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Appointments

Assistant Professor, University of New Hampshire Department of Philosophy, 2014-present

Education

Cornell University, Ph.D. Philosophy, January 2014

Dissertation: Philosophy Evolving: Some Perils of Evolutionary Explanation
ADVISOR: Richard Boyd

Harvard University, Exchange Scholar 2009-10

University of London, Birkbeck College, BA (Hons.) 2005

AOS: Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Evolutionary Psychology

AOC: Philosophy of Science, Metaphilosophy, Ethics

Presentations

2019, February, "Difference is the Norm" University of Utah, Salt Lake*

2019, January, "Difference: What it is and What it is Not" APA Eastern Division

2018, November, Keynote "Differently, Different, All the Same" MIT Conference A Mind of One's Own*

2018, September, TBA, University of Cincinnati*

2018, April, "From a Developmental Point of View," UNH Center for Humanities

2018, April, "From a Developmental Point of View," Bridgewater State University*

2017, May, "The Organism Question," Humboldt University, Berlin*

- 2017, April, “People are Strange When You’re a Stranger,” Conference on What Lives Matter/ How Lives Matter, Cardozo School of Law*
- 2017, January, “There is no Such Thing as *the* Organism,” Oakland University*
- 2016, December, “The Developmental Behavioral Landscape,” University of Missouri*
- 2016, October, “The Behavioral Landscape,” Case Western Reserve University*
- 2016, March, Chair, Colloquium on “Values and Scientific Practice,” annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division
- 2016, March, “Population and Individual Development,” First Monday Colloquium, University of New Hampshire
- 2015, September, “Meta-(Bio)Philosophy: An Analysis,” Northern New England Philosophical Association, Bates College
- 2015, August, “Variation is the Natural World and in the Social World,” Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute, PIKSI-Boston, MIT*
- 2015, July, “What Evolutionary Explanations Can’t Do,” International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology (biennial meeting), Université du Québec a Montréal
- 2015, April, “Mind the Gap: Explanatory Pluralism and Evolutionary Explanations of Human Behavior,” University of New Hampshire
- 2015, April, “Mind the Gap: Explanatory Pluralism and Evolutionary Explanations of Human Behavior,” Boston Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, Boston University*
- 2014, November, “Human Psychology from Evolutionary Theory: What’s Warranted?” Amherst College*
- 2013, October, “A Problem for Evolutionary Explanations of Human Behavior,” University of New Hampshire
- 2012, August, “On Applying Evolution to Human Behavior,” Maine Philosophical Institute
- 2012, November, “Why I Am Not an Evolutionary Psychologist,” University of New Hampshire
- 2011, September, “Biological Signals and Human Speech,” Cornell University
- 2011, November, “Uses and Misuses of Evolutionary Theory,” Bowdoin College
- 2008, April, “The Problem of Natural Selection,” Cornell University
- 2008, May, “Why Semantic Natural Kinds?” Cornell University

* Invited presentation.

Publications

Journal Papers and Book Chapters

- (2018) (Forthcoming) “Worlds Within Worlds: A Dilemma for Modal Realism,” *Auslegung: A Journal of Philosophy*.
- (2018) “Why policymaking should not be based on evolutionary accounts of human behavior,” in D. Boonin (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy*
- (2017) “Organisms as persisters,” *Philosophy, Theory, and Practice in Biology* 9(14): <http://dx.doi.org/10.3998/ptb.6959004.0009.014>

Public Philosophy

- (2018) “The Words to Say It,” *Blog of the American Philosophical Association*.
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/09/26/women-in-philosophy-the-words-to-say-it/>
- (2017) “Why philosophy is so important in science education,” *Aeon*:
<https://aeon.co/ideas/why-philosophy-is-so-important-in-science-education>
(translated into Portuguese, Spanish, Romanian, Japanese, Turkish, Italian, and Farsi. Linked on various websites such as Daily Nous, Leiter Reports, *Quartz*, and Big Think.
- (2015) “Philosophical enough,” *Philosophy-her*.
<http://politicalphilosopher.net/2015/03/20/featured-philosophy-her-subrena-smith/>

Work in Progress

1. Under review) “Purposes, Parts and Persons: Reflections on Millikan”
2. “On Difference Amongst Human Beings”
3. “Proximate and ultimate”
4. “Mapping the Behavioral Landscape”
5. “What Evolutionary Explanations Can’t Do”

Teaching

- 2018 Seminar: Biology Sex and Difference
- 2018 Philosophy Workshop, University of New Hampshire
- 2018 Remaking Nature, University of New Hampshire
- 2017 Philosophy Workshop, University of New Hampshire
- 2017 Human Nature and Evolution Honors, University of New Hampshire

- 2016 Introduction to Philosophy
- 2015 Philosophy Workshop, University of New Hampshire
- 2015 Remaking Nature, University of New Hampshire
- 2015 Human Nature and Evolution, University of New Hampshire (twice annually since 2013)
- 2014 Nurture-Nature Seminar, University of New Hampshire
- 2014 Introduction to Philosophy, University of New Hampshire
- 2013 Human Nature and Evolution (Fall and Spring)
- 2012 Why Philosophize? University of Southern Maine
- 2011 Philosophy of Biology, University of New England
- 2010 Introduction to Philosophy: Science and Reality, Cornell University
- 2009 Science and Human Nature, Cornell University, Teaching Assistant
- 2008 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind, Cornell University, Teaching Assistant
- 2008 Introduction to Philosophy, Cornell University, Teaching Assistant
- 2007 Introduction to Philosophy, Cornell University, Teaching Assistant

Service

- 2018 Reviewer, *Erkenntnis An International Journal of Scientific Philosophy*
- 2018 Interview Panelist for UNH Fulbright Applicants
- 2018 Reviewer, *British Journal of the Philosophy of Science*
- 2017- Departmental colloquium organizer
- 2017- Senate Subcommittee on Research and Public Service
- 2016- Department Representative to the Faculty Senate
- 2016- COLA Representative to the UNH Honors committee
- 2016- Job Candidate Mentoring for Women in Philosophy
- 2016- Departmental Representative for Hamel Center for undergraduate Research
- 2016- PIKSI-Boston Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Board Member
- 2015-16 Guest Teaching, Future Leaders Institute, UNH

Awards

- 2015 Center for Humanities Faculty Fellowship, University of New Hampshire
- 2015 Faculty Development Grant, University of New Hampshire.

2012-13 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, University of New Hampshire
2010-11 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University
2009 Diversity Fellowship, Cornell University
2006-07 Sage Fellowship, Cornell University

References

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