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Education

Ph.D. University of Rochester	October 2008
M.A. University of Rochester	October 2007
B.A. Western Washington University Major: Philosophy Major: English	December 2002

Area of Specialization

Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Philosophical Logic

Academic Positions

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Assistant Professor	Spring 2012-Present
Syracuse University, Sutton Fellowship	Fall 2009-Fall 2011
Auburn University, Visiting Instructor	Fall 2008-Summer 2009

Dissertation

Material Objects in Tile Space-Time
Committee: David Braun (Director), Earl Conee, Edward Wierenga

Publications

- “What Time Travelers Cannot *Not* Do (But are Responsible for Anyway)” *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming)
- “Composition as Identity and Simplicity” *Erkenntnis* (forthcoming)
- “All Things Must Pass Away” *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* (2012)
- “Semantic Stipulation and Knowledge *De Re*” (with Chris Tillman) *Reference and Referring: Topics in Contemporary Philosophy Vol. 10*. (2012)
- “Ways of Being” *Philosophy Compass* (2012)
- “Musical Materialism and the Inheritance Problem” (with Chris Tillman) *Analysis* 72:2 (2012)
- “A Tale of Two Simples” *Philosophical Studies* 148:2 (2010)
- “Holes as Regions of Space-Time” (with Andrew Wake and Greg Fowler) *The Monist* 90:3 (July 2007).
- “Two Mereological Arguments against the Possibility of an Omniscient Being” *Philo* Vol. 9:1 (Spring/Summer 2006).

Book Reviews

- Review of Jody Azzouni’s *Talking about Nothing: Numbers, Hallucinations, and Fictions*. For *Notre Dame Philosophical Review* (March 2011)

Paper Presentations

- “Without Fictional Characters”, Dobrovnik Conference (June 2013)
- “Unnecessary Existents”, Western Canadian Philosophical Association (June 2013)
- “Where is *The Thinker*”, Western Washington University Philosophy Department 50th Anniversary Conference (May 2012)
- “Against Natural Being”, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (March 2012)
- “Natural Ways of Being”, Wayne State University (February 2012)
- “Persistence and Change”, 1st California Workshop in Metaphysics: Persistence, University of Southern California (January 2012)
- “Priority Ensemblism”, Society for Exact Philosophy, Winnipeg, Manitoba (May 2011)
- “Alien Properties and Rigidified Roles”, David K. Lewis Society Group Meeting, Pacific APA (April 2011)
- “Natural Ways of Being”, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference in Boise, Idaho (April 2011)
- “Priority Ensemblism”, Marist College (September 2010)
- “Priority Ensemblism”, Western Washington University (May 2010)
- “Semantic Stipulation and Knowledge *De Re*” (with Chris Tillman), Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference in Moscow, Idaho and Pullman, Washington (April 2010)
- “Priority Ensemblism”, Boise State University (April 2010)

- “All Things Must Pass Away”, Syracuse University (April 2010)
- “All Things Must Pass Away”, University of Manitoba (January 2010)
- “Time Travel and Free Will”, SUNY Fredonia Young Philosophers Lecture Series Introductory Talk (November 2009), podcast online at youngphilosophers.org
- “A New Counterexample to Principles of Alternative Possibilities”, SUNY Fredonia Young Philosophers Lecture Series Research Talk (November 2009), podcast online at youngphilosophers.org
- “A New Counterexample to Principles of Alternative Possibilities”, Auburn University (March 2009)
- “Time Travel and Multi-Location”, University of Montevallo (November 2008)
- “Vagueness and Parthood”, Alabama Philosophical Society, Orange Beach, Alabama (September 2008)
- “A New Solution to Modal Paradoxes of Undetached Parts”, Boise State University (February 2008)
- “A New Solution to Modal Paradoxes of Undetached Parts”, National University of Singapore (February 2008)
- “A Tale of Two Simples”, Pacific APA, San Francisco, California (April 2007)
- “A Tale of Two Simples”, The Creighton Club, Geneva, NY (November 2006)
- “Contextualism about ‘Can’ and Moral Obligations”, Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 2005)
- “A Simple Paper”, The 1st Annual Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University (June 2003)

Comments

- Comments on Dan Korman’s “Saving the Appearances in Material Object Metaphysics”, Metaphysical Virtues Conference, Kalamazoo, Michigan (March 2013)
- Comments on Joshua Mugg’s “A Defense of the Dispositional Account of Modality from the Modal Problem of Constitution: Ordinary Objects as Properties”, Central APA, New Orleans, Louisiana (February 2013)
- Comments on Geoff Georgi’s “A Propositional Semantics for Substitutional Quantification”, Illinois Philosophical Association, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (November 2012)
- Comments on Charlie Tanksley’s “Masses and Extended Simples”, Central APA, Chicago, Illinois (February 2010)
- Comments on Samuel Henry’s “Causal Chains and Reference to God”, Rutgers Philosophy of Religion Conference, Rutgers University (January 2007)
- Comments on Sam Cowling’s “Hypergunk and Inaccessible Fictionalism”, Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba (October 2005)
- Comments on Ben Caplan and David Sanson’s “The Way Things Were”, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Washington State University/University of Idaho (April 2005)
- Comments on Stephan Torre’s “De Se Knowledge and the Possibility of Omniscience”, University of Rochester Graduate Student Epistemology Conference, University of Rochester (September 2004)

- Comments on Reza Mahmoodshahi's "Kant's Proof of a Universal Principle of Causality: A Transcendental Idealist's Reply to Hume", The 2nd Annual Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University (June 2004)

Referee Work

- *Dialectica*
- *Erkenntnis*
- *Faith and Philosophy*
- *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
- *Journal of Philosophical Research*
- *Linguistics and Philosophy*
- *Mind*
- *Philosophers' Imprint*
- *Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Philosophical Studies*
- *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
- Routledge (book Manuscript)
- *Southern Journal of Philosophy*
- *Synthese*

Awards

- Faculty of Arts and Humanities Research Travel Award (2012)
- Best Essay of the Year Award, University of Rochester (2007)
- Best Essay of the Year Award, University of Rochester (2005)
- University Fellowship, University of Rochester (2005-2008)
- Dean's Fellowship, University of Rochester (2003-2005)
- Outstanding Graduate Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Western Washington University (2003)
- Paul and Rebecca Olscamp Philosophy Scholarship, Western Washington University (2001/2002)
- Paul and Rebecca Olscamp Philosophy Scholarship, Western Washington University (2000/2001)

Courses Taught at the Graduate Level (* = mixed Graduate and Undergraduate)

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

- Beyond Possibility (Spring 2013)*
- Composition (Spring 2012)

Syracuse University

- Philosophy of Physical Science (Fall 2011)*
- Space and Time (Spring 2011)
- Meta-Philosophy (Spring 2010)

Courses Taught at the Undergraduate Level

University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

- Metaphysics (Spring 2013)
- Introductory Logic (Fall 2012)

Syracuse University

- Philosophy of Physical Science (Fall 2011)
- Honors Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2010)
- Space, Time and Material Objects (Fall 2009)

Auburn University

- Ethics and Health Sciences (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Summer 2009)

University of Rochester

- Puzzles about God (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)
- Physics and Philosophy (Fall 2006, Spring 2007)
- Introductory Logic (Spring 2006)

Thesis Committees (* =advisor)

- Mark Puestohl (2013)*
- Andrew Flynn (2013)
- Paul Blaschko (2013)

Department Services

- Speakers Series (Fall 2012-Present)
- Undergraduate Philosophy Club Advisor (Fall 2012-Present)
- Faculty Reading Group (Fall 2012-Present)
- Awards Committee (Spring 2012)

Other Services

- Co-Organizer of Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop & Network, SPAWN, (2011)
- Co-Organizer of Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop & Network, SPAWN, (2010)
- Assistant Organizer of the 9th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (2008)
- Assistant Organizer of the 8th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (2007)
- Graduate Student Admissions Committee for the University of Rochester Philosophy Department (2007)
- Organizer of the 4th biennial Rochester Graduate Student Epistemology Conference (2006)
- Assistant Organizer of the 7th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference (2006)
- Content Review Committee, 3rd Biennial University of Rochester Graduate Student Epistemology Conference (2004)
- Organizer of the 1st Annual Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, with Christian Lee, (2003)
- Indexed *Divine Hiddenness* for Daniel Howard-Snyder (2001)

Professional Affiliations

- American Philosophical Association

References

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