

Ted Shear

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Specialization

- ▶ Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophical Logic

Areas of Competence

- ▶ Philosophy of Cognition, Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

Academic Positions

Employment

- 2022– **Assistant Teaching Professor**, *University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Philosophy*
- 2020–2022 **Lecturer**, *University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Philosophy*
- 2018 **Adjunct Professor**, *Korea University, International Summer Campus*
- 2017–2019 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *University of Queensland, School of Economics*
Project: Epistemically Feasible Choice: Implications for Sustainable Risk Management
Supervisors: John Quiggin & Laurie Paul

Visiting Positions

- 2017 **Visiting Fellow**, *Australian National University, School of Philosophy*
- 2013 **Visiting Fellow**, *Carnegie Mellon University, Center for Formal Epistemology*

Education

- 2017 **PhD**, *University of California, Davis, Philosophy*
Dissertation: *The Difficult Business of Belief Revision: Philosophical Considerations on the Diachronic Norms of Rationality*
Supervisors: G. Aldo Antonelli (1962–2015), Branden Fitelson, Hanti Lin
Committee: Bernard Molyneux, Adam Sennet, Wesley H. Holliday
- 2015 **MA**, *University of California, Davis, Philosophy*
- 2008 **BA**, *University of British Columbia, Philosophy (Hons.), Linguistics*

Research

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Shawn Standefer, Ted Shear, and Rohan French, "Getting Some (non-classical) Closure with Justification Logic", *Asian Journal of Philosophy: SI Themes from Beall*, 2:39, 2023.
2. Benjamin Eva, Ted Shear, and Branden Fitelson, "Four Approaches to Supposition", *Ergo*, 8(26): 58–98, 2022.
3. Ted Shear and John Quiggin, "Justification Logic with Confidence", *Studia Logica*, 108(4): 751–778, 2020.
4. Ted Shear and Branden Fitelson, "Two Approaches to Belief Revision", *Erkenntnis*, 84(3): 487–518, 2019.

Invited Publications

1. Dylan Small Anderson and Ted Shear, "Book Review: *Beyond Fake News: Finding the Truth in a World of Misinformation* by Justin P. McBrayer", *Teaching Philosophy*, 44(4): 553–556, 2021.

Completed Manuscripts (drafts available by request)

- ▶ **Causal One-Boxing** with Kenny Easwaran and Ben Levinstein
- ▶ **Truth-Preservation for Introspective Reasoners**
- ▶ **Identification Problems and a New Look at Physicalism** with Bernard Molyneux
- ▶ **The Cost of Consistency: A new puzzle for consolidation** with Konstantin Genin

Selected Paper Presentations (* invited)

- ▶ **Philosophy (of Science) of Psychedelics**
 - 2023 Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Buenos Aires
- ▶ **Causal One-Boxing**
 - *2022 Center for Values and Social Policy, CU Boulder
 - *2022 CONCEPT Brown Bag Meeting, University of Cologne
- ▶ **Putting Ideal Agents in their Place: Creativity in Reasoning and Epistemic Agency**
 - *2019 Murdoch University Philosophy Seminar
- ▶ **Four Approaches to Supposition**
 - *2019 University of Western Australia Philosophical Society Seminar
 - *2019 Foundations of Belief Change Workshop, Pacific Rim International Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Fiji
 - 2019 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Wollongong
- ▶ **Why rationality sometimes requires inconsistency**
 - *2019 Queensland Brain Institute Student and Postdoc Association Meeting
- ▶ **Justification Logic with Probabilistic Confidence**
 - *2019 Epistemic and Personal Transformation Workshop, University of Queensland
- ▶ **The Role of Values in Neuroscientific Practice**
 - *2018 Keynote Address: Queensland Brain Institute Postgraduate Student Symposium, Moreton Island Research Centre
- ▶ **Justification Logic with Confidence**
 - 2017 New Zealand Association of Philosophy Conference, University of Otago
 - *2017 Economics and Philosophy Workshop, Australia National University
 - *2017 Melbourne Logic Seminar, University of Melbourne
 - 2017 The Reasoning Club Conference, University of Torino
- ▶ **Two Approaches to Belief Revision**
 - 2016 Formal Epistemology Workshop, University of Groningen
 - *2016 Epistemic Utility Theory Conference, Bristol University
 - *2015 Morris Colloquium on Cognitive Values, University of Colorado, Boulder
- ▶ **Identification Problems and a New Look at Physicalism**
 - 2017 NorCal Consciousness Conference Poster Session, Center for Mind and Brain, Davis
- ▶ **Lockean Danger Zones and Lossy Inferences**
 - 2015 Logic Colloquium: European Summer Meeting of the ASL, Helsinki
- ▶ **The Cost of Consistency**
 - 2014 Epistemic Logic for Individual, Social, and Interactive Epistemology, Tübingen

- 2014 ASL North American Meeting, University of Colorado, Boulder
- 2014 Philogica: Colombian Conference on Logic, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Science

► **Introspective Reasoning, Truth-Preservation, and Surprise Exams**

- 2013 Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Victoria
- 2013 Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Philosophy Conference, Rutgers University
- 2013 PhDs in Logic V, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
- 2013 World Congress on Universal Logic, Rio de Janeiro

Other Presentations

- 2017 **Panel on Interdisciplinary Engagement**, *Australian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Queensland
Invited member of panel discussion on interdisciplinary engagement

Comments Delivered

- 2022 “The Possibility of Incomparability” (Henrik Andersson), Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference
- 2022 “Explanation Without Representation in Computational Models” (Ioan Muntean), Pacific APA
- 2020 “Deliberation Costs” (Brian Weatherson), Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
- 2019 “De Se Pragmatics” (Andy Egan), Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
- 2016 “A Dynamic Solution to the Surprise Exam Paradox” (Sven Neth), Berkeley-Stanford Circle in Logic and Philosophy
- 2015 “Partial Desires, Blinkered Beliefs” (Sophie Dandelet), Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Conference
- 2012 “Mirror Realism” (Matt Leonard), Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Conference
- 2011 “Lying and Content I” (Eliot Michaelson), Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Conference

Teaching

Instructor of Record

► **University of Colorado Boulder**

2024	PHIL 4470-001 Probability and Rational Choice	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2024	PHIL 1440-001/002/003 Critical Thinking	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2024	PHIL 2240-013W Philosophy & Sport	<i>Winter Session</i>
2023	PHIL 1440-001/100 Critical Thinking	<i>Fall Semester</i>
2023	PHIL 2240-001/100 Philosophy & Sports	<i>Fall Semester</i>
2023	PHIL 2490-001 The Power of Words	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2023	PHIL 1440-001/002/003 Critical Thinking	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2023	PHIL 2240-013W Philosophy & Sports	<i>Winter Session</i>
2022	PHIL 2240-001/002/003/100 Philosophy & Sports	<i>Fall Semester</i>
2022	PHIL 2440-002 Symbolic Logic	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2022	PHIL 1440-001/002/100 Critical Thinking	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2021	PHIL 2440-001 Symbolic Logic	<i>Fall Semester</i>
2021	PHIL 1440-005 Critical Thinking	<i>Fall Semester</i>
2021	PHIL 2160-001/002 Ethics & Information Technology	<i>Fall Semester</i>
2021	PHIL 4400-001 Philosophy of Science	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2021	PHIL 2170-001 Ethics & Economics	<i>Spring Semester</i>

2021	PHIL 1440-001/002 Critical Thinking	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2020	PHIL 2170-001 Ethics & Economics	<i>Fall Semester</i>
2020	PHIL 1440-003/100 Critical Thinking	<i>Fall Semester</i>
2020	PHIL 1400-001 Philosophy & the Sciences	<i>Spring Semester</i>
2020	PHIL 1440-001/002/003 Critical Thinking	<i>Spring Semester</i>

► **Korea University International Summer Campus**

2018	ISC 266A/266B Introduction to Philosophy	<i>Summer Session</i>
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► **University of California, Davis**

2016	PHI 128-001 Rationality	<i>Summer Session</i>
2015	PHI 005-001 Critical Reasoning	<i>Summer Session</i>
2014	PHI 001-001 Introduction to Philosophy	<i>Summer Session</i>
2014	PHI 012-001/002 Introduction to Symbolic Logic	<i>Spring Quarter</i>
2013	PHI 012-001 Introduction to Symbolic Logic	<i>Summer Session</i>

Teaching Assistant

► **University of California, Davis**

2016	PHI 102-A01/A02 Theory of Knowledge, Prof. Hanti Lin	<i>Fall Quarter</i>
2016	PHI 001-A05/A06 Introduction to Philosophy, Prof. Cody Gilmore	<i>Spring Quarter</i>
2016	PHI 101-A01/A02 Metaphysics, Prof. Alyssa Ney	<i>Winter Quarter</i>
2014	PHI 013G-001/002 Minds, Brains and Computers, Prof. Bernard Molyneux	<i>Winter Quarter</i>
2013	PHI 001-A08 Introduction to Philosophy, Prof. Cody Gilmore	<i>Spring Quarter</i>
2013	PHI 101-A03/A04 Metaphysics, Prof. Cody Gilmore	<i>Winter Quarter</i>
2012	PHI 016-A01/A02 Foundations of American Democracy, Prof. Johnnie Pedersen	<i>Fall Quarter</i>
2012	PHI 015-A01/A02 Bioethics, Prof. Jared Poon	<i>Spring Quarter</i>
2012	PHI 101-A01 Metaphysics, Prof. Cody Gilmore	<i>Winter Quarter</i>
2011	PHI 005-A01/A02 Critical Reasoning, Prof. Jonathan Dorsey	<i>Spring Quarter</i>

Other Teaching Experience

2008–2010 **Head Pro**, *Golden Gate Badminton Club, Menlo Park and Emeryville, CA*
Coached beginner–elite badminton players from 5–75 years old on both an individual and group basis

2001–2008 **Guest of the Pro/Assistant Coach**, *Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club*
Assisted Canadian National Coach Ram Nayyar with youth coaching

Service & Professional Activities

Conference and Event Organization

2023 **William Reinhardt Memorial Lecture in the Philosophy of Mathematics**, *University of Colorado Boulder*
Organized invited Lecture

2019 **Epistemic & Personal Transformation: Dealing with the Unknowable and Unimaginable**, *University of Queensland*
Organized workshop associated with postdoctoral research

2014–2016 **Minorities and Philosophy, UC Davis Chapter**, *University of California, Davis*
Co-founded and organized meetings for the UC Davis chapter of Minorities and Philosophy

- 2014 **Second Annual DEX Conference**, *University of California, Davis*
Lead organization team for conference hosted by the Philosophy Department
- 2014 **First Annual DEX Conference**, *University of California, Davis*
Organizing committee member for conference hosted by the Philosophy Department
- 2013 **Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference**, *University of California, Davis*
Lead organization team for grad conference co-hosted with Berkeley and Stanford
- 2011–2015 **Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Graduate Conference**, *University of California, Davis*
Organizing committee member for grad conference co-hosted with Berkeley and Stanford
- 2012 **Philoso-Tea**, *University of California, Davis*
Founded a weekly tea-time for the Philosophy Department

Pedagogy Related Service

- 2013–2016 **LaTeX and Beamer for Philosophers**, *University of California, Davis*
Organized and taught LaTeX tutorial for faculty and graduate students
- 2012–2015 **Training & Information in Pedagogical Salience**, *University of California, Davis*
Organized annual departmental TA training event

Departmental Service

- 2023–2024 **Climate Committee**, *Member*, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Philosophy
- 2022–2024 **Executive Committee**, *Member*, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Philosophy
- 2022–2024 **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**, *Member*, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Philosophy
- 2022–2024 **Colloquium Committee**, *Member*, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Philosophy
- 2022 **Lecturer Representative**, University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Philosophy
Representative for contingent faculty at Philosophy Department meetings
- 2011–2016 **Graduate Student Mentor**, *University of California, Davis*
Mentored incoming graduate students

Referee

- ▶ Analysis (4x), Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Logic, Canadian Journal of Philosophy (2x), Dialectica, Ergo, Erkenntnis (4x), Journal of Philosophical Logic (2x), Mind, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia (2x), Philosophical Studies (2x), Philosophy of Science, Res Philosophica, Review of Symbolic Logic (5x), Synthese (5x), Theoria
- ▶ Publons: T-3675-2018

Fellowships and Awards

- 2021 **Teaching and Assessment Institute: Small Changes, Big Impact**, *Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Colorado Boulder*
Successfully applied for participation in a week-long Summer teaching workshop and received a \$500 bursary
- 2014 **UC Davis Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**, *University of California, Davis*
Competitive award given to five graduate students from the social sciences and humanities
- 2013 **Visiting Scholar Fellowship**, *University of California, Davis*
Departmental fellowship awarded annually to two graduate students to visit another institution
- 2008 **Outstanding Graduating Student Award**, *University of British Columbia*
Competitive award given by the Dean of Arts to outstanding graduating students

Letters of Recommendation

- ▶ **Branden Fitelson**, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, Northeastern University
- ▶ **Laurie Paul**, Professor of Philosophy and Cognitive Science, Yale University
- ▶ **Richard Pettigrew**, Professor, University of Bristol
- ▶ **Liam Bright**, Assistant Professor, London School of Economics
- ▶ **Bernard Molyneux**, Associate Professor, University of California, Davis
- ▶ **Toby Meadows**, Assistant Professor, University of California, Irvine
- ▶ **Adam Sennet**, Associate Professor, University of California, Davis