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Employment

2018–present	**Associate Professor**, University of Southern California
2013–2018	**Assistant Professor**, University of Southern California
2010–2012	**Prize Fellow by Examination**, *Magdalen College*, Oxford University

Education

2009–2012	**DPhil**, *Oxford University*, Supervised under Cian Dorr (primary) and Timothy Williamson
	Indeterminacy: An Investigation Into The Soritical And Semantical Paradoxes
2007–2009	**BPhil**, *Oxford University*, *Distinction*
	Philosophy
2003–2007	**MMathPhil**, *Oxford University*, *First class*
	Maths and Philosophy

Areas of specialisation

- Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics, Epistemology.

Prizes and honours

- Awarded the 2016 Sanders Prize in Metaphysics for the article 'Relative Locations'. $10,000 awarded annually to a scholar no more than 15 years from their PhD.
- Article 'Stalnaker's Thesis in Context' selected for the Philosopher's Annual 2015 (selection of the ten best articles each year).
- Article 'Quantificational Logic and Empty Names' selected for the Philosopher's Annual 2013 (selection of the ten best articles each year).
- American Philosophical Association Article Prize (for the article 'Quantificational Logic and Empty Names'). $2000 awarded best article published between 2012 and 2013 by a scholar under 40 or within 10 years of recieving their PhD.
- Prize Fellow by Examination, Magdalen College. 2010.
- Gilbert Ryle Prize for best overall performance in BPhil examinations, 2009. £500.
- John Locke Prize in Mental Philosophy, 2008. £500 awarded by six hour exam.
- Wykeham Scholarship at New College, Oxford University. 2007-2011

Books

- *Vagueness and Thought*. Oxford University Press (May 2018).
- *A Philosophical Introduction to Higher-order Logics*. Routledge (under contract).

Publications

- Actual Value in Decision Theory. *Analysis*. Forthcoming

- Classicism. (With Cian Dorr) For Higher-*order Metaphysics*. Eds. Peter Fritz and Nicholas Jones.

- A Theory of Necessities. (with Jin Zeng.) *Journal of Philosophical Logic*. Forthcoming.

- The Logic of Logical Necessity. (with Kit Fine). *Saul Kripke on Modal Logic* (eds. Romina Padro and Yale Weiss). Forthcoming.

- Against Disquotation. (with Jeremy Goodman). *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. Forthcoming

- Vagueness at Every Order. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*. Forthcoming.

- Logical Combinatorialism. *Philosophical Review*. Forthcoming

- Opacity and Paradox. For *Modes of Truth: The unified approach to truth, modality, and paradox*. Carlo Nicolai and Johannes Stern (eds).

- Counterfactuals, Infinity and Paradox. For *Outstanding Contributions to Logic: Kit Fine*. Federico Faroldi and Frederik Van de Putte (eds).

- Substitution Structures. *Journal of Philosophical Logic*. Forthcoming.

- Inductive Knowledge. *Nous*. Forthcoming.

- Some results on the limits of thought. (with Gabriel Uzquiano). *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 47(6), 991-999.

- Is Reality Fundamentally Qualitative?. *Philosophical Studies*. Forthcoming.

- The Logic of Opacity. (with Jeff Russell). *Philosophical and Phenomenological Research*. Forthcoming.

- The Broadest Necessity. *Journal of Philosophical Logic*. Volume 47, issue 5:733-783 2018.

- Radical Anti-Disquotationalism. *Philosophical Perspectives*. Forthcoming.*

- Relative Locations. *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*. Volume 11, 2018.

- Tense and relativity. *Nous*. Volume52, Issue 3. September 2018. Pages 667-696.

- Higher-Order Free Logic and the Prior-Kaplan Paradox. (with John Hawthorne and Gabriel Uzquiano). Williamson on Modality. Special volume of *the Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Routledge. 2017. Eds. Yli-Vakkuri, J. and McCullagh, M.*

- Scharp on Replacing Truth. *Inquiry*. Volume 50, 2017 - Issue 6.*

- Can The Classical Logician Avoid The Revenge Paradoxes? *Philosophical Review*. July 2015, Volume 124, Number 3: 299-352.

- Stalnaker's Thesis in Context. *The Review of Symbolic Logic*. March 2015, Volume 8, Number 1, pp131-163.

- Paradoxes of Logical Equivalence and Identity. *Topoi*. April 2015, Volume 34, Issue 1, pp 89-98.**

- Giving Your Knowledge Half a Chance. *Philosophical Studies*. November 2014, Volume 171, Issue 2, pp 373-397.

- Representing Counterparts. *The Australasian Journal of Logic*. Vol 11, Number 2, November 2014.

- Quantificational Logic and Empty Names. *Philosophers' Imprint*. Volume 13, Number 24, December 2013.

- A New Conditional for Naïve Truth Theory. *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*. Volume 54, Number 1 (2013), 87-104.

- Curry's Paradox and Omega-inconsistency. *Studia Logica*. Volume 101, Issue 1, February 2013, pp 1-9.
- Non-classical Metatheory for Non-classical Logics. *Journal of Philosophical Logic.* April 2013, Volume 42, Issue 2, pp 335-355.
- Non-wellfounded Mereology. (with Aaron J. Cotnoir) *The Review of Symbolic Logic*. Volume 5, Issue 02, June 2012, pp 187-204.
- A Paradox for Supertask Decision Makers. *Philosophical Studies*: Volume 153, Issue 2 (2011), Page 307.
  (Standard peer review, unless otherwise indicated. *=invited contribution. **=invited and refereed.)

Papers in Progress

- 'What is the Logic of Indicatives' (draft)
- 'Against Disquotation', with Jeremy Goodman (under review)
- 'A Philosophical Introduction to Higher-order Logic' book project (in progress)
- 'Combining Models of Adjunctive Booleanism' (in progress)

Talks

2020 **Princeton Talks on Epistemology and Metaphysics**, *March*, Princeton University, Invited
Is the theory of structured propositions consistent?

2020 **Aristotelian Society**, *16th March*, Invited
TBA

2019 **Kings College Masterclass**, *TBA*, Kings College London, Invited
Masterclass on Higher-order Metaphysics

2018 **New York University**, *November 16th*, New York, Invited
Radical Anti-Disquotationalism

2018 **Semantic Paradox and Revenge**, *June 27th-29th*, Salzburg, Invited
Propositional granularity and the logical paradoxes

2018 **Mini-workshop on Vagueness and Modality**, *June 25th*, Humboldt University, Invited
Logical Combinatorialism

2018 **Princeton Talks on Epistemology and Metaphysics**, *April 21*, Princeton University, Invited
Inductive Knowlege

2017 **Symposium on Sarah Moss's 'Probabilistic Knowledge'**, *August 16th - 18th*, Hamburg, Invited
'Expressivist Approaches to Indicative Conditionals'

2017 **Jowette Society**, *May 19th*, University of Oxford, Invited
'The Broadest Necessity'

2017 **Metaphysics on the Mountain**, *March 13th-17th*, Sun Valley, Idaho, Invited
'Is Reality Fundamentally Qualitative?'

2016 **Workshop on Higher-Order Metaphysics**, *June 5th*, Oslo, Submitted
'The Logic of Opacity' (with Jeff Russell)

2016 **Meaning Sciences Club**, *March 12-13*, UC Berkeley, Invited
On the Semantics of Indicatives

2015 **Williamson in Montreal**, *April 22nd-25th*, A workshop for the contributors to Williamson on Modality, Invited
'Higher Order Free Logic and the Prior-Kaplan Paradox'

2015 **Symposium on Vagueness and Belief**, *February 21st*, APA Central Division Meeting, Invited
'Vagueness and Evidence'

2014 **M&E Group Speaker Series at the University of Toronto**, *November 13th*, University of Toronto, Invited Talk
'Relative Locations'

2014 **MIT Colloquium 2014**, *September 26th*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Invited Talk
'Stalnaker's Thesis in Context'

2014 **Formal Epistemology Workshop 2014**, *June 20-22*, University of Southern California, Accepted Talk
'Stalnaker's Thesis in Context'

2014 **Meaning and Modality**, *June 2-4*, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, Invited Talk
'Vagueness, Possible Worlds and Precisifications'

2013 **BW8 Conditionals**, *June 26-28*, University of Barcelona, Accepted talk
'In defence of a naïve conditional epistemology'

2013 **UC Irvine Colloquium**, *January 25*, University of California, Irvine, Invited talk
'In defence of a naïve conditional epistemology'

2012 **The Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar**, *May 1*, Oxford, Invited talk
'A general approach to revenge paradoxes'

2012 **Axiomatic vs. Semantic Truth**, *March 14-16* , Munich, Accepted talk
'A general approach to revenge paradoxes'

2011 **Mind, Language and Action**, *August 29 - September 2*, Dubrovnik, Invited speaker
'A non-linguistic account of indeterminacy'

2010 **Workshop on Vagueness and Metaphysics, III**, *September 16-17*, Barcelona, Invited speaker
'Vagueness at every order: the prospects of denying B'

2009 **Workshop on Truth and Probability**, *September 22*, Bristol, Invited speaker
'Higher order indeterminacy and the revenge liar'

2009 **Ockham Society**, *February 24*, Oxford
'What to do when the world splits in two'

2008 **Ockham Society**, *November*, Oxford
'A really weird puzzle involving: a coin, a backwards supertask, and the axiom of choice'

2008 **Oxford/Paris Workshop on Language and Ontology**, *June 26th–28th*, Paris, Invited speaker
'Representing Counterparts'

Teaching

2018 PHIL 236: Issues in Space and Time, PHIL 350: Symbolic Logic, PHIL 590 Directed Research with Frank Hong

2018 PHIL 450: The Limits of Logic

2016	PHIL 565: 'Identity' (with Jeff Russell), PHIL 120 'Introduction to Logic'
2015	Graduate Seminar PHIL 565: 'Topics in Vagueness" (cotaught with John Hawthorne), Graduate seminar PHIL 551 'Logic for Philosophy', PHIL 120 'Introduction to Logic', PHIL 590 Directed Research with Lee Killam
2015	Graduate Seminar on the Semantic Paradoxes, Metaphysics (400 level)
2014	Graduate Seminar on Conditional Thought, Reasoning and Logic (300 level)
2013	Philosophical Paradoxes (GE course), Anglo-American Philosophy since 1950 (400 level), Metaphysics (400 level)
2008-2010	Taught classes or gave tutorials for 'Introductory Logic', 'The Philosophy of Logic and Language', 'Formal Logic', 'Elements of Deductive Logic', 'Knowledge and Reality' and 'Modal Logic'.

Service at USC

- Co-organized the 4th SoCal PhilMath, PhilLogic and FoM Workshop
- First year graduate student mentoring: Eliana Rabinowicz, Frank Hong
- Qualifying exams: Greg Ackerman, Keith Hall, Maegan Fairchild, Nathan Howard, Frank Hong
- Area exams: Maegan Fairchild, Jonathan Wright, Lee Killam, Douglas Wadle, Frank Hong
- Dissertation committee: Keith Hall
- Post-doc mentoring: Leif Hancox-Li
- Committees 2013-14: hiring committee, graduate curriculum comittee
- Committees 2014-15: hiring committee, graduate admissions, graduate committee, colloquium committee (chair)
- Committees 2015-16: hiring committee, graduate admissions, graduate committee, colloquium committee (chair)
- Committees 2016-17: graduate committee, PPQ editorial committee, colloquium committee (chair)
- Metaphysics subject co-editor, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, 2016-2017

Other Professional activities

- Editor for the Review of Symbolic Logic (since January 2018)
- Reviewer for Mind, Nous, The Journal of Philosophical Logic, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Studies, Philosophia, The Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Res Philosophica, Review of Symbolic Logic, Analysis, Thought, Studia Logica, Topoi, Ratio, Inquiry, Synthese, Logique et Analyse and Erkenntnis. Reviewed books for: Oxford University Press
- Jowett Society, committee member 2010-2011
- Formal Epistemology Workshop Programme Committee 2016 and 2018