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Abbreviated CV (January 25, 2019)

Academic appointments

Hofstra University, Associate Professor (2011–present); Assistant Professor (2004–2011)
(previously adjunct instructor at four other universities, 2000–2004)

Education

PhD (2004) University of Minnesota, Philosophy; minor: Studies in Science and Technology

Dissertation: *Exceptions Make the Rules: The Role of Disturbing Conditions in Ecological Theorizing*

Committee: C. Kenneth Waters (adviser), John Beatty, Helen Longino, Ronald N. Giere

BA (1996) Kenyon College, Philosophy; minor: Biology; with Distinction on senior exercise in Philosophy

Publications (recent)

Journal articles and book chapters

“Ecological Interdependence via Constraints.” 2018. *Philosophy of Science* 85 (5): 1115–1126.

“Ecological Objects for Environmental Ethics.” 2014. In *Linking Ecology and Ethics for a Changing World*, edited by Ricardo Rozzi, Steward T.A. Pickett, Clare Palmer, Juan Armesto, and J. Baird Callicott, 219–229. Springer.

“Competition Theory and Channeling Explanation.” 2011. *Philosophy & Theory in Biology* 3:1.

“Hempel’s Provisos and *Ceteris Paribus* Clauses.” 2011. *Journal for General Philosophy of Science* 42 (2): 207–218.

“The Legend of Order and Chaos: Communities and Early Community Ecology.” 2011. In *Philosophy of Ecology*, edited by Kevin deLaplante, Bryson Brown, and Kent Peacock, 49–107. Volume 11 of *Handbook of the Philosophy of Science*. Elsevier BV.

“Method and Metaphysics in Clements’s and Gleason’s Ecological Explanations.” 2007. *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences* 38 (1): 85–109.

Book reviews and commentaries

“Biodiversity as a General, Scientific Concept.” 2015. *Ethics, Policy & Environment* 18 (1): 41–43.

“Earth in Perspective,” review of *Life of Earth*, by Stanley A. Rice. 2012. *BioScience* 62 (1): 93–94.

Essay review of *Darwinism and Its Discontents*, by Michael Ruse. 2009. *Metaphilosophy* 40 (5): 702–710.

Research presentations (recent)

Comment on “Nested Hierarchies and the Structure of Ecology” by David McElhoses, American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, invited (March 2016)

Comment on “*Ceteris Paribus* Laws and *Minutis Rectis* Laws” by Luke Fenton-Glynn, Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Rutgers University, invited (September 2015)

“Emergent Properties are not the Right Way to Defend the Existence of Communities” International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Montreal, Canada (July 2015)

“Biological Communities as Objects” University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg (May 2014)

“What are ecological communities?” International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology, Salt Lake City, Utah (July 2011)

“Future directions” panel presentation. 2011 Cary Conference, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, Millbrook, New York (May 2011)

Grants and awards (selected)

Mentor of the Year, Hofstra University (2017)

Lawrence A. Stessin Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Publication, for “Competition Theory and Channeling Explanation,” Hofstra University (2012)

Research Fellowship for one semester visit, Sydney Centre for the Foundations of Science, University of Sydney, Australia (2009)

Editorial

Philosophy, Theory, and Practice in Biology, Executive Editor (2016–present)

PhilPapers, Ecology and Conservation Biology section editor (2011–present)

Epidemiologic Perspectives & Innovations, Associate Editor (2005–2009)

Refereeing

Philosophy journals: *Biology & Philosophy*; *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*; *Endeavour*; *Erkenntnis*; *Ethics*; *Policy & Environment*; *Philosophies*; *Philosophy & Theory in Biology*; *Philosophy of Science*; *Studies in History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Sciences*

Science journals: *Acta Biotheoretica*; *Acta Oecologica*; *American Midland Naturalist*; *Biological Theory*; *BioScience*; *Epidemiologic Perspectives & Innovations*

Books/presses: Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Oxford University Press; University of California Press

Societies: Central States Philosophical Association

Courses taught at Hofstra

PHI 010 Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 014 Introduction to Ethics

PHI 14F Philosophy of Health and Wellness (First-Year Seminar)

PHI 14S Environmental Philosophy (First-Year Seminar)

PHI 115 Philosophical Ideas in Literature

PHI 101 Ecology and Environmentalism

PHI 152 Scientific Reasoning

PHI 154 Symbolic Logic

PHI 160 Philosophy of the Arts

PHI 161 Philosophy of Science

PHI 162 Philosophy of Biology

PHI 193 Honors Thesis

HUHC 011 Culture & Expression Fall (Honors College)

HUHC 012 Culture & Expression Spring (Honors College)

BIO 108/217 Ornithology (undergrad) and Biology of Birds (grad)

BIO 108L/217L Ornithology Lab (undergrad) and Biology of Birds Lab (grad)
(also independent studies in philosophy of science and philosophy of art)

Professional memberships

Philosophy of Science Association

International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology

The International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science

American Society of Naturalists

Ecological Society of America

American Ornithological Society

American Association of University Professors

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