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Curriculum Vitae

Education

1994-1998: [Western Washington University](#), BA in [philosophy](#)

1999- 2004: [University of Massachusetts-Amherst](#), Ph.D. in [philosophy](#)

Area of Specialization

Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Ethics, History of Philosophy (primarily Kant, early modern, and early 20th century)

(Forthcoming) Books

The Fragmentation of Being, under contract with Oxford University Press.

This is Metaphysics, under contract with Wiley-Blackwell publishing.

Edited Book

[The Good, The Right, Life and Death](#), ed. Richard Feldman, Kris McDaniel, Jason Raibley, Michael Zimmerman, Ashgate Press 2007.

Articles

31. "[A Philosophical Model of the Distinction between Appearances and Things in Themselves](#)", *Nous* (forthcoming).

30. "[Edith Stein: On the Problem of Empathy](#)", forthcoming in *Ten Neglected Philosophical Classics*, edited by Eric Schliesser, Oxford University Press

29. "Metaphysics, History, Phenomenology", *Res Philosophica* 91.3 (2014): 339-365.

28. "[A Moorean View of the Value of Lives](#)", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 95 (2014): 23-46.

27. "[Eternity in 20th Century Philosophy](#)", forthcoming in *Eternity*, edited by Yitzhak Melamed, Oxford University Press.

26. "[Compositional Pluralism and Composition as Identity](#)", forthcoming in *Composition as Identity*, edited by Donald Baxter and Aaron Cotnoir, Oxford University Press.

25. "[Degrees of Being](#)", *Philosophers' Imprint* 13.19 (2013), pp. 1-19.

24. "[Heidegger's Metaphysics of Material Beings](#)", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 87.2 (2013), pp. 332-357.
23. "[Existence and Number](#)", *Analytic Philosophy* 54.2 (2013), pp. 209-228.
22. "[Death and Desires](#)", (with Ben Bradley), (2013) in *Death: New Essays on Metaphysical and Ethical Issues Surrounding Death*, edited by James Taylor, Oxford University Press.
21. "[Parthood is Identity?](#)", forthcoming in *Mereology and Location*, edited by Shieva Kleinshmidt, Oxford University Press.
20. "[Ontological Pluralism and the Question of Why There is Something Rather than Nothing](#)", (2013) in *The Philosophy of Existence: Why Is There Something Rather Than Nothing?*, edited by Tyron Goldshmidt, Routledge publishing.
19. "[Composition as Identity Does Not Imply Universalism](#)", *Erkenntnis* 73 (2010), pp. 97-100.
18. "[Being and Almost Nothingness](#)", *Nous* 44.4 (2010), pp. 628-649.
17. "[A Return to the Analogy of Being](#)", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 81.3 (2010), pp. 688-717.
16. "[Parts and Wholes](#)", *Philosophy Compass* 5.5 (2010), pp. 412-425.
15. "[John McTaggart](#)", *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2009).
14. "[Structure-Making](#)", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87.2 (2009), pp. 251-274.
13. "[Extended Simples and Qualitative Heterogeneity](#)", *the Philosophical Quarterly* 59.235 (2009), pp. 325-331.
12. "[Ways of Being](#)", (2009) in *Metametaphysics*, edited by David Chalmers, David Manley, and Ryan Wasserman, Oxford University Press.
11. "[Desires](#)", (with Ben Bradley), *Mind* 117 (2008), pp. 267-302.
10. "[Against Composition as Identity](#)", *Analysis* 68.2 (2008), pp. 128-133.
9. "[Extended Simples](#)", *Philosophical Studies* 133.1 (2007), pp. 131-141.
8. "[Brutal Simples](#)", *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* (2007), volume three.
7. "[Discrete Space and Distance](#)", *Synthese* 155.1 (2007), pp. 157-162.
6. "[Gunky Objects in a Simple World](#)", *Philo* 9:1 (2006), pp. 47-54.
5. "[Modal Realisms](#)", *Philosophical Perspectives: Metaphysics* 20 (2006), pp. 303-331.
4. "[Modal Realism with Overlap](#)", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 82.1 (2004), pp. 137-152. (This is reprinted in *Lewisian Themes*, edited by Frank Jackson and Graham Priest, Oxford University Press, September 2004.)

3. "[No Paradox of Multi-Location](#)", *Analysis* 63.4 (2003), pp. 309-311.
2. "[Against MaxCon Simples](#)", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 81.2 (2003), pp. 265-275.
1. "[Tropes and Ordinary Physical Objects](#)", *Philosophical Studies* 104.3 (2001), pp. 269-290.

Critical Studies

3. "Remarks on Robert Pasnau's *Metaphysical Themes 1274-1671*: Pasnau on Category Realism", *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).
2. "[Critical Study of *On Myself, and Other, Less Important Subjects* by Caspar Hare](#)", *Ethics* 122.2 (2012), pp. 403-410.
1. "[Trenton Merricks' *Truth and Ontology*](#)", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 83.1 (2011), pp. 203-211.

Reviews

3. "Review of A.W. Moore's *The Evolution of Modern Metaphysics: Making Sense of Things*", *Mind* (forthcoming).
2. "[Review of D.M. Armstrong's *Truth and Truthmaking*](#)", *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, August 2005.
- 1 "[Review of Phil Dowe's *Physical Causation*](#)", *Erkenntnis* 56.2 (2002), pp. 258-263.

Presentations

- "Categories", The Relationship Between Metaphysics and Logic, University Southern California, January 2015.
- "Normative Analyses of Naturalness", University of Las Vegas, December 2014.
- "Non-Standard Mereology: Questions about the Dialectical Situation", Conference on Mereology at St. Andrews, UK, November 2014.
- "Being and Essence", Georgetown Conference on the Philosophy of Religion, Georgetown University, Washington DC, October 2014.
- "Being and Essence", Conference on Intensional/Hyper-Intensional Metaphysics at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico City, Mexico, September 2014.
- "Being and Essence", University of Vermont, September 2014.
- "Metaphysical Naturalness and Normativity", Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference, UC Boulder, August 2014.
- "Propositions Metaphysically Individuated", Conference on Propositions for the Leeds Representation Group, University of Leeds, UK, May 2014.

“Being and Essence”, invited Symposium at the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, San Diego, April 2014.

“Ways of Being and Time” and “Fundamental People” while Philosopher in Residence at University of Iowa at Ames.

“Propositions, Tuples, and Hyper-Intensionality”, Metaphysics on the Mountain Conference, Idaho, March 2014.

“Comments on Sam Cowlings, “The Way of Actuality”, Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Feb 2014.

“Fundamental People”, at Themes from Baxter II, Ligerz, Switzerland, October 2013.

“Propositions, Tuples, and Hyper-Intensionality”, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, September 2013.

“A Philosophical Model of the Distinction Between Things in Themselves and Appearances”, Conference in Honor of Lynne Rudder Baker’s retirement, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, April 2013.

“Metaphysics, History, Phenomenology”, at Methodology in Metaphysics, University of Michigan Anne-Arbor, March 2013.

“Pasnau on Category Realism”, Author Meets Critics session for Robert Pasnau’s *Metaphysical Themes: 1274-1671*, Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco CA, March 2013.

Comments on Peter van Inwagen’s “Mixed Inferences: a Problem for McDaniel’s Heidegger”, Arizona Ontology Conference, Tucson AZ, January 2013.

“Fundamental People”, University of Alberta, Ottawa, November 2012.

“Degrees of Being”, New York University, October 2012.

“Fundamental People”, Boston University, April 2012.

Comments on Christopher Hom and Jeremy Schwartz: “The Unity of the Proposition and the Frege-Geach Puzzle”, Pacific division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Seattle WA, April 2012.

“Fundamental People”, University of Ottawa, March 2012.

“Fundamental People”, John Hopkins University, March 2012.

“Fundamental People”, University of Kentucky-Lexington, February 2012.

“Fundamental People”, conference on Persistence at the University of Southern California, January 2012.

“Compositional Pluralism and Composition as Identity”, invited talk at the Eastern division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, December 2011.

“Eternity in 20th Century Philosophy”, Conference on Eternity, the University of Bochum Germany, December 2011.

Comments on Christian van Dyke: “A Prior Puzzle about the A Priori”, A Priori Workshop at the University of British Columbia, Canada, November 2011.

“Degrees of Being”, University of Nottingham, October 2011.

“Degrees of Being”, University of Birmingham, October 2011.

“Existence and Number”, University of Leeds, October 2011.

“What Are Ontological Categories?”, LOGOS conference on fundamentality, University of Barcelona in Spain, September 2011.

“Parthood and Relative Identity”, University of Geneva, Switzerland, May 2011.

“The Moorean View of Lives: a Partial Defense”, conference on organic unities, University of Geneva Switzerland, May 2011.

“The Values of Knowledge and Their Implications, If Any, For Its Nature”, keynote talk given at Western Washington University conference, May 2011.

“Degrees of Being”, ANU Conference on Fundamentality, Australian National University, July 2010.

“Being, Ways of Being, Degrees of Being”, Metaphysical Mayhem 2010, Rutgers University, June 2010.

“Parthood is Identity?”, Conference on The Ontology of Ordinary Objects, Auburn University, February 2010.

“The Metaphysics of Axiology and the Welfare of Animals”, Bloomsburg University, February 2010.

“The Metaphysics of Axiology and the Welfare of Animals”, R.O.M.E. UC-Boulder, August 2009.

“Categories of Being”, Princeton Conference on Philosophical Logic, May 2009.

“Degrees of Reality”, Mellon Metaphysics Workshop, Cornell University, May 2009.

“Categories of Being”, Duke University, February 2009.

“Metaphysical Naturalness and Degrees of Reality”, SUNY-Fredonia, February 2009.

“Ways of Being and Time”, Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2009.

Comments on Gabriel Uzquiano: “Mereological Harmony”, Leeds Conference on Metaphysics,

September 2008.

Comments on Jessica Wilson: “Trope Determination and Contingent Characterization”, Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2008.

Comments on Carrie Jenkins “What is Ontological Realism?” and “Realism and Independence”; Comments on Matti Eklund “Neo-Fregeanism and Maximalism”, Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University, July 2008.

“Ways of Being and Time”, Philosophy of Time meeting at the Central Division American Philosophical Association, April 2008.

“A Return to the Analogy of Being”, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, March 2008.

“Ways of Being and Time”, University of Toronto, March 2008.

“A Return to the Analogy of Being”, Williams College, February 2008.

“Desires” (with Ben Bradley), Ninth Bi-annual UMass-Amherst Philosophy Reunion, October 2007.

“Ways of Being”, University of Rochester, September 2007.

“Desires” (with Ben Bradley), Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2007.

“Ways of Being”, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, April 2007.

“Kantian Ignorance”, Workshop on Transcendental Idealism, University of Exeter, March 2007.

“Desires”, University of Leeds, March 2007.

“Ways of Being”, Conference on Structure in Metaphysics, Leeds University, March 9th, 2007.

Comments on Kathrin Koslicki: “A Defense of Kinds”, at the Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2007.

“Structure-Making”, at the Mereology, Topology, Location Conference, Rutgers University, October 2006.

“Ontology and Rationalism”, Tufts University, April 2006.

Comments on Georges Dicker: “Refutation of Idealism”, at the Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, Syracuse University, February 2006.

Comments on J.C. Beal: “True, False, and Other”, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, October 2005.

“Extended Simples”, Creighton Club Meeting, October 2005, Cornell University.

Comments on Cody Gilmore: “Time Travel, Coinciding Objects, and Persistence”, Bellingham

Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2005.

Comments on Josh Parsons: "Is Everything a World?", Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, March 2005.

"Kantian Ignorance", University of Colorado-Boulder, February 2005.

"Kantian Ignorance", Western Washington University, February 2005.

"Kantian Ignorance", Arizona State University, January 2005.

"Kantian Ignorance", Cornell University, November 2004.

Comments on Mathew McGrath: "No Objects, No Problem? Nihilism and the Puzzles of Material Constitution", Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2004.

"Brutal Simples", Davidson College, February 2004.

"Brutal Simples", Syracuse University, January 2004.

"Brutal Simples", University of Manitoba, January 2004.

Comments on Andy Egan: "Second-Order Predication and the Metaphysics of Properties", Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2003.

Comments on Andrew Cortens: "Dividing the World into Things", Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2000.

"Tropes and Ordinary Physical Objects", Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, April 2000.

"Tropes and Ordinary Physical Objects", Western Washington University, January 2000.

"Persons and Temporal Gappiness" (with Shawn Larsen-Bright), Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association, April 1999.

Comments on Andy Lloyd: "Spukhafte Fernwirkungen: the Relationship Between Science and Philosophy", Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, April 1998.

Teaching Experience

At Syracuse University:

HNR 100: Six Myths about the Good Life

Philosophy 109: Honors Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy 313: British Empiricism

Philosophy 321: 20th Century Theories of Knowledge and Reality

Philosophy 341: Philosophy of Religion

Philosophy 401: Truth and Truthmakers
Philosophy 401: Topics in Metaphysics
Philosophy 401: Meta-Ethics
Philosophy 401: Metaphysics
Philosophy 402/602: History of the A Priori
Philosophy 500: Early 20th Century Philosophy
Philosophy 583: Metaphysics
Philosophy 615: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*
Philosophy 687: Proseminar: Language, Epistemology, Mind, Metaphysics
Philosophy 700: Husserl's *Logical Investigations*
Philosophy 730: Leibniz: Substance, Modality, Causation (co-taught with Kara Richardson)
Philosophy 730: Descartes' Metaphysics (co-taught with Kara Richardson)
Philosophy 750: Parts and Wholes
Philosophy 751: Hyper-Intensionality
Philosophy 751: Modality
Philosophy 840: Properties
Philosophy 860: Parfit's *Reasons and Persons* (co-taught with Ben Bradley)
Philosophy 860: Foundations of Analytic Ethics (co-taught with Ben Bradley)
Philosophy 860: Existence

At the University of Massachusetts-Amherst:

Philosophy 100: Introduction to Philosophy
Philosophy 110: Introduction to Symbolic Logic
Philosophy 160: Introduction to Ethics
Philosophy 164: Medical Ethics
Philosophy 332: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*
Philosophy 383: Philosophy of Religion

Service

Referee for Rowman and Littlefield, Mind, Nous, Philosophical Quarterly, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Studies, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, Philosopher's Imprint, Theoria, Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Analytic Philosophy.

Philosophy Climate Committee, Spring 2014.

Faculty advisor for undergraduates, Fall 2008-Spring 2009.

Philosophy advisor for the Honors College, Fall 2008-Fall 2013.

Served on the External Speaker Committee, Fall 2011-2012.

Served on the External Speaker Committee, Fall 2008-Spring 2009.

Served on the History of Philosophy search committee, Fall 2007-Spring 2008.

Served on the External Speaker Committee, Fall 2005-Spring 2007.

Served on the Executive Committee, Fall 2006- Spring 2007.

Served as faculty coordinator for the Dissertation workshop Spring 2006, Spring 2007.

Program committee member for the 2009 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference.

Founding member of [the Monads](#).

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