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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of Language

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Classical Chinese Philosophy

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Texas at Austin. May 2015.

Dissertation: “Speaking Indirectly: Theories of Non-Literal Meaning in Indian Philosophy.”

Committee: Stephen Phillips (chair), Ray Buchanan, Josh Dever, Hans Kamp, Lawrence McCrea

M.A. Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), University of Missouri-St. Louis. 2006.

B.A. English, Spanish (with honors), Grove City College. 2000.

EMPLOYMENT

- Assistant Professor, Yale-NUS College, Humanities Division (Philosophy) June 2015-present
- Courtesy Joint Appointment to Department of Philosophy, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, National University of Singapore January 2016-present

BOOKS

- *Controversial Reasoning in Indian Philosophy: Major Texts and Arguments on Arthâpatti*. Bloomsbury Academic Publishing. July 2020
- *Language, Meaning, and Use in Indian Philosophy: An Introduction to Mukula's “Fundamentals of the Communicative Function.”* Bloomsbury Academic Publishing. May 2019

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Debating with Fists and Fallacies: Vācaspati Miśra and Dharmakīrti on Norms of Argumentation.” *International Journal of Hindu Studies*. (accepted, forthcoming) Forthcoming
- “Knows-Knows in Mīmāṃsā: Pārthasārathi and Kumārila on *svataḥ*” Forthcoming

- prāmāṇya.*" *Philosophy East and West.* (accepted, forthcoming)
- "Metaphor or Delusion? A Mīmāṃsaka's Response to Conceptual Metaphor Theory." *Philosophy East and West.* 70(2) 395-423. 2019
 - "(Close) the Door; the King (is Going): The Development of Elliptical Resolution in Bhāṭṭa Mīmāṃsā." *Journal of Indian Philosophy.* 45(5) 911-938. 2017
 - "Metonymy and Metaphor as Verbal Postulation: The Epistemic Status of Non-Literal Speech in Indian Philosophy." *Journal of World Philosophies.* 2(1). Summer. 2017
 - "How Do We Gather Knowledge through Language?" with Elisa Freschi. *Journal of World Philosophies.* 2(1). Summer. 2017
 - "Thinking about Embedded Metaphors." *Journal of Pragmatics.* 88:19-26. 2015
 - "The Cow is to Be Tied Up: Sort-Shifting in Classical Indian Philosophy." *History of Philosophy Quarterly.* 30(4) 331-332. 2013
 - "Mukulabhaṭṭa's Defense of *Lakṣaṇā*: How We Use Words to Mean Something Else, but Not Everything Else." *Journal of Indian Philosophy.* 41(4) 439-461. 2013
 - Reprinted in Jonardon Ganeri, *Indian Philosophy*, Vol 4, "Being and Truth," London: Taylor & Francis, 2016.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES & BIBLIOGRAPHIES

An * indicates that the entry is subject to peer review.

- *"*Pramāṇa.*" Invited contribution to *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, eds. Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro, Wiley-Blackwell. Forthcoming
- *"The Literal/Non-Literal Distinction in Indian Philosophy." *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy.* (Winter 2016 Edition), Edward N. Zalta (ed.). URL = <<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2016/entries/literal-nonliteral-india/>>. 2016
- *"Epistemology (*Pramāṇas*)." with Matthew R. Dasti, *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, Hinduism. 2016

PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- “In Nyāya philosophy, only some debates are worth having,” *Psyche* Dec 3 2020
 (<https://psyche.co/ideas/in-nyaya-philosophy-only-some-debates-are-worth-having>)
 “Ideas” piece arguing that Nyāya philosophical distinctions among kinds of debate can inform contemporary thinking on the subject.
- “The Aesthetic Ingredients of Holiday Romance,” *PEA Soup* Nov 30 2020
 (<http://peasoup.us/2020/11/the-aesthetic-ingredients-of-holiday-romance/>)
 Popularizing philosophy piece explaining how *rasa* theory of Ānandavardhana can be applied to modern Hallmark Christmas movies.
- Sutras (and Stuff) Podcast 2020
 Short-form episodes focusing on a single topic in premodern Indian philosophy and their relevance to the modern day.
www.sutrasandstuff.com
- New Books Network, Language Channel, Interviews 2020
 Long-form interviews focusing on recent scholarly volumes in language.
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/category/politics-society/language/>

BOOK REVIEWS

- ShashiPrabha Kumar, “Categories, Creation and Cognition in Vaiśeṣika Philosophy,” *Journal of Comparative Literature and Aesthetics*, Vol. 43, No. 1., 139-141. 2020
- Ethan Mills’ “Three Pillars of Skepticism in Classical India: Nāgārjuna, Jayarāśi, and Śrī Harṣa.” *Journal of Dharma Studies* (50). Published online 31 August 2019
- Keya Maitra’s “The Philosophy of the *Bhagavad Gītā*: A Contemporary Introduction.” *Philosophy East & West*. 69(3). doi: 10.1353/pew.2019.0075 2019
- Roy Tzohar’s “A Yogācāra Buddhist Theory of Metaphor.” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. August 2018. 2018
- Amber Carpenter’s “Indian Buddhist Philosophy.” *Philosophy East & West*. 65(4) October 2015. 2015
- Christopher G. Framarin’s “Desire and Motivation in Indian Philosophy. Routledge Hindu Studies.” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*. 133(1)160-62. 2013

UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

- Journal article: Evaluates the Nyāya philosopher Vācaspati Miśra's reply to the Buddhist Dharmakīrti regarding the legitimacy of fallacies in argumentative contexts. Accepted with minor revisions
- Journal article: Shows the relevance for three philosophical commentaries on Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa's *Ślokavārttika* for understanding the epistemic principle of "intrinsic validity." In preparation
- Book manuscript: Argues that the Comparison Section of Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa's *Ślokavārttika* shows the systemic nature of his thought, interconnecting metaphysics, epistemology, language, and philosophy of mind. In preparation, one supporting grant application under review
- Book manuscript: Argues for the contemporary relevance of Nyāya philosophy for public discourse, in particular as a tool for training in critical thinking and conversation. In preparation, one supporting grant application under review

INVITED TALKS

- "Debating with Fists and Fallacies: Dharmakīrti and Vācaspati Miśra on the Norms of Argumentation," Birkbeck University of London, Department of Philosophy Weekend Workshop, November 21, 2020. 2020
- "Pārthasārathi Miśra and Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa on Intrinsic 'Validity,'" Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, January 23, 2020. 2020
- Secondary Meaning in Mukula Bhaṭṭa's *Abhidhāvṛttamātrkā*, SOAS University of London, January 22, 2020. 2020
- "Knowledge Beyond Sense-Perception: Inference in the Indian Philosopher Annambhaṭṭa" National University of Singapore, Tembusu College, Fellow's Tea, February 14 2019. 2019
- "Similarity Judgments in Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa: Why is an Elephant Not Like a Haystack?" Nanyang Technological University, February 12 2019. 2019
- "Solving Poetic Puzzles: Mukula Bhaṭṭa against Ānandavardhana's Theory of Suggestion." India International Centre, New Delhi. Part of Dhvani Workshop, organized by Mrinal Kaul and Abhyas Trust, March 2018. 2018
- "Metaphor or Delusion? Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa on Figurative Language." University of Delhi, Philosophy Department, March 2018. 2018
- "Postulating Poetic Meanings: *Arthāpatti* in Mukula Bhaṭṭa's Theory of 2018

Communication.” Jawaharlal Nehru University, Philosophy Department, February 2018.

- “Metaphor or Delusion? Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa on Figurative Language.” 2018
Ashoka University, Philosophy Department, February 2018.
- “The Self is a Sky-Flower: Buddhists and Mīmāṃsā on Non-Referring Terms.” International Seminar, The Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, India, January 2018. 2018
- “Metaphor or Delusion? Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa on the Status of Figurative Language.” Keynote, Quadrangle Graduate Conference in Asian Philosophy, National Chengchi University, Taipei, April 2017. 2017
- “Knowing What is Elided.” Underwood International College at Yonsei University, Seoul, October 2016. 2016
- “Is Ellipsis Completion Knowledge? Putting Words in their Place through Postulation.” Kyoto University Department of Philosophy, June 10 2016. 2016

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Why is a Haystack Not Like and Elephant? Similarity Judgments in Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa’s *upamānapariccheda*.” Accepted to the American Oriental Society, Boston, MA. March 20-23, 2020. Conference cancelled due to COVID-19. 2020
- “Kumāriḷa Bhaṭṭa on the Metaphor of Self.” Yogācāra Studies Unit: Reading Vasubandhu’s *Triṃśikā* and Its Commentaries, American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA. 2017
- “Conventional Truth, Metaphor, and Meaning.” Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Session, American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA. 2017
- “Is Ellipsis Completion Knowledge? Linguistic Interpretation in Classical Indian Philosophy.” International Conference on Ethno-Epistemology, Kanazawa, Japan. 2016
- “Putting Words in their Place: Elliptical Completion through Postulation.” East-West Philosopher’s Conference, University of Hawai’i-Mānoa, Honolulu, Hawaii. 2016
- “*Mantras*, Meaning, and the *Mahāvākya*: Explorations in Mīmāṃsā 2015

Pragmatics.” Annual Conference for the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, October 2015.

- “From Talking about Particular Things to Reasoning about their General Names: The Realist-Nominalist Debate in Uddyotakara, Kumārila and Śāntarakṣita.” Annual Conference for the Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, June 2014. 2014
- “Against Inference: Ānandavardhana on the Status of Suggestive Language.” New England Association for Asian Studies Conference, October 2013. 2013
- “How Can I Know What You Mean? Implication, Inference, and *Dhvani*.” Annual Meeting for the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science, October 2012. 2012
- “*Lakṣaṇā* and Sort-Shifting in Mukula Bhaṭṭa's *Abhidhāvṛttimātrkā*” Pacific APA, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, April 2012. 2012

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- Organizer, “Workshop on *arthāpatti*.” Yale-NUS College. Contributions to *Major Texts and Arguments on Reasoning in Indian Philosophy: A Guide to Arthāpatti*, under contract with Bloomsbury. 2018
- Eastern APA Committee Session: “Building Bridges in Indian Philosophy: Across Traditions and World-Views.” Panel Organizer and Chair. For the APA Committee on Asian and Asian-American Philosophers and Philosophies. 2017

SELECTED SEMINAR PARTICIPATION

- Book Manuscript Workshop, “Language, Meaning, and Use in Indian Philosophy” (formerly titled *Understanding Indian Philosophy of Language*) with Lawrence McCrea, Parimal Patil, Anand Vaidya at Harvard University, South Asian Studies Department. 2018
- Workshop on Rasa theory with C. Rajendran (Retired Professor, Calicut University) at Manipal University, Centre for Religious Studies, Manipal, India. 2017
- Readings in Pāṇini and in Patañjali's *Mahābhāṣya* with R.K. Sharma (Visiting Professor, South Asian Studies Department, Penn State University) at the Yoga Society of New York, Monroe, NY. 2013

- Theories of Communication: International Summer School in Cognitive Sciences & Semantics sponsored by University of Latvia, Riga and McMaster University. Faculty: Elisabeth Camp, Ernie Lepore, Peter Ludlow, Dan Sperber, Matthew Stone, Deirdre Wilson. 2012
- Words of Wisdom: Toward a Western Terminology for Buddhist Texts sponsored by Stanford University and the University of California at Berkeley, at the Mangalam Research Center. Faculty: Carmen Dragonetti, Luis Gómez, Michael Hahn, Paul Harrison, Fernando Tola. 2010

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Competitive Internal Grant, Yale-NUS College: Awarded SG\$11,000 grant for “Comparison in Hindu Philosophy,” research on book about Hindu philosopher Kumārila Bhaṭṭa (ca. 700 CE) during academic study leave (AY2019-20, semester 2). 2019
- National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend: Awarded US\$6000 competitive grant for research and leading to the publication of a book about Hindu philosopher Kumārila Bhaṭṭa (ca. 700 CE), which will include select English translations. 2019
- Teaching Innovation Grant, Yale-NUS College: Awarded SG\$3735 competitive grant to support a Philosophy Major impact assessment via student survey methods. 2018
- Competitive Internal Grant, Yale-NUS College: Grant for tenure-track faculty first books to support a workshop hosted by the Harvard University, South Asian Studies department on *Abhidhāvr̥ttamātr̥kā* translation and philosophical commentary: *Language, Meaning, and Use in Indian Philosophy*. 2017
- Competitive Internal Grant, Yale-NUS College: Awarded a two-year, SG\$49,500 grant to support an edited volume of translations and essays on the topic of *arthāpatti*, an instrument of knowledge in classical Indian epistemology. 2017
- JY Pillay Fellowship, Yale-NUS College: Awarded a two-year, SG\$20,000 fellowship as part of the J Y Pillay Global-Asia Programme at Yale- NUS, a programme which enables the design and development of innovative academic and student programs that integrate Western and Asian ideas and cultures. 2016
- Travel Grant, American Philosophical Association: Competitive grant to 2015

attend and participate in the Teaching and Learning Seminar for early career scholars at the American Association of Philosophy Teachers' 20th Biennial International Workshop-Conference.

- Continuing Fellowship, Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin: Two or three students per academic year are nominated by the department based on major accomplishments and a well-defined program of research. 2013
- Billy Bob Draeger Graduate Research Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Texas at Austin: Awarded from the College of Liberal Arts to humanities students based on academic merit. 2012

STUDENT SUPERVISION

- Helke, T. (Doctoral) Philosophy of Conditionals, 2016 - 2018 (Committee Co-Supervisor)
- Undergraduate Capstone Supervisor since 2017 to two students per academic year, on average

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Yale-NUS College (Assistant Professor)

1. Analogical Reasoning & Metaphor (3x)
2. Classical Indian Philosophy
3. Classical Indian Philosophy of Language (3x)
4. Debate & Reasoning in Indian Philosophy
5. Doing Things with Words
6. Philosophy & Political Thought 1 (5x)
7. Philosophy & Political Thought 2 (3x)
8. Hinduism, Nationalism, and the *Bhagavad Gita* in the 20th century

Yale-NUS College Independent studies

1. Introduction to Analytic Philosophy of Language
2. Fiction and Fictionalism
3. Sanskrit Language
4. Vasubandhu's *Trimśikā* or *Thirty Verses (on Consciousness-Only)*

University of Texas at Austin (Assistant Instructor)

1. World Philosophy
2. Introduction to Philosophy

Various Institutions (Adjunct Instructor)

1. Moral Reasoning, St. Edward's University (Austin, TX) (2x)
2. Online Introduction to Philosophy, City Colleges of Chicago (Chicago, IL)
3. Online Logic, Elgin Community College (Chicago, IL)
4. World Religions, Forest Park Community College (St. Louis, MO)

University of Texas at Austin (Teaching Assistant)

1. History of Ancient Philosophy
2. Honors Knowledge & Valuation
3. Introduction to Philosophy
4. Introduction to Philosophy of the Arts
5. Philosophy of Knowledge
6. Philosophy of Religion
7. World Philosophy

Other Teaching Experience

1. Logic, Johns Hopkins University, CTY Summer Program (Los Angeles, CA) (2x)
2. Sanskrit Language Tutor, Private (Austin, TX)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- **August 23, 2018:** Presented at Yale-NUS College Center for Teaching and Learning "Teaching & Tonics" session: "Starting a New Semester & Creating an Inclusive Classroom Environment"
- **Fall 2014:** Leadership Certificate in Inclusive Classrooms from UT Austin. Drawing from the literature which continues to show that a discriminatory climate negatively impacts students' transition to college, sense of belonging at the institution and academic success, this leadership certificate seminar provides tangible elements of course design, planning, and processes considered with an inclusive lens.
- **July 2014:** Teaching and Learning Seminar: American Association of Philosophy Teachers' 20th Biennial International Workshop-Conference. Participants in the seminar studied how to identify and select challenging and transformative learning goals and, by understanding the principles of integrated course design, will examine how to guide students to the successful achievement of these goals.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION: REFEREEING

- *Theoria, Journal of Pragmatics, Sophia*, Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, *Philosophy East & West, Journal of World Philosophies, SAGAR: A South Asia Research Journal, Journal of Comparative Philosophy, Erkenntnis*

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION: OTHER

- **May 2020–present.** Book Review Editor, *Philosophy East & West*
- **August 2019–present.** Center for Teaching & Learning Affiliate (assists with remote teaching support, facilitating faculty workshops, creating pedagogical guides)
- **2018–present.** Yale-NUS College Student Support Team (team of staff & faculty to assist student sexual assault survivors with resources)
- **2018-present.** Advisory Committee on Language Studies, Yale-NUS College
- **2017-present.** Yale-NUS College Philosophy Café organizer
- **2016-2018.** Research Committee, Yale-NUS College
- **2015-present.** Undergraduate Academic Advisor (3-5 students per year)
- **2015-present.** Yale-NUS College Sanskrit Language course development
- **2014-present.** Contributor, [Indian Philosophy Blog](#), a scholarly group blog

LANGUAGES

- English: Native speaker.
- Sanskrit: Reading proficiency.
- Spanish: Reading proficiency, intermediate conversation.

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

- **Jay Garfield:** Doris Silbert Professor in the Humanities and Professor of Philosophy, Smith College
- **Larry McCrea:** Professor, Department of Asian Studies, Cornell University
- **Stephen Phillips:** Professor, Departments of Philosophy and Asian Studies
- **Mark Siderits:** Professor Emeritus, Departments of Philosophy at Illinois State University, Seoul National University
- **Bryan Van Norden:** Professor of Philosophy on the James Monroe Taylor Chair, Vassar College