

# Christopher Blake-Turner

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## Areas of Interest

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Epistemology, philosophy of logic, and the theory of normativity.

## Education

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- 2015–present PhD Candidate in Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
– *Thesis*. The Possibility of Inference and Action in the Natural World  
– *Committee*. Ram Neta, Matthew Kotzen, and Alex Worsnip
- 2018–2019 Visitor, Yale University
- 2017 MA in Philosophy, UNC Chapel Hill  
– *Thesis*. How to Draw the Right Conclusions: Logical Pluralism without Logical Normativism  
– *Committee*. Gillian Russell, Matthew Kotzen, and John T. Roberts
- 2013–2015 BPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford
- 2009–2013 BA in Philosophy (First Class Honours), University of Durham, United Kingdom

## Publications

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- Forthcoming “Fake News, Relevant Alternatives, and the Degradation of Our Epistemic Environment” in *Inquiry*
- 2019 [Deflationism about Logic](#) in *Journal of Philosophical Logic*
- 2018 [Logical Pluralism without the Normativity](#) (with Gillian Russell) in *Synthese*

## Selected Talks

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### Invited

- Feb 2020 “Comments on ‘Structural Representations and Causal Explanation’”, Central APA, Chicago
- Jan 2020 “Comments on ‘Conventions and Counterlogicals’”, Eastern APA, Philadelphia
- Sept 2019 “Anti-Exceptionalism and Deflationism about Logic”, [CUNY-Bergen Workshop on Anti-Exceptionalism about Logic](#), CUNY
- May 2019 “Comments on ‘The Normativity of Logic’”, Pacific APA, Vancouver
- May 2017 “Comments on ‘Effective Altruism and Transformative Value’”, Transformative Experience Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill

### Refereed

- Nov 2019 “Basing without Deviant Causal Chains”, NNEPA, Worcester
- Jan 2019 “What Basing Must Be”, Symposium, Eastern APA, New York
- June 2018 “Rationality and the State of Nature”, The Future of Normativity Conference, University of Kent
- May 2018 “Deflationism about Logic”, Society for Exact Philosophy Conference 2018, University of Connecticut

## Selected Awards

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- 2019–2020 Horace Williams Fellowship
  - Research fellowship as part of full funding for PhD program at UNC Chapel Hill
- 2018–2019 Richard Brooke Fellowship
  - Research fellowship for entire academic year
- 2017–2018 Maynard Adams Fellowship for the Public Humanities
  - 2017 Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans (Finalist)
  - 2017 Graduate Templeton Fellow
    - Spring semester research fellowship as part of [The Experience Project](#)
- 2015–2016 Horace Williams Fellowship
  - Research fellowship as part of full funding for PhD program at UNC Chapel Hill
- 2013 The Alumni Dissertation Prize
  - University of Durham Philosophy Department record for undergraduate dissertation grade

## Teaching Experience

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### Instructor of Record

- Summer 2019 PHIL213 “Asian Philosophy”, UNC Chapel Hill. [Syllabus](#)
- Summer 2018 PHIL160 “Introduction to Ethics”, UNC Chapel Hill
- Spring 2018 PHIL165 “Bioethics”, UNC Chapel Hill
- Summer 2017 PHIL272 “The Ethics of Peace, War, and Defense”, UNC Chapel Hill

### Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2017 PHIL155 “Introduction to Mathematical Logic”, for Prof. Thomas Hofweber, UNC Chapel Hill
- Fall 2016 PHIL101 “Introduction to Philosophy”, for Prof. Mariska Leunissen, UNC Chapel Hill

### Other Teaching Experience and Service

- April 2020 *Panelist* at [Teaching Asian Philosophical Classes](#), an AAPT-APA Teaching Hub session, Pacific APA, San Francisco
- Feb 2020 *Organizer* of [Graduate Voices in Teaching](#), an AAPT-APA Teaching Hub session, Central APA, Chicago
- 2019–present *Member* of the [Lenssen Prize Committee](#)
  - An AAPT committee that awards a prize for the best paper regarding the teaching of philosophy in the previous year
- Feb 2019 *Organizer* for a One-Day American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT) Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill

- 2018–2019 *Teaching assistant coordinator* for the Philosophy Department, UNC Chapel Hill
- Summer 2018 *Participant* at the [AAPT Teaching and Learning Seminar](#), North Carolina A&T State University – Selected by competitive application for the AAPT’s flagship program in the teaching of philosophy
- Fall 2017 *Group leader* for a PPE Reading Group on *Wealth of Nations*, UNC Chapel Hill
- Summer 2014 *Seminar leader* for the “Ethics of Technology” module, International Alliance of Research Universities Global Summer Programme, University of Oxford

## Academic Service

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- 2019–present *Editor assistant* (Asian Philosophy, Epistemology, Logic) for the [Diversity Reading List](#)
- Fall 2019 *Grant Helper* for the [Diversity Reading List](#) as part of an APA funded grant to convert public contributions to entries
- 2017–2019 *Mentor* for first-year graduate students, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2015–2018 *Graduate representative* of the Philosophy Department’s Undergraduate Committee, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2016–2017 *Convenor* of the Symbolic Logic Reading Group, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2014–2015 *Convenor and treasurer* of the Jowett Society, University of Oxford
- 2014–2015 *Convenor* of the Value Seminar, University of Oxford
- 2014–2015 *Invigilator* for undergraduate examinations, Oriel College, University of Oxford

## Refereeing

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APA-AAPT Teaching Hubs, *Erkenntnis*, *Studies in Pedagogy*.

## Outreach

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- 2019–present *Coach* for Trumbull High School’s National High School Ethics Bowl Team, Trumbull
- Jan 2019 “Reflections on the Art of Teaching Philosophy.” A piece for the APA Blog on my experience at the AAPT Teaching and Learning Seminar in Summer 2018. Available at: <https://blog.apaonline.org/2019/01/23/teaching-and-learning-seminar/>
- 2018–present *Case Writer* for the National High School Ethics Bowl, Chapel Hill
- October 2018 “Skepticism and Fake News.” A talk given the UNC *Philosophy in 15 Minutes* event, Chapel Hill
- 2016–present *Discussion leader* for a seniors’ philosophy discussion group, Carol Woods Retirement Community, Chapel Hill
- 2016–present *Regional and national judge* for the National High School Ethics Bowl, Chapel Hill
- July 2017 “Transformative Experience.” A piece on transformative experience for a popular audience, available at: <https://dailyant.com/2017/07/21/philosophy-phriday-transformative-experience/>
- April 2017 *Speaker and discussion leader* for Philosophy Café at Mystery Brewing Company, Hillsborough