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Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Philosophy Department, Princeton University, July 2005–Present.
Associate Professor, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University, July 2004–June 2005.
Assistant Professor, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University, July 2001–June 2004.
Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, Princeton University, July 1997–June 2001.
Instructor, Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar—Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, August 2000.
Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT, Fall 1994–Spring 1997.
Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, Harvard University, Spring 1996.

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1993–1997. Doctoral Program in Philosophy. Ph.D. (September 1997) with a minor in linguistics. Dissertation: *The Phenomena of Vagueness*. Adviser: Robert Stalnaker.
Harvard University, 1991–1993. Doctoral Program in Philosophy. Transferred to M.I.T.
Harvard University, 1987–1991. Bachelor of Arts (1991), with a joint concentration in Philosophy and Government.

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics.

Publications

- (forthcoming) 'Scope Confusions and Unsatisfiable Disjuncts: Two Problems for Supervaluationism', forthcoming in *Cuts and Clouds*, Richard Dietz and Sebastiano Moruzzi, eds., Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- (2009) 'Dear Haecceitism', *Erkenntnis*, Volume 70, Number 3, 285–297.
- (2008) 'Relative-Sameness Counterpart Theory', *Review of Symbolic Logic*, Volume 1, 167–189.
- (2008) 'Profiling Interest Relativity', *Analysis*, Volume 68, Number 300, 2008, 326–335.
- (2006) 'Descriptions with Adverbs of Quantification', in *Philosophical Issues, Volume 16: Philosophy of Language*, 65–87.
- (2004) 'Gap Principles, Penumbral Consequence and Infinitely Higher-Order Vagueness', in J.C. Beall (editor) *Liars and Heaps: New Essays on Paradox*: 195–221, Oxford, Oxford University Press. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)
- (2003) 'Descriptions', entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, second edition, Oxford, Oxford University Press. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)
- (2003) 'Desires, Scope and Tense', *Philosophical Perspectives 17: Language and Philosophical Linguistics*, 141–163. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)
- (2003) Review of *Theories of Vagueness* by Rosanna Keefe, *Philosophical Quarterly* 53(212), 460–462 (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)
- (2003) *Introducing Philosophy*, editor of 'Metaphysics' section, (Steven Cahn, general editor), Oxford, Oxford University Press. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)
- (2002) 'An Anti-Epistemicist Consequence of Margin for Error Semantics for Knowledge', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 64: 127–142. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)
- (2002) *Vagueness (International Research Library of Philosophy)*, co-edited with Timothy Williamson, Ashgate, Aldershot. Includes a substantial introduction (pp. xi–xxiii) co-authored by the editors. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)
- (2001) 'Phenomenal Continua and the Sorites', *Mind* 110(440): 905–935. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)
- (2001) 'Descriptions as Predicates', *Philosophical Studies* 102(1): 1–42. Winner of 2002 APA Article Prize (for best paper published in 2000–2001 by a younger scholar). (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)

(2000) 'Shifting Sands: An Interest-Relative Theory of Vagueness', *Philosophical Topics* 28(1): 45–81. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)

- To be re-printed in *Arguing about Language*, Darragh Byrne and Max Kölbel (eds.), Routledge, forthcoming.
- To be re-printed in *Philosophy of Language: Critical Concepts in Philosophy*, A.P. Martinich (ed.), Routledge, forthcoming.
- Posted on Frank Veltman's *Classics in Formal Semantics and Pragmatics* page—a list of '40 studies written in the period 1960–2000 which everybody working in the field of formal semantics and pragmatics should have read.'

(1999) 'Review of Gary Ostertag (ed.), *Definite Descriptions: A Reader*', *Journal of Symbolic Logic* 64, 1371–1374. (Originally published under the name 'Delia Graff'.)

Presented Papers

(2009)

'Would Interests Have Agents?,' University of Barcelona, 26 June 2009.

(2008)

'Possibility Relative to a Sortal,'

- University of Chicago, 21 November 2008;
- University of South Carolina, Columbia, 5 September 2008;
- Rutgers University Philosophy Department, 6 March 2008.

'Generalizing from the Instances within "Contextualist" Accounts of Vagueness,' Syracuse University, 10 October 2008.

'Socratizing,' Quine Centennial Celebration, Princeton University, 23 June 2008.

'Context, Content, Interests, and Saying the Same Thing,' Keynote paper, Vagueness and Language Use, École Normale Supérieure, 9 April 2008.

(2007)

'Profiling Interest Relativity,' Keynote address, 11th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, Oxford University, 10 November 2007.

'Counterparts and (Relative) Identity,' Institut Jean-Nicod, 25 May 2007.

'Adjectives and Contingent Identity'

- IHPST (L'Institut D'Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, Université de Paris I), 24 May 2007.
- University of St Andrews, Adjectives Workshop, 20 May 2007.

'Relative Identity and De Re Modality,' Banff International Research Station, Mathematical Methods in Philosophy, 19 February 2007.

'Relative Identity and De Re Modality,' Banff International Research Station, Mathematical Methods in Philosophy, 19 February 2007.

'Coincidence by Another Name,' The second annual Arizona Ontology Conference, White Stallion Ranch, Tucson, Arizona, 18 January 2007.

(2006)

'The Customer is Always Right'

- Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon, The First Lisbon Workshop on Semantics, 7 October 2006.
- Philosophy Department, M.I.T., 27 October 2006.

'Descriptions with Adverbs of Quantification'

- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Philosophy Department Colloquium, 7 April 2006.
- University of California, Santa Barbara, The Third Steven Humphrey Excellence in Philosophy Conference: Advances in the Theory of Meaning, 18 February 2006.
- Keynote Address, The Seventh Annual Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference, 4 March 2006.

(2005)

'A Boundary-Shifter's Guide to Higher-Order Vagueness,'

- The Aristotelian Society, University of London, 20 June 2005.
- Vagueness Workshop, St Andrews University, Scotland, 4 February 2005.

‘Verbal and Nominal Attitude Ascriptions,’ Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop on *Syntax and Semantics with Attitude*, University of Southern California, 17 April 2005.

(2004)

‘In Defense of the Simple Criterion of Identity for Qualia,’ Conference on Identity Criteria, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, 3 December 2004.

‘Desire Ascriptions, Closure, and the Specification Assumption,’ University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 27 August 2004.

(2002–2003)

‘Gap Principles, Penumbra Consequence and Infinitely Higher-Order Vagueness,’ University of Texas, Austin, May 2003.

‘Infinitely Higher-Order Vagueness (and other problems for supervaluationists),’

- University of Rochester Philosophy Department, 28 February 2003.
- The Jowett Society, Oxford University, 15 November 2002.
- UConn-MIT Conference ‘Liars and Heaps: The Logic and Semantics of Paradox,’ University of Connecticut (Storrs), 13 October 2002.

‘Descriptions in Desire Ascriptions,’

- U.C. Berkeley Philosophy Department, 31 October 2002.
- U.C. Davis Philosophy Department, 10 May 2002.
- M.I.T., Philosophy Section of the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, 9 March 2001.

‘Borderline Borderline Cases,’ Queen’s University Department of Philosophy, 17 October 2002.

‘Vagueness, Adjectives and Interests (II),’ Northwestern University, Departments of Linguistics and Philosophy, 15 February 2002.

(2000–2001)

‘Ascriptions of Desires and Descriptions of Desires,’ Union College, 26 October 2001.

‘Shifting Sands: An Interest-Relative Theory of Vagueness,’ University of Michigan, 10 November 2000.

‘Individuating Desires and Desire Ascriptions,’ Columbia University, 26 October 2000.

'Vagueness, Adjectives and Interests,' Rutgers, The Second Semi-Annual Rutgers Semantics Workshop, 12 May 2000.

(1997–1999)

'Descriptions as Predicates,' Cornell University, Departments of Philosophy and Linguistics, 4 November 1999.

'Phenomenal Continua and the Sorites,'

- Vassar College, 4 November 1998.
- Interuniversity Center Conference on Vagueness, Bled, Slovenia, 6 June 1998.

'The Sorites Paradox,' CUNY – The Graduate Center, New York Vagueness Reading Group, 15 November 1997.

Presented Commentaries

Comments on Jonas Åkerman's 'Vagueness, belief forming, and similarity constraints', 11th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, Oxford University, November 2007.

Comments on Berit Brogaard's 'Russell's Theory of Descriptions vs. the Predicative Analysis: a Reply to Graff', the American Philosophical Association Eastern division meetings, December 2005.

Comments on John MacFarlane's 'Nonindexical Contextualism', Rutgers Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University, 17 September 2005.

Comments on Achille Varzi's 'Events and Indeterminacy', Workshop on the Philosophy-Linguistics Interface: States and Events, University of Southern California, 16 February 2003.

Comments on Robin Jeshion's 'Singular Thought without Acquaintance', Princeton University, Princeton Semantics Workshop, 16 May 2003.

Comments on Achille Varzi's 'Events and Indeterminacy', Workshop on the Philosophy-Linguistics Interface: States and Events, University of Southern California, 16 February 2003.

Comments on Marc Moffett's 'Are "that"-clauses really singular terms?', American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting, Philadelphia, 30 December 2002.

Comments on Chris Kennedy's 'The Landscape of Vagueness', University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) Philosophy and Linguistics Workshop, 8 November 2002.

Comments on Mark Heller's 'The Immorality of Modal Realism', Third Annual Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference 2002, Western Washington University, 3 August 2002.

Comments on John Martin Fischer's 'Alternatives, Deliberation, and Moral Responsibility', Werkmeister Conference 2002—Causation and Free Will, Florida State University, 19 January 2002.

Comment's on Ted Everett's 'Conditional Knowledge and Skepticism' Creighton Club Meeting, Cornell University, 20 October 2001.

Comments on Marian David's 'Truth and Identity', Syracuse University, Metaphysics Mayhem V, 14 August 2000.

Comments on Mario Gomez-Torrente's 'Vagueness and Margin for Error Principles', American Philosophical Association Eastern Division meeting, Boston, 29 December 1999.

Comments on Newton Garver's 'Vagueness, Context and Analysis', American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, 9 May 1998.

Courses Taught

First-Year Graduate Seminar (co-taught with Thomas Kelly)—Classics of twentieth-century analytic philosophy, Princeton, Fall 2008.

Introduction to Symbolic Logic (PHI 201), Princeton, Fall 2008, Spring 2001, Fall 1999, Fall 1998.

Counterparts and Identity—Relative, Contingent, and Transworld (PHI 534), Graduate Seminar, Princeton, Spring 2007.

Philosophical Logic (PHI 340), Princeton, Spring 2007.

Propositions, Time and Tense, Graduate Seminar, Princeton, Spring 2006.

Action and Intention, Junior Seminar, Princeton, Fall 2005.

Metaphysics (PHIL 364), Cornell, Spring 2005 (Topic: Identity).

Intensional Logic (PHIL 436/MATH 483/LING 483), Cornell, Spring 2002, Spring 2005.

Introduction to the Philosophy of Language (PHIL 332/LING 332), Cornell, Spring 2003.

Introduction to Deductive Logic (PHIL 231), Cornell, Fall 2001, Spring 2003.

Philosophy of Language (PHIL 663), Graduate Seminar, Cornell, Spring 2002.

Epistemology (PHIL 361), Cornell, Fall 2001.

Pragmatics and Context-Dependence (PHI 345), Princeton, Spring 2001.

Vagueness, Graduate Seminar, Princeton, Fall 2000, Spring 1998.

The Semantics of Descriptions, Graduate Seminar, Princeton, Fall 1999.

Topics in Metaphysics – Material Constitution, Graduate Seminar (co-taught with Mark Johnston), Princeton, Spring 1999.

Identity and Constitution, Junior Seminar, Princeton, Fall 1998, Fall 1997.

Vagueness in Logic and Language, Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar, Blagoevgrad Bulgaria, August 2000.

Introduction to the Philosophy of Language (PHI 317), Princeton, Spring 1998.

Professional Service

Editorial Boards: *Journal of Semantics*, as of 2009; *Philosophical Studies*, as of 2003; *Philosophy Compass*, Logic and Philosophy of Language Section, as of 2005; *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, as of 2006.

Advisory Boards: *Philosophical Perspectives*, as of 2004; *The Philosophical Gourmet Report*, as of 2003.

Theory). Journal Referee: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*.

Press Referee: Oxford University Press (both philosophy and linguistics).

Conference Referee: *Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 19, 18, 17, 15, 14; 2009, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004.

Chair: Conference Session on “Causation and Causatives” (speakers: Brian Weatherson, Elizabeth Barnes), Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2008

Chair: Author meets Critics Session on Jason Stanley’s *Knowledge and Practical Interests* (speakers: Jason Stanley, Stephen Schiffer, Gilbert Harman, Pacific Division APA, March 2006.

Chair: Conference Session on “Three Dimensionalism” (speaker: John Hawthorne), Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2006.

Chair: Colloquium on *Experience and Qualia* (speaker: Bryan D. Belknap), American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, May 2001.

Chair: Colloquium on *Truth* (speaker: John Devlin), American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2001.

Administrative Service

Philosophy Department, Princeton University

Course Allocation Committee: 2007, 1998;
Graduate Admissions: 2009, 2006, 1999, 1998;
Computer Committee: 2005, 2000–01, 1999–2000;
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: 1997–98, 2000–01;
Appointments Committee: 1998, 2005;
Job Search Committees: 1997, 1998, 1999.

Princeton University

Faculty Fellow, Whitman College: July 2007–present;
Interdepartmental Committee for the Program in Linguistics: July 1999–June 2001; January 2007–present;
Committee on Committees: February 2000–June 2001;
Interdepartmental Committee for the Program in Cognitive Studies: July 2000–June 2001.

Philosophy Department, Cornell University

The Philosophical Review Book Review Committee: Spring 2003;
Job Search Committee: 2004, 2002;
Discussion Club Coordinator: 2001–2002;
Graduate Admissions: 2002.

Awards and Recognition

- (2009) Keynote Speaker, SALT 19 (Semantics and Linguistic Theory).
- (2007) Keynote Speaker, 11th Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, Oxford University, 10 November 2007.
- (2005) Princeton University Council of the Humanities Behrman Junior Fellowship, three-year fellowship for recently tenured humanities faculty.
- (2005) Robert and Helen Appel Fellowship for Humanists and Social Scientists, Cornell University: Award presented annually to three newly tenured faculty members in the humanities and social sciences.
- (2002) American Philosophical Association Article Prize for ‘Descriptions as Predicates’: Prize for best paper published in 2000 or 2001 by a younger scholar.
- (2002) Mellon Foundation: New Directions Fellowship. Courses taken under the auspices of the award were in the areas of Syntax, Phonology, Algebra and Analysis.

Biographical Information

Born: Delia Ruby Graff; Queens, New York; 28 April 1969.

Citizenship: United States of America.

Family: Spouse, Michael Graff Fara; Daughter, Clarissa Graff Fara (born 14 September 2004).