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## Education

PhD in Philosophy, University of Washington, 2018

*Dissertation:*

Toward a Pragmatic Ontology of Scientific Concepts

*Committee:*

Andrea Woody (Chair), Joseph Rouse, Arthur Fine, Cass Weller, John Manchak

AOS: Scientific Ontology, Philosophy of Science, Naturalism, Pragmatism

AOC: History of 20th Century Philosophy, Formal Logic, Values in Science

MA in Philosophy, University of Washington, 2011

BA in Philosophy, HIGHEST HONORS, Montana State University, 2008

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2017 How Newton Got Lucky: J.D. Trout: Wondrous Truths. *Metascience* (2017) 26: 91.  
2015 Does Science License Metaphysics? *Philosophy of Science* 82 (5):845-855.  
2011 Speculation on Quantum Mechanics and the Operation of Life Giving Catalysts.  
*Origins of Life and Evolution of Biospheres* 41 (1):35-50.

## Grants, Honors, & Awards

- 2017 Graduate Award,  
American Philosophical Association, Central Division  
2016 Presidential Dissertation Fellowship,  
University of Washington Graduate School  
2015 Rader Award for Innovative Research,  
University of Washington  
2015 Dissertation Award,  
Philosophy Department, University of Washington  
2015 Metaphysics of Science Summer School & Workshop,  
Helsinki, Finland  
2012,14,16 NSF Grant,  
Philosophy of Science Association  
2012-13 Excellence in Teaching Award,  
University of Washington Department of Philosophy

## Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- 2017 'Natural Suspicions: What's Unscientific About the A Priori?'  
APA Pacific Conference, Seattle, WA
- 2017 'Putnam, Stein, and Space-Time: What Can Science Do For Philosophy?'  
APA Central Conference, Kansas City, MO
- 2016 'Three Practical Exercises for Teaching the Philosophy of Science'  
Poster Session, Philosophy of Science Association 2016 Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 'Does Science License Metaphysics?'  
Philosophy of Science Association 2014 Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2013 'Empiricism and Van Fraassen's Principle Zero'  
Pacific Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR

## Appointments Held

- 2009-17 Graduate Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Washington
- 2013 Assistant Editor of the *Proceedings of the Philosophy of Science Association*
- 2008-09 Researcher, NASA Astrobiology Institute, Montana State University

## Teaching

### INSTRUCTOR

- 2011-17 Introduction to Formal Logic (14 quarters)
- 2013,16 Perspectives on Science, Reason, and Reality (2)
- 2013-15 Introduction to Philosophy (5)

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

- 2011,15 Contemporary Moral Problems ( 2 )
- 2015 Environmental Ethics
- 2014 Introduction to Ethics
- 2010 Philosophy of Religion
- 2010 Philosophy of Law

## Service to the Profession

### DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

- 2012-16 Chair, Graduate Conference Committee, University of Washington Department of Philosophy
- 2009,15,17 Co-Chair, Department Colloquium Committee
- 2011-12 Department Website Review Committee
- 2010-11 Graduate Colloquium Committee

### SERVICE OUTSIDE DEPARTMENT

- 2014,16,17 Journal Referee, *Philosophy of Science*
- 2012 Chair: Philosophy of Science Association 'Inference to the Best Explanation', San Diego, CA
- 2012 Chair: American Philosophical Association Pacific 'Philosophy of Biology', Seattle, WA