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Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Logic, Philosophy of Science

Areas of Concentration

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic

Education

Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 2011-present
University of Colorado at Boulder, 2008-2011 (Enrolled in PhD program; transferred to Princeton)
B.A. Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, University of Massachusetts-Boston, 2005

Selected Presentations and Commentary

Participant, Symposium on Ordinary Objects (comments on Dan Korman (TBD) and Meg Wallace (TBD)),
Central APA, St. Louis, 2015

Comments on Melissa Schumacher's 'Numbers are Weightless', Women's Mentoring Workshop, Princeton
University, August 2014

Comments on Kristopher McDaniel's 'Normative Analyses of the Fundamental', Rocky Mountain Ethics
Congress, Boulder, August 2014

Comments on Stan Husi's 'Subjectivism, the Problem of Appraisal, and the Concern for Recognition', Rocky
Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, August 2013

Comments on Mark Colyvan's 'The Ins and Outs of Mathematical Explanation', Ethics and Explanation
Conference, Nottingham, January 2013 (*in absentia*)

'Grounding Logically Complex Facts', 2nd Annual Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Conference,
Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, August 2012

Comments on Catherine Diehl's 'Metaphysical Structure, Reduction, and Identity: A Case for the Grounding
Relation', 2nd Annual Humboldt-Princeton Graduate Conference, Berlin, August 2012

Comments on Elizabeth Barnes' 'Fundamental Indeterminacy', Reality Making Conference, Nottingham,
July 2012

'Numbers', Siena Heights University, Adrian, Michigan, April 2012

Comments on Ryan Perkins' 'Of Grounding and Explanation', Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Conference,
March 2012

'Against Generalism', Society for Exact Philosophy, Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 2011

'Logical Grounding, Metaphysical Grounding, and Facts', Western Washington University, Bellingham,
Washington, January 2011

'Are There Fundamental Individuals?', Australian Metaphysics Conference, Australian National University (Kioloa), November 2010

'Against Tolerance', Center for Values and Social Policy, University of Colorado at Boulder, April 2010

Awards and Grants

Departmental Travel Grant, Princeton, 2012, 2013, 2014

The Graduate School International Travel Award, University of Colorado, 2010

Martin Andic Award for Excellence in Philosophy, University of Massachusetts-Boston, 2005

Nominee, JFK Award for Academic Achievement and Public Service, University of Massachusetts- Boston, 2005

Teaching Experience

Lead Assistant in Instruction, Introduction to Moral Philosophy (Michael Smith), Fall 2013

Assistant in Instruction, Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology (Boris Kment), Spring 2013

Assistant in Instruction, Introductory Logic (Shamik Dasgupta), Fall 2012

Teaching and Program Assistant, Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy, 2010

Teaching Assistant, Symbolic Logic (Robert Rupert), Spring 2010, Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy (Bradley Monton), Fall 2009, Fall 2010

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy (Dan Kaufman), Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy and the Sciences (John Maier), Fall 2008

Professional Activities, Conference Organization, and Departmental Service

Co-organizer (with Hans Halvorson), Princeton Workshop on Equivalence in Physics and Metaphysics, March 2015

Organizer, Women in Metaphysics Retreat and Workshop, 2013 (supported by the Princeton, Rutgers, and NYU philosophy departments) website: <http://womeninmetaphysics2013.wordpress.com/>

Referee, *Dialectica*

Chair, Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, 2012, 2013

Assistant Organizer (to Shieva Kleinschmidt), California Metaphysics Conference, 2012, 2014

Co-organizer, Philosophical Society, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University, 2011-2012

Organizer, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder, 2010

Research Assistant to David Barnett, 2011

Summer Seminars

NEH Summer Seminar on Metaphysics and Mind, Washington University, St. Louis (director: John Heil), 2013 (\$3,900 stipend)

St. Thomas Summer Seminar in the Philosophy of Religion (directors: Mike Rota and Dean Zimmerman), 2012 (\$3,000 stipend)

University of Colorado Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Science (director: Robert Pasnau), 2007

Summer School in Logic and Formal Epistemology, Carnegie Mellon University, 2007

Graduate Coursework (* = audited)

In Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science:

Symmetry, Structure, and Spacetime (Shamik Dasgupta, Princeton)

Seminar in Metaphysics (Gideon Rosen and Mark Johnston, Princeton) (x2)

Philosophy of Statistical Mechanics and Cosmology (Tim Maudlin and David Albert, NYU/Columbia)*

Seminar on Sider's *Writing the Book of the World* (Jonathan Schaffer, Rutgers)

Grounding and Ontological Dependence (Kathrin Koslicki, Colorado)

Causation (Michael Tooley, Colorado)

Metaphysics Proseminar (Kathrin Koslicki, Colorado)

Physics and Time (Bradley Monton, Colorado)

Identity (David Barnett, Colorado)*

In Logic, Language, and Technical Philosophy:

Proof Theory (Jon Litland and Ole Hjortland, University of Oslo)*
Logical Philosophy of Science (Hans Halvorson, Princeton)
Revising Logic (Hartry Field and Graham Priest, NYU)*
Seminar on Kripke (John Burgess, Princeton)*
Modal Logic (Graeme Forbes, Colorado)
Mathematical Logic (Graeme Forbes, Colorado)
Sense and Reference (Graeme Forbes, Colorado)
Probability, Decision Theory, and Game Theory (Eric Chwang, Colorado)
Recursion Theory (Richard Shore, MIT (mathematics department))*

In Mind and Epistemology:

Epistemology and Metaphilosophy (Thomas Kelly, Princeton)
Representation and Fragmentation (Adam Elga and Agustin Rayo, Princeton/MIT)
Epistemology (Michael Tooley, Colorado)
Seminar on Mind and Language (Robert Rupert and David Barnett, Colorado)*

In History:

Medieval, Early Modern, and Contemporary Theories of Substance (Shamik Dasgupta and John Morrison, Princeton/Columbia)
Spinoza (Daniel Garber, Princeton)
History of Skepticism (Robert Pasnau, Colorado)
Plato (Mitzi Lee, Colorado)
Aristotle (Mitzi Lee, Colorado)

In Value Theory:

Ethics Proseminar (Alastair Norcross, Colorado)
The Good (Michael Huemer and Chris Heathwood, Colorado)