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Curriculum Vitae

Philosophy Department
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Employment

2007–present: University of Pittsburgh, Associate Professor
2003–2007: University of Pittsburgh, Assistant Professor
2000–2003: New York University, Assistant Professor

Education

1995–2000: Princeton University, Ph.D. in Philosophy (awarded January 2002)
Dissertation Title: *The Simplicity of Everything*
Adviser: David Lewis
1994–95: Technische Universität, Berlin, visiting student
1993–94: University College, Cork, M.A. in Philosophy
Thesis Title: *Hume on Causal Relations*
Adviser: Desmond Clarke
1990–93: University College, Cork, B.A. in Philosophy and English

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language.

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Mathematics, Logic,
Early Modern Philosophy.

Awards and Distinctions

Charles E. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, ACLS, 2007–2008
New York Institute of Philosophy, outside member, 2007–2010
Whiting Fellowship, Princeton University, 1999–2000

Published and Forthcoming Articles

- ‘Iterated Determinacy’
Forthcoming in *Clocks and Clouds: Essays on the Nature and Logic of Vagueness*, ed. Richard Dietz and Sebastiano Moruzzi (Oxford University Press).
- ‘There Are No Abstract Objects’
Forthcoming in *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, ed. John Hawthorne, Theodore Sider and Dean Zimmerman (Blackwell).
- ‘Propositions and Counterpart Theory’
Analysis 65 (2005): 210–18.
- ‘What We Disagree About When We Disagree About Ontology’
In *Fictionalist Approaches to Metaphysics*, ed. Mark Kalderon (Oxford University Press, 2005): 234–286.
- ‘Non-symmetric Relations’
In *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, vol. 1, ed. Dean Zimmerman (Oxford University Press, 2004): 155–192.
- ‘Vagueness Without Ignorance’

- In *Philosophical Perspectives 17: Language and Philosophical Linguistics*, ed. John Hawthorne and Dean Zimmerman (Blackwell, 2003): 83–113.
- ‘Merricks on the Existence of Human Organisms’
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 67 (2003): 711–18.
- ‘Composition as a Fiction’ (with Gideon Rosen)
 In Richard M. Gale, ed., *The Blackwell Guide to Metaphysics* (Blackwell, 2002): 151–74.
- ‘Sleeping Beauty: In Defence of Elga’
Analysis 62 (2002): 292–96.
- ‘Non-cognitivism and Wishful Thinking’
Noûs 36 (2002): 97–103.

Reviews

- Review of Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra, *Resemblance Nominalism: A Solution to the Problem of Universals*
Mind 114 (2005): 457–461.

Work in Progress

- A book on quantum mechanics, tentatively titled *Our Place in the Quantum World*
- ‘De Re A Priori Knowledge’
- ‘Of Numbers and Electrons’

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

- Comments on David Chalmers, ‘Ontological Anti-Realism’
 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: March 2007
- ‘Rationality, Self-locating Belief, and Many-Worlds Interpretations of Quantum Mechanics’
 Rutgers: September 2006
- ‘Belief about Chance’
 Pittsburgh: April 2006
- ‘Finding Ordinary Objects in the World of Quantum Mechanics’
 SUNY Buffalo: November 2005; NYU: December 2005; Pittsburgh: March 2006; Toronto: May 2006;
 Arizona Ontology Conference: January 2007; Rutgers: October 2007
- ‘Of Numbers and Electrons’
 Texas: January 2005; MIT: April 2005; Eastern APA: December 2005
- ‘Are Vague Predicates Definable?’
 Arché vagueness conference, St. Andrews: September 2004
- ‘There Are No Abstract Objects’
 Pittsburgh: April 2004
- ‘De Re A Priori Knowledge’
 Cornell: October 2003; USC: December 2006; Ohio State: September 2007
- Comments on Frank Arntzenius, ‘Lewis on Locality’
 Syracuse Workshop in Metaphysics: August 2003
- ‘Vagueness Without Ignorance’
 NYU: April 2003
- ‘What We Disagree About When We Disagree About Ontology’
 North Carolina, Toronto, Notre Dame, Colorado, Pittsburgh: January–February 2003; Bellingham Summer
 Philosophy Conference: August 2003
- ‘Primitive Predicates’
 CUNY Graduate Center: November 2001
- ‘On the Existence of Complex Properties’
 Metaphysical Mayhem, Syracuse: August 2001
- ‘Composite Objects and Causal Efficacy’
 Bled Conference, Slovenia: June 2001

Comments on Matthew Phillips, ‘On What A Solution to the Problem of Empty Names Cannot Be’

Pacific APA: April 2001

‘Non-cognitivism and Wishful Thinking’

Pacific APA: April 2000

‘Mereology as a Fiction’

UC Santa Cruz, NYU, U. Mass Amherst, Tufts, Arizona State: January–February 2000

‘Spreading it Thick: Hume on the Impression of Necessary Connection’

Hume Society conference: July 1999

‘Is Consequentialism Trivial?’

ANU, Sydney: August 1998

‘Non-symmetric Relations.’

Australasian Association of Philosophy conference: July 1998

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate:

Philosophy of Mind (2000)

Metaphysics (2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007)

Hume (2002)

Topics in Systematic Philosophy (2003: scepticism; 2006: epistemic paradoxes)

Introduction to Logic (2004)

Introduction to Philosophical Problems (2005, 2007)

Graduate seminars:

Philosophy of Language (2005: vagueness)

Metaphysics (2000: properties; 2001: realism and anti-realism; 2003: material objects; 2005: modality;

2006: laws, chance and counterfactuals)

Proseminar (2001, 2002)

Departmental Service

Appointments Committee (NYU), 2000–2002

Admissions Committee (NYU), 2001–2002

Graduate Committee (NYU), 2002

Placement Committee (Pittsburgh), 2003–2004

Prize Committee (Pittsburgh), 2003–2005

Graduate Committee (Pittsburgh), 2004–2005

Website co-ordinator (Pittsburgh), 2005–2007

Appointments Committee (NYU), 2006–2007

Professional Service

APA Eastern Division Program Committee, 2006–2008

Editorial board, *Philosophical Perspectives*, *Philosophical Studies*

Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Blackwell*

Philosophy Compass, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Hume Studies*, *Mind*, *Noûs*,

Philosopher’s Imprint, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*,

Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, *Synthese*, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford University

Press.