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**EDUCATION**

- 2004 New York University, Ph.D., Philosophy  
Dissertation: "Imagination and Modal Epistemology"  
*Committee:* Ned Block (advisor), Paul Boghossian, Thomas Nagel
- 1997 Stanford University, M.A., Philosophy
- 1991 University of Pennsylvania, B.S.E., Computer Science and Engineering

**EMPLOYMENT**

- 2004–  
present Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Pomona College
- 2002–04 Adjunct Instructor  
New York University
- 1997–2003 Summer Instructor  
New York University

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Metaphysics, History of Modern Philosophy, Logic

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

- 2007 Wilson Career Enhancement Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 1997–2004 Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University

## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Imagination as guide to possibility,” forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

“A neglected way of begging the question,” with Masahiro Yamada, forthcoming in *American Philosophical Quarterly*

“On having no reason: Dogmatism and Bayesian confirmation,” forthcoming in *Synthese*

“On the possibility of skeptical scenarios,” forthcoming in *European Journal of Philosophy*

### WORK IN PROGRESS

“You really do imagine it: Against error theories of imagination,” under review by *Noûs*

“Imagining, inside and out,” under review by *Erkenntnis*

“What makes a good skeptical thought experiment?” under review by *Synthese*

“There is no easy bootstrapping problem,” with Masahiro Yamada, under review by *Philosopher’s Imprint*

“Justification without Vindication,” with Masahiro Yamada, work in progress

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Modal epistemology,” invited by *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (peer reviewed), work in progress.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Commentary on Jared Bates, “Damming the swamping problem, reliably”  
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver, Canada April 2009

“Justification without vindication,” with Masahiro Yamada  
SoCal Epistemology Workshop, UCLA March 2009

“What makes a good skeptical thought experiment?” (commentator Evan Fales)  
Central States Philosophy Association Meeting,  
St. Paul, MN September 2008

“On having no reason” (commentator Matt Kotzen)  
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Pasadena, CA March 2008

“What makes a good skeptical thought experiment?”  
SoCal Epistemology Workshop, UCLA December 2007

- “On having no reason”  
11<sup>th</sup> Southern California Philosophy Conference,  
Cal State Northridge October 2007
- “What we remember”  
Cal State Fullerton October 2006
- Commentary on Janet Levin’s “Della Rocca on essentialism and modal intuitions”  
SoCal Epistemology Workshop April 2006
- “Experiential memory”  
10<sup>th</sup> Southern California Philosophy Conference,  
Cal State Northridge October 2005
- Commentary on Masahiro Yamada’s “Action as control”  
Claremont Graduate University September 2005
- “Imagination and possibility”  
University of California, Riverside. April 2005
- “Imaginability as a guide to possibility”  
9<sup>th</sup> Southern California Philosophy Conference,  
University of California, Irvine October 2004
- “Imagining, inside and out”  
Conference on Knowledge and Imagination,  
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam July 2004
- “How to avoid modal error” (commentator Josh Sheptow, UC Berkeley)  
Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference March 2003
- Commentary on Nico Silins’s “Transmission failure failure”  
Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference March 2003
- “Imagination and possibility”(commentator Bill Brewer, Oxford)  
Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference October 2001
- Commentary on Adam Wager’s “Sensitivity training”  
Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference March 2002
- Commentary on Lisa Bortolotti’s “Bounded rationality and belief ascription”  
Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference April 2001
- “Externalism and closure”  
Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Conference April 1997

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-organizer, Southern California Philosophy Conference 2009–10

Co-founder & organizer, SoCal Epistemology Workshop	April 2006
Session chair, APA Pacific Division Meeting	March 2007
Session chair, APA Pacific Division Meeting	March 2006
Session chair, APA Pacific Division Meeting	March 2005
Session chair, APA Pacific Division Meeting	March 2004
Referee for <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Inquiry</i> , <i>Journal of Philosophical Research</i> , <i>Philosopher's Imprint</i> , Oxford University Press	

### **COLLEGE SERVICE**

2009–10	Faculty Executive Committee (elected) Division I (Humanities) Chair (elected)
2008–09	Ethics Search Committee Curriculum Committee
2007–08	(sabbatical) Political Philosophy Search Committee
2006–07	Philosophy of Science Search Committee Teaching and Learning Committee Asian American Resource Center Advisory Board Philosophy Department Senior Exercise co-coordinator
2005–06	President's Teaching and Learning Task Force Teaching and Learning Committee Ethics Visiting Search Committee Social and Political Philosophy Visiting Search Committee Philosophy Department Senior Exercise co-coordinator
ongoing	Philosophy Department web developer and webmaster Freshman adviser (2005–07, 2008–09)