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## Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Ph.D. in Philosophy, expected 2018  
Dissertation: *Belief and Evidence*  
Committee: Roger White (chair), Kieran Setiya, Jack Spencer, Stephen Yablo

Reed College

B.A. in Philosophy, 2011

## Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

## Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Ethics

## Publications

“Living on the Edge: Against Epistemic Permissivism” forthcoming in *Mind*.

“Agentive Modals” (with Matthew Mandelkern and David Boylan), forthcoming in *The Philosophical Review*.

“I Believe I Can  $\phi$ ” (with Matthew Mandelkern and David Boylan). 2015. Thomas Brochhagen, Floris Roelofsen, and Nadine Thielier, eds. *Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*. 256-265.

“Strengthening Principles and Counterfactual Semantics (with David Boylan). *Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium*, forthcoming.

## Presentations

“Belief and Probability”

Kent Formal Epistemology Conference, December 2017

Arche Graduate Conference, October 2017 (R)

“Strengthening Principles and Counterfactual Semantics”

21st Amsterdam Colloquium, December 2017 (R)

Pacific APA, April 2018 (R)

“Living on the Edge: Against Epistemic Permissivism”

Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, November 2016 (R)

Formal Epistemology Workshop, June 2016 (R)

Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference, April 2016 (R)

“I Believe I can  $\phi$ ” (with Matthew Mandelkern and David Boylan)

20th Amsterdam Colloquium, December 2015 (R)

8th Semantics and Philosophy in Europe Colloquium, University of Cambridge (R)

“Worlds not Properly Ignored”

MIT Epistemology Reading Group, January 2016

“Teleological Explanation in Aristotle’s *Meteorologica*” (with Meg Scharle)

Pacific APA, April 2011 (R)

Comments on Malte Willer, “Two Puzzles on Agentive *Can*”

Central APA, February 2018

Comments on Daniel Greco, “On the Very Idea of an Epistemic Dilemma”

Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2017 (R)

Comments on Rebecca Livernois, “Regretful Decisions and Climate Change”

Athena in Action, Princeton University, August 2016 (R)

## Awards

MIT Presidential Fellowship

Phi Beta Kappa

Commendation for Academic Excellence, Reed College, 2008-2011.

## Teaching

### *Guest Lectures*

- “The Hard Problem of Consciousness” for *Minds and Machines* (Emily McWilliams), Spring 2017
- “Evolutionary Arguments against Naturalism” for *Philosophy of Religion* (Jack Spencer), Fall 2016
- “Hermeneutical Injustice” for *Language, Information, and Power* (Justin Khoo), Fall 2015
- “The Metaphysics of Personal Identity” for *Problems of Philosophy* (Caspar Hare), Fall 2014

### *Teaching Experience*

- Minds and Machines* (Emily McWilliams), Teaching Assistant, Spring 2017
- Philosophy of Religion* (Jack Spencer), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2016
- Moral Problems and the Good Life* (Kieran Setiya), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2015
- Bioethics* (Valentina Urbanek), Teaching Assistant, Spring 2015
- Problems of Philosophy* (Caspar Hare), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2014

## Academic Service

- Referee for *Episteme* and *Oxford Studies in Experimental Philosophy*
- Graduate Student Representative, 2015-2017
- Organizer of MIT Epistemology Reading Group (with Kevin Dorst), 2015-2017
- Organizer of MIT Language, Logic, Metaphysics, and Mind Reading Group, 2014-2015

## Coursework

### *Philosophy of Language and Linguistics*

- Pragmatics in Linguistic Theory, Irene Heim and Danny Fox.
- Advanced Semantics, Kai von Fintel.
- Introduction to Semantics, Roger Schwarzschild and Martin Hackl.
- Independent Study with Stephen Yablo: Intentionality.

### *Epistemology*

- Issues at the Intersection of Epistemology and Ethics, Caspar Hare and Roger White.
- Topics in Epistemology, Roger White.

*Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, and Philosophy of Science*

Color, Alex Byrne, Jack Spencer, and Adam Pautz (Audited).

Explanation, Ned Hall and Brad Skow (Audited).

Fragmentation, Agustin Rayo (Audited).

Materialism, Jack Spencer.

Proseminar, Agustin Rayo and Robert Stalnaker.

Proseminar, Alex Byrne and Stephen Yablo.

*Moral and Social Philosophy*

Topics in Moral Philosophy, Caspar Hare.

Topics in Feminism, Rachel McKinney.

*Formal Methods*

Introduction to Probability, Roger White.

Modal Logic, Stephen Yablo.

**References**

Roger White  
Professor of Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Jack Spencer  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Kieran Setiya  
Professor of Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Caspar Hare (teaching reference)  
Professor of Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Stephen Yablo  
David W. Skinner Professor of Philosophy  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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