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Areas of specialization

Epistemology • Moral Philosophy • Classical Indian Philosophy in Sanskrit

Areas of competence

Philosophy of Language • Philosophy of Mind • Philosophical Logic

Employment

2016-	Assistant Professor, NYU Shanghai
2016-2017	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Education

2016	PhD in Philosophy (with minor in Linguistics), MIT Dissertation Topic: *Epistemic Stability* Committee: Roger White (Chair), Julia Markovits, Robert Stalnaker and Stephen Yablo
2011	MA in Philosophy (with specialization in Mathematical Logic), Jadavpur University, Kolkata (First Class)
2009	BA (Honours) in Philosophy (with minor in Sanskrit and Mathematics), Jadavpur University, Kolkata (First Class)

Selected grants, honors & awards

2014	The Taraknath Das Foundation Fellowship, Columbia University
2011-2012	Presidential Fellowship, MIT

2011	Rhodes Scholarship (Declined)
2011	University Medal, Gopinath Bhattacharyya Medal and Satish Chandra De Medal, Jadavpur University
	(for scoring highest marks in M.A. Examinations in Philosophy and across all humanities courses)
2010-2011	SYLFF (The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund) Fellowship
	(selected on the basis of open competition in Jadavpur University)
2010	Pranab Kumar Sen Memorial Scholarship, Jadavpur University
	(for scoring highest marks in M.A. 1st year Examinations in Philosophy)
2009	University Medal and Pandit Panchanan Sastri Medal, Jadavpur University
	(for scoring highest marks in B.A. Examinations in Philosophy)

Publications

Forthcoming	'Transparency and the KK Principle' (with Bernhard Salow), forthcoming at *Noûs*
2011	'Lakṣaṇā as Inference', *Journal of Indian Philosophy*, 39: 4-5, pp. 353-366.

Refereed Presentations

2016	'Fragmented Evidence', Humboldt Normativity Conference, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
2016	'Fragmented Evidence', St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, University of Missouri, St. Louis, and WUSTL
2016	'Knowledge and Moral Worth', NYU General Colloquium
2016	'Immortality, Speech, and Inquiry', 13th South Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago
2015	'Transparency and the KK Principle'(joint work with Bernhard Salow), Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association (presented by B. Salow)
2015	'Transparency and the KK Principle', Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh
2015	'Knowledge and Safety from Future Defeat', MIT Alumni Conference (MITing of the Minds), MIT
2014	'A Problem for Radical Probabilism', UT Austin Graduate Conference in Philosophy, UT Austin
2014	'The Zero Denominator Problem', Formal Epistemology Workshop (Poster Session), Caltech
2014	'Moral Heroism', UCLA-USC Graduate Conference in Philosophy, University of Southern California
2013	'Moral Heroism', VIII Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Brown
2013	'Nyāya on Cognitive Penetratibility', Workshop on Mind and Attention in Indian Philosophy, Harvard
2013	'Indicative Conditionals and Epistemic Priority', Rutgers-Princeton Philosophy Graduate Conference
2012	'Belief and Conceptual Structure' (co-authored with Ian Wells), Northwestern-Notre Dame Epistemology Conference

Invited Presentations/Comments

2015   Commentator-at-large, Penn Reasons and Foundations of Epistemology Workshop, University of Pennsylvania

2013   'Knowledge from Falsehood', Presidency University, Kolkata

Teaching

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant, *Bioethics* (for Professor Valentia Urbanek)

Fall 2014 Teaching Assistant, *Ethics* (for Professor Kieran Setiya)

Spring 2014 Teaching Assistant, *Paradox and Infinity* (2 sections, for Professor Agustin Rayo)

Spring 2013 Teaching Assistant, *Minds and Machines* (for Professor Alex Byrne)

Fall 2012 Teaching Assistant, *Problems of Philosophy* (for Professor Caspar Hare)

WRITING ADVICE

Fall 2014 Writing Advisor, *Minds and Machines* (for Professor Alex Byrne)

GUEST LECTURES

Fall 2015 Guest Lecture, Boyd's "How to be a Moral Realist", *Metaethics* (for Professor Justin Khoo)

Fall 2014 Guest Lecture, "The Problem of Old Evidence", *Foundations of Probability* (for Professor Roger White)

Spring 2014 Guest Lecture, "Surprise Examination Paradox", *Paradox and Infinity* (for Professor Agustin Rayo)

INDEPENDENT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Winter 2014 Joint Instructor, *A Primer on Bayesian Epistemology*, MIT (co-taught with Ian Wells to graduate students)

Winter 2014 Principal Instructor, *Workshop on Evidence*, MIT

Coursework

(Courses marked with '^{A}' are audited courses, while those marked with '^{H}' are courses taken at Harvard.)

Proseminar I: Frege to Carnap (Rayo, Holton)
Proseminar II: Quine to Kripke (Stalnaker Yablo)
Aristotle's Ethics (Korsgaard)^H
How To Be Good (Markovits)
Topics in the Philosophy of Law (Markovits)^A
Philosophy of Religion (Byrne, Langton)

Modal Logic (Stalnaker)
Logic II: Incompleteness Theorems (McGee)
Truth (McGee)
Epistemology Survey (White)[A]
Foundations of Probability (White)
Game Theory (Stalnaker)
Epistemic Role of Consciousness (Smithies)[A]
Topics in Metaphysics: Representation and Fragmentation (Rayo)
Topics in Philosophy of Language: Conditionals (Stalnaker)
Introduction to Semantics (Hackl, von Fintel)
Advanced Semantics (Heim)
The Linguistics of the Conversational Scoreboard (von Fintel, Iatridou, Khoo)

Academic Service

2016	Referee for *Mind*
2014-2015	Organizer, MIT Dissertation Workshop
2014	Co-organizer, The 2014 Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy
2013-2015	Co-organizer, MIT Epistemology Reading Group
2012-2013	Co-organizer, MIT Work-in-Progress Reading Group
2012	Co-organizer, MITing of the Minds (the MIT Philosophy Alumni Conference)

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