

# 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, Texas Tech University	2023 – 2024
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,” <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> .	To appear
“The Medical Model, With a Human Face,” <i>Philosophical Studies</i> 179(12): 3747-3770.	2022
“The Epistemology of Evolutionary Debunking,” <i>Synthese</i> 199(5-6): 12155-12176.	2021
"Options Must Be External," <i>Philosophical Studies</i> 177(5): 1175-1189.	2020

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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

Paper on calibrationism. Under review.

Paper on moral responsibility. Under review.

Paper on evolutionary debunking arguments. In progress.

Paper on wild animal suffering. 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:**

Seminar in Epistemology (graduate level)	Fall 2023
Epistemology/Theory of Knowledge	2 times, most recently in 2023
Ethics/Introduction to Ethics	3 times, most recently in 2023
Environmental Philosophy	Spring 2023
Introduction to Philosophy	2 times, most recently in 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  
Graduate Student Senator

2021 – 2022  
2018 – 2019

## **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**

Sophie Horowitz  
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