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EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Philosophy, Harvard University, spring 2010 (expected) BA in Mathematics, Philosophy <i>summa cum laude</i> , Columbia University, spring 2004	
AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION	Philosophy of Mathematics, Logic, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language	
AREAS OF COMPETENCE	History of Early Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Aesthetics, Metaphysics	
DISSERTATION	<i>Title:</i> The Marriage of Rationalism and Empiricism: A Naturalistic Solution to the Access Problem for Realist Mathematics <i>Committee:</i> Warren Goldfarb, Ned Hall, Peter Koellner, Bernhard Nickel <i>Abstract:</i> My thesis proposes a new answer to the access problem for Platonism, a problem recently articulated by Hartry Field and Øystein Linnebo. I appeal to a combination of Millian theory revision, natural selection, and the availability of ‘multiple targets’ for mathematical knowledge and suitable meta-semantic facts, to build up a mechanism which a) explains how our mathematical beliefs can be sensitive to realistically construed mathematical facts and there be reliably correct b) avoids any commitment to controversial empiricist claims about the contingency or a posteriority of our mathematical knowledge c) invokes only naturalistic processes.	
REFEREED PRESENTATIONS	“A Posteriori Mathematics and Malament-Hogarth Spaces” Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics 2009 “A Posteriori Mathematics and Malament-Hogarth Spaces” Northwest Philosophy Conference 2009 Comments on Mark C.R. Smith’s “Conceptual Practice and Objective Constraints in Mathematics” “A Priority and the Doctoroids” Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference 2009	
OTHER PRESENTATIONS	Harvard Metaphysics and Epistemology Workshop 2008-2010 <i>Mathematical Knowledge and Explanation</i> <i>A Naturalistic Account of Mathematical Knowledge II</i> <i>A Naturalistic Account of Mathematical Knowledge I</i> <i>A Priori Knowledge Medley: A Problem, Quine without the Quine, from justified true belief to knowledge</i> <i>Accounting for a Priori Knowledge of Mathematics: the Metasemantic Story Fixed</i> <i>Accounting for a Priori Knowledge of Mathematics: the Boggle-Breadbox Model</i> <i>The Access Problem and Applications Problem in Philosophy of Mathematics</i> Harvard MIT “Eminees” <i>One Hierarchy of Sets, Many Targets - Hartry Fields’ Access Problem for (Nonpluritudinous) Platonism Solved; The Problem of a Priori *Analytic* Knowledge; Objects that don’t really exist? What Neo-Meinongians might mean.</i> 2009 <i>Cyborgs and the Silence of the Senses</i> 2007 Harvard MIT Graduate Conference 2009	

Comments on Jacob Stegenga's "New New Problem of Induction"

CURRENT WORK
IN PROGRESS

- Fixing Bogossian on Analyticity and Epistemology
- Michael Potter on Godel and Carnap
- Kant's Question and the Boundaries of Logic
- Williamson on Counterfactuals and Thought Experiments
- Kim on Belief and Epistemic Normativity
- Paraphrase, Ontology and the Index Theorem
- Massive Suggestiveness: A Neo-Kantian Theory of Beauty in Literature
- A Posteriori Mathematics and Malament-Hogarth Spaces
- Mechanism and Lob's Theorem

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

	<i>2009-2010</i>	
Intermediate Logic		teaching assistant (TF)
The Later Philosophy of Wittgenstein		TF
QR22 (Introductory Logic)		TF
	<i>2008-2009</i>	
Intermediate Logic		TF
Epistemology		TF
Junior Tutorial: A Priori Knowledge		sole instructor
	<i>2007-2008</i>	
Plato		teaching assistant
Philosophy of Physics		TF
The Rationalists		TF
Philosophy of Language		TF
	<i>2006-2007</i>	
Introduction to Moral Philosophy; Social Protest		TF

MISC

Citizenship: US
Languages: English, some German, C, Javascript, Haskell
Outside of philosophy, I am interested in:
Recursion theory
The intersection of teaching and game design (http://seberry.logichost.net/jsript_playground/, <http://seberry.logichost.net/logicgame/>)
Nabokov http://seberry.logichost.net/inconclusive_evidence/