

Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

Associate Professor, University of Manitoba (July 2018 to present; promoted April 2025)
Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto (2016–18)

Education

Ph.D, Philosophy, University of Toronto; Dissertation: *Perspectives on Modal Metaphysics*; Supervisors: Jessica M. Wilson and Benj Hellie; Readers: Nate Charlow and Nick Stang; External Examiner: Louis deRosset (2017)
M.A., Philosophy, University of Manitoba (2009)
B.A., Political Science, University of Winnipeg (2003)

Areas of specialization

Metaphysics and philosophy of language

Areas of competence

Epistemology, logic and the philosophy of logic, history of analytic philosophy

Research

Edited Volume

(With Chris Tillman). *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions*. New York: Routledge. 2022.

Articles

- 2024 Overlap, overdetermination, and the necessity of origin. *Asian Journal of Philosophy* 4:46, 1–20.
- 2022 Propositional dependence and perspectival shift. In: *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions* (Chris Tillman and Adam Murray, eds.). New York: Routledge. 393–407.
- 2020 Relativized metaphysical modality: Index and context (with Benj Hellie and Jessica Wilson). In: *The Routledge Handbook of Modality* (Otávio Bueno and Scott Shalkowski, eds.). New York: Routledge. 82–100.
- 2014 Not the optimistic type (with Ben Caplan, Brian McLean, and Chris Tillman). *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43: 575–589.

- 2013 Spinoza on essence and ideal individuation. *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43: 78–96.
- 2012 Relativized metaphysical modality (with Jessica M. Wilson). In: *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 7 (Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, eds.). 189–226.

Reference works

- 2022 Introductory chapter for *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions* (with Chris Tillman). New York: Routledge. 1–55.

Awards and grants

- University of Manitoba Service Award (2023)
- SSHRC Exchange Travel Grant (University of Manitoba, 2023)
- University of Manitoba New Faculty Research Grant (2019–21)
- Michael J. Herman Graduate Fellowship (University of Toronto, 2016–17)
- Doctoral Completion Grant (University of Toronto, 2015–16)
- Ontario Graduate Fellowship (2013–14)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council PhD Research Fellowship (2011–13)
- Ontario Graduate fellowship (2011–12)
- Manitoba Graduate fellowship (2008–9)
- Mary Catherine Cartwright Graduate Fellowship (University of Manitoba, 2008–9)

Academic Talks

- 2025 Immanent Universals and Symmetric Dependence: Issues on the Impossible XI, Slovak Academy of Science (Bratislava)
- 2024 Essence, Kinds, and Contingency: Issues on the Impossible X, Slovak Academy of Science (Bratislava)
- Plenitude and Semantic Plasticity: Canadian Philosophical Association, Montreal
- Plenitude, Paradox, and Relativized Metaphysical Modality: University of Toronto (graduate seminar on Relativized Metaphysical Modality)
- 2023 Propositional harmony (with Chris Tillman): European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Vienna
- Plenitude and modal paradox: University of Toronto, with comments by Alice Huang (Toronto)
- 2022 Barcan Formulas and *de re* modality: University of Lisbon (Language, Mind and Cognition research group)
- Selection and propositional structure (with Chris Tillman): Sixth Italian Conference on Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology, L'Aquila, Italy
- 2019 Necessitist propositional dependence: Analytic Philosophy Workshop, Yonsei University, Seoul
- Propositional dependence and perspectival shift: Birmingham Higher-Order Metaphysics Workshop, University of Birmingham
- Essence and Necessity (with Chris Tillman): University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Symposium talk on modal paradox: American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver
- Symposium talk on propositional dependence: Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia
- 2018 Eternal existents: Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal

- Existence and nonexistence in modal perspectivism: Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Connecticut
- Chisholm's Paradox in perspective: (i) Koç University, Istanbul (department colloquium; invited); (ii) University of Manitoba (department colloquium; invited)
- 2017 Contingency in the necessary framework of objects: Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto Metropolitan University
- 2016 Modal dependence: Bilkent University, Ankara (department colloquium; invited)
- 2014 Essence, modality, and material origins: Yonsei Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (invited)
- 2013 Absolute and relative essence: (i) Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba, with comments by Damian Melamedoff (University of Toronto); (ii) Canadian Philosophical Association, Victoria, British Columbia, with comments by Curtis Kehler (University of British Columbia); (iii) Society for Exact Philosophy, Montreal
- 2011 Spinoza on essence and ideal individuation: Princeton-Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton University, with comments by Katharine Gasdaglis (Columbia)
- Independence and parallelism in Spinoza's *Ethics*: (i) University of Toronto Early Modern Research Group; (ii) Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Calgary, Alberta, with comments by Amy Schmitter (University of Alberta); (iii) Southern Philosophical Association, Pensacola, FL
- 2010 Actualism and mere possibilia: East-Asian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Kyung-Hee University, Seoul
- 2009 On "proxy" actualism: (i) XXII World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea; (ii) University of Manitoba Philosophical Fridays

Commentaries

- 2024 Dan Zeman: Relativity in Perspectivist Semantics; American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, Portland
- 2019 Tim Juvshik: Against a neo-Quinean metaontology; Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia
- Todd Ganson: Causally idle objects of perception; American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Denver CO
- 2018 Travis LaCroix: Reference by proxy and truth-in-a-model; Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary
- Evan Woods: Many, but almost one; Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal
- 2014 Justin Dallman: Existence and cognitive event theories of propositions; Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg
- 2012 Juhani Yli-Vakkuri: Modal skepticism and counterfactual knowledge; *Varieties of Possibility*, 11th Annual Graduate Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto (with Trevor Teitel)
- 2008 Jeff Kochan: Technology and freedom in Martin Heidegger; Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Teaching

Graduate

Hyperintensional Metaphysics (Winter 2025)
Intermediate Formal Logic (Fall 2025; Winter 2024 and 2025)
Puzzles of Modal Variation (Winter 2023)
Modal Metaphysics after *Naming and Necessity* (Winter 2021)
Transformative Experience (MA-level directed reading course, Summer 2020)
Modal logic and metaphysics (Fall 2018)

Undergraduate

Fundamentals of the Philosophy of Language (Fall 2024)
Intermediate Logic (Winter 2024 and 2025; Fall 2022)
Metaphysics (Winter 2024)
Introduction to Philosophy (2022-23)
Introduction to Logic (Fall Term: 2024, 2023, 2019-21)
History of Analytic Philosophy (Fall 2025, 2023; Winter 2019)
Theory of Knowledge (Fall 2021; Winter 2020)
Socrates Project (400-level research and teaching seminar, University of Toronto, 2016–17)
Seminar in Metaphysics (400-level, University of Toronto, Fall 2017)
Critical Thinking (Winter 2019; Summer Term: 2014, 2010-12)
Metaphysics (300-level, University of Toronto, Winter 2018, 2017)
Knowledge and Reality (University of Toronto, Fall 2017, 2016; co-taught with Dominic Alford-Duguid Summer 2014)
Symbolic Logic (University of Toronto, Summer 2013)

Supervision and other teaching activities

Research supervision

Ena Sechin: co-supervisor from 2024
Shamima Akter: co-supervisor from 2023
Greg Glatz: committee member from 2022 (M.A. 2024)
Ursula Chojko-Bolec: supervisor (M.A. 2023)
Harley Dyck: supervisor (M.A. 2022)
Julia Minarik: committee member from 2019 (M.A. 2021)
Tumpa Bithy: co-supervisor (M.A. 2021)
Lucas Bennett: undergraduate thesis supervisor (B.A. 2018)

Other activities

Acting Graduate Chair: Fall 2025 and 2021; 2024-25 and 2020-21 academic years
Course developer: Introduction to Logic (Distance/Online version, Fall 2021, taught Winter 2023-present)
General oversight and development of logic curriculum (Introductory, intermediate, and graduate-level course design, with Chris Tillman, 2018-25)
Guest lecture on David Kaplan's "Words": honours seminar in philosophy of language, Bilkent University Department of Philosophy (hosted by Jonathan Payton)

Guest lecture on counterpart theory: graduate seminar in philosophy of language, University of Manitoba, Winter 2022

Guest lecture on the metaphysics of propositions: graduate seminar in metaphysics, University of Manitoba, Winter 2020

Departmental teacher-training coordinator (for first-time instructors, teaching assistants, and graders at the University of Toronto, 2016–2018)

Service

General academic philosophy

Referee for *Analysis*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Minds and Machines*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Asian Journal of Philosophy*

Monograph refereeing: *Routledge Studies in Philosophy*

Co-organizer (with Sam Cowling and Chris Tillman), “Carlson Mathesymposium” (a conference in aesthetics and philosophy of art in honour of Carl Matheson, May 2026)

Treasurer, Canadian Philosophical Association (July 2024–present))

Board Member, Canadian Philosophical Association Board of Governors (May 2022–June 2024)

Co-organizer (with Chris Tillman), 58th Annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association (Winnipeg, October 2022)

Merit Review Committee Member for Philosophy, 2022 SSHRC Insight Development Grants Competition

Referee for the Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference (July 2022)

Faculty

Arts Executive Committee (as of May 2023, second two-year term)

Faculty judge, University of Manitoba Undergraduate Research Awards (Fall 2018–21)

Graduate Executive Committee (Fall 2025, 2024, 2021; 2020–21 academic year)

Departmental

Graduate Program Committee (Fall 2025 and 2021; 2024–25 and 2020–21 academic years)

Visiting Speakers Committee (2018–2025; chair from Winter 2020)

Departmental Hiring committee (2023–24)

Personnel and Budget Committee (2021–present)

Undergraduate Program Committee (2018–21)

Departmental representative: University of Manitoba “Info Days” (Fall 2023, 2024, 2018–20); University of Manitoba “Evening of Excellence” (Winter 2019–20)

Co-organizer (with Belinda Piercy), University of Toronto Undergraduate Research Conference (Spring 2017, 2018)