

Kelly Becker, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Areas of Specialization

Epistemology
Philosophy of Language and Mind
20th Century Analytic Philosophy
Quine

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics
Logic

Education

University of California, San Diego Ph.D. in Philosophy, June, 1999	Fall, 1992 to Spring, 1999
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA B.A. 1991 with Honors (Philosophy)	Summer, 1990 to Spring, 1991
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN B.S. 1988 with Distinction (Management; Philosophy Minor)	Fall, 1984 to Winter, 1988

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, University of New Mexico	Fall, 2007 to Present
Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico	Fall, 2002 to Spring, 2007

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Philosophy	Philosophy of Mind
Reasoning and Critical Thinking	Seminar on W.V. Quine
Ancient Philosophy	Seminar on Philosophy of Language
Theory of Knowledge	Seminar on Skepticism
Sentential and First-Order Predicate Logic	Seminar on Contextualist and Virtue Epistemologies
	Seminar on Williamson's <i>Knowledge and its Limits</i>

Assistant Professor, Tenure Track, Centre College	Fall, 1999 to Summer, 2002
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Courses Taught:

Introduction to Philosophy	Ethics
Practical Logic	Ancient Philosophy
Philosophy of Language	Seminar on Thought Experiments
Upper-Division Theory of Knowledge	Sentential and First-Order Predicate Logic
Humanities: Ancient Greece and Rome	

Research

Dissertation

Meaning Holism: An Articulation and Defense

Committee: Philosophy: Paul Churchland, Patricia Kitcher, Gila Sher, Steven Yalowitz
Cognitive Science: David Kirsh and John Batali

Publications (Book)

Epistemology Modalized (Routledge, 2007). (This is a monograph that critically assesses extant versions of modalized epistemology and defends the thesis that knowledge is reliably formed, sensitive true belief.)

Publications (Papers)

“Contrastivism and Lucky Questions,” *Philosophia*, June, 2009.

“Margins for Error and Sensitivity: What Nozick Might Have Said,” *Acta Analytica*, January, 2009.

“Epistemic Luck and the Generality Problem,” *Philosophical Studies*, June, 2008.

“Reliabilism and Safety,” *Metaphilosophy*, October, 2006.

“Is Counterfactual Reliabilism Compatible with Higher-Level Knowledge?” *Dialectica*, February, 2006.

“Knowing and Possessing Knowledge,” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, January, 2004.

“Individualism and Self-Knowledge: *Tu Quoque*,” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, July, 2002.

“Kuhn’s Vindication of Quine and Carnap,” *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, April, 2002.

“Understanding Quine’s Famous ‘Statement’,” *Erkenntnis*, July, 2001.

“On the Perfectly General Nature of Instability in Meaning Holism,” *Journal of Philosophy*, December, 1998.

Publications (Other: Reviews; Encyclopedia Articles)

“Reliabilism,” in *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, August, 2009.

“Review of Quentin Smith, ed. *New Essays in Epistemology*,” forthcoming in *Mind*.

Works Under Review or In Progress

“Methods and How to Individuate Them”

“Externalism and Closure Violations”

Research (cont'd)

Conference and Colloquia Presentations

Original Papers

“Title TBD,” presented at Simon Fraser University, November, 2009.

“Contrastivism and Relevant Alternatives,” presented at Linguistics and Philosophy Conference, Aberdeen (UK), May, 2007.

“Epistemic Luck and the Generality Problem,” presented at The University of Manchester (UK), February, 2007.

“Reliabilism and Safety,” presented at Virtue Epistemology Conference, University of Stirling (Scotland), November, 2004.

“Reliabilism and the Skeptical Paradox,” presented at the American Philosophical Association Pacific Meeting, March, 2004.

“Why Justification Is Important, and Why It Has Little to Do with Knowledge,” presented at the Central States Philosophical Association, October, 2003.

“Anti-Individualism and Self-Knowledge,” presented at The University of New Mexico Philosophy Colloquium, January, 2002.

- Also presented at The University of Delaware, February 2002. (Invited)

“Kuhn’s Vindication of Quine *and* Carnap,” (short version) presented at The APA Central Division Meeting, May, 2001.

“Kuhn’s Vindication of Quine *and* Carnap,” (long version) presented at The University of Kentucky Philosophy Colloquium, March, 2001.

“The Significance of a ‘Trivial’ Thesis,” presented at The Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting, April, 2000.

- Also presented at the Kentucky Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, November, 1999.

“Is Logic Compatible with Quine’s Rejection of Analyticity?” presented at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February, 2000.

“What Has the Quine-Duhem Thesis to Do with Meaning Holism?” presented at the University of California, San Diego Philosophy Colloquium, December, 1998.

Comments

“Comment on Geoffrey Pynn’s ‘The Bayesian Explanation of Transmission Failure’,” presented at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February, 2010.

“Comment on Julianne Chung’s ‘The Assumptions Account of Knowledge Attributions’,” presented at the American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting, February, 2009.

“Comment on Samuel Ruhmkorff’s ‘Partial Belief and the No-Distinction Problem’,” presented at the Central States Philosophical Association Conference, October, 2005.

“Comment on J.M. Fritzman’s ‘Margolis’ Biopsy of Recent Analytic Philosophy: A Second Opinion’,” presented at the Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February, 2000.

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University Service Work and Committees

University of New Mexico

Graduate Advisor/Director

Undergraduate Advisor

MA and Ph.D. Thesis Committees

Numerous Ad Hoc Subcommittees

Graduate Advisory Committee

Qualifying Exam Committees

Coordinator, Logic and Critical Thinking

(Taught by Graduate TAs)

Service to Philosophical Community

Manuscript referee for Routledge

Referee for:

Acta Analytica

American Philosophical Quarterly

Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Erkenntnis

Noûs

Philosophia

Synthese

Program Committee, APA Pacific Division, 2005 to 2008

(I conceived and organized invited sessions, refereed papers, and organized sessions on accepted papers.)

Co-editor, JanusBlog, A Virtue Theory Discussion Group

Fellowships and Awards

Gunter Starkey (Outstanding Arts and Sciences) Teaching Award Winner

AY 06-07

Gunter Starkey Teaching Award Nominee

AY 04-05 and 05-06

University of New Mexico Research Term

Spring, 2005

Centre College Course Development Stipend

Summer, 2001

Centre College Summer Research Stipend

Summer, 2000

UCSD Dissertation Fellowship

Winter, 1998; Fall, 1997; Fall, 1996

UCSD Academic Senate Summer Research Grants

1998 and 1996

Graduation with Honors, University of Pittsburgh

1991

Graduation with Distinction, University of Minnesota

1988

Languages

French – reading, some writing and speaking

German – reading