

Landon D. C. Elkind | CV

Political Science – Western Kentucky University – Bowling Green, KY 42101

✉ landon.elkind@wku.edu • 🌐 landondcelkind.com

🔗 LogicalAtomist

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—Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics—Metaphysics

Areas of Competence

Epistemology—Philosophy of Language—Philosophy of Mind—Philosophy of Science

Publications

Edited Volumes.....

under contract *Principia Mathematica: The Textual Edition*

Cambridge University Press

2024 (co-edited) *Bertrand Russell, Feminism, and Women Philosophers in his Circle*

Palgrave Macmillan, pp. XV, 330

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

Palgrave Macmillan: pp. XXVII, 334

Journal Articles (peer reviewed).....

2024 “Comments on Mark Textor’s *The Disappearance of Soul and the Turn against Metaphysics*”

The British Journal for the History of Philosophy, pp. 1-9

2023 “Squaring the Circles: A Genealogy of *Principia*’s Square Dot Notation”

Russell: the Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies, Vol. 43: No. 1, pp. 42-65

- 2022** "The Contact Argument: A Little Unduly Simple?"
American Philosophical Quarterly, Vol. 59: No. 3, pp. 247-261
- 2022** "Computer Verification for Historians of Philosophy"
Synthese, Special Issue: Metaphilosophy of Formal Methods, pp. 1-28
- 2022** "Conceptual Engineering or Revisionary Conceptual Analysis?"
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review, Vol. 60: No. 3, pp. 447-474
- 2022** (co-authored) "The Genealogy of \vee "
The Review of Symbolic Logic, Vol. 16: No. 3, pp. 862-899
- 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).....

- forthcoming** "Russell's Logical Atomism and Modality"
The Oxford Handbook to Bertrand Russell (eds. Samuel Lebens, Fraser MacBride, and Graham Stevens)
- forthcoming** "Peano's Impression of Russell"
Portraits of Bertrand Russell, Bloomsbury (ed. Gülberk Koc Maclean)
- forthcoming** "What will survive of Bertrand Russell's philosophy in 2172 CE?"
The Philosophy of Bertrand Russell, Spokesman Books (ed. Jahnabi Deka)
- 2025** "Symbolic Cognition of Infinity"
Whitehead at Harvard, 1925-1927, Edinburgh University Press (eds. Brian G. Henning and Joseph Petek): Ch. 5, pp. 83-99
- 2024** "Dorothy Wrinch's influence on Bertrand Russell"
Bertrand Russell, Feminism, and Women Philosophers in his Circle, Palgrave Macmillan: Ch. 10, pp. 259-297

2023 “An analysis of philosophical canons and a partial argument for being a canon-shredder”
Historiography and the Formation of Philosophical Canons, Routledge (eds. Sandra Lapointe and Erich H. Reck): Ch. 12, pp. 242-266

2021 “Russell on the Ethical Value of Logic”
Bertrand Russell: Public Intellectual (2nd edition) Spokesman Books (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).....

2022 *Journey to the Edge of Reason: The Life of Kurt Gödel* by Stephen Budiansky
Russell: the Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies, Vol. 42: No. 2, pp. 177-182

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.....

2024 “The Principia Mathematica Maps and Table Site (PM-MATS)”

2023 “The principia Package for T_EX”

2022 *Principia Mathematica: The Choose Your Own Adventure Story*

2021 “*1-*5 of Principia in Coq”

2015–2017 (P.I. 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

2016 “The Cost of Publishing *Principia Mathematica*”
Daily Nous

Awards / Grants

Research / Travel.....

2026 Collaborative Research Grant (\$49,683)
National Endowment for the Humanities the Humanities

- 2023-2026** Scholarly Editions and Scholarly Translations Grant (\$350,031)
National Endowment for the Humanities the Humanities
- 2024** FUSE Undergraduate Research Grant (\$3,000)
Western Kentucky University, Office of Research and Creative Activity
- 2023** Research Travel Grant (C\$1,500)
McMaster University, William Ready Division of Archives and Research Collections
- 2022** The Critical-Creative Philosophy Prize (\$500)
- 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

Teaching / Professional.....

- 2025** PCAL DEI Mini-Grant (\$1,000)
Western Kentucky University, Potter College of Arts and Letters
- 2024** PCAL DEI Mini-Grant (\$1,000)
Western Kentucky University, Potter College of Arts and Letters
- 2023** Affordable Textbook Program (\$2,500)
Western Kentucky University, Libraries Public Services
- 2022** Teaching Development Grant (\$750)
Western Kentucky University, Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning
- 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

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 (as Instructor of Record)

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

'@' = On Demand (asynchronous online) course developed

2021— Assistant Professor, Political Science, Western Kentucky University (19 sections, 8 preps)

Symbolic Logic (x5) @****

Truth and Relativism (x4)

Philosophy of Mind (x4)

Philosophy of Language (x2)

Philosophy of Science (x1)*

Early Analytic Philosophy (x1)

Philosophy of Religion (x1)

Metaphysics & Epistemology (x1)

2018–2020 Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy, University of Iowa (12 sections, 4 preps)

Principles of Reasoning (x5)

Introduction to Philosophy (x3)

(online) Meaning of Life (x3)

Symbolic Logic (x1)

2014–2016 Ph.D. student, Philosophy, University of Iowa

Principles of Reasoning (x3), won Outstanding Teaching Award

Undergraduate theses and research.....

'*' = FUSE

2025 "A Deterministic Interpretation of Modal Language"

2025 "Death as Senseless Speech within Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*"

2025 "Close reconstructions of proofs in *13—*14 of *Principia Mathematica*"

2024 "On Practicing Absurdism"

2023 "Close reconstructions of proofs in *9—*11 of *Principia Mathematica*"*

2023 "The Extended Mind and Capabilities Approach"

2023 "Response to Davidson's "Rational Animals""

2023 "*Phaedo to De Anima*: Early Western Thought on the Soul"

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

Invited Talks

'*' = online

2024 "Peaneese, Fregese, and PM-ese: Three Notations, Three neo-Leibnizian Ideal Languages", *The Lesson of Peano and Russell: Logical Tools for the Computational Approach to Legal Theory*, University of Genoa, September 25-26

2024 "Bertrand Russell, Feminism, and Women Philosophers in His Circle", Bertrand Russell Society (Russelliana Series), May 4*

2023 "A Theorem of Infinity for \mathbb{Z} -*Principia Mathematica*", Kobe University (Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar), December 14*

2023 "*Principia Mathematica*, Negative Types, and A Theorem of Infinity for \mathbb{Z} -*Principia Mathematica*", Southern Illinois University (Logic Seminar), December 7*

2023 "Logical atomism as term busting", The Ohio State University (Society for the History of Analytic Philosophy), October 2

2023 "Tarski's and Wrinch's work on equivalents of Choice, Russell's different reactions to them", Association for Symbolic Logic (Special Session: Women in the History of Logic), March 25-29

2023 "The *Principia* Rewrite Project", Bertrand Russell Society (Russelliana Series)*

2023 "Learn about Dorothy Wrinch!", Lógica MX (Women in Logic Series)*

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

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

Selected Presentations (full list on website)

'*' = online

American Philosophical Association Symposia and Colloquia.....

2025 APA Central Division: Virtual*

"On the Contrary: Revisiting Incompatibility Theories"

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).....

2024 Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy: Hartford, Connecticut
"Introducing the *Principia Mathematica* Maps and Table Site"

2024 Bertrand Russell Society: Amherst, New York
"Close reconstructions of Proofs in the Quantificational Logic of *Principia Mathematica*"

2023 Bertrand Russell Society: Iowa City, Iowa
"On Russell's "Vagueness""

2023 Kentucky Philosophical Association: Morehead, Kentucky
"On Russell's "Vagueness""

2023 Kentucky Political Science Association: Bowling Green, Kentucky
"Against a Primary Right to Secede"

2022 Second Critical Edition of Whitehead Conference: Spokane, Washington*
"Using HL2 to Connect the Dots between *Symbolism* and *Principia Mathematica*"

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
(joint talk) "*Principia* and *z-Principia*: New Axioms Yielding Infinity"

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 \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 talk) "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—) *on leave during fall 2025 semester*

Undergraduate Philosophy Conferences: Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Search Committee (2022-2023)

Collegiate Service

Mission Statement Committee (2021–2022)

University Service

Faculty Senate At-Large Member (2022-2024)

Chair, Faculty Welfare and Professional Development (2023-2024)

Budget and Finance Committee: At-Large Representative (2022-2023)
Faculty Handbook Committee: At-Large Representative (2022-2023)

Sponsored Programs Research and Creative Activities Program: Reviewer (Spring 2024 and 2025)
Faculty-Undergraduate Research Experience: Reviewer (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

Professional Service

Conference or Workshop organizer

Kentucky Philosophical Association Meeting, Western Kentucky University: March 2026
Bertrand Russell Society Meeting, Western Kentucky University: May 2025
Kentucky Philosophical Association Meeting, Western Kentucky University: April 2024
Philosophical Women in Russell's Circle, McMaster University (online): March 2021
The Philosophy of Logical Atomism: A Centenary Reappraisal, University of Iowa: June 2017

Secretary

Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy (2022-2024)

President

Kentucky Philosophical Association (2023–)

Vice-President

Kentucky Philosophical Association (2022-2023)

Treasurer

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

Journal reviewer

Russell: the Journal of Russell Studies (x4)
Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy (x3)
Synthese (3x)
Australasian Journal of Philosophy (x2)
Foundations of Science (x2)
British Journal for the History of Philosophy
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review
Erkenntnis
History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis
History of Philosophy Quarterly
HOPOS: the Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science
Inquiry
Logic and Logical Philosophy
Metaphilosophy
Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society

Conference reviewer

Kentucky Philosophical Association (x2)
Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy

Book or Special Issue reviewer

Association for Computers and the Humanities
Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy
Springer

Invited comments

APA Central Division (x2)
APA Pacific Division
Kentucky Philosophical Association (x4)
Society for Women in Philosophy (UK)

Conference session organizer

APA Central Division (x7), 2016–2019, 2025

Community Outreach and Service

Hilltopper Philosophy Academy Director (2022—)

Western Kentucky University, Department of Political Science

Iowa Lyceum President (2016–2018)

University of Iowa, Department of Philosophy

LibriVox Audio books (x8 recordings, 2015—)**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2022— Kentucky Philosophical Association

2021— Association of Documentary Editing

2021— Association for Computers and the Humanities

2021— British Wittgenstein Society

2020— Canadian Philosophical Association

2018— British Society for the History of Philosophy

2018— American Association of Philosophy Teachers

2018— Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization

2018— Association for Symbolic Logic

2017— Society for Exact Philosophy

2016— American Association of University Professors

2014— Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy

2013— American Philosophical Association

2012— Bertrand Russell Society