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AREAS OF
SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Logic, History of Analytic Philosophy.

AREAS OF
COMPETENCE

Ethics, Philosophy of Science, Logic.

EDUCATION

University of California at Davis, Davis, CA

Ph.D., philosophy, February 2019. GPA: 4.0 (4.0 scale)

- Dissertation: *Counterfactual Dependence and Causation's Arrows*.
- Adviser: Adam Sennet.

San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

M.A., philosophy, May 2011. GPA: 4.0 (4.0 scale)

- Distinguished achievement award for academic excellence.
- Thesis title: "Indeterminacy, Behaviorism, and Realism: Two Essays on Quine's Indeterminacy Theses".
- Advisers: Isabelle Peschard, Bas van Fraassen.

California State University East Bay, Hayward, CA

B.A., philosophy, June 2009. GPA: 4.0 (4.0 scale)

- *Summa cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

- Fisher, Tyrus. (2016) "Counterlegal Dependence and Causation's Arrows: Causal models for counterlegals and backtrackers". *Synthese*, DOI: 10.1007/s11229-016-1189-7.
- Fisher, Tyrus. (2016) "Causal Counterfactuals are not Interventionist Counterfactuals". *Synthese*, DOI: 10.1007/s11229-016-1183-0.
- Fisher, Tyrus. (2011) "Quine's Behaviorism and Linguistic Meaning: Why Quine's Behaviorism is not Illicit". *Philosophia*, 39(1), 51–59.

Coauthored

- Fisher, Tyrus; Sennet, Adam. (2017) "Critical Notice: Ludlow's *Living Words*". *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, DOI: 10.1080/00455091.2017.1321911.
- Fisher, Tyrus; Sennet, Adam. (2014) "Quine on Paraphrase and Regimentation", in Harman and Lepore (Eds) *A Companion to W.V.O. Quine*, Malden: Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 89–113.

PAPERS IN
PREPARATION

- Fisher, Tyrus; Sennet, Adam. “Reverse-Sobel Sequences, NPI Licensing, and Static vs. Dynamic Semantics”.
- Fisher, Tyrus. “Quine on Empirical Adequacy, Truth, and Scientific Realism”.
- Fisher, Tyrus. “Does the Indicative Conditional Entail the Material Conditional?”.
- Fisher, Tyrus. “Right-Embedded Conditionals, Ambiguity, and the Validity of Modus Ponens”.
- Fisher, Tyrus. “Semantic Indeterminacy for the Philosophical Naturalist”.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Does the Indicative Conditional Entail the Material Conditional?”. Florida Philosophical Association Conference, November 2017.
- “Does the Indicative Conditional Entail the Material Conditional?”. Central Valley Philosophy Conference, University of California Merced, October 2017.
- “Interventions and Subjunctive Conditionals”. 3rd Belgrade Conference on Conditionals, University of Belgrade, May 2017.
- “Does the Indicative Conditional Entail the Material Conditional?”. 2nd Belgrade Conference on Conditionals, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, May 2016.
- “Counterlegal Dependence and Causation’s Arrows”. 1st Belgrade Conference on Conditionals, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, May 2015.
- “Counterlegal Dependence and Causation’s Arrows”. American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Symposium Session), St. Louis, Missouri, February 2015.
- “Counterlegal Dependence and Causation’s Arrows”. Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference XVIII—“Philosophy of Science Inside and Out”, Washington State University, July 2014.
- “Counterlegal Dependence and Causation’s Arrows”. North American Summer School for Logic Language and Information, University of Maryland, June 2014.
- “Against a Totality of Equivalence Schema Instances”. Nothing But the Truth Graduate Conference, University of Vienna, March 2012.
- “Quine’s Behaviorism and Linguistic Meaning”. International Graduate Conference Consciousness, Other Minds, and Naturalizing the Mind, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 2010.

HONORS AND
AWARDS

- 2015-16 Provost’s Dissertation Year Fellowship in the Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, University of California Davis, 2015.
- Distinguished Achievement Award for Academic Excellence, San Francisco State Graduate Recognition Ceremony, 2011.
- Essay award, International Graduate Conference, Consciousness, Other Minds, and Naturalizing the Mind, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, 2010.
- (Highest) distinction, masters comprehensive exam, San Francisco State University, Fall 2009.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught (University of California at Davis)

- Theory of Reference (Fall 2018).
- Intermediate Symbolic Logic (Summer 2017).
- Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Summer 2016).
- Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Summer 2014, Summer 2013, Summer 2012).

Courses Taught (Cal State East Bay)

- Workshop in Critical Thinking: Reasoning and Morality (Fall 2017).

Courses Taught (San Francisco State University)

- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2011).
- Critical Thinking (Spring 2011, Fall 2010.)

Teaching Assistantships (University of California at Davis)

- Critical Reasoning (Winter 2019)
- Understanding Scientific Change (Spring 2018).
- Introduction to Philosophy of Biology (Winter 2018).
- Introduction to Ethics (Spring 2017).
- Semantics and Pragmatics (Winter 2017).
- Appraising Scientific Reasoning (Fall 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013).
- Metaphysics (Winter 2015).
- Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Spring 2014, Winter 2013).
- Philosophy of the Physical Sciences: Space and Time (Fall 2014).
- Introduction to Philosophy of Science (Spring 2013, Winter 2012).
- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2012, Fall 2011).

Teaching Assistantships (San Francisco State University)

- Advanced Logic (Spring 2011).
- Formal Logic I (Spring 2010).

WORKSHOP
GROUPS

- Griesemer-Millstein Philosophy of Biology lab group, Davis. (Fall 2011 to present.)
- LLEMMA (Logic, Language, Epistemology, Metaphysics and Math workgroup). (Fall 2014 to present. Founding member and Co-organizer.)
- DaGERS, Davis (Davis Group in Ethics and Related Subjects). (Fall 2015 to present.)

SERVICE

- Co-organizer, UC Davis Summer Solstice Ethics Conference, June 2018.
- Co-organizer, UC Davis DEX Philosophy Conference, March 2018.
- Co-organizer, UC Davis Colloquium Talk: Justin Khoo (MIT) March 2018. “Language, Logic, and Triviality”.
- Co-organizer, UC Davis Colloquium Talk: Rachael Briggs (Stanford), November 2016.
- Speaker, UC Davis Undergraduate Philosophy Club meeting, Spring 2016. “Some Puzzles about Conditionals”.
- Volunteer, Dex Conference, Davis CA, March 2016.
- Session chair, American Philosophical Association, Pacific, San Francisco CA, 2016. Raja Rosenhagen “Seeing as and Seeing That: A Fresh Look at Hanson’s Account of Observation”.
- Speaker, UC Davis Undergraduate Philosophy Club meeting, “Causation and Counterfactuals”, Spring 2015.
- Co-organizer, UC Davis Colloquium Talk: John MacFarlane (UC Berkeley), November 2015.
- Volunteer, DEX Conference, Davis CA, April 2015.
- Co-organizer, UC Davis Colloquium Talk: Rachel Goodman (U Nebraska), November 2014.
- Organizer and Panel Member, graduate-student TA skills workshop, Davis Philosophy Department, Fall 2012–2014.
- Organizer and Coordinator, graduate-student mentor and mentee program, Davis Philosophy Department, Fall 2012–14.
- Session chair, Berkeley Stanford Davis Graduate Conference, Davis CA, 2014: Melissa Fusco, “Causal Decision Theory’s Revenge”.
- Volunteer, DEX Conference, Davis CA, April 2014.
- Co-organizer, UC Davis Colloquium Talk: Angel Pinillos (ASU), November 2013.
- Volunteer, DEX Conference, Davis CA, March 2013.
- Co-organizer, UC Davis Colloquium Talk: Bas van Fraassen (SF State), February 2012.
- Session chair, Berkeley Stanford Davis Graduate Conference, Palo Alto CA, 2012: Bhakthavatsalam, B. “Duhem: A Conditional Probability Realist”.

SELECTED GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Philosophy of Language

- Semantics Pragmatics Interface (Sennet, UC Davis).
- Vagueness (Sennet, UC Davis).
- Approaches to Meaning, Dynamic and Static (Sennet, UC Davis).
- Counterfactuals (Sennet, UC Davis).
- Theory of Reference (May, UC Davis).

- Roots of Contemporary Philosophy of Language (Sennet, UC Davis).
- Minimalism about Truth (Landry, UC Davis).

Philosophy of Science

- Statistical Inference (Lin, UC Davis).
- Philosophy of Biology: Causal Explanation (Griesemer, UC Davis).
- Philosophy of Biology: Reduction and Emergence (Griesemer, UC Davis).
- Science and the Self (Peschard, van Fraassen, SF State).
- Philosophy of Cognitive Science (Peschard, SF State).

Logic / Mathematics

- Set Theory (Antonelli, UC Davis).
- Modal Logic (Antonelli, UC Davis).
- Metalogic (Antonelli, UC Davis).

History of Philosophy

- Logicism, Meaning, and Frege's Puzzle (May, UC Davis).
- The Influence of Wilfred Sellars (Antonelli, UC Davis).
- Twentieth-Century Empiricism: Carnap and Quine (van Fraassen, SF State).

GRADUATE
COURSEWORK,
AUDITED
(NOT FOR CREDIT)

Philosophy of Language

- Modality in Natural Language (Sennet, UC Davis).
- Non-truth-conditional Theories of Meaning (Lin, UC Davis).
- Ludlow's (2014) *Living Words: The Dynamic Lexicon* (Sennet, UC Davis).

Philosophy of Science

- Structural Realism and the Semantic Conception of Theories (Landry, UC Davis).

Philosophy of Logic/Mathematics

- Mathematical Foundations (Landry, UC Davis).
- Philosophical Logic (Bacon, USC).

Epistemology

- Epistemology (Hawthorne, USC).

REFERENCES

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