

Deke Caiñas Gould

Curriculum Vitae
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Education:

- Ph.D. in Philosophy, Syracuse University (2011) Dissertation: “Analyticity, Platonism, and A Priori Knowledge” Committee: André Gallois, Mark Heller, Kris McDaniel, and Mark Brown
- M.A. in Philosophy, Texas A&M University (2003) Thesis: “The Scientific Model Concept and Realism” Committee: Colin Allen and Roger Sansom
- B.A.s in Philosophy and Political Science, Flagler College (2001)

Areas of Specialization:

Epistemology and Metaphysics

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Logic, Philosophy of Science, and Philosophy of Language

Areas of Teaching Competence:

- Introductory: Critical Thinking, Logic, Philosophy Survey, Ethics, Human Nature
- Intermediate: Epistemology, Metaphysics, Modal Logic, Philosophy of Science/Language
- Advanced/Graduate: Seminars in Recent Epistemology, Philosophy of Logic/Science
(A syllabus for each course is available upon request.)

Employment History:

- Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Augustana College (2015-present)
- Adjunct Instructor at Augustana College, Black Hawk College, and Syracuse University (2011-2014)
- Adjunct Instructor for the Jinling Institute of Technology in Nanjing, China (Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Summer 2016)
- Adjunct Instructor (online and in-person) at Illinois Valley Community College (2011-2013)
- Visiting Assistant Professor at Le Moyne College (2010-2011)
- Adjunct Instructor at Le Moyne College (2008-2010)
- Part-Time Instructor at Syracuse University (2007-2011)
- Teaching Associate at Syracuse University (2005-2007)
- Teaching Assistant at Syracuse University (2003-2005)
- Teaching Assistant at Texas A&M University (2001-2003)

Teaching Experience (sole responsibility, 2005-2017):

More details available upon request.

- Critical Thinking (SU), Critical Reasoning (AC)
 - numerous times, online and face-to-face
- Introduction to Logic (BHC)
 - numerous times, evening classes (mainly non-traditional students)
- Modern Formal Logic (SU & AC)
 - multiple times, both face-to-face and online
- Non-Classical Logics (AC)
 - Senior-level guided study (1-credit), two times
- Philosophical Foundations of Western Thought (LMC)
 - numerous times, face-to-face
- Philosophical Perspectives on the Human Situation (LMC)
 - numerous times, face-to-face
- Great Traditions in Ethics (LMC)
 - numerous times, face-to-face
- Plato's *Republic* (SU)
 - once, evening class (non-traditional students)
- Theories of Human Nature (SU)
 - multiple times, face-to-face
- Ethics and Value Theory (SU, BHC, & IVCC)
 - many, many, many times, both face-to-face and online
- Social Ethics (AC)
 - several times, face-to-face
- Life and Death (AC)
 - once, face-to-face
- Introduction to Theories of Knowledge and Reality (SU & AC)
 - very many times, face-to-face and online
- Introduction to Philosophy (IVCC)
 - multiple times, face-to-face and online
- Liberal Studies 101: Wisdom in Ancient Thought (AC)
 - numerous times, face-to-face
- Liberal Studies 102: From Asimov to Zeno, Paradoxes and Science Fiction (AC)
 - thrice, face-to-face
- Liberal Studies 103: Reason and Relativity (AC)
 - once, face-to-face
- Liberal Studies 103: Morality and Artificial Intelligence (AC)
 - four times, face-to-face
- Ethics in Science, Technology, and Medicine (JIT)
 - thrice, face-to-face

Works in Progress:

- “Artificial Moral Agents and Anti-Natalism”
- “Internalist and A Priori Justification”
- “Understanding, Intuition and the Modal Reliabilist Theory of A Priori Knowledge”
- “The Analytic Theory, Tracking, and the Epistemological Problem for Platonism”

Academic Presentations:

- Presentation: “Life and Intelligence at the Crossroads” (with Charles Rice-Davis and Forrest Stonedahl). Augustana College Symposium Day. September 2016.
- “Mind Your Own Business: The Value of Privacy” (with Kora Gould). Black Hawk College Symposium, Fall 2013.
- “A Priori and Internalist Justification” (comments by Andrew Spear, Grand Valley State University). Illinois Philosophical Association. 2011
- “The Analytic Theory, Tracking, and the Epistemological Problem for Platonism” 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference in the Arts and Humanities. 2011
- Comments on “Giving Up Hume’s Guillotine” by Aaron Wolf, Syracuse University. SU Philosophy ABD Workshop. 2010
- “Understanding, Intuition and Bealer’s Modal Reliabilist Theory of A Priori Knowledge” (comments by Julia Langkau, Arché). Meaning Modality and Apriority, University of Köln. 2010
- “Understanding, Intuition and Bealer’s Modal Reliabilist Theory of A Priori Knowledge” (comments by Jordan Dodd, Syracuse University). SU Philosophy ABD Workshop 2010
- “Full-Blooded Platonism and the Benacerraf Argument”. 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference in the Arts and Humanities. 2009
- “Rule-Circular Justification and Deduction”. 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference in the Arts and Humanities. 2009
- “Full-Blooded Platonism and the Benacerraf Argument” (comments by Mark Barber, Syracuse University). SU Philosophy ABD Workshop. 2008
- Comments on “Horwich’s Minimal Theory and the Dependency of Truth on Reality” by Andy Thomas, University of Sheffield. SU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. 2008
- “Rule-Circular Justification and Deduction” (comments by Matt Skene, Syracuse University). SU Philosophy ABD Workshop. 2007
- Comments on “On Amnesia and Knowing-How” by David Bzdak, Syracuse University. SU Philosophy ABD Workshop. 2006
- Comments on “Counterfactual Analysis and Causal Overdetermination” by Dana Goswick, University of California, Davis. SU Philosophy Graduate Student Conference. 2006
- “Moral Epistemology and the Naturalist Assumption”. Florida Philosophical Association, UF. 2002

Academic Awards and Grants:

- Winner of the 5th Annual Order of Omega Life Raft Debate at Augustana College. 2015.
- Certificate in University Teaching, the Graduate School and Future Professoriate Project at Syracuse University. 2011.
- Graduate Travel Award, Syracuse University Department of Philosophy. 2010.
- Summer Fellowship Grant, Syracuse University Department of Philosophy. 2006.
- Graduate Travel Award, The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research. 2002.
- Winner of the Graduate Student Essay Contest, Department of Philosophy at Texas A&M University. 2002.

Academic/Community Services and Memberships:

- Presentation to the Arconic Professional Community: “Philosophy and the STEM Fields”. August 2017.
- Presentation to the Optimist Club, Davenport Chapter: “Philosophy and the STEM Fields: The Case for Philosophy”. June 2017.
- Co-founder & Co-Host, “World Three” (a philosophy-themed radio talk show) for QC 3-Degree Radio. Summer 2017.
- Panelist: “How Do We Engage Opinions We Don’t Agree With?”. (with Ian Davis, Jennifer Palar, Michael Rogers, Mary Windeknecht, and Sharon Varallo; organized by Yen Dao, Learning Commons). April 2017.
- Symposium Day Committee, Augustana College. 2017-present.
- Faculty Supervisor, Socratic Society (Augustana College Philosophy Club). 2015-present.
- Augustana College Salon (Interdisciplinary Discussion Group) Advisory Board Member. 2016-present.
- Advisor to and Member of the QC Philosophical Society. Summer 2017.
- Co-founder & Co-organizer, QC Philosophical Society (Public Philosophy Club). Summer 2016.
- Co-organized (with Ethan Higginbotham) and managed a Student Trip to the American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting in Kansas City, MO. March 2017.
- Transfer Student Advisor, 2016-present.
- Faculty Participant, Augustana College RLE (Residential Learning Experience). Fall 2016, Fall & Spring 2017.
- Augustana College Mathematics Reading Group Member. 2012 & 2015-2016.
- Poster Presentation: “It Takes a Village to Build a Cheese Chalet: Faculty Advisors Create and Pilot a Supplemental First-Year Course” (with Brian Leech, Farah Marklevits, and Virginia Johnson). NACADA in Madison, WI. March 2014.
- Presentation: “Critical Thinking and the Health Professions” (with Kora Gould and Daniel Garcia). Black Hawk College Assembly Day, January 2014.
- Member, Adjunct Advisory Committee at Black Hawk College. 2014.
- First-year Advisor at Augustana College, 2013-2016.
- Member, QCPDN (Quad-Cities Professional Development Network), recommended and invited through Black Hawk College. 2013-2014.
- Manuscript Referee for *Synthese*. 2011.
- Manuscript Referee for Routledge, W.W. Norton, Broadview, Wadsworth, and Oxford U.P. 2008-2012.

- Graduate Student Member of the SU Philosophy Colloquia Committee. 2008-2009.
- Assistant Organizer for the Phil. Grad. Conference, SU Philosophy Graduate Student Committee. 2006-2007.
- Philosophy Graduate Student Representative to the SU Graduate Student Organization. 2006-2007.
- Co-Organizer (w/Jordan Dodd) of the Phil. Grad. Conference for the SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. 2005-2006.
- President of the SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. 2005-2006.
- Assistant Organizer for the SU Philosophy Dept. Colloquia Receptions. 2004-2008.
- Graduate Student Papers Workshop Committee Member for the SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. 2004-2005.
- Internal Speaker Series Committee Member for the SU Philosophy Graduate Student Organization. 2004-2005.
- Philosophy Dept. Representative to the TAMU Graduate Student Council. 2002-2003.
- Graduate Student Representative to the TAMU Philosophy Dept. Steering Committee. 2002-2003.
- Member of the Iowa Philosophical Society, 2011-present.
- Member of the Illinois Philosophical Association, 2011-present.
- Member of the American Philosophical Association. 1998-present.
- Member of the Creighton Club (NYS philosophical organization) 2003-2010.
- Member of the Florida Philosophical Association. 1998-2003.

Graduate Coursework (*: Audited):*Syracuse University*

- The A Priori (w/André Gallois)
- Normativity (w/José Benardete)
- Modal Logic (w/Mark Brown)
 - Induction (w/Eric Hiddleston)
 - Logic and Computability (w/Mark Brown)
 - Recent Work on Consciousness (w/Bob Van Gulick)
 - Possible Worlds (w/Mark Heller)
 - Moral Philosophy (w/Ben Bradley)
 - Theories of Conditionals (independent study w/Mark Brown)
- Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (w/Fred Beiser)
- Locke, Berkeley, and Hume (w/André Gallois)
- The Future (w/Mark Brown)
 - The A Priori* (w/Kris McDaniel)

Texas A&M University

- Epistemology (w/Matt McGrath)
 - Philosophy of Mind (w/Hugh McCann)
 - Philosophy of Language (w/Robin Smith)
 - Philosophy of Logic (w/Michael Hand)
 - Metaethics (w/Linda Radzik)
 - Philosophy of Biology (w/Colin Allen)
 - Philosophy of Science (w/Roger Sansom)
 - Semantics (w/Max Cresswell)
- Wittgenstein's Philosophy of Psychology (w/Heather Gert)
- Parmenides (w/Scott Austin)

References:

- André Gallois (Syracuse, dissertation supervisor)
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- Kris McDaniel (Syracuse, dissertation committee member)
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- Mark Heller (Syracuse, dissertation committee member & teaching associate supervisor)
 - email: heller@syr.edu
- Mario Saenz (chair of the Philosophy Department at Le Moyne College)
 - email: saenz@lemoyne.edu
- Irene Liu (Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Le Moyne College)
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- Jeff Anderson (Dean, School of Business and Liberal Arts and Sciences at SUNY Cobleskill)
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- Bill Desmond (chair of the Department of Humanities, Languages, and Journalism at BHC)
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Dissertation Summary:

I believe that some of our knowledge is justified a priori, independently of any experience. Important instances of such knowledge include mathematical, logical and conceptual knowledge. I also think that for some sorts of a priori knowledge, the best explanation of that sort of knowledge is in terms of our grasp of analytic truths. In my dissertation, I defend a view that combines such an analytic conception of a priori knowledge with a version of reliabilist-intuition platonism. Roughly put, platonism is the view that there are abstract objects that are responsible for some of our knowledge. My primary goal is to show that the hybrid account I develop solves central problems that arise for each view on its own. One well-known difficulty facing platonism is the following epistemological concern: given that abstracta are causally inefficacious, it is unclear how we can ever know anything about them. The analytic theory faces serious difficulties with its own account of how understanding the meaning of a crucial term yields substantive knowledge, e.g., how our grasp of a logical connective contributes to our knowledge of a logical truth involving that term. I show how a combination of the analytic theory and platonism can address both sets of difficulties. On the one hand, reliabilist platonism helps explain the success of the relevant stipulations; on the other hand, the analytic theory helps show why the causal inefficacy of abstract objects is not a problem for our a priori knowledge.