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EMPLOYMENT

University of Missouri
Associate Professor 2009 – present
Assistant Professor 2000 – 2009

Grinnell College
Assistant Professor 1999 – 2000

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Ph.D. (Philosophy), 1999
M.A. (Philosophy), 1997

University of Oxford
B.A. (Philosophy and Psychology), 1992

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language; Philosophy of Feminism.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Logic; Epistemology; Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy; Philosophy of Mind.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

Horisk, C. and Cocroft, R. (2013). Animal Signals: Always influence, sometimes information. (With a response to comments from Ruth Millikan.) (U. Stegmann (Ed.), *Animal Communication Theory*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

Horisk, C. (2010). What Truth Ascriptions Say. (C.D. Wright and N. Pedersen (Eds.), *New Waves in Truth*. (Series editors V.F. Hendricks & D.H. Pritchard.) Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan).

Horisk, C. (2008). Truth, Meaning, and Circularity. *Philosophical Studies*, 137, 269-300.

Horisk, C. (2007). The Expressive Role of Truth in Truth-Conditional Semantics. *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 57, 535-557.

Horisk, C. (2005). What Should Deflationism be when it Grows up? *Philosophical Studies*, 125, 371-397.

Horisk, C. (2005). The Surprise Argument for Truth-Conditional Semantics. *ProtoSociology*, 21, 20-40.

Bar-On, D., Horisk, C. & Lycan, W. G. (2005). Postscript to "Deflationism, Meaning and Truth-Conditions". (In B. P. Armour-Garb & J. C. Beall (Eds.), *Deflationary Truth* (pp. 344-352). Chicago and LaSalle: Open Court).

Horisk, C. (2004). Meaning Theory and Communication. *Mind and Language*, 19, 177-198.

Bar-On, D., Horisk, C. & Lycan, W. G. (2000). Deflationism, Meaning and Truth-Conditions. *Philosophical Studies*, 101, 1-28.

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Bar-On, D., Horisk, C. & Lycan, W. G. (2005). Deflationism, Meaning and Truth-Conditions. (In B. P. Armour-Garb & J. C. Beall (Eds.), *Deflationary Truth* (pp. 321-343). Chicago and LaSalle: Open Court).

BOOK REVIEWS

Horisk, C. (2011). *Meaning, Mind, and Matter: Philosophical Essays* by Ernie Lepore and Barry Loewer. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2011.10.28.

COMMENTS

Horisk, C. (2004). Comments on Lososky. *Southwest Philosophy Review: The Journal of The Southwestern Philosophical Society*, 20, 185-188.

Horisk, C. (2003). Pretense and Abstract Objects: Comments on Robertson. *Southwest Philosophy Review: The Journal of The Southwestern Philosophical Society*, 19, 85-88.

WORK IN PROGRESS

BOOK

Horisk, C. *The Pragmatics of Disparaging and Demeaning Jokes* (Tentative title; estimated completion 2016)

The telling of demeaning jokes, such as racist, sexist, and ethnic jokes, is morally and politically charged. It was suggested, for example, that National Security Advisor James L. Jones had undermined the relationship between the US and Israel when he began a speech with a Jewish joke. But demeaning jokes are puzzling because they denigrate a targeted group without saying anything derogatory. Take as an example this demeaning ethnic joke: "This year's annual prize for Polish medicine went to a surgeon in Krakow who performed the world's first appendix transplant." (Ted Cohen, *Jokes*, p. 77) The joke communicates that Polish people are stupid, but there is no sentence or phrase in the joke that means 'Polish people are stupid'; the joke must convey that idea pragmatically, rather than semantically. My book draws on and develops contemporary pragmatics to explain how demeaning jokes and jocular remarks pragmatically convey demeaning ideas, and it sheds new light on the moral significance of conversation by explaining how telling demeaning jokes, and listening to them, are morally evaluable actions. The book fills a gap in the growing literature in the philosophy of language on demeaning and antagonistic speech, which as yet contains no substantial discussion of how demeaning jokes convey demeaning content.

ARTICLES

Horisk, C. More on Truth and Meaning. Forthcoming in a special issue of *Synthese*.

Horisk, C. Racist Jokes. Forthcoming in *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*.

Horisk, C. Demeaning Jokes, Conversational Implicature, and Uncooperative Speech.

Horisk, C. Presupposition and Demeaning Jokes.

Horisk, C. Conventional Implicatures and Indirect Speech Reports.

PRESENTATIONS

(Does not include job talks. (R) indicates Refereed, (I) indicates Invited.)

Presupposition and Demeaning Jokes (R)

ILCLI International Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics, and Rhetoric, Donostia, Spain, November 2011

Comments on Elisabeth Camp's "Figurative Speech in Antagonistic Contexts:

Deniability, Pedantry, and Lying" (I)

Kline Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics, and Epistemology, University of Missouri, Columbia MO, October 2011

Comments on Jens Timmerman's "Kantian Dilemmas: Moral Conflicts in Kantian Ethics"

(I)

Kline Workshop on Kantian Ethics, University of Missouri, Columbia MO, April 2011

Michael P. Lynch's *Truth as One and Many*. (I)
Author Meets Critics, The Society for Realist-Anti-Realist Discussion, The American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago February 2010

Comments on Anne Bezuidenhout's "Information Structure and the Semantics/Pragmatics Interface." (I)
Contextualism Workshop, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, September 2009

Comments on Wolfram Hinzen's "Predication and Truth in a Bilingual Perspective." (I)
Non-Canonical Predication Workshop, University of Western Ontario, May 2009

Comments on Emma Borg's "Must a Semantic Minimalist be a Semantic Internalist?" (I)
Kline Workshop on Meaning, University of Missouri, Columbia MO, April 2009

Conventional Implicature and Strong Speaker Orientation (R)
The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, April 2009

The Expressive Role of Truth in Truth-Conditional Semantics. (I)
Context and Content, University of Oslo, Norway, April 2006

Comments on Mylan Engel's "Contextualism and the Problem of Knowing What One Says." (I)
The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Portland, OR, March 2006

Truth and Implicature. (I)
Washington University, St. Louis, November 2005

Kölbel and Williams on Skim Semantics. (R)
The Central States Philosophical Association, Lexington, KY, October 2005

Truth, Meaning, and Circularity. (I)
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, December 2004

Comments on Tomis Kapitan's "Indexicals and Modality." (I)
The Central States Philosophical Association, Iowa City, October 2004

Comments on Michael Lososky's "Frege's 'Bedeutung' and Mill's 'Denotation'." (I)
The Southwest Philosophical Society, Memphis, November 2003

Disquotationalism and Truth Ascriptions. (R)
The Central States Philosophical Association, Chicago, October 2003

Comments on Teresa Robertson's "(In the Myth/story) The Number 17 Crosses the Rubicon." (I)
The Southwest Philosophical Society, Kansas City, November 2002

Comments on Sarah Sawyer's "Externalism and Empty Terms." (I)
The Central States Philosophical Association, Columbia, MO, October 2002

'Scuse Me While I Kiss This Guy: Disquotational Truth and Blind Ascriptions. (R)
The American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, April 2002

What should deflationism (not) be when it grows up? (I)
University of Oklahoma, March 2002

Comments on Douglas Patterson's "Substantivalism and the Liar Paradox." (I)
The Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, October 2001

Circularity and truth-conditional theories of meaning. (I)
University of Missouri-St. Louis, September 2001

Extensionality and Truth Theories of Meaning. (R)
The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Albuquerque, April 2000

Extensionality and Truth Theories of Meaning. (R)
The Iowa Philosophical Society, University of Iowa, October 1999

Deflationism and Truth Theories of Meaning. (R)
The American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Washington, D.C.,
December 1998
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of
Hertfordshire, July 1998
Joint Meeting of the North and South Carolina Philosophical Societies, Columbia, SC,
February 1998

DISSERTATION

Everyday Meaning and Sunday Truth: Truth in the Theory of Meaning.
COMMITTEE: Louise Antony (Director), Dorit Bar-On, Simon Blackburn, William G.
Lycan, Keith Simmons.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Arts & Science Faculty Fellowship, University of Missouri, 2015-2016
Alumnae Anniversary Award, University of Missouri, 2015
(For faculty women who are notable for their teaching excellence and/or other
contributions to the education of women.)
Research Leave, University of Missouri, 2015-2016
University of Missouri 2012 Tribute to Women Honoree

(For women who have worked to create an environment of equity, fairness and justice for women, and helped promote the advancement of women through education, advocacy, support and activism.)

Center for Arts and Humanities Grant-Writing Fellowship, University of Missouri, Spring 2012

(Teaching release to pursue external funding for book project.)

Faculty International Travel Grant, Research Council, University of Missouri, 2011

Research Board Grant, University of Missouri, 2005 – 2006

(Research leave)

Research Board Grant, University of Missouri, 2001

(Summer research support)

Dissertation Fellowship, UNC Philosophy Department, 1998

APA Eastern Division Graduate Student Travel Stipend, 1998

Dissertation Fellowship, UNC, 1997 – 1998

William N. Reynolds Fellowship, UNC, 1995 – 1996

William N. Reynolds Fellowship, UNC, 1992 – 1994

Mary Taylor Williams Fellowship, UNC Philosophy Department, 1995

Bertha Colton Williams Fellowship, UNC Philosophy Department, 1994

Scholarship, University College, Oxford, 1989 – 1992

College Prize, University College, Oxford, 1990

College Prize, University College, Oxford, 1992

Susan Mary Rouse Prize (Psychology), University of Oxford, 1989

TEACHING

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

Bioethics: Preserving Life and Choosing Death

Introduction to Logic

Introduction to Philosophy

Mathematical (Symbolic) Logic

Philosophy and Gender

Philosophy of Language

Philosophy of Language and Cognition

Social Justice in Medicine

Senior Seminar: Wittgenstein

Writing Intensive Course: Philosophy and Gender

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

Formal Logic

Recent Anglo-American Philosophy (Topics: Davidson's Philosophy of Language; Minimal Semantics and Contextualism)

Seminar in Logic (Topic: Truth)

Philosophy of Language

Philosophy of Language Seminar (Topics: What is said; Propositional Attitudes and the Problem of Substitutivity; Philosophy of Language and Society (pornography & racist language.)

Dissertation Seminar (Topic: preparation for dissertation-writing and job search)

HONORS THESES

Stephanie Hake (Advisor) 2011

Mark Gum (Reader) 2009

Meaghan Everett (Advisor) 2003

MASTER'S COMMITTEES

Thomas Reynolds (Director)

Leo Yan (Director) 2011

Kok Yong Lee (Member) 2010

Scott Davey (Second Reader) 2009

Devin Frank (Second Reader) 2009

Ashton Sperry (Second Reader) 2008

Jonathan Vertanen (Co-Director) 2008

Eric Heidenreich (Member) 2006

Casey Brow (Member) 2004

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Devin Frank (Second Reader) 2015

Christopher Strelluf (PhD in Linguistics, Outside Reader) 2014

Brian Montgomery (Member) 2012

Darin Finke (Member) 2011

Jason Hedderman (Member) 2008

Yeongseo Yeo (Member) 2003

TEACHING MENTOR

Stephanie Hull 2014 – 2015 (Winner of the Bondeson Prize for Excellence in Teaching 2015)

Deanna Roop 2014

Wenwen Fan 2011 - 2012

Crystal Allen 2011 – 2012 (Winner of the Bondeson Prize for Excellence in Teaching 2011)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL SERVICE

Nominee for Member-at-Large, APA Central Division Executive Committee 2016

Philosophy Panelist for the 2015 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships program

Mentor for the Mentoring Project for Early-Career Women in Philosophy 2015
(Five mentees working in philosophy of language, currently employed at University of Western Michigan, City College of New York, University of Memphis, Davidson College, and Centenary College of Louisiana.)

Program Committee for the Central Division Meeting of the APA 2012

Nominee for Member-at-Large, APA Central Division Executive Committee 2012

CAMPUS SERVICE

Tenure Probationary Extension Committee, 2011 – 2012

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Placement Committee 2014 – 2015

Future of the Department Ad Hoc Committee 2013 - 2014

Director of Graduate Studies 2010 – 2012

Chair of the Graduate Affairs Committee 2010 – 2012

Status of Women Committee 2011 – 2012

Graduate Advisor, 2007 – 2012

Director of Graduate Admissions 2009 – 2010

Director, Kline Workshop Spring 2009, Fall 2011

Search Committee, Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, 2006 – 2007

Bylaws and Revision of P&T Guidelines Committee, 2005

Course Director, Introduction to Logic, 2000 – 2004, 2008

Search Committee, Kline Chair, 2000 – 2003

Search Committee, Metaphysics, 2001 – 2002

Speakers Coordinator, 2000 – 2001

Search Committee, Metaphysics Position, 2000 – 2001

FACULTY AFFILIATIONS

Linguistics Program, University of Missouri, 2000 – present

Women's and Gender Studies, University of Missouri, 2000 – present

Linguistics Program, Grinnell College, 1999 – 2000

REFEREE

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Mind & Language, Noûs, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophia (Philosophical Quarterly of Israel), Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Quarterly, The Central States Philosophical Association, The Southwest Philosophical Society, The University of Missouri Research Board

MEMBERSHIPS

The American Philosophical Association, The Central States Philosophical Association

References available on request