

Chris Dorst | Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

University of Florida Aug 2019 - Present
Assistant Professor

Washington University in St. Louis Aug 2018 - June 2019
Lecturer in Philosophy

Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill May 2018
Ph.D. in Philosophy

Dissertation: The Best Predictive System Account of Laws of Nature
Committee: Marc Lange (Chair), John Roberts, Matt Kotzen, Ned Hall,
and Laurie Paul

M.A. in Philosophy May 2014

Thesis: Entrenchment and the Kripke-Wittgenstein Paradox
Committee: Marc Lange (Chair), Matt Kotzen, and John Roberts

Washington University in St. Louis Aug 2008 - May 2012
B.A. in Philosophy and Biology: Neuroscience

Areas

Specialization: Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Physics

Competence: History of Analytic Philosophy, Logic, Metaphysics

Publications

Philosophy

Forthcoming. "Laws, Melodies, and the Paradox of Predictability." *Synthese*.

Forthcoming. "There Is No Measurement Problem for Humeans." *Noûs*.

Forthcoming. "Predictive Infelicities and the Instability of Predictive Optimality." In *Humean Laws for Human Agents*, Siegfried Jaag, Christian Loew, and Michael Hicks, eds. New York: Oxford University Press.

2020. "Why do the Laws Support Counterfactuals?" *Erkenntnis*. doi:10.1007/s10670-019-00207-1

2019. "Humean Laws, Explanatory Circularity, and the Aim of Scientific Explanation."
Philosophical Studies. 176: 2657-2679

2019. "Towards a Best Predictive System Account of Laws of Nature." *British Journal for the*

Philosophy of Science. 70: 877-900.

2017. “Bet Accepted: A Reply to Freitag.” *Philosophical Quarterly*. 68: 175-183.

2016. “Evidence, Significance, and Counterfactuals: Schramm on the New Riddle of Induction.” *Erkenntnis*. 81.1: 143-154.

Book Reviews

2020. “Laws and Explanations; Theories and Modal Possibilities.” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.

2017. “In All Probability, Quite Handy.” *Metascience*. doi: 10.1007/s11016-017-0282-y.

Molecular Biology

2012. (With K. Kirby, B. Marchand, et. al.) “Structural and Inhibition Studies of the RNase H Function of Xenotropic Murine Leukemia Virus-Related Virus Reverse Transcriptase.” *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy*. 56.4: 2048-61.

2010. (With R. C. Durk, K. Singh, et. al.) “Inhibitors of Foot and Mouth Disease Virus Targeting a Novel Pocket of the RNA-Dependent RNA Polymerase.” *PLoS ONE* 5.12: e15049. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0015049.

Presentations, Commentaries, and Panels

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| “Fine-Tuning Divine Indifference” (with Kevin Dorst)
<i>Pacific APA, Vancouver BC</i> | Apr 2022 |
| “Productive Laws in Relativistic Spacetimes”
<i>Florida Philosophical Association, Miami FL</i> | Feb 2022 |
| “Humeanism and the Paradox of Predictability”
<i>Central APA, Virtual Conference</i> | Feb 2021 |
| “Humeanism and the Paradox of Predictability”
<i>Mount Holyoke Summer Philosophy Conference, Mount Holyoke MA</i>
(Cancelled due to pandemic) | Jun 2020 |
| “Predictive Infelicities and the Neo-Humean Conception of Laws”
<i>Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Gainesville FL</i> | Nov 2019 |
| “Predictive Infelicities and the Neo-Humean Conception of Laws”
<i>British Society for Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting, Durham UK</i> | Jul 2019 |
| “Why are the Laws so Useful?”
<i>St Louis Area Philosophy of Science Association Annual Meeting, St Louis MO</i> | Apr 2019 |
| “Laws, Patterns, and Prediction” | Feb 2019 |

<i>Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, Edwardsville IL</i>	
Panel Discussion: “The Neurological Basis of Consciousness and Free Will” <i>Synapse: Wash U Neuroscience Club, St Louis MO</i>	Nov 2018
“Why do the Laws Support Counterfactuals?” <i>Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Milan IT</i>	Aug 2018
Comments on Siegfried Jaag and Christian Loew’s “Humean Reductionism and (Iterated) Counterfactuals” <i>Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Milan IT</i>	Aug 2018
Comments on David Kinney’s “Bayesian Networks and Multi-Level Causation” <i>Central APA, Chicago IL</i>	Feb 2018
“Laws of Nature, Prediction, and Reductionism” <i>Eastern APA, Savannah GA</i>	Jan 2018
“Why are the Laws so Useful?” <i>33rd Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science, Boulder CO</i>	Oct 2017
“A Tension in the Best System Account of Laws” <i>Pacific APA, Seattle WA</i>	Apr 2017
“Contemporary Perspectives on the DN Model of Scientific Explanation” <i>Guest Lecture at Salem State University, Salem MA</i>	Apr 2017
Comments on Katie Elliott’s “The Applicability Problem for Chance Explanation” <i>UNC Philosophy of Science Conference, Chapel Hill NC</i>	Nov 2015
Comments on Lynn Chiu’s “An Ecological Challenge Against the Propensity Interpretation of Fitness” <i>Pacific APA, Vancouver BC</i>	Apr 2015
Comments on Guy Hetzroni’s “Causation and Unification in Quantum Explanations” <i>Hebrew University–UNC Joint Conference in Philosophy, Chapel Hill NC</i>	May 2014
“The Conventionality of the Brain’s Functional Topography” <i>Pitt–CMU Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Science, Pittsburgh PA</i>	Mar 2014

Teaching

Instructor of Record

Philosophy 6406: Graduate Seminar in Philosophy of Science (UF)	Spring 2022
Philosophy 3930: Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics (UF)	Spring 2022
Philosophy 5935: Graduate Proseminar (UF)	Fall 2021
Philosophy 3400: Philosophy of Natural Science (UF)	Fall 2021
Philosophy 5135: Graduate Logic (UF)	Spring 2021
Philosophy 3930: Special Topics: Philosophy of AI (UF)	Spring 2021
Philosophy 5935: Graduate Proseminar (UF)	Fall 2020
Philosophy 4542: Philosophy of Space and Time (UF)	Fall 2020
Philosophy 4905: Independent Study (UF)	Fall 2020
Philosophy 2100: Logic (UF)	Summer 2020
Philosophy 3633: Bioethics (UF)	Spring 2020
Philosophy 2010: Introduction to Philosophy (UF)	Spring 2020
Philosophy 3400: Philosophy of Natural Science (UF)	Fall 2019
Philosophy 2010: Introduction to Philosophy (UF)	Fall 2019
Philosophy 233F: Biomedical Ethics (WUSTL)	Spring 2019
Philosophy 120: Problems in Philosophy (WUSTL)	Spring 2019
Philosophy 120: Problems in Philosophy (WUSTL)	Fall 2018
Philosophy 100G: Logic and Critical Analysis (WUSTL)	Fall 2018
Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy (Online, UNC)	Summer 2018
Philosophy 165: Bioethics (Online, UNC)	Summer 2017
Philosophy 100: Introduction to Philosophy (Salem State University)	Spring 2017
Philosophy 105: Critical Thinking (Online, UNC)	Summer 2016
Philosophy 229: 20th-Century Western Philosophy (UNC)	Spring 2016
Philosophy 155: Introduction to Mathematical Logic (UNC)	Fall 2015
Philosophy 155: Introduction to Mathematical Logic (UNC)	Summer 2015
Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy (UNC)	Summer 2014

Teaching Assistant

Philosophy 155: Introduction to Mathematical Logic (UNC)	Spring 2015, Spring 2014
Philosophy 150: Philosophy of Science (UNC)	Fall 2014
Philosophy 112: Making Sense of Ourselves (UNC)	Fall 2013
Biology 3058: Physiological Control Systems (Washington University)	Spring 2012, Spring 2011
Biology 404: Laboratory of Neurophysiology (Washington University)	Fall 2011
Biology 2970: Genetics (Washington University)	Fall 2010

Academic Awards

UF Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund	Summer 2021
UNC Dissertation Completion Fellowship	Aug 2017 - May 2018
Bertha Williams Fellowship	Aug 2016 - May 2017
UNC Graduate School Travel Award	Apr 2015
Mary Williams Fellowship	Aug 2012 - Aug 2013
Nishi Luthra Prize for Excellence in Philosophy	May 2012
Phi Beta Kappa Acceptance	May 2012

Professional Activities

Humeanism and the Pragmatic Turn Virtual Conference, Organizer	May 2021
2020 Harvard Humean Laws Workshop, Organizer	June 2020
2019 Harvard Humean Laws Workshop, Organizer	May 2019
WUSTL January Reading Program Faculty Discussion Leader	Jan 2019
WUSTL History and Philosophy of Science and Medicine Group Coordinator	Dec 2018 - June 2019
WUSTL Undergraduate Philosophy Club Faculty Liaison	Aug 2018 - June 2019
WUSTL Work-In-Progress Talk Coordinator	Aug 2018 - Dec 2018
Harvard Fellow in Philosophy	Aug 2016 - May 2018
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl - National Competition	Apr 2016
Judge, National High School Ethics Bowl - Regional Competition	Jan 2016
President, UNC Philosophy Graduate Student Association	Aug 2015 - Aug 2016
UNC Outreach Volunteer at Southpoint Atria Assisted Living	Sep 2015 - May 2016
Volunteer tutor and philosophy discussion group leader at LEAP for Education in Salem, MA	May 2016 - Aug 2018

Referee: *Philosophical Review*, *Mind*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Foundations of Physics*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Analysis*, *Erkenntnis*, *Synthese*, *dialectica*, *European Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Acta Analytica*

References

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Michael Mulnix (Teaching Reference)

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