

# Christopher Blake-Turner

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## Areas of Interest

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AOS Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Logic,

AOC Chinese Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Symbolic Logic

## Employment

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2021–present Assistant Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham

## Education

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2015–2021 PhD in Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

– *Dissertation*. Basing is Committing: Essays on Reasoning, Rationality, and Logic

– *Committee*. Ram Neta, Matthew Kotzen, Alex Worsnip, Daniel Greco, and Gillian Russell

2019–2020 Visitor, Yale University

2017 MA in Philosophy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2013–2015 BPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford

2009–2013 BA in Philosophy, University of Durham

## Publications

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- Forthcoming [“Reasons, Basing, and the Normative Collapse of Logical Pluralism”](#) in *Philosophical Studies*
- 2020 [“The Hereby-Commit Account of Inference”](#) in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- 2020 [“Fake News, Relevant Alternatives, and the Degradation of Our Epistemic Environment”](#) in *Inquiry*
- 2020 [“Deflationism about Logic”](#) in *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 49:551–571
- 2018 [“Logical Pluralism without the Normativity”](#) (with Gillian Russell) in *Synthese*

## Teaching Experience

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### Instructor of Record

- Summer 2021 PHIL230 “Mind, Matter, and Metaphysics: the Philosophy of Experience and Reality”, UNC Chapel Hill
- Spring 2021 PHIL105 “Critical Thinking”, UNC Chapel Hill
- Summer 2020 PHIL105 “Critical Thinking”, UNC Chapel Hill. [Syllabus](#)
- 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

- Summer 2020 PHIL165 “The Philosophy and Cognitive Science of Consciousness”, for Joanna Lawson, Yale
- Fall 2017 PHIL155 “Introduction to Mathematical Logic”, for Thomas Hofweber, UNC Chapel Hill
- Fall 2016 PHIL101 “Introduction to Philosophy”, for Mariska Leunissen, UNC Chapel Hill

### Engagement with Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

- 2019–present *Member* of the AAPT’s [Lensesen Prize Committee](#)
- Jan 2021 *Speaker* on [Teaching Classical Chinese Philosophy for the First Time](#), AAPT-APA Teaching Hub session, Eastern APA, Online
- Dec 2020 *Participant* at the Summer School 2021 Online Course Design Program, UNC Chapel Hill
- Jul 2020 (postponed) “Cultivating Virtue through Deliberate Practice”, talk at the 2020 AAPT Conference, Otterbein University
- Feb 2020 *Organizer* of [Graduate Voices in Teaching](#), an AAPT-APA Teaching Hub session, Central APA, Chicago
- 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 Talks

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### Invited

- Apr 2021 “Logical Pluralism, Universalism, and the Normativity of Logic”, Research Colloquium of the Theoretical Philosophy Group, Utrecht University
- Apr 2021 “Comments on ‘Epistemic Responsibility without Transparency or Voluntarism’ ”
- Feb 2021 “Reasons, Basing, and the Normative Collapse of Logical Pluralism”, Leeds University
- Feb 2020 “Comments on ‘Structural Representations and Causal Explanation’ ”, Central APA, Chicago
- Jan 2020 “Comments on ‘Conventions and Counterlogicals’ ”, Eastern APA, Philadelphia
- Sep 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”, Northern New England Philosophical Association Conference, Worcester
- Jan 2019 “What Basing Must Be”, Symposium, Eastern APA, New York
- Jun 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, 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 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

## Service

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### Refereeing

APA-AAPT Teaching Hubs, *Erkenntnis*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Studies in Pedagogy*, *Synthese*

### Other Service

- 2019–present *Editor assistant* (Asian Philosophy, Epistemology, Logic) for the [Diversity Reading List](#)
- 2017–2021 *Mentor* for first-year graduate students, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2020 *Volunteer* at a COVID-19 respite shelter for those experiencing homelessness, Medical Reserve Corps, New Haven
- Fall 2019 *Grant Recipient* for the [Diversity Reading List](#) as part of an APA funded grant to convert public contributions to entries
- 2015–2018 *Graduate representative* of the Philosophy Department’s Undergraduate Committee, UNC Chapel Hill

## Philosophy in the Public Sphere

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- 2020–present *Correspondent* for the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women Philosophy Correspondence Project, UNC Chapel Hill
- 2018–present *Case Writer* for the National High School Ethics Bowl, Chapel Hill
- 2016–present *Regional and national judge* for the National High School Ethics Bowl, Chapel Hill
- 2019–2021 *Coach* for Trumbull Public High School’s National High School Ethics Bowl Team, Connecticut
- 2016–2019 *Discussion leader* for a seniors’ philosophy discussion group, Carol Woods Retirement Community, Chapel Hill
- 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/>
- Oct 2018 “Skepticism and Fake News.” A talk at the UNC *Philosophy in 15 Minutes* event, Chapel Hill
- Jul 2017 “Transformative Experience.” A piece on transformative experience for a popular audience, available at: <https://dailyant.com/2017/07/21/philosophy-phriday-transformative-experience/>
- Apr 2017 *Speaker and discussion leader* for Philosophy Café at Mystery Brewing Company, Hillsborough