

Andrew Bacon

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Employment

2013–present **Assistant Professor**, University of Southern California.

2010–2012 **Junior Research Fellow**, *Magdalen College*, Oxford University.

Education

2003–2007 **MMathPhil**, *Oxford University*, *First class*.

Maths and Philosophy

2007–2009 **BPhil**, *Oxford University*, *Distinction*.

Philosophy

2009–2012 **DPhil**, *Oxford University*, Supervised under Cian Dorr (primary) and Timothy Williamson.

Indeterminacy: An Investigation Into The Soritical And Semantical Paradoxes

Areas of specialisation

- Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics, Formal Epistemology.

Areas of competence

- Formal Semantics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mathematics, Frege, Mathematical Logic

Prizes and honours

- Article 'Quantificational Logic and Empty Names' selected for the Philosopher's Annual 2013 (selection of the ten best articles each year).
- American Philosophical Association Article Prize. \$2000 awarded to best article published between 2012 and 2013 by a scholar under 40 or within 10 years of receiving their PhD.
- Prize Fellow by Examination, Magdalen College. 2010.
- Gilbert Ryle Prize for best overall performance in BPhil examinations, 2009.
- John Locke Prize in Mental Philosophy, 2008. £500 awarded by six hour exam.
- Wykeham Scholarship at New College, Oxford University. 2007-2011
- AHRC Scholarship. 2007-2011
- Gibbs Prize in Philosophy, awarded to the highest marks in finals in each subject. Oxford University 2007.
- Scholarship at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University. 2004-2007.

Talks

- 2008 **Oxford/Paris Workshop on Language and Ontology**, *June 26th–28th*, Paris, Invited speaker.
'Representing Counterparts'
- 2008 **Ockham Society**, *November*, Oxford.
'A really weird puzzle involving: a coin, a backwards supertask, and the axiom of choice'
- 2009 **Ockham Society**, *February 24*, Oxford.
'What to do when the world splits in two'
- 2009 **Workshop on Truth and Probability**, *September 22*, Bristol, Invited speaker.
'Higher order indeterminacy and the revenge liar'
- 2010 **Workshop on Vagueness and Metaphysics, III**, *September 16-17*, Barcelona, Invited speaker.
'Vagueness at every order: the prospects of denying B'
- 2011 **Mind, Language and Action**, *August 29 - September 2*, Dubrovnik, Invited speaker.
'A non-linguistic account of indeterminacy'
- 2012 **Axiomatic vs. Semantic Truth**, *March 14-16*, Munich, Accepted talk.
'A general approach to revenge paradoxes'
- 2012 **The Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar**, *May 1*, Oxford, Invited talk.
'A general approach to revenge paradoxes'
- 2013 **UC Irvine Colloquium**, *January 25*, University of California, Irvine, Invited talk.
'In defence of a naïve conditional epistemology'
- 2013 **BW8 Conditionals**, *June 26-28*, University of Barcelona, Accepted talk.
'In defence of a naïve conditional epistemology'
- 2014 **Meaning and Modality**, *June 2-4*, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, Invited Talk.
'Vagueness, Possible Worlds and Precifications'
- 2014 **Formal Epistemology Workshop 2014**, *June 20-22*, University of Southern California, Accepted Talk.
'Stalnaker's Thesis in Context'
- 2014 **MIT Colloquium 2014**, *September 26th*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Invited Talk.
'Stalnaker's Thesis in Context'
- 2014 **M&E Group Speaker Series at the University of Toronto**, *November 13th*, University of Toronto, Invited Talk.
'Relative Locations'

Teaching Experience

- 2008-2010 Taught classes or gave tutorials for 'Introductory Logic', 'The Philosophy of Logic and Language', 'Formal Logic', 'Elements of Deductive Logic', 'Knowledge and Reality' and 'Modal Logic'.
- 2013 Philosophical Paradoxes (GE course), Anglo-American Philosophy since 1950 (400 level), Metaphysics (400 level)
- 2014 Graduate Seminar on Conditional Thought, Reasoning and Logic (300 level)
- 2015 Graduate Seminar on the Semantic Paradoxes, Metaphysics (400 level)

Academic service

- Reviewer for *Mind*, *The Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophia*, *The Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Review of Symbolic Logic*, *Studia Logica*, *Topoi*, *Ratio*, *Inquiry*, *Synthese* and *Erkenntnis*. Reviewed books for: Oxford University Press
- Jowett Society, committee member 2010-2011
- Co-organized the 4th SoCal PhilMath, PhilLogic and FoM Workshop
- Qualifying exams: Greg Ackerman, Keith Hall
- Area exams: Maegan Fairchild, Mike Ashfield, Jonathan Wright
- Committees: hiring committee, 2013-present; graduate curriculum committee, 2013-14; graduate admissions, 2014-15; graduate committee 2014-15; colloquium committee (chair), 2014-15

Works in Progress

- 'Vagueness and Thought'. Book manuscript on the philosophy of vagueness under contract with Oxford University Press.
- 'Relative Locations' (In progress)
- 'The Revenge Paradox' (under review)
- 'In Defence of a Naïve Conditional Epistemology' (in progress)
- 'Paradoxes of Saying' (in progress)

Publications

- A. Bacon. Tense and relativity. In J. Yli-Vakkuri and M. McCullagh, editors, *Williamson on Modality*, Special volume of the *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*. Routledge.
- A. Bacon. A Paradox for Supertask Decision Makers. *Philosophical Studies*, 153(2):307, 2011.
- A. Bacon. A New Conditional for Naïve Truth Theory. *The Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, 54(1):87–104, 2013.
- A. Bacon. Curry's Paradox and Omega-inconsistency. *Studia Logica*, 101:1–9, 2013.
- A. Bacon. Non-classical Meta-theory for Non-classical Logic. *The Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 42(2):335–355, 2013.
- A. Bacon. Quantificational Logic and Empty Names. *Philosophers' Imprint*, 13(24), 2013.
- A. Bacon. Giving Your Knowledge Half a Chance. *Philosophical Studies*, 171(2):373–397, 2014.
- A. Bacon. Representing Counterparts. *The Australasian Journal of Logic*, 11(2):90–113, 2014.
- A. Bacon. Paradoxes of Logical Equivalence and Identity. *Topoi*, 34:89–98, 2015.
- A. Bacon. Stalnaker's Thesis in Context. *Review of Symbolic Logic*, 8(1):131–163, 2015.
- A. Bacon. Can The Classical Logician Avoid The Revenge Paradoxes? *Philosophical Review*, Forthcoming.

A. Bacon. Scharp on Replacing Truth. *Inquiry*, Forthcoming.

A. Cotnoir and A. Bacon. Non-wellfounded Mereology. *Review of Symbolic Logic*, 5(02):187–204, 2012.