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Employment

Assistant Professor and graduate program chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba (as of July 1st, 2018)

Previously: Faculty Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto (July 2016–July 2018)

Education

PhD, Philosophy, University of Toronto; Dissertation: *Perspectives on Modal Metaphysics*; Supervisors: Benj Hellie and Jessica Wilson; Readers: Nate Charlow and Nick Stang; External Examiner: Louis deRosset; 2017

MA, Philosophy, University of Manitoba; Thesis: *Actualist Modal Realism*; Supervisor: Chris Tillman; 2009

BA, University of Winnipeg (Political Science; 2003)

Area of Specialization

Metaphysics and philosophy of language (modality; essence; singular reference; context; individuation; and their philosophical logic)

Areas of Competence

Early modern philosophy; logic (through completeness); epistemology; general metaphysics of science (laws of nature); history of analytic philosophy

Articles

- Forth. Necessitist Propositional Dependence. To appear in *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions* (Chris Tillman, ed.). New York: Routledge. (7000 words).
- 2017 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.
- 2014 Not the Optimistic Type (with Ben Caplan, Brian McLean, and Chris Tillman). *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43: 575–589. (6600 words)
- 2013 Spinoza on Essence and Ideal Individuation. *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43: 78–96. (9800 words)
- 2012 Relativized Metaphysical Modality (with Jessica Wilson). In: Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, editors, *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 7: 189–226. (13,500 words)

In Progress/Under Review

Metaphysical Modality, Relativized (Book MS, with Benj Hellie and Jessica Wilson)

Existence and Nonexistence in Modal Perspectivism (9500 words)

Chisholm's Paradox of Metaphysical Modality (8000 words)

Paper on pragmatics and propositional necessitism

Paper on essence and higher-order dependence (with Chris Tillman and Joshua Spencer)

Awards and grants

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

- 2019 *Necessitist Propositional Dependence*: Analytic Philosophy Workshop, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea; Birmingham Higher-Order Metaphysics Workshop, Birmingham University, Birmingham, U.K.
- N \rightarrow E: University of Nevada, Las Vegas (department colloquium; with Chris Tillman)
- Symposium talk on *modal paradox*: American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April 2019, invited)
- Symposium talk on *propositional dependence*: Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (May 2019, invited)
- 2018 *Eternal Existents*: Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Canada
- Existence and Nonexistence in Modal Perspectivism*, Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Connecticut
- Chisholm's Paradox in Perspective*, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey (department colloquium; invited); The University of Manitoba (department colloquium; invited)
- 2017 *Contingency in the Necessary Framework of Objects*: Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada
- 2016 *Modal Dependence*: Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey (Department colloquium; invited)
- 2014 *Essence, Modality, and Material Origins*: Yonsei Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (invited)
- 2013 *Relative Essentialism*: Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba, with comments by Damian Melamedoff (University of Toronto); Canadian Philosophical Association, Victoria, British Columbia, with comments by Curtis Kehler (University of British Columbia); 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*: University of Toronto Early Modern Research Group; Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Calgary, Alberta, with comments by Amy Schmitter (University of Alberta); Southern Philosophical Association, Pensacola, FL
- 2010 *Actualism and Mere Possibilia*: East-Asian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Kyung-Hee University, Seoul, South Korea

2009 *Fine on Proxy Actualism*: XXII World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea; Philosophy Department, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

Commentaries

- 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 C.O.
- 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
- 2017 Andrew Parisi, *Barcan Up the Wrong Tree*: Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University
- 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
- 2008 Jeff Kochan, *Technology and Freedom in Martin Heidegger*: Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

Teaching

Theory of Knowledge (200-level survey course in contemporary epistemology; University of Manitoba, Winter 2020)

Introduction to Logic (University of Manitoba, 2019–20 AY)

History of Analytic Philosophy (200-level course on the history of analytic philosophy from the late 19th Century to the present; University of Manitoba, Spring 2019)

Modal Logic and Metaphysics (MA and upper-level undergraduate seminar on the interconnections between modal logic and modal metaphysics; University of Manitoba, Fall 2018)

Socrates Project: Seminar Coordinator (Advanced, 400-level undergraduate seminar focused on research and teaching; University of Toronto, 2016–17)

Seminar in Metaphysics (400-level; Topic: Modal Ontology; University of Toronto, Fall 2017)

Metaphysics (300-level; Topic: Metaphysical Systems; University of Toronto, Winter 2017 and 2018)

Knowledge and Reality (200-level survey course in metaphysics and epistemology; University of Toronto; Fall semesters 2016 and 2017; co-taught with Dominic Alford-Duguid Summer 2014)

Symbolic Logic (200-level course in propositional and first-order logic, including basic model theory; University of Toronto, Summer 2013)

Critical Thinking (200-level course on informal reasoning and argumentation; University of Manitoba, Summer 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010; Spring 2019)

Supervision and other teaching activities

Graduate Chair; University of Manitoba Department Philosophy (as of July 1, 2019)

Research supervision: Julia Minarik (committee member; research project on the modal metaphysics of essence); Ian McDonald (committee member; MA thesis on the metaphysics of race); Tumpa Bithy (committee member; MA thesis on Russelianism and the problem of empty names); Lucas Bennett (undergraduate research project on the ontology of fiction and semantics of fictional names; University of Toronto, Philosophy)

Departmental teacher-training coordinator (for first-time instructors, teaching assistants, and graders; Department of Philosophy, Toronto; Fall and Spring semesters 2016–2018)

Service

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

University of Manitoba Department of Philosophy: Visiting Speakers Committee (as of September 2018; 2-year term); Undergraduate Program Committee (as of September 2018; 3-year term)

Faculty judge: University of Manitoba Undergraduate Research Awards (October 2018)

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

Typesetting and general tech consultant, *Noesis*: The University of Toronto Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy (\LaTeX , \BiTeX , Sublime/Vim, Linux OS; 2016–18)

References

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