

# NATHAN KELLEN

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University of Connecticut

Philosophy Department / UConn Humanities Institute

## EDUCATION

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### University of Connecticut

PhD, M.A. in Philosophy  
Graduate Certificate in Logic

*expected April 2019*

### Dissertation: *Pluralisms about Truth and Logic*

Committee: Michael P. Lynch (chair), Dorit Bar-On, Jc Beall, Stewart Shapiro, Keith Simmons

### University of Minnesota

B.A. in Philosophy  
Minor in German Studies

*Spring 2012*

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

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Truth, Logic, History of Analytic Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

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Ethics, Social Epistemology, Philosophy of Mathematics

## PUBLICATIONS

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“The Normative Problem for Logical Pluralism”

*Inquiry*, [online-first](#)

“Methodological Pluralism about Truth”

in *Pluralisms in Truth and Logic*, eds. Kellen, Pedersen, Wyatt  
Palgrave MacMillan, 2019

## EDITED COLLECTIONS

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*The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives*

eds. Lynch, Wyatt, Kellen, Kim  
MIT, 2nd ed., under contract

*Pluralisms in Truth and Logic*, eds. Kellen, Pedersen, Wyatt

Palgrave MacMillan, 2019

*Michael Dummett Project* (online bibliography, resource and search engine), eds. Kellen & Parisi  
under construction

## RESEARCH AND GRANT PROJECTS

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[Humility & Conviction in Public Life: Research Assistant](#)

2017-2019

As a research assistant on the Templeton funded Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project housed at the UConn Humanities Institute I organized an interdisciplinary workshop on “Political Polarization and Epistemic Arrogance” and assisted with other project activities and events.

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UConn Humanities Assistant: Research Assistant 2017-2019

As a research assistant for the UConn Humanities Assistant I organized several interdisciplinary events, including an “Authors Celebration” for all UConn liberal arts researchers and professors, celebrating their books released over a two-year period.

ECOM Research Group: Coordinator 2014-2017

As Coordinator for Dorit Bar-On’s interdisciplinary “Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning” (ECOM) Research Group at UConn I organized multiple workshops and conferences, semesterly reading groups and speaker series and assisted in grant writing and other research activities.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- “Adjudicating Disagreement about Logic via Logical Functionalism”  
Disagreement Within Philosophy, Universität Bonn Oct 2018
- “LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE as an Open-Texture Concept”  
APA Pacific Division 2018 Meeting, Prisma Research Network Meeting Apr 2017
- “The Normative Problem for Logical Pluralism”  
APA Central Division 2018 Meeting Feb 2018  
2017 Minnesota Philosophical Society Nov 2017  
Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop June 2017
- “Not So Minimal: Against Wright’s Minimalism”  
Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop June 2017
- “Logical Functionalism and Logical Pluralism”  
Yonsei Pluralisms Workshop June 2017
- “Dummett, (Anti-)Realism and Pluralism about Truth”  
Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy 2017 Meeting May 2017
- “From Logical Pluralism to Mathematical Pluralism: The Neo-Logicist Route”  
APA Pacific Division 2017 Meeting, Prisma Research Network Meeting Apr 2017
- “The Logic of Truth Pluralism”  
North Carolina Philosophical Society 2017 Meeting Feb 2017  
9th Annual Arche Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews Oct 2016
- “Was Dummett a Truth Pluralist?”  
COGITO Pluralisms Workshop 3 (Bologna) Dec 2016

## PRESENTATIONS

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“LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE as a Functional Concept”	
Society for Exact Philosophy 2017 Meeting	May 2017
North Carolina Philosophical Society 2016 Meeting	Feb 2016
Iowa Philosophical Society 2015 Meeting	Nov 2015
OSU-Dubrovnik Pluralisms Workshop	June 2015
“Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism” (UConn)	Apr 2015
“The Varieties and Motivations of Truth Pluralisms”	
Korea Pluralisms Week (Yonsei)	June 2016
“Should Truth Pluralists be Logical Pluralists?”	
Yonsei University Invited Colloquium	June 2016
Society for Exact Philosophy 2016 Meeting	May 2016
COGITO Pluralisms Workshop 1 (Bologna)	June 2015
“Logical Pluralism, Alethic Pluralism and Intuitionistic Logic”	
14th Annual Philosophy of Logic, Math and Physics Graduate Conference (Western)	June 2014
“Logical Pluralism, Alethic Pluralism and Intuitionistic Logic”	
VIII Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Conference in Philosophy (Brown)	Nov 2013

## COURSES TAUGHT

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**Introduction to Ethics** Summer 2017, F2016, S2015, F2014

Introduction to ethics course composed of three parts: metaethics, normative ethics and applied ethics. Topics include relativism, realism, deontology, utilitarianism, abortion, euthanasia, antinatalism, animal ethics, drones, privilege and consent.

*CLAS Teaching Excellence Award*: S2015

Business School edition: F2016

“First Summer” Freshmen Seminar edition: Summer 2017

**Introduction to Logic** S2017

Introduction to logic focusing on the relation between logic, reasoning and philosophical problems. Students learn how to translate natural language arguments into formal logic, and how to reason in classical,  $\mathcal{K}_3$ , LP and FDE at the propositional level. Ties between logic and classic philosophical problems are explored, as well as the history of logic in the western and non-western traditions.

**Symbolic Logic** Summer 2018, Metropolitan State University

Introduction to symbolic logic focusing on the relation between logic, reasoning and philosophical problems. Students learn how to translate natural language arguments into formal logic, and how to reason in classical,  $\mathcal{K}_3$ , LP and FDE at the propositional level. Ties between logic and classic philosophical problems are explored, as well as the history of logic in the western and non-western traditions. This course fulfills MN Transfer Curriculum Goal (GELS): Mathematical/Logical Reasoning Goal (04) and is thus largely mathematical in nature, and at a higher level than introduction to logic.

## EVENTS ORGANIZED

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Primary organizer unless otherwise noted.

Society for Exact Philosophy 2018 Meeting UConn, with J. Henderson, M. Rossberg	May 2018
“Political Polarization and Epistemic Arrogance” Humility & Conviction in Public Life Project (UConn), with M. Lynch	Apr 2018
“Emotions and Expressions” ECOM Conference (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Apr 2018
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting - Pacific APA 2018 Affiliated Group Meeting	Mar 2018
“Human and Nonhuman Animals: Minds and Morals” ECOM Conference (UConn), with D. Bar-On	May 2017
Prisma Global Research Network Meeting - Pacific APA 2017 Affiliated Group Meeting	Apr 2017
“What’s in a Word?” ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Dec 2016
“The A Priori” 2nd Annual UConn Philosophy Graduate Conference, with H. Gunn	Feb 2016
“Expressive Language: Semantics, Pragmatics, and Origins” ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Nov 2015
1st Annual PGSA Interdisciplinary Public Lecture (David Chalmers) Designed and secured funds for interdisciplinary public lecture at UConn	Sep 2015
“Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism” UConn Conference, with M. Lynch, N.J.L.L. Pedersen	Apr 2015
“What’s the Point? Pointing and Gestural Communication” ECOM Workshop (UConn), with D. Bar-On	Mar 2015
“Realism and Anti-Realism” 1st Annual UConn Philosophy Graduate Conference, with H. Gunn	Nov 2014
“Abstractionism and Neologicism” 1st Annual UConn Logic Group Workshop, asst. organizer to M. Rossberg	Apr 2014

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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Journal Refereeing: *Inquiry*; *Erkenntnis*

Session Chairing: APA Pacific Division 2017 Meeting; APA Eastern Division 2017 Meeting

Comments: 2nd Annual Grover Alumni Conference; OSU Conference on Contextualism & Truth 2017; APA Eastern Division 2016 Meeting

## **SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT**

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UConn Philosophy Graduate Student Association – President (2014-2016)

UConn Philosophy Department Representative to CLAS Prospective Student Open House (2016)

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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American Philosophical Association

Society for Exact Philosophy

Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy

UConn Logic Group

Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning Research Group

Connecticut Institute for the Brain and Cognitive Sciences