

Justis Koon

Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Ethics (including Bioethics), Metaethics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Biology

EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Assistant Professor, Trinity College (Connecticut) 2022 – 2023

EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Ph.D. in Philosophy 2022
Dissertation: "Higher-Order Evidence and Human Evolution"
Committee: Sophie Horowitz (chair), David Christensen, Hilary Kornblith

Tufts University

M.A. in Philosophy 2015

Hamline University

B.A. in Psychology 2010

PUBLICATIONS

- "Recalibrating Evolutionary Debunking," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. To appear
- "The Medical Model, With a Human Face," *Philosophical Studies* 179(12): 3747-3770. 2022
- "The Epistemology of Evolutionary Debunking," *Synthese* 199(5-6): 12155-12176. 2021
- "Options Must Be External," *Philosophical Studies* 177(5): 1175-1189. 2020

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Some titles in this section and the next are redacted to protect blind review.

Paper on evolutionary debunking arguments. Under review.

Paper on calibrationism. Under review.

Paper on moral responsibility. In progress.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Paper on evolutionary debunking, colloquium presentation at the APA Eastern Division. 2023

Paper on moral responsibility, colloquium presentation at the APA Central Division. 2022

“On the Self-Undermining Objection to Evolutionary Debunking Arguments,” symposium presentation at the APA Eastern Division. 2022

“A Defense of the Medical Model,” colloquium presentation at the APA Central Division. 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As sole instructor:

Environmental Philosophy	Spring 2023
Ethics	2 times, most recently in 2023
Introduction to Philosophy	2 times, most recently in 2022
Theory of Knowledge	Fall 2022
Existentialism (at Mount Holyoke College)	Spring 2022
Medical Ethics	4 times, most recently in 2021
Business Ethics	Spring 2019

As teaching assistant:

Introduction to Ethics	4 times, most recently in 2022
Medical Ethics	2 times, most recently in 2020
Existential Philosophy	3 times, most recently in 2018
Justice, Equality, and Liberty	Spring 2013

AWARDS

Department Dissertation Fellowship	2020
Herbert Heidelberger Prize for Outstanding Paper	2017
John Robison Prize for Excellence in Teaching	2017
Puryear Fellowship	2015

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer for Minorities and Philosophy (MAP), UMass Chapter 2021 – 2022

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Courses marked with an asterisk were audited; courses marked with a dagger were taken at Tufts.

Epistemology

- Bayesianism* (Meacham)
- The Uniqueness Thesis (Meacham)
- Internalism and Externalism in Epistemology (Kornblith)
- Disagreement and Testimony† (Ninan)
- Epistemology† (Azzouni)

Ethics/Metaethics/Moral Psychology/Decision Theory

- Epistemology of Ethics* (Kornblith)
- War and Self-Defense* (Graham)
- Puzzles in Decision Theory (Meacham)
- Agency and Self-Knowledge (Kornblith)
- Realism and Objectivity in Ethics & Mathematics (Perez Carballo)
- Punishment* (Graham)
- Agency and Responsibility† (Kelly)
- Evolution of Mind and Morals† (Forber)

Metaphysics

- Free Will (Graham)
- The Metaphysics of David Lewis (Bricker)
- Objects*† (Azzouni)
- Metaphysics† (Epstein)

Philosophy of Science/Philosophy of Biology

- Quantum Mechanics* (Meacham)
- The Arrow of Time (Meacham)
- Newton's *Principia**† (Smith)
- Science Before Newton's *Principia**† (Smith)
- Philosophy of Science† (Smith)
- Philosophy of Biology† (Forber)

History of Philosophy

- Power and Politics in Plato (de Harven)
- Logical Positivism (Klement)
- Modern Philosophy*† (Olfert)
- History of Analytic Philosophy*† (Denby)
- Ancient Philosophy† (Olfert)

Mind

- Reasoning (Kornblith)
- Evolving Minds*† (Dennett)

Cognition, Society, and Culture† (Jackendoff)

Logic

Mathematical Logic (Klement)

Logic† (Epstein)

REFERENCES

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