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## Academic Employment

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**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

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**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

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

## Areas of Competence

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Digital Humanities—Epistemology—Indian Philosophy—Philosophy of Science

## Publications

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### Edited Volumes.....

**contract pending** *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).....

**accepted** "Computer Verification for Historians of Philosophy"

*Synthese*, Special Issue: Metaphilosophy of Formal Methods

**forthcoming** "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  $\vee$ "

*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)

**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): 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**

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

**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

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

**2018** Small Grant Award (\$500)  
American Philosophical Association

## **Teaching Experience**

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**2021—** Assistant Professor, Political Science, Western Kentucky University  
Philosophy of Science (x1)  
Metaphysics & Epistemology (x1)  
Philosophy of Language (x1)  
Philosophy of Mind (x2)  
Symbolic Logic (x3)  
Truth and Relativism (x4)

**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**

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**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)**

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‘\*’ = online

## **American Philosophical Association Symposia and Colloquia**.....

**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  $\text{\TeX}$  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 T<sub>E</sub>X 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

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**Philosophy Club** Faculty Advisor (2021–present)

**Program and Outreach Committee** (2021–present)

## Collegiate Service

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**Mission Statement Committee** (2021–present)

## University Service

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**Faculty Senate** At-Large Member (2022–present)

## Professional Service

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### **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)

**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

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**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**

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**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