seduced Higher Ed?” with E. Scarffe
Academe (2024)
<https://www.aaup.org/article/has-quantification-seduced-higher-education>

“A Processual Revolution for Philosophy of Biology?”
Book Review of *Everything Flows* Edited by John Dupré and Daniel J. Nicholson
Philosophy of Science (2019)

Works in Progress

“When Will Scientific Disagreement Bear Fruit?: A Case Study About Angiosperm Origins” – Under Review

“From Metaphysics to Methods: Pluralism in Cancer Research” – Revise and Resubmit

“Neutrality Isn’t Neutral: Gender, Race, Science, and Law” with E. Scarffe – Under Review

“Biological Timescales and the Processual Nature of Life” – Completed Draft

“The Possibility of Metaphysical Dialetheism” – Under Review

Teaching Experience

Upper-Level Undergraduate Courses

Philosophy of Science	Spring 2020, Fall 2022
Philosophy of Biology	Fall 2020, Fall 2023
Metaphysics	Fall 2019, Spring 2022
Senior Seminar	Spring 2022, Fall 2022
Philosophy of Mathematics (Directed Study)	Spring 2022
Philosophy of Fashion (Directed Study)	Spring 2024
Minds, Bodies, and Selves	Spring 2022, Spring 2024
Models and Measurement	Spring 2021

Introductory Level Undergraduate Course

Human Nature	Fall 2023
Philosophy: Science in Context	Spring 2022
Yoga and Tropical Ecology	Jan 2023, Jan 2024
Gender, Race, and Science	Fall 2022, Fall 2022
Biomedical Ethics	Fall 2020, Spring 2022
Problems of Philosophy	Fall 2019, Spring 2020
Feminism in Theory and Practice (at BU)	Spring 2019
Doubt in Science and Politics (at BU)	Fall 2018

Science and Values (at BU)

Spring 2018

Introduction to Philosophy (at BU)

Summer 1 2017

Topics in Philosophy (Summer Challenge at BU)

Summer 2016-2022

Presentations (*invited)

"The Trouble with Knowing You Were Trouble: What Taylor Swift Can Teach us about Contemporary Epistemology"* with E. Scarffe
2023 Converse University, Spartanburg, SC

"Impartiality as a Misplaced Ideal: Gender, Race, Law, and Science"
2023 South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Hilton Head Island, SC

"Lessons from the Calibration and Synchronization of Biological Clocks"
2023 Integrated History and Philosophy of Science, Columbia, SC

"Sew What? A Philosophy Exploration of Neutrality in Fashion"
2023 North Carolina Philosophical Association, Raleigh, NC

"Philosophy Across the (STEM) Curriculum: How Philosophy of Science Courses Can Meet General STEM Education Requirements"
2023 American Association of Philosophy Teachers, Montreal, QB

"Timescales and Biological Individuality"
2022 Philosophy of Biology at the Mountains - Appalachia

"Biological Timescales and the Processual Nature of Life"
2022 South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Spartanburg, SC

"Epistemic Uncertainty and Data Driven Policy" with E. Scarffe
2022 Association of Practical and Professional Ethics, Virtual

"Synchronizing the Fossil and Molecular Clocks"
2021 Philosophy of Science Association Meeting, Baltimore, MD

Poster presentation: "Barriers to increasing diversity in environmental science"
2021 Philosophy of Science Association Meeting, Baltimore MD

"Biological Clocks and the Usefulness of Multiple Lines of Evidence"
2021 International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Virtual

"Impartiality isn't impartial: Gender, Race, Law and Science" with E. Scarffe*
2021 Florida International University Philosophy Club Meeting

"Impartiality isn't impartial: Gender, Race, Law and Science" with E. Scarffe
2021 Association of Practical and Professional Ethics, Virtual

- “Metaphysics in Scientific Systems”
2021 Eastern Division American Philosophical Association, Virtual
- “The Evolution of Moral Language”
2021 Canadian Philosophical Association, Virtual
- “Using Metaphysics to Institutionalize Pluralism”
2021 Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice, Virtual
- Poster presentation: “Credit hours as a barrier to diversity in Environmental fields”
2020 AAC&U Transforming STEM Higher Education, Virtual
- “Using Metaphysics to Institutionalize Pluralism”
2020 Prague Meeting on Philosophy of Science, Virtual
- “Methods and Expectations in Carcinogenesis Research”
2018 Philosophy of Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA
- Poster presentation: “From Metaphysics to Methods in Biomedical Science”
2018 Philosophy of Science Association Meeting, Seattle, WA
- “Manipulations of Time in Biological Methodologies”^{*}
2018 Boston University Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, Boston, MA
- “Process Ontology as a Problem for Mechanistic Explanation”
2018 Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Regina, SK
- “What can we learn about norms from non-human animals?”
2018 International Conference of Economics and Philosophy, Lyon, France
- “The Possibility of Metaphysical Dialetheism”
2018 World Congress on Universal Logic, Vichy, France
- Comments on “Biology's 2nd and 3rd Laws” by Dr. James Mattingly
2018 Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, Savannah, GA

Certificates and other Trainings

Teach.Equity.Now. Fellows Program	2020 - 2022
AAPT Workshop on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy (at MIT)	2018
Graduate Certificate in Teaching Writing (Boston University)	2018
Mathematical Logic Summer Institute (Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy)	2015

Service

South Carolina Society for Philosophy President	2023 – present
Wofford Institutional Review Board member	2023 – present
Presidential Advisory Council	2023 – present

Global and Diverse U.S. Perspectives Gen Ed Committee (Chair)	2023 – present
Science in Context Gen Ed Committee	2021 – present
PSA-DEI caucus Highlighted Philosophy feature editor	2022 – present
Search Advocate Program Member	2021 – present
Theatre Department Hiring Committee Search Advocate	2023 – 2024
Environmental Studies Department Hiring Committee	2022 – 2023
South Carolina Society for Philosophy Vice President	2022 – 2023
JEDI Recommendation 8 Gen Ed Committee	2022 – 2023
Student Experience Committee	2020 – 2023
Faculty Organizer MAP at Wofford	2020 – 2023
Keller Fellowship Hiring Committee – Chair	2021 – 2022
New Faculty Orientation Planning Committee	2021 -2022
Judge – Ethic Bowl (South Carolina State competition)	2020 – 2022
Psychology Department Hiring Committee	2021
ODI Anti-Racism Challenge Mentor	2020
Speaker at BU Placement Seminar	2020
Keller Fellowship Hiring Committee	2020 &2022
Eastern APA Organizing Committee	2019 – 2020
Voting Member – BU CAS Humanities Curriculum Committee	2018 – 2019
President – Philosophy Graduate Student Association	2017 – 2018
Invited Reviewer – Eastern APA meeting	2017
Organizer – Women’s Lunch, Department of Philosophy	2016 – 2017
Assistant – Neuroscience and Philosophy degree program	2016 – 2017
Member – Minorities and Philosophy BU Chapter	2016 – 2019

Awards and Honors

Summer Research Grant (\$6,000)	2023
Best non-tenured faculty essay award: South Carolina Society for Philosophy	2022
Outstanding Graduate Student Award, BU Center for the Humanities	2018
Writing Program Fellowship, Boston University	2017-2019
Dissertation Fellowship, Boston University	2016-2017
Teaching Fellowship, Boston University	2014-2016
Metcalf Fellowship, Boston University	2013-2014
Degree <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> in Course, Lawrence University	2012

Memberships

American Philosophical Association
 Philosophy of Science Association
 International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology
 Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice
 South Carolina Society for Philosophy
 Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science
 Canadian Philosophical Association
 American Association of Philosophy Teachers