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Main Research Areas	Metaphysics, Epistemology, Logic
Other Interests	Philosophy of Physics, Language, Mathematics, Religion, and Decision Theory

Career

University of Southern California	
Associate Professor of Philosophy	2017–present
Assistant Professor of Philosophy	2014–2017
Magdalen College, Oxford University	2011–2014
Tutorial Fellow and CUF Lecturer	

Education

New York University	2007–2011
PhD in Philosophy	
Dissertation	<i>Possible Worlds and the Objective World</i>
Committee	Ted Sider (supervisor), Hartry Field, Kit Fine, Michael Strevens
Rutgers University	2006–2007
PhD candidate in Philosophy	
Stanford University	2001–2005
Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Philosophy	
Bachelor of Science with Distinction in Mathematics	
Minor in Symbolic Systems	
Stanford-in-Oxford Programme	Fall 2004

Awards

<i>The Philosopher's Annual</i> vol. 35, "Groupthink"	2015
Oxford Studies in Metaphysics Younger Scholars Prize	2008
MacCracken Fellow, New York University	2007
Rhodes finalist	2005
Barry M. Goldwater Scholar	2004
Phi Beta Kappa, early induction	2003
President's Award for Excellence in the Freshman Year, Stanford University	2001
President's Scholar, Stanford University	2001

Publications

- "Composition as Abstraction." *Journal of Philosophy*, Forthcoming.
- "How Much is at Stake for the Pragmatic Encroacher." *Oxford Studies in Epistemology*, Forthcoming.
- "Possible Patterns." With John Hawthorne, *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, Forthcoming.
- "Quality and Quantifiers." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Forthcoming.
- "The Logic of Opacity." With Andrew Bacon, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Forthcoming.
- "General Dynamic Triviality Theorems." With John Hawthorne, *Philosophical Review* 125 (3 2016): 307–339. doi:[10.1215/00318108-3516936](https://doi.org/10.1215/00318108-3516936).
- "Qualitative Grounds." *Philosophical Perspectives* 30 (1 2016): 309–348. doi:[10.1111/phpe.12078](https://doi.org/10.1111/phpe.12078).
- "Groupthink." With John Hawthorne and Lara Buchak, *Philosophical Studies* 172 (5 2015): 1287–1309. doi:[10.1007/s11098-014-0350-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-014-0350-8).
- "Indefinite Divisibility." *Inquiry* 59 (3 2015): 239–263. doi:[10.1080/0020174X.2015.1033006](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2015.1033006).
- "Temporary Safety Hazards." *Noûs* 50 (3 2015). doi:[10.1111/nous.12104](https://doi.org/10.1111/nous.12104).
- "On Where Things Could Be." *Philosophy of Science* 81 (1 2014): 60–80. doi:[10.1086/674344](https://doi.org/10.1086/674344).
- "Actuality for Counterpart Theorists." *Mind*, 2013. doi:[10.1093/mind/fzt037](https://doi.org/10.1093/mind/fzt037).

- “Possible Worlds and the Objective World.” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2013. doi:[10.1111/phpr.12052](https://doi.org/10.1111/phpr.12052).
- “The Structure of Gunk: Adventures in the Ontology of Space.” In *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, 4:248–274. Dean Zimmerman, ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Presentations

- “Vague Existence.” NYIP Workshop on Metaphysics in Higher-Order Languages, NY, May 21, 2017.
- “Vague Existence.” Invited talk, Hans Kamp Seminar in Language and Logic, University of Texas, Austin, March 2, 2017.
- “Testimonial Evidence.” Invited talk, Sawyer Seminar in Social Epistemology, Northwestern University, August 27, 2016.
- “The Logic of Opacity.” Workshop on Higher-Order Metaphysics, with Andrew Bacon, Oslo, June 5, 2016.
- “Possible Patterns.” Invited talk, Structure in Metaphysics Workshop, Ertegun House, Oxford, May 30, 2016.
- “Possible Patterns.” Invited talk, Working Group in the History and Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics, and Science, University of California, Berkeley, October 21, 2015.
- “Sleeping Beauty and the Dogmatist.” Invited talk, Baylor University, April 24, 2015.
- “Temporary Safety Hazards.” Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson, Arizona, January 30, 2015.
- “Indefinite Divisibility.” California Metaphysics Conference on the Relationship Between Logic and Metaphysics, University of Southern California, January 25, 2015.
- “Trivialities.” Invited talk, CRNAP Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Oxford, June 22, 2014.
- “Quality and Quantifiers.” Invited talk, University of Leeds, March 28, 2014.
- “Quality and Quantifiers.” Stanford University, March 17, 2014.

- “Monadic Foundations for Probability.” Theoretical Work in Progress Seminar, University of Oxford, February 28, 2014.
- “Quality and Quantifiers.” University of Notre Dame, February 14, 2014.
- “Quality and Quantifiers.” Columbia University, January 28, 2014.
- “On Where Things Could Be.” University of Michigan, January 31, 2014.
- “On Where Things Could Be.” Invited talk, University of Southern California, September 27, 2013.
- “Temporary Safety Hazards.” Birmingham Time Workshop, Birmingham, May 1, 2013.
- “How Much is at Stake for the Pragmatic Encroacher.” Epistemology Workshop, Innsbruck, April 11, 2013.
- “Conceptual Revision.” Philosophical Society, University of Oxford, February 1, 2013.
- “On Where Things Could Be.” Invited talk, CRNAP Modality Conference, Princeton University, November 18, 2012.
- “Possible Worlds and the Objective World.” Invited talk, PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, Universitat de Barcelona, March 9, 2012.
- “On Where Things Could Be.” Philosophy of Physics Seminar, University of Oxford, March 1, 2012.
- “Possible Worlds and the Objective World.” Theoretical Works in Progress Seminar, University of Oxford, February 23, 2012.
- “Possible Worlds and the Objective World.” Invited talk, University of Michigan, January 27, 2012.
- “Possible Worlds and the Objective World.” Invited talk, Magdalen College, Oxford, March 2, 2011.
- “The Future in Context.” Oxford Graduate Conference, University of Oxford, November 21, 2010.
- “Indefinite Divisibility.” Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference, St. Andrews University, November 8, 2009.
- “Actuality for Counterpart Theorists.” Phloxshop II: Modality, Humboldt University, Berlin, September 11, 2009.

- “Indefinite Divisibility.” Washington Square Circle, New York University, January 27, 2009.
- “‘Probably If’ and Conditional Probability.” Yale/UConn Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Connecticut, November 10, 2007.
- “A Domain-Specific Statistical Surface Realizer.” In *Proceedings of the Student Research Workshop at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics*. University of Michigan, June 27, 2005.
- “Statistical Natural Language Generation for Navigation Instructions.” CSLI Talk, Stanford University, August 27, 2004.

Comments, Etc.

- Bergmann, Michael. “Skeptical Theism, Representativeness, and Radical Uncertainty.” APA Central Division Meeting, Kansas City, March 3, 2017.
- van Inwagen, Peter. “The Rev’d Mr. Bayes and the Life Everlasting.” International Conference on New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology, St Anne’s College, University of Oxford, June 23, 2015.
- Hirsch, Eli. “Talmudic Destiny.” Association for the Philosophy of Judaism, online symposium, July 28, 2013. <http://www.theapj.com/symposium-on-eli-hirschs-talmudic-destiny-28-august-04-july/>.
- Internal visitor. New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology. University of Oxford, 2013.
- Pickavance, Tim, and Daniel Eaton. “Wagering on Pragmatic Encroachment.” Religious Epistemology, Contextualism, and Pragmatic Encroachment Workshop, University of Oxford, March 14, 2013.
- Visiting Fellow. Princeton University, fall semester, 2013.
- Buchak, Lara. “Risk and Tradeoffs.” Meiguo Metaphysical Mayhem, Peking University, June 2012.
- Commentator-at-large. California Metaphysics Conference, University of Southern California, January 21, 2012.
- Ren, Huiming. “Inverted Earth Revisited.” Meiguo Metaphysical Mayhem, Peking University, June 2012.

- Invited participant. St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology, University of St. Thomas, June 2011.
- Williamson, Timothy. "Metaphysics and Higher-Order Modal Logic." Oxford Metaphysics Workshop, University of Oxford, September 25, 2011.
- Invited participant. St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology. University of St. Thomas, June 2010.
- Segal, Aaron. "Identity Variance." APA Eastern, Boston, December 30, 2010.
- Aas, Sean. "Modality: Norms and Naturalism." NYU/Columbia Graduate Philosophy Conference, New York University, March 7, 2009.
- Przyjemski, Katrina. "A Monstrous Semantics for Anaphoric Pronouns." NYU / Columbia Graduate Philosophy Conference, Columbia University, March 1, 2008.
- Rasmussen, Joshua. "A Scotistic Cosmological Argument for the Existence of God." Religion at Rutgers, Rutgers University, January 13, 2007.

Teaching

Graduate

- Identity Confusion (Phil 551) with Andrew Bacon, Fall 2016
- Metaphysics (Phil 560) with Shieva Kleinschmidt, Spring 2016
- Epistemology and Metaphysics of Time and Space (Phil 570) Fall 2014
- Philosophy of Logic and Language BPhil Seminar, with Cian Dorr, Michaelmas 2011
- Metaphysics BPhil Tutorials, various terms 2011–2014
- Philosophy of Language BPhil Tutorials, various terms 2011–2014

Undergraduate

- The Limits of Logic (Phil 450) Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017
- Minds and Machines: Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence (GESM 120) Spring 2017
- Philosophy of Religion (Phil 361) Spring 2015
- Frege's *Foundations of Arithmetic* Lectures, Trinity 2013 and 2014
- Undergraduate Tutorials, various terms 2011–2014

Introduction to Logic, Elements of Deductive Logic, Formal Logic, General Philosophy, The Leibniz-Clarke Correspondence, Ethics, Knowledge and Reality, Philosophy of Logic and Language, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mathematics

Professional Service

Metaphysics Subject Co-Editor, <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i>	2016–present
Culture & Outreach Committee	2016–present
Graduate Studies Committee	2015–2016
Placement Committee	2014–present
Graduate Admissions Committee	2014–2015
Co-convener, Philosophical Society, Oxford	2014
Magdalen College Governing Body	2011–2014
Magdalen College Tutorial Board	2011–2014
Magdalen College Library and Archives Committee	2012–2014
Referee, <i>Ergo</i> , <i>Dialectica</i> , <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Mind</i> , <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> , <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , Oxford University Press	
NYU Philosophy computer & website maintenance	2008–2011
Co-organizer, NYU/Columbia Graduate Conference	2008

Research Experience Outside Philosophy

Robert Bosch Corp. Research and Technology Center Computational linguistics & artificial intelligence Supervisor: Fuliang Weng	2005–2006
Center for the Study of Language and Information, Semantics Lab Computational linguistics Supervisor: Stanley Peters	2004–2005

U. Washington, Research Experiences for Undergraduates Mathematics Supervisor: James Morrow	Summer 2003
Philips/Heartstream Applied mathematics Supervisor: Stacy Gehman	Summer 2002