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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy – Rutgers University, 2008

- Dissertation: *Ontology, Quantification, and Fundamentality*. Theodore Sider, Director.

M.A., Philosophy – Florida State University, 2004

- Thesis: *A Partial Defense of Compatibilism*. Alfred R. Mele, Director.

B.A., Philosophy – Washington State University, 2002

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Phil. Logic

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind

EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Arizona

July 2019 – present

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, The University of Arizona

July 2015 – June 2019

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, St. Louis University

August 2014 – June 2015

Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Leeds

February 2011 – July 2014

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Leeds

September 2008 – February 2011

BOOK

The Facts in Logical Space: A Tractarian Ontology. Oxford University Press, 2016.

ARTICLES

“The Metaphysics of Mixed Quantities,” *Noûs*, forthcoming.

“Ultrafilters as Propositional Theories,” *The Philosophy Compass* 20(7) (2025): 1–15.

“On Doing Without Ontology: Feature Placing on a Global Scale,” in Dean Zimmermann and Karen Bennett (eds.), *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* (OUP, 2025): 176–211.

“Why Special Relativity is a Problem for the A-Theory,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 70.279 (2020): 385–406.

“Recent Work on Ontological Pluralism,” in James Miller and Rikki Bliss (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Metaphysics* (Routledge, 2020): 184–195.

“Experimental Philosophy, Conceptual Analysis, and Metasemantics,” in David Rose (ed.), *Experimental Metaphysics* (Bloomsbury, 2017): 47–74.

“Can We Do without Fundamental Individuals?” and (with Shamik Dasgupta) “Postscript,” in Elizabeth Barnes (ed.), *Current Controversies in Metaphysics* (Routledge, 2017): 24–42.

“Curbing Enthusiasm about Grounding,” *Philosophical Perspectives* 30.1 (2016): 366–396.

- “Metaontology,” *Oxford Handbooks Online*, 2016. DOI: 0.1093/oxfordhb/9780199935314.013.25
- “*The Construction of Logical Space and the Structure of Facts*,” *Philosophical Studies* 172.10 (2015): 2609–2616.
- “What’s So Bad about Second-Order Logic?,” in Alessandro Torza (ed), *Quantifiers, Quantifiers, and Quantifiers: Themes in Logic, Metaphysics, and Language*, Volume 373 of the *Synthese Library* (Springer, 2015): 463–487.
- “Scrying an Indeterminate World,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 89.1 (2014): 995–1003.
- “Donald Baxter’s Composition as Identity,” in Donald M. Baxter and Aaron J. Cotnoir (eds), *Composition as Identity* (OUP, 2014): 225–243.
- “PAPEal Infallibility?” *Thought* 2.3 (2013): 274–280.
- “Compatibilism and the Free Will Defense,” *Faith and Philosophy* 30.2 (2013): 125–137.
- “(Metasemantically) Securing Free Will,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 91.2 (2013): 295–310.
- “Existence and Many-One Identity,” *Philosophical Quarterly* 63.251 (2013): 313–329.
- “Logic and Ontological Pluralism,” *The Journal of Philosophical Logic* 41.2 (2012): 419–448.
- “Ontological Nihilism,” in Dean W. Zimmerman and Karen Bennett (eds), *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* vol. 6 (OUP, 2011): 3–54.
- “Ontological Pluralism,” *The Journal of Philosophy* 107.1 (2010): 5–34.
- “Fitting Attitudes *De Dicto* and *De Se*,” *Noûs* 44.1 (2010): 1–9.
- “The Incompatibility of Free Will and Naturalism,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87.4 (2009): 565–587.
- “Are the Folk Agent-Causationists?” (with Eddy Nahmias), *Mind and Language*, 21.5 (2006): 597–609.
- “Is Incompatibilism Intuitive?” (with Eddy Nahmias, Stephen Morris, and Thomas Nadelhoffer), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 73.1 (2006): 28–53.
- “Strong and Weak Possibility,” *Philosophical Studies* 125.2 (2005): 191–217.
- “Surveying Freedom” (with Eddy Nahmias, Stephen Morris, and Thomas Nadelhoffer), *Philosophical Psychology*, 18.5 (2005): 561–584.
- “The Phenomenology of Free Will” (with Eddy Nahmias, Stephen Morris, and Thomas Nadelhoffer), *The Journal of Consciousness Studies* 11 (2004): 162–179.
- “Folk Intuitions, Asymmetry, and Intentional Side Effects,” *Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology* 24.2 (2004): 215–219.

ORIGINAL PRESENTATIONS

- “How to Send a Rocket Into Space Without Numbers”
5 April 2024 – Bloomington, IN – Indiana University
- “Expressive Power Arguments in Metaphysics”
8 November 2019 – Princeton, NJ – Princeton University
9 February 2018 – Cambridge, MA – Massachusetts Institute of Technology
7 April 2017 – New Haven, CT – Yale University Metaphysics and Semantics Workshop
8 August 2017 – Leeds, UK – Centre for Metaphysics and Mind Colloquium
- “Functional Logical Pluralism”
3 May 2019 – Boston, MA – Boston University Logic Workshop
- “Credal Luminosity”
17 April 2019 – Vancouver, BC – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- “Holist’s Just Won’t Learn: A Problem for (Global) Ontological Nihilism”
8 March 2019 – Lubbock, TX – Texas Tech University
- “Grounding and Ontological Commitment”
25 July 2017 – Hamburg, Germany – The Laws of Metaphysics Workshop

- Author Meets Critic session on *The Facts in Logical Space*
 12 April 2017 – Seattle, WA – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting
- “Everettian Evils”
 10 June 2016 – New Brunswick, NJ – Multiverse, Theodicy, and Fine-Tuning Conference
- “Theodicy and Hermeneutics”
 14 March 2016 – Princeton, NJ – Embodied Religious Experience Workshop
- “On Doing Without Infinitely Many Individuals”
 4 March 2016 – Chicago, IL – American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting
- “Ontological Nihilism and Tractarian Factalism”
 25 September 2015 – Pittsburgh – The University of Pittsburgh
 21 February 2015 – St Louis, MO – American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting
 29 January 2015 – Tucson, AZ – White Stallion Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
- “Towards a (Broadly) Tractarian Theory of Modality”
 11 October 2014 – Bloomington, IN – 3rd Annual Midwestern Area Workshop in Metaphysics
 10 April 2014 – Waco, TX – 9th Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference at Baylor
 5 February 2014 – Manchester – University of Manchester
- “Realism and the Manifest Image”
 5 September 2013 – Ca’ Foscari University, Venice – Realism and Antirealism in Philosophy
- “Are Ontological Debates Defective?”
 6 July 2013 – Tübingen, Germany – Tübingen Metaphysics Workshop
 11 February 2011 – Oxford – Oxford University Jowett Society
 22 October 2010 – Barcelona, Spain – University of Barcelona
- “Everettian Libertarianism?”
 3 July 2012 – University of Kent, Conference on Science and Metaphysics
 24 November 2009 – The University of Reading
- “Existence and Composition as Identity”
 27 May 2012 – Geneva, Switzerland – EIDOS Workshop: Themes from Baxter
- Composition as Identity and Leibniz’ Law: Lewis v. Baxter
 27 May 2012 – Geneva, Switzerland – EIDOS Workshop: Themes from Baxter
- “Compatibilism and the Free Will Defense”
 20 February 2012 – Grand Rapids, MI – Calvin College Philosophy Department
- “Tractarian Geometry”
 18 February 2012 – Chicago, IL – American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting
 7 October 2011 – Ann Arbor, MI – University of Michigan Philosophy Department
- “Grounding, Ontological Commitment, and Composition as Identity,”
 11 December 2011 – Mainz, Germany – Fundamentality and Grounding Workshop
- “Metaphysics: State of Play”, Panel Presentation
 28 July 2010 – Syracuse, NY – Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network
- “What do Intuitions Have to Do With Free Will?”
 22 March 2010 – Regensburg, Germany – Workshop on Free Will, Action Theory, and Agency
- “Free Will and Microphysics”
 24 March 2010 – Regensburg, Germany – Workshop on Free Will, Action Theory, and Agency
- “Metaphysical Analysis and Lewisian Naturalness”
 22 April 2009 – Ghent, Belgium – Workshop on Methodological Issues in Analytic Metaphysics
- “Ontological Pluralism”
 6 August 2007 – Bellingham, WA – Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference
 1 April 2007 – Boise, ID – Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Metametaphysics
- “On How Things Are”
 May 2006 – Online – Online Philosophy Conference

“The Supervenience Argument”

15 November, 2003 – St. Petersburg, FL – Florida Philosophical Association Meeting

“More Beta Blues” (with Joseph Keim Campbell)

28 March, 2003 – San Francisco, CA – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

INVITED COMMENTS

Joseph Werner, “Contingentist Qualitativism and Primitive Pluralities”

20 March 2023 – Portland, OR – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

Alex Jackson, “Non-Fundamental Metaphysics is Normative”

14 March 2023 – Sun Valey, Idaho – Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Value & Reality

Cian Dorr, John Hawthorne, and Juhani Yli-Vakkuri, *The Bounds of Possibility*

24 February 2023 – Denver, CO – American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meeting

Kris McDaniel, *The Fragmentation of Being*

30 March 2018 – San Diego, CA – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

Kit Fine, “The Metaphysics of Contrary to Duty Obligations”

25 January 2018 – Tucson, AZ – White Stallion Ranch Metaphysics Workshop

Karen Bennett, *Making Things Up*

4 January 2018 – Savannah, GA – American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting

Agustin Rayo, *The Construction of Logical Space*

18 April 2014 – San Diego, CA – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

John Hawthorne, “The Epistemic use of ‘Ought’”

10 June 2012 – Beijing, China – Meiguo Metaphysical Mayhem

Refeng Tang, “Experience and Intentionality”

9 June 2012 – Beijing, China – Meiguo Metaphysical Mayhem

Thomas Pink, “Freedom of the Will: The Middle Ages and Hobbes”

9 May 2012 – London, UK – Institute of Philosophy Workshop: Free Will Then and Now

William J. Abraham, “Divine Action, Models, and Analogy”

15 May 2010 – New Brunswick, NJ – LOGOS Workshop

Daniel Nolan, “She’s Really Happening”, and Ryan Wasserman, “Dispositions, Conditionals and Habituals”

31 March 2010 – San Francisco, CA – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

Karen Bennett, “Putting Things Together”

5 September 2008 – Leeds, UK – Perspectives on Ontology Conference

Kadri Vihvelin, “Compatibilism, Incompatibilism, and Impossibilism”

7 April 2007 – San Francisco, CA – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

Amie L. Thomasson, “Answerable and Unanswerable Questions”

May 2006 – Online – Online Philosophy Conference

Neal A. Tognazinni, “On Being a Morally Responsible Stage”

23 March 2006 – Portland, OR – American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting

James Blackmon, “Temporal Parts and the Problem of Motion”

2 April 2005 – Moscow, ID – Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Time and Identity

EDITED WORKS

Philosophical Perspectives (with John Hawthorne). Blackwell. 2010–present.

Philosophical Studies special issue, May 2010 (with Dennis Whitcomb). Springer.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

British Academy Small Research Grant, *Free Will and Microphysics*, £3060. November 2009–August 2010.

Oxford Studies in Metaphysics Younger Scholar Prize, 2009, for “Ontological Nihilism”.

Mind Association Fellowship. September 2012–February 2013.

“Ontological Nihilism” included in the 2012 *Philosophers’ Annual*.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Robert Stalnaker, *Propositions: Ontology and Logic*, Oxford University Press. *The Philosophical Review* 134.2: 235–239.
- Graham Priest, *One: Being an Investigation into the Unity of Reality and of its Parts, including the Singular Object which is Nothingness*, Oxford University Press. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 15 September 2015.
- Stephen Yablo, *Things: Philosophical Papers Volume 2*, Oxford University Press. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 13 August 2011.
- Michael Jubien, *Possibility*, Oxford University Press. *Analysis Reviews* 70.1: 184–186.

TEACHING

MA Supervision

- Yilmaz Dogukan Ozlu, *The Dilemma of Grounding*, MA, 2022
- Andrew Peet, *Thinking with the Learned and Speaking with the Vulgar: Speech Acts and Noncommittalism*, MA, 2011
- Callum Sida-Murray, *Unrestricted Quantification, Interpretation, and Plurals*, MA, 2010
- Carl Warom, *An Analysis and Defense of Mathematical Fictionalism*, MA, 2010
- Antony Schaffarczyk, *Reconstructing Moral Responsibility: A Critical Survey of Vargas’s Revisionism*, MA, 2009

PhD Supervision

As Supervisor

- Ding, *On Our Own Terms: Equality and the Social Meaning of Bodies*, 2023–present.
- Danielle Adams, *Divine Causation* (Leeds, with Robin Le Poidevin and Helen Steward), 2012–2014.
- Robert Pezet, *Defending the Best Form of Presentism* (Leeds, with Robin Le Poidevin), 2011–2014.
- Istvan Danka, *Teaching Philosophy in a Multimedia Environment* (Leeds, with Aaron Meskin), 2011–2013.
- Thomas Brouwer, *Ideology and Fundamentality* (Leeds, with J.R.G. Williams and John Divers), 2009–2013.

As Committee Member

- Rhys Borchert, *Epistemology and Evidence*, 2020–2024.
- Santiago de Jesus Sanchez-Borboa, *Kant’s Metaphysical Deduction and the Intellectual Origin of the Categories* (Arizona, Houston Smit supervisor), 2018–2021.
- Joseph Metz, *Causation and Absences* (Arizona, Carolina Sartorio supervisor), 2016–present.
- Wes Siscoe, *The Epistemology of Grounding* (Arizona, Stewart Cohen supervisor), 2018–2020.
- Byron Simmons, *Ontological Pluralism* (Syracuse University, Kris McDaniel supervisor), 2018–2020.
- Peter Finocchiaro, *Meta-Ontology* (University of Notre Dame, Mike Rea supervisor), 2014–2016.

PhD Examination

INTERNAL EXAMINER

- Stephan Krämer, *Second-Order Quantification and Ontological Commitment*
Ian Rumfitt, external examiner. May 2011.
- Mirja Holst, *Ordering Semantics for Incomplete Descriptions*
Ofra Magidor, external examiner. April 2012.
- David Cornell, *Why there is Only One Thing: A Defense of Ontological Monism*
Carrie Jenkins, external examiner. July 2013.

EXTERNAL EXAMINER

- Juhani Yli-Vakkuri, *Essays on Semantic Content and Context-Sensitivity*
Timothy Williamson, Internal Examiner. September 2012.

Taught Courses

University of Arizona Graduate Co-Seminar

- University of Arizona: Fall 2024, 2025

Intermediate Logic (Non-Classical and Modal Logics)

- University of Arizona: Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, Spring 2025

Graduate Seminar: Intrinsic Physics

- University of Arizona: Fall 2023

Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking

- University of Arizona: Spring 2024, 2025, Fall 2023, 2024

Advanced Metaphysics (Survey)

- University of Arizona: Spring 2023

Graduate Seminar: Metasemantics

- University of Arizona: Fall 2021

Advanced Logic (Completeness and Incompleteness)

- University of Arizona: Spring 2017, 2018, 2019

Graduate Seminar: Philosophy of Logic

- University of Arizona: Fall 2019

Science and Inquiry: An Introduction to the History and Philosophy of Science

- University of Arizona: Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Introduction to Philosophy of Religion

- The University of Arizona, Spring 2016, 2017

Graduate Seminar: Modality

- University of Arizona: Fall 2016

Advanced Topics in Metaphysics

- University of Arizona (on Philosophy of Time): Spring 2016

Philosophy of Language

- The University of Arizona, Fall 2015
- St Louis University, Spring 2015
- The University of Leeds: Spring 2011
- Rutgers University: Fall 2007

Introduction to Philosophy

- St Louis University, Spring 2015
- Rutgers University: Fall 2004, Summer 2006

Graduate Seminar: The Philosophy of David Lewis

- St Louis University, Fall 2014

Introduction to Metaphysics

- University of Leeds: Spring 2013, 2014

Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Language

- University of Leeds (on Conditionals): Fall 2009, 2011, 2013

Formal Logic

- University of Leeds: Fall 2010, 2011, 2013

Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Logic

- University of Leeds (on Logical Consequence): Spring 2011
- University of Leeds (on Quantification): Spring 2010

MA Seminar: Mind and Language

- University of Leeds (on Epistemic Modals): Fall 2010
- University of Leeds (on Free Will): Fall 2009

Introduction to Logic

- University of Leeds: Spring 2009
- Rutgers University: Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Summer 2008

Introduction to Epistemology

- University of Leeds: Fall 2008

Philosophy in Science Fiction

- Rutgers University: Summer 2007

Tutorial in Philosophical Writing

- Rutgers University: Spring 2006, 2007

Theory of Knowledge

- Rutgers University: Summer 2005

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy, The University of Arizona

August 2023–present

Head of Department, Department of Philosophy, The University of Arizona

January 2018 – January 2022

Graduate Teaching Advisory Committee, The University of Arizona

August 2015 – December 2017

Organizer, Center for Metaphysics and Mind, The University of Leeds

August 2013 – July 2014

Postgraduate Tutor, The University of Leeds

August 2010 – July 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Publication Referee

American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology, Mind, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophia, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Review of Symbolic Logic, Routledge Press, Synthese, Thought, Oxford University Press

Grant Referee

Swiss National Science Foundation, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences (IRCHSS), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

Prize Committee

Marc Saunders Prize in Metaphysics (2012, 2013, 2024)

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