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Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence

Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Logic, Philosophical Linguistics

Employment

2017-Present: Associate Professor, University of Southern California
2010-2017: Assistant Professor, University of Southern California

Education

2007-2011: New York University, Ph.D. in Philosophy
Dissertation: *Mereology, Ontology, and Location*
Committee: Ted Sider (advisor) Kit Fine, Achille Varzi, Dean Zimmerman
2005-2007: Rutgers University
2002-2005: Western Washington University, B.A. in Philosophy
2001-2002: University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan

Grants

2020-2023: Recipient (partner investigator) with Antony Eagle (chief investigator) and Cody Gilmore (partner investigator): Australian Research Council Discovery Project, \$224,672 AUD for “[Everything in its Place: Location, Persistence, and Change](#)”.
2019: Recipient with Michael Hall: [USC’s Interdisciplinary Teaching Grant](#), \$20,000 to develop the course *Infinity in Mathematics and Philosophy*

Publications

Forthcoming. “[Presentist Perdurantism and Parthood](#)”, *Philosophical Perspectives*
2021: “[The Overlap Problem](#)”, *Philosophical Studies*, vol. 178, no. 6; pp. 1801-1827.
2019: “[Fusion First](#)”, *Nous*, vol. 53, no. 3; pp. 689-707.
2018: “[Simple Trinitarianism and Empty Names](#)”, *Religious Studies*, vol. 54, special issue 3; pp. 325-335.
2018: “[The Experiential Problem for Petitionary Prayer](#)”, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, vol. 83, no. 3; pp. 219-229.
2017: “[At It Again: Time-Travel and Motion](#)”, *Erkenntnis*, vol. 82, no.1; pp. 185-198.
2017: “[Atheistic Prayer](#)”, *Faith and Philosophy*, vol. 34, no. 2; pp. 152-175.

- 2017: "[Extensionality of Proper Part Containment](#)", *Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 67, no. 269; pp. 835-844.
- 2017: "[Refining Four-Dimensionalism](#)", *Synthese*, vol. 194, no. 11; pp. 4623-4640.
- 2016: "[Placement Permissivism and Logics of Location](#)", *Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 113, no. 3; pp. 117-136.
- 2016: "[Simple Trinitarianism and Feature-Placing Sentences](#)", *Faith and Philosophy*, vol. 33, no. 3; pp. 257-277.
- 2015: "[Fundamentality and Time-Travel](#)", *Thought*, vol. 4, no. 1; pp. 46-51.
- 2015: "[Shaping Up Location: Against the Humean Argument for the Extrinsicity of Shape](#)", *Philosophical Studies* vol. 172, no. 8; pp. 1973-1983.
- 2014: *Mereology and Location*, edited vol., Oxford University Press (with [a chapter](#) by the editor)
- 2013: "[Reasoning Without the Principle of Sufficient Reason](#)", in *The Puzzle of Existence: Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing?*, edited by Tyrone Goldschmidt (New York: Routledge); pp. 64-79.
- 2012: "[Repeatable Artwork Sentences and Generics](#)", with Jacob Ross, *Art and Abstract Objects*, edited by Christy Mag Uidhir (Oxford: Oxford University Press); pp. 125-157.
- 2012: "[Many-One Identity and the Trinity](#)", *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, vol. 4, ed. Jonathan Kvanvig; pp. 84-96.
- 2011: "[Multilocation and Mereology](#)", *Philosophical Perspectives*, vol. 25; pp. 253-276.
- 2007: "[Some Things About Stuff](#)", *Philosophical Studies*, vol. 135, no. 3; pp. 407-423.

Under Contract

Parts Across Space and Time (book manuscript), Oxford University Press.
Anticipated submission to publisher: fall 2023

In Preparation

"[Decompositional Plenitude](#)" (R&R from *Mind*)
 "Tensed Mereology Without Non-Existent Parts"
 "Hylomorphic Change" with Maegan Fairchild
 "Resisting Rip Current Resources"
 "Against 'You Made Me Do It': Causation and Abuse"
 "Temporal Parts Upstaged"
Decompositional Plenitude (book manuscript, 80 pages drafted)
 "[Conditional Desires](#)"

Presentations

TBA
 Conceptual Foundations of Conflict Project
 Western Washington University Alumni Conference
 Metaphysical Mayhem
 University of Colorado, Boulder Colloquium
 Boise State University

"Presentist Perdurantism and Parthood"
 Women in Metaphysics Workshop Series, February 2022
 ARC Discovery Project: Everything In Its Place, March 2021

“Decompositional Plenitude”

Purdue, November 2019
 Southern Methodist University, November 2018
 University of California, Davis, October 2018
 University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2018
 The Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2018

“The Overlap Problem”

University of Notre Dame, November 2017
 The Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, June 2017

“Fusion First”

Georgetown University, February 2018
 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, October 2017
 The Pisa Conference on Mereology and Identity, July 2017
 California State University, Los Angeles, March 2017
 Texas Tech University, February 2017
 The Creighton Club, Syracuse University, October 2016

“Problems for Petitionary Prayer”

The Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, January 2017

“Atheistic Prayer”

Purdue, November 2019
 Pepperdine University, Spring 2018
 University of Notre Dame, November 2017
 The Nature and Value of Faith Workshop, July 2016

“Simple Trinitarianism”

Oxford Conference on the Metaphysics of the Trinity, March 2016

“Refining Four-Dimensionalism”

The Central Division Meeting of the APA, February 2015

“Shaping Up *Location*: Against the Humean Argument for the Extrinsicity of Shape”

The Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, April 2014
 Metaphysics on the Mountain, March 2014

“Reasoning Without the Principle of Sufficient Reason”

The Baylor/Georgetown/Notre Dame Phil Religion Conference, October 2013

“Placement Permissivism and Logics of Location”

University of Southern California, April 2016
 University of California, Riverside, April 2015
 Berkeley, March 2015
 Oxford Mereology Workshop, March 2014
 Southwest Graduate Conference at Arizona State University, (Keynote) April 2014
 California State University, San Bernardino, February 2013

The University of Pittsburgh, October 2012
 The Carolina Metaphysics Workshop, June 2012

“Repeatable Artwork Sentences and Generics”

The Dubrovnik Conference on the Ontology of Art, June 2013
 Western Washington University’s Alumni Conference, May 2012
 The University of Manitoba, March 2012
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, October 2011

“Mereology and Location”

The University of California, Irvine, December 2011
 Third Vagueness and Metaphysics Workshop, September 2011
 The Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, (Guest Speaker) May 2010
 The University of Southern California, February 2010
 The Western Washington University Mereology Workshop, January 2006

“At It Again: Time Travel and Motion”

Western Washington University, May 2009
 The Central Division Meeting of the APA, April 2007
 Rutgers University, March 2007

“Many-One Identity and the Trinity”

The Baylor Philosophy of Religion Conference, November 2010
 The Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, April 2007
 The Midwest Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, April 2006

“Three Puzzles for Desire Fulfilment”

To the Undergraduate Philosophy Club at Rutgers University, November 2005

“~~Conditional~~ Desires”

The Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, March 2006
 Rutgers University, March 2006
 The 57th Northwest Philosophy Conference, October 2005
 Western Washington University, March 2005 and July 2005
 The 7th Rocky Mountain Student Conference, March 2005

“Some Things About Stuff”

The 2nd Arché Graduate Conference, February 2005
 The 101st Eastern Division Meeting of the APA, December 2004
 Western Washington University, November 2004
 The 56th Northwest Philosophy Conference, October 2004
 The 8th Pacific University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 2004

Comments Presented:

For Jonathan Schaffer: “The Action of the Whole”,
 at the Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2013
 For Andrew Bailey: “A Priority Problem for the Constituent Solution”
 at the Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, April 2011

For Dan and Frances Howard-Snyder: “The Puzzle of Petitionary Prayer”
at the Baylor Philosophy of Religion Conference, January 2010

For Derek Jones: “Digging for Gold: A Defense of Scientific Essentialism”
at the 3rd Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, May 2005

For Neal Tognazzini: “Planning Around Perfect Knowledge: A Dilemma,”
at the 1st Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, May 2003

Presentations for the General Public:

“It’s About Time”

Canada/USA Mathcamp, July 2014

“An Introduction to Hyperspace”

Nerd Nite NYC, August 2007

Teaching

Grant:

2019: Recipient with Michael Hall: [USC’s Interdisciplinary Teaching Grant](#), \$20,000 to develop *Infinity in Mathematics and Philosophy*

Pedagogical Development:

2019-21: Member of the [Philosophy as a Way of Life Network](#), participating in a 3-year program of pedagogy workshops

2020: Completed the 6-week [Online Teaching Intensive](#) through the Center for Excellence in Teaching

2018-19: Completed the year-long [New Faculty Institute](#) through the Center for Excellence in Teaching

Courses Taught:

[Metaphysics Seminar](#) (500-level)

Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2022

[Advanced Teaching Seminar](#) (500-level)

Fall 2020, Fall 2021

[Teaching Seminar](#) (500-level)

Fall 2018 (with Mark Schroeder), Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Metaphysics (400-level)

Spring 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2020

Metaphysics and Epistemology (300-level)

Texts: *Metaphysics: An Introduction*, Ney; *Transformative Experience*, Paul.

Fall 2011, Fall 2019

Issues in Space and Time (200-level)

Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Knowledge, Explanation, and the Cosmos (200-level)

Texts: *Metaphysics*, 4th ed., Taylor; *Philosophy of Religion: An Introduction*, 4th ed., Rowe

Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015

The Physical World and our Place In It (100-level)

Texts: *Metaphysics*, 4th ed., assorted readings

Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2021

Introduction to Philosophy Through Film (100-level)

Texts: *Metaphysics*, 4th ed., Taylor; *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Descartes

Fall 2006
 Ancient Philosophy (100-level)
 Text: *Readings in Ancient Philosophy, from Thales to Aristotle*, 4th ed., Cohen, Curd, Reeve (eds)
 Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2015, Spring 2017

Advising

Academic Advising

Maegan Fairchild, dissertation committee
 Noah Gordon, dissertation committee
 Isaiah Lin, dissertation committee
 Matt Leonard, dissertation committee, external member
 Quyen Pham, dissertation committee
 Jessica Pohlmann, MPhil external member

(Not listed: 1st and 2nd year advising, area exam committees, qualifying committees)

Pedagogical Advising

Jaime Castillo Gamboa, teaching mentor
 Maegan Fairchild, teaching mentor
 Jen Foster, teaching mentor
 Madiha Hamdi, teaching mentor
 Michael Hatcher, teaching mentor
 Rachel Keith, teaching mentor
 Caleb Perl, teaching mentor
 Christa Peterson, teaching mentor
 Abelard Podarski, teaching mentor
 Andrew Stewart, teaching mentor
 Jesse Wilson, teaching mentor

Service

Director of Undergraduate Studies, fall 2016, fall 2017, fall 2019-present
 Co-Chair of the Climate Committee, 2016-2017, 2021-present

Other assorted committee work (an incomplete list!):

USC Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2011-present, (Chair 2019-present)
 USC Faculty Advisory Committee, 2019-2020
 USC Peer Teaching Review Committee, 2018-2019
 USC Job Search Committee, 2010-2014
 USC Graduate Recruitment Committee, 2012-2018
 USC Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-12
 Metaphysics teacher in the NYU High School Outreach Program, Fall 2009

Conferences I've Organized:

Forthcoming: 9th California Metaphysics Conference: Metaphysics and Feminism, USC
 January 2024
 8th California Metaphysics Conference: [The Metaphysics of Spacetime](#), USC January 2020
 7th California Metaphysics Conference: [Social Metaphysics](#), USC January 2018

- 6th California Metaphysics Conference: [Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion](#), USC
January 2017
- 5th California Metaphysics Conference: [Parthood](#), USC January 2016
- 4th California Metaphysics Conference: [the Relationship Between Logic and Metaphysics](#),
USC January 2015
- 3rd California Metaphysics Conference: [the Metaphysics of Ordinary Objects](#), USC January
2014
- 2nd California Metaphysics Conference: [Metaphysically Relevant Linguistics](#), USC January
2013
- 1st California Metaphysics Conference: [Persistence](#), USC January 2012
- [Philosophy of Mathematics Conference](#), New York University, April 2009
- [Student Philosophy of Religion Conference](#), Rutgers University, January 2007
- [Mereology, Topology and Location Conference](#), Rutgers University, October 2006
- 3rd Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, May 2005
- 2nd Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, May 2004

Conferences I've Assisted in Organizing:

- 8th Formal Epistemology Workshop, USC, May 2011
- 7th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, WWU, August 2006
- [Metaphysical Mayhem](#), Rutgers University, June 2006
- 6th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, WWU, August 2005
- 5th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, WWU, August 2004
- 4th Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, WWU, August 2003

Other Events I've Organized:

- Philosophy Dinners for Undergrads and Faculty
- Philosophy Hikes for Grad Students and Faculty
- Philosophy Hikes for Undergrads and Faculty
- Philosophy Picnics (at NYU and USC)
- Philosophy Laser-Tag
- Philosophy Ice-Skating
- Philosophy Art Walks
- Metaphysics Lunch Workshops for Faculty
- Metaphysics Low-Stakes Lunch Series for Grad Students
- Summertime Working Groups

Referee for:

American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, The Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Faith and Philosophy, Mind, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy Compass, Thought