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Academic Employment

2021— Western Kentucky University, Political Science, Assistant Professor of Philosophy

2020–2021 University of Alberta, Philosophy, Izaak Walton Killam Postdoctoral Fellow

2018–2020 University of Iowa, Philosophy, Visiting Assistant Professor

Education

2018 Ph.D. in Philosophy and M.S. in Mathematics, University of Iowa
Thesis: "The Search for Logical Forms: In Defense of Logical Atomism"

2013 B.A. in Philosophy and B.Sc. in Mathematics, George Washington University
Thesis (philosophy): "A Naïve Reading of *Principia Mathematica*"
Thesis (mathematics): "Mathematical Language, Definition, and Practice"

Areas of Specialization

History of Analytic Philosophy—Language and Logic—Metaphysics—Philosophy of Math

Areas of Competence

Digital Humanities—Epistemology—Indian Philosophy—Philosophy of Science

Publications

Edited Volumes

under contract *Principia Mathematica*: A Critical Edition
Cambridge University Press

under contract (co-edited) *Russell, Feminism, and Philosophical Women in his Circle*
Palgrave Macmillan

2018 (co-edited) *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism: A Centenary Reappraisal*
Palgrave Macmillan: pp. VII, 349

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

2022 "Computer Verification for Historians of Philosophy"
Synthese, Special Issue: Metaphilosophy of Formal Methods

2022 "The Contact Argument: A Little Unduly Simple?"
American Philosophical Quarterly

2022 "Conceptual Engineering or Revisionary Conceptual Analysis?: The Case of Russell's Metaphilosophy Based on *Principia Mathematica*'s Logic"
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review, Volume 60: Number 3, pp. 447-474

2022 (co-authored) "The Genealogy of ∨"
The Review of Symbolic Logic, pp. 1-38

2021 "Frege's Curiously Two-Dimensional Concept-Script"
Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy, Vol. 9: No. 11, pp. 28-55

2021 "An Argument for Completely General Facts"
Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy, Volume 9: Number 7, pp. 1-21

2021 (co-authored) "Word Choice in Mathematical Practice: A Case Study in Polyhedra"
Synthese, Vol. 198: No. 4, pp. 3413-3441

2020 "A Case Study in Formalizing Contingent *A Priori* Claims"
Res Philosophica, Special Issue: Modal Epistemology, Vol. 97: No. 4, pp. 571-591

2020 (co-authored) "Why Russell was not an Epistemic Structural Realist"
Russell: the Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies, Vol. 40: No. 1, pp. 5-26

2019 "On Jain *Anekāntavāda* and Pluralism in Philosophy of Mathematics"
International School for Jain Studies—Transactions, Vol. 3: No. 2, pp. 13-20

2017 "Against Sense-Data as Structured Universals"
Logos & Episteme, Vol. 8: Issue 3, pp. 359-363

2015 (co-authored) "Śāntarakṣita and Kamalaśīla on the Jain Theory of a Self"
Indian International Journal of Buddhist Studies: No. 16, pp. 63-89

Book Chapters / Conference Proceedings (editor reviewed)

accepted "Russell's Logical Atomism and Modality"
The Oxford Handbook to Bertrand Russell, Oxford University Press (ed. Kevin Klement)

accepted "Peano's Impression of Russell"
Portraits of Bertrand Russell, Bloomsbury (ed. Gülberk Koc Maclean)

forthcoming "Any Philosophical Canon is Practically Self-Undermining"
Historiography, Methodology, Metaphilosophy, and the Canon, Routledge (eds. Sandra Lapointe and Erich Reck)

2021 "Russell on the Ethical Value of Logic"
Bertrand Russell: Public Intellectual (2nd edition) Tiger Bark Press (eds. Tim Madigan and Peter Stone): Ch. 15, pp. 251-267

2021 (co-authored) "The Iowa Lyceum"
Philosophy Camps for Youth, Rowman & Littlefield (ed. Claire Katz): Ch. 3, pp. 47-60

2018 "On Russell's Logical Atomism"
The Philosophy of Logical Atomism: A Centenary Reappraisal, Palgrave Macmillan: Ch. 1, pp. 3-37

Book Reviews (editor reviewed)

invited *Journey to the Edge of Reason: The Life of Kurt Gödel* by Stephen Budiansky
Russell: the Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies

invited *The Analytic Tradition in Philosophy, Volume 1: Founding Giants* by Scott Soames
Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy

2020 *On the Genealogy of Universals* by Fraser MacBride
Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy, Vol. 8: No. 8, pp. 12-30

2018 *Bertrand Russell and the Nature of Propositions* by Samuel Lebens
Russell: the Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies, Vol. 38: No. 1, pp. 89-96

Digital Humanities Scholarship

2020— The *Principia* Rewrite Project

2015–2017 (PI. David Stern) The University of Iowa *Tractatus* Map Project

Other Publications

2018 "What Should Philosophers Teach in Quantitative Reasoning Courses?"
Daily Nous

2017 (co-authored) "Exploring the Influence of Bertrand Russell on Bhimrao Ambedkar"
Forward Press

2017 "Bertrand Russell on Something"
Philosophy Now, Issue 120: June/July

2017 "The Cost of Publishing *Principia Mathematica*"
Daily Nous

Awards / Grants

Teaching / Professional

2022 Affordable Textbook Program ($2,500)
Western Kentucky University, Libraries Public Services

2021 Best Essay Prize for Non-Tenured Faculty
Canadian Philosophical Association

2020 Dorothy J. Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship Prize (C$5,000)
University of Alberta, Office of the Vice-President

2017 Summer Seminar Directorship ($40,000)
University of Iowa, Obermann Center

2017 Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowship ($20,000)
University of Iowa, Graduate College

2016 Outstanding Teaching Award ($1,000)
University of Iowa, Council on Teaching

Research / Travel

2022 Research and Creative Activities Program Award ($3,255)
Western Kentucky University, Office of Research and Creative Activity

2022 Research Travel Grant (C$1,500)
McMaster University, William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections

2022 Scholarly Activity Award (£1,000)
British Society for the History of Philosophy

2019 Master Class Travel Award ($1,750)
Journal of the History of Philosophy

2018 Research Travel Grant (C$1,500)
McMaster University, William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections

2017 T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowship ($3,000)
University of Iowa, Graduate College

Pre-College Philosophy Outreach

2022 Philosophy Fund Grant ($2,100)
Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization

2022 Kentucky Humanities Minigrant ($1,500)
Kentucky Humanities

2018 Philosophy Fund Grant ($1,550)
Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization

2018 Small Grant Award ($500)
American Philosophical Association

Teaching Experience

'' = Honors Enriched & Embedded Course, *= 1 HEEC, **= 2 HEECs, and so on*

2021— Assistant Professor, Political Science, Western Kentucky University
Metaphysics & Epistemology (x1)
Philosophy of Language (x1)
Philosophy of Mind (x1)
Symbolic Logic (x1)*
Truth and Relativism (x2)

2018–2020 Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of Iowa
Symbolic Logic (x1)
Principles of Reasoning (x5)
Introduction to Philosophy (x3)
(online) Meaning of Life (x3)
(discussion sections) Introduction to Ethics (x4)

2014–2016 Ph.D. student, Philosophy, University of Iowa
Principles of Reasoning (x3), won Outstanding Teaching Award
(discussion sections) Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness (x2)
(discussion sections) Meaning of Life (x2)

Undergraduate thesis advising
2021 "Scientism and the Fear of Ideas: A Defense of Berkeleyanism"

Invited Talks

2021 (joint work) "The Genealogy of "$\vee$"," McGill University, February 24 (online)

2020 (joint work) "The Genealogy of "$\vee$"," McMaster University, November 23 (online)

Selected Presentations (full list on website)

'' = online*

American Philosophical Association Symposiums and Colloquiums
2021 APA Pacific Division: Portland, OR*
"Any Philosophical Canon is Practically Self-Undermining"

2019 APA Eastern Division: New York, NY
"A Theorem of Infinity for *Principia Mathematica*"

2016 APA Central Division: Chicago, IL
"On Russell's "Vagueness""

2015 APA Central Division: St. Louis, MO
"In Defense of Simples in Contact"

Specialist Conferences (from 2018 on)

2022 Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy: Taiyuan, Shanxi, China∗
   "Why didn't Bertrand Russell cite the logical works of his PhD Advisee, Dorothy Wrinch?"

2022 Bertrand Russell Society: Hamilton, Ontario
   "Whodunit? The index of symbols in the 1925 *Principia Mathematica*"

2022 Kentucky Philosophical Association: Morehead, Kentucky
   "Forgetful Phil: Rebutting the Proof of Concept Objection to Epistemic Infinitism"

2021 Association for Computers and the Humanities: Houston, Texas∗
   "Digitizing *Principia Mathematica* with TEXand Coq"

2021 Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy: Vienna, Austria∗
   "Computer Verification for Historians of Philosophy"

2021 Association for Symbolic Logic: South Bend, Indiana∗
   (joint work) "The Genealogy of "∨""

2021 Bertrand Russell Society: New Britain, CT∗
   "The propositional logic of *Principia* in Coq"

2021 Canadian Society for Digital Humanities: Edmonton, Alberta∗
   "Digitizing *Principia Mathematica* with TEXand Coq"

2021 Canadian Philosophical Association: Edmonton, Alberta∗
   "*Principia*'s logic as conceptual engineering"

2021 Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science: Edmonton, Alberta∗
   "Dorothy Wrinch's original contributions to set theory in the 1920s"

2021 Bertrand Russell Research Centre, Workshop: Russell & Women: Hamilton, Ontario∗
   "Dorothy Wrinch and Bertrand Russell's promotion of his other students"

2020 TiLPS History of Analytic Philosophy Workshop: Tilburg, Netherlands∗
   "The Lone Wrangler: Wrinch's development of *Principia*'s second volume"

2020 European Society for Analytic Philosophy: Utrecht, Netherlands∗
   "The Heiress to Logical Atomism: Dorothy Wrinch"

2020 Bertrand Russell Society: New Britain, CT∗
   "Generalized Molecular Formulas in Logical Atomism"

2019 Bertrand Russell Society: Amherst, MA
   "Dorothy Wrinch: The First Female Logical Atomist"

2019 Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy: Boston, MA
   "Logical Atomism in *Principia Mathematica*"

2019 Society for Exact Philosophy: Toronto, Canada
  "A Modal Logic without Modality"

2019 British Society for the History of Philosophy: London, United Kingdom
  "The Search for Logical Forms: Logical Atomism as Term Busting"

2019 Complutense University Madrid–King's College London Workshop: Madrid, Spain
  "Russell's Problem of General Molecular Facts"

2018 International Wittgenstein Symposium: Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria
  "Looking for Wittgenstein's Logical Atomism"

2018 Bertrand Russell Society: Hamilton, Canada
  "Russell's and Wittgenstein's Differing Senses of "Tautology""

2018 Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy: Hamilton, Canada
  "Computer Verification for Historians of Philosophy"

2018 Association for Symbolic Logic (North American Meeting): Macomb, IL
  "A theorem of infinity for *Principia Mathematica*"

Departmental Service

Philosophy Club Faculty Advisor (2021–present)

Program and Outreach Committee (2021–present)

Collegiate Service

Mission Statement Committee (2021–present)

University Service

Faculty Senate At-Large Member (2022–present)

  Budget and Finance Committee At-Large Representative (2022–present)
  Faculty Handbook Committee At-Large Representative (2022–present)

Professional Service

Workshop co-organizer
  Philosophical Women in Russell's Circle, McMaster University (online): March 2021
  The Philosophy of Logical Atomism: A Centenary Reappraisal, University of Iowa: June 2017

Treasurer Bertrand Russell Society (since 2016)
  Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy (2017–2021)
  Association for Documentary Editing (since 2022)

Vice-President Kentucky Philosophical Association (2022)

Journal reviewer *British Journal for the History of Philosophy—Foundations of Science—HOPOS: the Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science—Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* (x2)*—Logic and Logical Philosophy—Russell: the Journal of Russell Studies* (x2)

Conference reviewer Association for Computers and the Humanities

Invited comments APA Central Division—Kentucky Philosophical Association—Society for Women in Philosophy (UK)

Session organizer APA Central Division (x6), 2016–2019

Community Outreach and Service

Hilltopper Philosophy Academy Director (since 2022)
  Western Kentucky University, Department of Political Science

Iowa Lyceum President (2016–2018)
  University of Iowa, Department of Philosophy

LibriVox Audio book recorder (since 2015, x8 recordings)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2022–present Kentucky Philosophical Association

2021–present Association of Documentary Editing

2021–present Association for Computers and the Humanities

2021–present British Wittgenstein Society

2020–present Canadian Philosophical Association

2018–present British Society for the History of Philosophy

2018–present American Association of Philosophy Teachers

2018–present Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization

2018–present Association for Symbolic Logic

2017–present Society for Exact Philosophy

2016–present American Association of University Professors

2014–present Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy

2013–present American Philosophical Association

2012–present Bertrand Russell Society