
Miriam Schoenfield

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Linguistics and Philosophy
77 Massachusetts Avenue 32D-808
Cambridge MA, 02139

E-mail: mschoenfieldphil@gmail.com

Areas of Specialization and Competence

AOS: Epistemology

AOC: Metaethics, Philosophy of Race and Gender, Logic

Employment

Associate Professor – Massachusetts Institute of Technology Fall 2017-current

Bersoff Fellow – New York University Fall 2015-Spring 2017

Assistant Professor – The University of Texas at Austin Fall 2012 – Spring 2015

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy

Dissertation: *Imprecision in Normative Domains*

Roger White (chair)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2007 – 2012)

B.A. in Philosophy with Highest Honors,

in Mathematics with Honors,

in Neuroscience

summa cum laude

Brandeis University (2002 – 2006)

Publications - Refereed

“Meditations on Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily”

Forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*

Winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Epistemology

“Permissivism and the Value of Rationality: A Challenge to the Uniqueness Thesis”

Forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

Winner of the Young Epistemologist Prize 2017

- “An Accuracy Based Approach to Higher Order Evidence”
Forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
- “Conditionalization does not (in general) Maximize Expected Accuracy”
Mind 2017 126(504): 1155-1187
- “The Accuracy and Rationality of Imprecise Credences”
Noûs 2017 51(4): 667-685
- “Bridging Rationality and Accuracy”
The Journal of Philosophy 2015 112(2): 633-657
- “Moral Vagueness is Ontic Vagueness”
Ethics 2015 126(2): 257-282
- “A Dilemma for Calibrationism”
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 2015 91(2):425-455
- “Permission to Believe: Why Permissivism is True and What it Tells Us About Irrelevant Influences on Belief”
Noûs 2014 48(2):193-218
- “Chilling Out on Epistemic Rationality: A Defense of Imprecise Credences (and other imprecise doxastic attitudes)”
Philosophical Studies 2012 158(2):197-219

Publications - Invited

- “Internalism without Luminosity”
Philosophical Issues – Normativity 2015 25(1): 252-272
- “Decision Making in the Face of Parity”
Philosophical Perspectives – Ethics 2014 28(1): 263-277

Selected Presentations

- Hebrew University – Colloquium
“What’s Good About Imprecision?” (2018)
- Indiana University – Colloquium
“What’s Good About Imprecision?” (2017)
- University of Barcelona – Epistemic Rationality: Conceptions & Challenges Conference
“Meditations on Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily” (2017)
- Australian National University - Colloquium
“Meditations on Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily” (2017)

Rutgers University – Rutgers Epistemology Conference
 “Permissivism and the Value of Rationality” (2017)

University of Pittsburgh – Formal Representations of Ignorance
 “Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily” (2017)

Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
 “Beliefs Formed Arbitrarily” (2017)

University of Pennsylvania – PeRFECt Conference
 “Forming Beliefs Arbitrarily” (2016)

Tufts University – Colloquium
 “Permissivism and the Value of Rationality” (2016)

Harvard University – Colloquium
 “Permissivism and the Value of Rationality” (2016)

The University of Bristol –Epistemic Utility Theory Project, Final Conference
 “Permissivism and the Value of Rationality” (2016)

University of Toronto – Colloquium
 “Permissivism, Disagreement and the Value of Rationality” (2016)

University of Michigan – Spring Colloquium
 “Permissivism, Disagreement and the Value of Rationality” (2016).

City University of New York – Colloquium
 “Permissivism, Disagreement and the Value of Rationality” (2016)

Rutgers University – Amsterdam/NYC Logic and Epistemology Workshop
 “Conditionalization does not (in general) Maximize Expected Accuracy” (2015)

Texas A&M – Formal Epistemology Mini-Conference
 “Permissivism, Disagreement and the Value of Rationality” (2015)

The University of Bristol –Imprecise Credences Conference
 “The Accuracy and Rationality of Imprecise Credences” (2015)

The University of Colorado at Boulder - The Morris Colloquium on Cognitive Values
 “The Accuracy and Rationality of Imprecise Credences” (2015)

Brandeis University – Higher Order Evidence Conference
 “An Accuracy Based Approach to Higher Order Evidence” (2015)

University of Wisconsin at Madison - Colloquium
 “Internalism without Luminosity” (2014)

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill - Colloquium
 “Internalism without Luminosity” (2014)

University of Michigan – Formal Epistemology Mini-Conference
 “The Accuracy and Rationality of Imprecise Credences” (2014)

University of Southern California – Formal Epistemology Workshop
 “Bridging Rationality and Accuracy” (2014)

University of Konstanz – Konstanz Reasoning Conference
 “An Accuracy Based Approach to Higher Order Evidence” (2014)

American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division
 “Moral Vagueness is Ontic Vagueness” (2014)

Princeton University - Colloquium
 “Bridging Rationality and Accuracy” (2013)

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill – Epistemic Normativity Workshop
 “Bridging Rationality and Accuracy” (2013)

University of St. Andrews *Arché* – Knowledge and Society Workshop
“A Dilemma for Calibrationism” (2013)
University of Leeds – Indeterminacy in What We Care About Workshop
“Moral Vagueness is Ontic Vagueness” (2013)
Fordham University – Epistemology and Ethics Workshop
“A Dilemma for Calibrationism” (2013)
University of St. Andrews *Arché* – Causes of Belief Workshop
“Two Notions of Epistemic Rationality” (2012)
American Philosophical Association – Pacific Division
“Two Notions of Epistemic Rationality” (2012)
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference
“Chilling Out on Epistemic Rationality” (2011)

Visiting Positions

The University of Oxford – *New Insights and Directions in Religious Epistemology* (Trinity term 2013, 2014, 2015)
Australian National University (Summer, 2017)

Awards and Fellowships

Winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Epistemology (2017)
Winner of the Young Epistemologist Prize (2017)
Bersoff Fellowship at New York University (2015-2017)
Summer Research Award – The University of Texas (2013)
MIT Presidential Fellowship (2007-2012)
Teaching Award from *The Young People’s Project*
An organization which aims to create social change through math literacy (2011)
Philosophy Prize – Brandeis University (2006)
Schiff Fellowship – for research in Philosophy of Mind (2004-2005)
National Science Foundation Summer Fellowship
for research in Cellular Neuroscience (Summer 2004)
Brandeis University’s Presidential Scholarship (2002 – 2006)

Academic Service

Committee of Graduate Studies (MIT, 2017 - current)

Placement Officer, The University of Texas at Austin (2013, 2014)

Mentor for *Athena in Action* – A mentoring workshop for graduate student women in philosophy (2016)

Referee for the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, The Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Cambridge University Press, Routledge

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal of Philosophy Science*, *Ethics*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *The Journal of Philosophy* and others.

Co-organizer of the Texas Epistemology Extravaganza (2015)
with Sinan Dogramaci and Sophie Horowitz

Co-organizer of the Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (2013)
with Julia Markovits and Ned Markosian

Teaching

Undergraduate

Philosophy of Race and Gender
Contemporary Moral Problems
Introduction to Logic
Theory of Knowledge

Graduate Seminars

Epistemic Planning
With Jane Friedman (NYU)
Applications of Bayesianism to Traditional Epistemology
with Sinan Dogramaci (UT Austin)
From Metaethics to Metaepistemology
with Sinan Dogramaci (UT Austin)
Higher Order Evidence (UT Austin)

Teaching Outside of the University

Logic Professor at Fishkill Correctional Facility
SAT Tutor

Bard Prison Initiative (2017)
New York Cares (2015-2016)

High School Math Tutor *The Young People's Project* (2010-2011)
English Teacher AUA, Thailand (2006-2007)
Teaching Assistant for Mathematical Logic *Center for Talented Youth* (Summer 2005)