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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

Assistant Professor, Princeton University, 2005–present.
Assistant Professor, Cornell University, 2001–2005.
Instructor, Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar, Summer 2000.
Teaching Assistant, Princeton University, 1998–1999.
Teaching Assistant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1996–1997.
Teaching Assistant, Harvard University, 1996.

Education

Princeton University, 1997–2001, PhD in philosophy.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1995–1997, PhD program in philosophy.
Oxford University, 1992–1995, BA Hons. (first class), Mathematics and Philosophy.

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Language.

Teaching

PHI 540, “Metaphysics: Dispositions,” Princeton University, Spring 2007.
PHI 523, “Metaphysics: Modality and Possible Worlds,” Princeton University, Spring 2006.
PHI 318, “Metaphysics,” Princeton University, Fall 2005, Fall 2006.
“Modality and Possible Worlds,” intensive course at University of Helsinki, Finland, May 2004.
PHIL 464, “Metaphysics: Free Will,” Cornell University, Spring 2004.
PHIL 101, “Introduction to Philosophy,” Cornell University, Fall 2003.
PHIL 331, “Deductive Logic,” Cornell University, Spring 2003, Fall 2003.
PHIL 665, “Metaphysics: Possible Worlds,” Cornell University, Fall 2002.
PHIL 665, “Metaphysics: The Metaphysics of Dispositions,” Cornell University, Spring 2002.
PHIL 364, “Metaphysics: Free Will,” Cornell University, Spring 2002.
PHIL 261, “Knowledge and Reality,” Cornell University, Fall 2001, Spring 2003, Spring 2004.
PHIL 100, “Puzzles and Paradoxes,” Cornell University, Fall 2001, Fall 2002.
“Introduction to Modal Logic,” Seventh Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar, Summer 2000.

Publications

- “Knowability and the Capacity to Know,” *Synthese*, forthcoming.
- “The Paradox of Believability,” *Review of Contemporary Philosophy* 6, pp. 13–17, 2007.
- “Dispositions,” *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2006.
- “Dispositions and Habituals,” *Noûs* 39, pp. 43–82, 2005.
- “Counterparts and Actuality,” with Timothy Williamson, *Mind* 114, pp. 1–30, 2005.
- Review of George Molnar, *Powers: A Study in Metaphysics*, *Mind* 114, pp. 435–438, 2005.

Invited Talks

- “Omissions and Causalism: Comments on Carolina Sartorio,” Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2007.
- “Actuality and Counterparts: Reply to Nelson,” Eastern APA, December 2006.
- “Composition and Vagueness: Comments on Casey Karbowski,” Pacific APA, March 2006.
- “Comments on Ulrich Meyer, ‘A Definition of “Disposition” ’,” The Creighton Club, November 2004.
- “Counterparts and Actuality,” University of Michigan, December 2003.
- “Counterpart Theory and Actuality,” University of Rochester, October 2003.
- “Counterpart Theory and Actuality,” University of Texas at Austin, May 2003.
- “Genericity—Exceptions and speaker-hearer interests: Comments on Sally McConnell-Ginet,” Princeton Semantics Workshop, May 2003.
- “Overdetermining Causes: Comments on Jonathan Schaffer,” Florida State University, January 2002.
- “Freedom and Contextualism: Comments on Richard Feldman,” Cornell University, November 2001.
- “Comments on Mandy Simons, ‘Why some presuppositions are conversational implicatures’,” Rutgers University Semantics Workshop, September 2001.
- “Knowable but Necessarily Unknown Truths,” Brown University, January 2001.
- “Extrinsic Dispositions,” Cornell University, January 2001.
- “Knowable but Necessarily Unknown Truths,” University of Michigan, January 2001.
- “‘Could’ is Not a Sentential Operator,” Syracuse University, November 2000.

Academic Service

- Member, Princeton Linguistics Committee, 2006–present.
- Chair, session at Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2006, January 2008.
- Chair, session at Rutgers Semantics Workshop, September 2005.
- Referee for Oxford University Press, MIT Press, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Mind*, *Synthese*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.
- Member of Editorial Board for *The Philosophical Review*, 2001–2005.
- Chair, Colloquium on Epistemology, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2002.
- Philosophical Review* Book Review Committee member, Fall 2001, Spring 2002, Fall 2002.
- Chair, Colloquium on Metaphysics, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, May 2001.
- Organizer, Princeton/Rutgers graduate student conference, Spring 2000.