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Academic Positions

University of California Santa Barbara, Professor	2017-
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Associate Professor	2013-2017
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Assistant Professor	2007-2013
Australian National University, Research Fellow	2010-2011

Education

University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D., philosophy	2004-2007
University of Colorado at Boulder, M.A., philosophy	2001-2004
Brandeis University, B.A., philosophy, <i>magna cum laude</i>	1997-2001

Area of Specialization

Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind

Publications

Books

1. *Learning from Arguments: An Introduction to Philosophy*, The PhilPapers Foundation (2022).
2. *Objects: Nothing out of the Ordinary*, Oxford University Press (2015).
3. *Metaphysics: An Anthology*, 2nd edition, co-edited with Ernest Sosa and Jaegwon Kim, Blackwell Publishing (2011).

Papers

4. "A Framework for the Metaphysics of Race" (forthcoming), *Philosophical Quarterly*.
5. "Why Care About What There Is?" *Mind* (2024), 133: 428-451.
6. "Fictionalism, Indifferentism, and Easy Ontology" (2024), in *Festschrift for Matti Eklund*, edited by Andreas Stokke, published open access in [DiVa](#).
7. "Modal Security and Evolutionary Debunking," with Dustin Locke, *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* (2023), pp. 135-156.

8. "Mountains and Their Boundaries," in *Thomasson on Ontology*, edited by Miguel Garcia-Godinez (Palgrave) (2023), pp. 243-264.
9. "An Explanationist Account of Genealogical Defeat," with Dustin Locke, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2023), 106: 176-195.
10. "On Debunking Color Realism," with Dustin Locke, *Evolutionary Debunking Arguments* (Routledge), edited by Diego Machuca (2022), pp. 257-277.
11. "Conservatism, Counterexamples, and Debunking: Replies to Wallace, deRosset, Tillman, and Spencer", *Analysis* (2020), 80: 558-574. [with Précis pp. 511-513]
12. "Against Minimalist Responses to Moral Debunking Arguments," with Dustin Locke, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* (2020), 15: 309-332. [Winner of Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics]
13. "The Metaphysics of Establishments", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2020), 98: 434-448.
14. "Debunking Material Induction", with Jonathan Livengood, *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science Part A* (2020), 84: 20-27.
15. "Evolutionary Debunking and Moral Relativism" (2020), with Dustin Locke, in Martin Kusch (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Relativism* (New York: Routledge), pp. 190-199.
16. "Easy Ontology without Deflationary Metaontology," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2019), 99: 236-243.
17. "Debunking Arguments in Metaethics and Metaphysics", *Metaphysics and Cognitive Science*, edited by Alvin I. Goldman and Brian P. McLaughlin (2019), (Oxford: Oxford University Press), pp. 337-363.
18. "Defining Textual Entailment," with Eric Mack, Jacob Jett, and Allen H. Renear, *Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology* (2018), 69: 763-772.
19. "What Do the Folk Think About Composition and Does it Matter?" with Chad Carmichael, *Experimental Metaphysics*, edited by David Rose, (London: Bloomsbury Publishing) (2017), pp. 187-206.
20. "Fundamental Quantification and the Language of the Ontology Room," *Noûs* (2015), 49: 298-321.
21. "Debunking Perceptual Beliefs about Ordinary Objects," *Philosophers' Imprint* (2014), 14: 1-21.

22. "The Vagueness Argument Against Abstract Artifacts," *Philosophical Studies* (2014), 167: 57-71.
23. "A New Framework for Conceptualism," with John Bengson and Enrico Grube, *Noûs* (2011), 45: 167-189.
24. "Locke on Substratum: A Deflationary Reading," *Locke Studies* (2010) 10: 61-84.
25. "The Contingent A Priori and the Publicity of A Priori Knowledge," *Philosophical Studies* (2010), 149: 387-393.
26. "Strange Kinds, Familiar Kinds, and the Charge of Arbitrariness," *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* (2010), 5: 119-144.
27. "Eliminativism and the Challenge from Folk Belief," *Noûs* (2009), 43: 242-264.
28. "Unrestricted Composition and Restricted Quantification," *Philosophical Studies* (2008), 140: 319-334.
29. "What Externalists Should Say About Dry Earth," *The Journal of Philosophy* (2006), 103: 503-20.
30. "Law Necessitarianism and the Importance of Being Intuitive," *The Philosophical Quarterly* (2005), 55: 649-657.
31. "The Failure of Trust-Based Retributivism," *Law and Philosophy* (2003), 22: 561-576.

Reference Works

32. "Debunking Arguments," *Philosophy Compass* (2019) 14: 1-17.
33. "Material Constitution," *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy* (2019).
34. "Composition," with Chad Carmichael, *Oxford Handbooks Online* (2016).
35. "Ordinary Objects," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2011).
Substantially revised in 2016 and 2020.
36. "The Argument from Vagueness," *Philosophy Compass* (2010) 5: 891-901.

Reviews

37. *Form, Matter, Substance* by Kathrin Koslicki, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2019).

38. *Ontology without Borders* by Jody Azzouni, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2018).
39. *The Double Lives of Objects* by Thomas Sattig, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2015).
40. *Familiar Objects and Their Shadows* by Crawford L. Elder, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2011).
41. *Austere Realism: Contextual Semantics Meets Minimal Ontology* by Terence Horgan and Matjaž Potrč, in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2008).

Presentations

Conferences and Workshops (Invited)

1. CSULB Philosophy Day, Keynote Speaker, December 2022
2. SoCal Metaphysics Graduate Conference, Keynote Speaker, April 2022
3. Colloquium on Analytic Metaphysics (Santiago), September 2021
4. Evolutionary Debunking Arguments Workshop (VCU), February 2021
5. Plenitude Workshop (UT Austin), March 2020 [canceled for COVID]
6. SoCal Metaphysics Network (UC Irvine), December 2019
7. Madison Metaethics Workshop, September 2018
8. APA Pacific (Author Meets Critics for *Objects*), April 2018
9. SPAWN (Syracuse), June 2017
10. Metaphysics on the Mountain (INPC), March 2017
11. Workshop on Eliminativism, Ovronnaz, July 2016
12. Analytic Ontology, University of Padua, June 2016
13. Workshop on my *Objects* book, Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa), June 2016
14. Syracuse Graduate Student Conference, Keynote Speaker, April 2016
15. PERSP Metaphysics Conference (Barcelona), December 2015
16. Workshop on Moral Epistemology (DePauw Prindle Institute), July 2015
17. Workshop on Intuitions (Lingnan University), May 2015
18. APA Central, February 2015
19. Metaphysics on the Mountain (INPC), March 2014
20. California Metaphysics Conference (USC), January 2014
21. Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics (Notre Dame), September 2013
22. APA Pacific, March 2013
23. Metaphysical Virtues (Western Michigan University), March 2013
24. Departing from Sainsbury Conference (Barcelona), October 2012
25. University of Notre Dame, March 2012
26. Baylor Philosophy of Religion Conference, January 2012
27. Consciousness on the Beach (ANU), July 2011
28. SPAWN (Syracuse), July 2010
29. Margaret D. Wilson Early Modern Philosophy Conference (CU-Boulder), June 2010
30. Russell Mini-Conference, March 2010

31. CU-Boulder Summer Seminar, July 2009
32. Logos Vagueness and Metaphysics Workshop (Barcelona), June 2009
33. UT-Austin Methodology Workshop, August 2008

Conferences (Refereed)

34. Social Metaphysics Workshop (Rutgers), April 2024
35. APA Central, February 2020
36. APA Central, February 2018
37. Society for Exact Philosophy, May 2016
38. Illinois Philosophical Association, November 2015
39. APA Central, February 2014
40. Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2013
41. APA Central, February 2012
42. Northwest Philosophy Conference, November 2011
43. Central States Philosophical Association, September 2011
44. Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2011
45. APA Pacific, April 2010
46. Central States Philosophical Association, October 2009
47. APA Pacific, April 2009
48. APA Central, February 2009
49. Illinois Philosophical Association, November 2008
50. Society for Exact Philosophy, May 2008
51. APA Central, April 2008
52. Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, March 2008
53. APA Eastern, December 2007
54. Central States Philosophical Association, October 2007
55. APA Eastern, December 2006
56. Northwest Philosophy Conference, November 2006
57. APA Pacific, March 2006
58. APA Eastern, December 2005
59. APA Pacific, March 2005
60. Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, March 2005
61. Central States Philosophical Association, October 2004
62. APA Pacific, March 2004
63. Central States Philosophical Association, October 2003
64. Northwest Philosophy Conference, October 2003
65. Mountain-Plains Philosophy Conference, September 2003
66. Society for Student Philosophers, March 2003
67. Illinois Philosophical Association, November 2002

Departmental Colloquia and Brownbags

68. University of Manitoba, TBD
69. Union College, January 2023
70. Santa Barbara City College, November 2022
71. Pepperdine University, October 2022

72. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, May 2021
73. Biola University, April 2019
74. New York University, March 2019
75. UCSB Center for Evolutionary Psychology, March 2019
76. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 2019
77. California State University, San Bernadino, April 2018
78. Pepperdine University (Philosopy Club), November 2017
79. Ohio State University, February 2017
80. Iowa State University, February 2017
81. University of Virgina, November 2016
82. Wayne State University, October 2016
83. University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, April 2016
84. University of California, Santa Barbara, January 2016
85. University of Manitoba, November 2015
86. University of Wisconsin, Madison, September 2015
87. Portland State University, April 2015
88. University of Miami, March 2015
89. University of Texas, Austin, February 2015
90. University of California, Irvine, November 2014
91. University of Georgia, November 2014
92. Brandeis University, October 2013
93. Yale University, October 2013
94. University of Vermont, October 2013
95. Illinois State University, November 2012
96. Boğaziçi University, October 2012
97. Universitat de Barcelona, October 2012
98. Northern Illinois University, March 2012
99. Portland State University, November 2011
100. The University of Manitoba, September 2011
101. The Australian National University, May 2011
102. Charles Sturt University, May 2011
103. Victoria University of Wellington, March 2011
104. University of Otago, March 2011
105. University of Auckland, March 2011
106. National University of Singapore, February 2011
107. University of Melbourne, October 2010
108. Australian National University, September 2010
109. Grand Valley State University, March 2010
110. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 2008
111. Southern Methodist University, February 2007
112. Brown University, February 2007
113. University of Tennessee at Knoxville, February 2007
114. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, January 2007
115. University of Manitoba, January 2007
116. University of Virginia, January 2007
117. University of Colorado at Boulder, September 2003

Comments

118. Social Metaphysics Workshop, June 2022 (Jade Fletcher)
119. APA Eastern, January 2018 (David Kovacs)
120. APA Central, February 2016 (Jonathan Barker)
121. APA Eastern, December 2014 (Wesley Cray and Tim Schroeder)
122. Central States Philosophical Association, October 2014 (Philip Osborne)
123. APA Eastern, December 2013 (Donald Baxter)
124. Carolina Metaphysics Workshop, June 2012 (Shamik Dasgupta)
125. Northwest Philosophy Conference, November 2011 (John Waterman)
126. Carolina Metaphysics Workshop, June 2010 (Carrie Jenkins)
127. Illinois Philosophical Association, October 2009 (Clare Batty)
128. APA Pacific, March 2008 (Kevin McCain)
129. Northwest Philosophy Conference, November 2006 (Michael Nelson)
130. UT-Austin Graduate Conference, April 2006 (Stephen Kearns)
131. UT-Austin Graduate Conference, April 2005 (Neil Van Leeuwen)
132. Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, February 2004 (Clayton Littlejohn)
133. Northwest Philosophy Conference, October 2003 (Ephraim Glick)
134. Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, March 2003 (Iris Einheuser)
135. Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, February 2002 (Andy Egan)

Academic Service

Journal Referee

Acta Analytica, American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Inquiry, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Consciousness Studies, Journal for Philosophical Research, Journal of Philosophy, Law and Philosophy, Metaphilosophy, Mind, The Monist, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Ratio, Res Philosophica, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Theoria, Thought

Miscellaneous Referee Work

APA Eastern, Blackwell Publishing, Bloomsbury, Broadview Press, Cambridge University Press, Central States Philosophical Association, Continuum Books, Experimental Philosophy and Metaphysics, Illinois Philosophical Association, Mountain Plains Philosophy Conference, Oxford University Press, Prindle Young Philosophers Lecture Series, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, Routledge, Social Metaphysics Workshop, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Society for Exact Philosophy, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Springer, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, UT-Austin Graduate Conference

Miscellaneous Professional Service

Area Editor for PhilPapers: Objects (2011- present)

Pacific APA Program Committee (2019 - 2022)

Thought Editorial Panel (2015 - 2020)

Mentor for *Philosophers' Cocoon* (2015 - 2020)

Ergo Section Editor (2013 - 2020)

Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics Organizing Committee (2015 - 2017)

Illinois Philosophical Association Vice President (2011-2013)

Illinois Philosophical Association Organizing Committee (2009, 2012)

ANU Seminar Convener (Spring 2011)

Nominating Editor for *Philosopher's Annual* (2009)