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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, The University of Texas at Austin, 2011-exp. 2018

Pragmatic Encroachment: Entailments and Evaluation

Pragmatic Encroachment, the view that knowledge is sensitive to one's practical situation, is a marked departure from traditional epistemology. A popular way of endorsing it requires that one's evidence be practically adequate. I derive the following entailments from this view: one can gain knowledge that p by getting evidence against p , there is a significantly stronger evidential requirement for knowing atheism than there is for Christianity, pluralism about intrinsic values is false, and some tiny bets can bring about very strong evidential requirements. I argue that these entailments count as evidence against Pragmatic Encroachment.

M.A. Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Talbot School of Theology, 2011.

B.A. Philosophy, Ouachita Baptist University, 2007.

Area of Specialization

Epistemology

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

Publications

"Evidence Against Pragmatic Encroachment" (with Timothy Pickavance) *Philosophical Studies* 172(12):3135-3143.

"Wagering on Pragmatic Encroachment" (with Timothy Pickavance) (forthcoming) In *Oxford Studies of Philosophy of Religion*. Oxford.

Presentations

Refereed

"Evidence Against Pragmatic Encroachment" Central European University, Budapest (July 2014)

"Wagering on Pragmatic Encroachment" Oxford University (March 2013)

"A New Cost for Denying Closure" Talbot Philosophical Society Graduate Conference (April 2011)

Invited

"An Anti-Physicalist Argument from Vagueness" Pepperdine University (September 2013), and Biola University (September 2013)

"Defending the Knowledge Norm of Assertion" Biola University (September 2010)

Comments

Remarks on "Defeating the Objection from Randomness" by Jonathan Morgan (University of Texas at Austin), UT MLK Conference (January 2014).

Remarks on "The Contingent Present" by Andrew Bailey (Notre Dame), Biola University (May 2009).

Teaching Experience

The University of Texas at Austin

Primary instructor for *Contemporary Moral Problems* – Spring 2017

Primary instructor for *Argument* – Spring 2016

Primary instructor for *Introduction to Philosophy* – Fall 2015

Teaching assistant for *Knowledge and Reality* – Spring 2015

Teaching assistant for *Contemporary Moral Problems* – Spring 2014

Teaching assistant for *Ideas of the 20th Century* – Fall 2013

Teaching assistant for *Discovery of Freedom* – Spring 2013

Teaching assistant for *Introduction to Philosophy* – Fall 2012

St. Edwards University

Primary instructor for *Introduction to Ethics* – Fall 2013, Spring 2014, and Fall 2014

Biola University

Teaching assistant for *Introduction to Ethics* – Spring 2011

Teaching assistant for *Introduction to Philosophy* – Fall 2010

Talbot School of Theology

Teaching assistant for *Introduction to Epistemology* – Spring 2010

Teaching assistant for *Symbolic Logic* – Fall 2009

Service

Co-director of the 2013 UT Austin Graduate Student Conference

Director of the 2011 Talbot Philosophical Society Conference

Committee member for the 2009 and 2010 Talbot Philosophical Society Conference.

Awards

Cogburn Essay Prize: Winner for "Wagering on Pragmatic Encroachment"

Cogburn Essay Prize: Honorable Mention for "A New Cost for Denying Closure"