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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.....

contract pending *Principia Mathematica: A Critical Edition*

Cambridge University Press

under contract (co-edited) *Philosophical Women in Russell’s Circle*

Palgrave Macmillan

2018 (co-edited) *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism: A Centenary Reappraisal*

Palgrave Macmillan: pp. VII, 349

Journal Articles (peer reviewed).....

accepted "The Contact Argument: A Little Unduly Simple?"

American Philosophical Quarterly

accepted (co-authored) "The Genealogy of \vee "

The Review of Symbolic Logic

forthcoming "Conceptual Engineering or Revisionary Conceptual Analysis?: The Case of Russell's Metaphilosophy Based on *Principia Mathematica*'s Logic"

Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review

2021 "Frege's Curiously Two-Dimensional Concept-Script"

Journal for the History of Analytical 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)

forthcoming "Peano's Impression of Russell"

Portraits of Bertrand Russell, Bloomsbury (ed. Gülberk Koc Maclean)

2021 "Russell on the Ethical Value of Logic"

Bertrand Russell: Public Intellectual (2nd edition) Tiger Bark Press (eds. Tim Madigan and Peter Stone): Chapter 15, pp. 251-267

2021 (co-authored) "The Iowa Lyceum"

Philosophy Camps for Youth, Rowman & Littlefield (ed. Claire Katz): Chapter 3, pp. 47-60

2018 "On Russell's Logical Atomism"

The Philosophy of Logical Atomism: A Centenary Reappraisal, Palgrave Macmillan: Chapter 1, pp. 3-37

Book Reviews (editor reviewed)

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

Professional

2021 Best Essay Prize for Non-Tenured Faculty

Canadian Philosophical Association

2020 Dorothy J. Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship Prize (\$5,000 CAD)

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.....

2019 Master Class Travel Award (\$1,750)

Journal of the History of Philosophy

2018 Research Travel Grant (\$1,150)

McMaster University

2017 T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$3,000)

University of Iowa, Graduate College

Pre-College Philosophy Outreach.....

2018 Philosophy Fund Grant (\$1,550)

Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization

2018 Small Grant Award (\$500)

American Philosophical Association

Teaching Experience

2021— Assistant Professor, Political Science, Western Kentucky University

Symbolic Logic (x1)

Metaphysics & Epistemology (x1)

Philosophy of Mind (x1)

Philosophy of Language (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 “V”,” McGill University, February 24 (online)

2020 (joint work) “The Genealogy of “V”,” McMaster University, November 23 (online)

Selected Presentations (full list on website)

'*' = online

APA Symposia.....

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).....

2021 Association for Computers and the Humanities: Houston, Texas*

"Digitizing *Principia Mathematica* with TeX and 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 " \forall ""

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 TeX and 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)

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 and Board Member Bertrand Russell Society (since 2016)

Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy (2017–2021)

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—UK Society for Women in Philosophy

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

Community Outreach and Service

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

LibriVox Audio book recorder (x8), 2015—

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