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Employment

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| 2013- | University College London, Philosophy Department
Professor (2017-), Head of Department (2018-2022), Reader (2013-2017) |
| 2009-2013 | All Souls College, Oxford University
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (5-year position) |
| Fall 2008 | Yale University, Program in Cognitive Science and Department of Philosophy
Visiting Assistant Professor |
| 2006-2009 | Columbia University, Department of Philosophy
Assistant Professor (tenure-track) |

Education

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| 2001-2006 | Princeton University
Ph.D., Philosophy
Dissertation: <i>Semantic Interactions: Descriptions and their Neighbors</i>
Advisors: Gilbert Harman, James Pryor |
| 1997-2001 | Yale University
BA, Mathematics and Philosophy |

Articles

1. "Language and Thought: The View from LLMs", *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Language*, forthcoming.
2. "Living in a Material World: A Critical Notice of *Suppose and Tell: The Semantics and Heuristics of Conditionals* by Timothy Williamson," *Mind*, 2023
3. "Lockean Beliefs, Dutch Books, and Scoring Systems," *Erkenntnis*, 2023.
4. "Permissive Updates," (with Stephen Yablo) in *Outstanding Contributions to Logic: Kit Fine*, Federico L. G. Faroldi & Frederik Van De Putte (eds.) 2021.
5. "A Note on Conditionals and Restrictors," in *Conditionals, Probability, and Paradox: Themes from the Philosophy of Dorothy Edgington, John Hawthorne and Lee Walters* (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2021
6. "The influence of polarity items on inferential judgments," (with Emmanuel Chemla, Milica Denic, and Vincent Homer) *Cognition*, 2021.

7. "Roads to Necessitarianism," (with Matt Mandelkern) *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2020.
8. "Definiteness Projection," (with Matt Mandelkern) *Natural Language Semantics*, 2019.
9. "What it takes to believe," *Philosophical Studies*, 2019.
10. "Independence day?" (with Matthew Mandelkern) *Journal of Semantics*, 2019.
11. "A Trivalent Approach to Anaphora," *Proceedings of the Amsterdam Colloquium*, 2017.
12. "At the Threshold of Knowledge," (with Levi Spectre) *Philosophical Studies*, 2017.
13. "Yablo's Semantic Machinery," *Philosophical Studies*, 174, 2017 pp. 787–796.
14. "The Dynamics of Conversation," (with Seth Yalcin) *Noûs*, 51, 2017, pp. 24–28.
15. "A Puzzle about Knowing Conditionals," (with Levi Spectre) *Noûs*, 2016.
16. "Three Notions of Dynamicness in Language," (with Seth Yalcin) *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 39, 2016, pp. 333–355.
17. "Belief is Weak," (with John Hawthorne and Levi Spectre) *Philosophical Studies*, 173, 2016, pp. 1393–1404.
18. "Conditionals and Propositions in Semantics," *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 44, 2015, pp. 781–791.
19. "Capturing the Relationship Between Conditionals and Conditional Probability with a Trivalent Semantics," special issue of *Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logics*, 24(1–12), 2014, pp. 144–152.
20. "Game Theory and Scalar Implicatures," *Philosophical Perspectives*, 27(1), 2013, pp. 438–478.
21. "Worrying about Trivial Questions," *University College London Working Papers in Linguistics*, 24, 2013, pp. 94–108.
22. "Do Indicative Conditionals Express Propositions?" *Noûs*, 47(1), 2013, pp. 49–68.
23. "Expressing Credences," *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, 112(1.1), 2012, pp. 99–114.
24. "Connectives without Truth Tables" (with Nathan Klinedinst), *Natural Language Semantics*, 20(2), 2012, pp. 137–175.
25. "Modularity and Intuitions in Formal Semantics: The Case of Polarity Items" (with Emmanuel Chemla and Vincent Homer) *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 34(6), 2011, pp. 537–570
26. "Explaining Presupposition Projection with Dynamic Semantics," *Semantics and Pragmatics*, 4(3), 2011, pp. 1–43
27. "Exhaustivity in Questions with Non-Factives" (with Nathan Klinedinst), *Semantics and Pragmatics*, 4(2), 2011, pp. 1–23
28. "Indexical Predicates," (with Gabriel Segal), *Mind and Language*, 24(4) September, 2009, pp. 467–493
29. "Presupposition Projection and Logical Equivalence," *Philosophical Perspectives*, 22(1), 2008, pp. 473–97
30. "Transparency Theory and its Dynamic Alternatives: Commentary on 'Be Articulate'," *Theoretical Linguistics*, 34(3), 2008, pp. 261–8
31. "The Elusive Scope of Descriptions," *Philosophy Compass*, vol. 2, 2007
32. "Presuppositions and Scope," *Journal of Philosophy*, 104(2), 2007, pp. 71–106

33. “Non-Monotonic NPI-Licensing, Definite Descriptions, and Grammaticalized Implicatures,” *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory XVI*, 2006

Talks (invited unless otherwise noted, *indicates invited talk with travel covered)

- July 2025, “AI and the Secret Sauce of Human Learning”, 4th Luxembourg Workshop on Epistemology and AI, University of Luxembourg*
- September 2024, “Language and Thought: The View from LLMs”, Computer science section, Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw
- April 2024, “Learning Styles,” NYU Philosophy Departmental Colloquium*
- March 2024, “Learning Styles,” Sheffield Philosophy Colloquium*
- June 2023, “Applying Game Theory to Pragmatics,” Paris Workshop on Games, Decisions, and Language, University Paris-Panthéon-Assas.*
- June 2023, “Two Notions of Subject Matter,” Truthmaker Workshop, NYU, Florence*
- June 2022, ---, Keynote at Philosophy of Language Association, 1st Annual Conference (online)
- September 2022, “Weak Belief Revisited,” Zhejiang University (online)
- April 2022, “Limits of Bayesianism,” Zhejiang University (online)
- December 2021, “Beyond the Proposition: Hamblin to Yablo” Themes from Yablo Conference, Collège de France*
- July 2019, “Truthmaker Semantics and Computational Complexity,” Keynote Address at Truthmaker Semantics Conference, Hamburg*
- May 2018, “What it takes to believe.” Princeton University *
- May 2018, ---, 4th Annual MIT Linguistics and Philosophy Colloquium*
- February 2018, “Permissive Updates,” New York Philosophy of Language Workshop
- February 2018, “Situations and Anaphora,” NYU Language and Mind*
- December 2017, “A Trivalent Approach to Anaphora”, Keynote Address, Amsterdam Colloquium*
- August, 2017, “Updating Probabilistic Contexts”, Meaning Sciences Club, UC Berkeley
- March, 2017, “Placing the Problem of Permission,” University of Edinburgh*
- September, 2016, “Expressing Permissions,” Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris*
- May 2016, “Variables and content,” ZAS DynSem Workshop, Berlin*
- April 2016, “Semantic Bridging Principles,” University of Bristol*
- March 2016, “Quantifiers and Epistemic Modality,” Pacific APA
- March 2016, Comment on Silk, Pacific APA
- February 2016, “Propositional and Conversational Content,” Stockholm University.*
- February 2016, ---, Stirling.*
- October 2015, “Partial truth and agreement,” University of St Andrews.*
- September 2015, “Are Conditionals Dynamics?” Conditionals Workshop at the 9th Congress of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), Osnabrück.*

August 2015, “Truthmakers in Natural Language Semantics,” Aboutness Workshop, Phlox Research Group, University of Hamburg.*

February 2015, “Quantified Epistemic Modality,” University of Birmingham.*

February 2015, “How Logical are the Connectives?” Keynote Presentation, Logic Then and Now (LNAT 3), Center for Research in Syntax, Semantics and Pragmatics, Brussels.*

October 2014, “Quantified Epistemic Modality,” Logic, Epistemology and Metaphysics Forum.

September 2014, “Belief is Weak,” UCL Graduate Student Conference.

September 2014, “Embedding Epistemic Modals,” Linguistics Association of Great Britain, Annual Meeting.*

June 2014, “How Logical are the Connectives?” Keynote Presentation, Logic, Grammar and Meaning, University of East Anglia*

April 2014, “Epistemic Contradictions,” Meaning Sciences Club, UC Berkeley

March 2014, “Two Views of the De Re,” Philosophy of Language United Kingdom, Leeds*

November 2012, “Tense Competition,” Hebrew University, Jerusalem

November 2012, “On White’s Coins,” Epistemology Group, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem

October 2012, “Tense Competition,” Jowett Society, Oxford

September 2012, “On the Dynamics of Conversation,” USC Philosophy*

July 2012, “On the Dynamics of Conversation,” Presuppositions in Context Workshop
Lichtengerg-Kolleg, Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen*

February 2012, “From Implicature to Convention,” UC Berkeley*

January 2012, ---, UC San Diego*

January 2012, ---, University of Toronto*

January 2012, “From Convention to Implicature,” Columbia University*

January 2012, ---, SIGMA, École Normale Supérieure/Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris*

December 2011, “Expressing Credences,” The Aristotelian Society, London

November 2011, “Dynamicness,” Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, Oxford

July 2011, “Game Theory in Pragmatics,” Arché Centre, St. Andrews*

May 2011, “On (the Semantics of) Conditionals,” Conditionals and Paradox: Celebrating the Work of Dorothy Edgington, Institute of Philosophy, London *

January 2011, Reply to Schlenker’s Donkey Anaphora, Oxford Philosophy and Semantics Workshop, All Souls College

September 2010, “Connectives without Truth Tables,” Philippe Schlenker’s Lean Semantics Seminar, NYU Linguistics

September 2010, “Dynamics of the Connectives,” Working Group in the History and Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics, and Science, UC Berkeley

July 2010, “Worrying about Trivial Questions,” Arché Centre, St. Andrews*

June 2010, “Modals and Disjunction,” Arché Centre, St. Andrews

April 2010, “Worrying about Trivial Questions,” Colloquium Talk, MIT Philosophy.*

April 2010, ---, Semantics Lunchtime talk, NYU Linguistics.

March 2010, ---, first in a series of “Talks in Linguistics and Philosophy”, UNC-Chapel Hill.

- January 2010, “Do Conditionals Express Propositions?” Department Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, University of Glasgow.*
- November 2009, “Conditional Propositions,” Colloquium Talk, Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris.*
- October 2009, ---, Linguistics and Philosophy Talk, University College London
- September 2009, “Conditionals and Probability,” submitted talk, Sinn und Bedeutung 14, Universität Wien, Institut für Sprachwissenschaft, Vienna.
- September 2009, “Conditionals, Trivalence, and Probability” Logic and Philosophy Symposium, at tri-annual Société de Philosophie Analytique (SOPHA) congress, Geneva.
- May 2009, “Explaining Presupposition Projection,” Mayfest: Moving Beyond Truth Conditions at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.*
- November 2008, “Symmetries in Presupposition Projection,” Lunch Talk, Department of Linguistics, Yale University
- November 2008, “Explaining Presupposition Projection,” Departmental Colloquium, Department of Philosophy, Yale University*
- October 2008, “Making Dynamic Semantics Explanatory,” guest lecture at Philippe Schlenker’s NYU Linguistics seminar
- September 2008, “A Less Stipulative Dynamic Semantics,” Presupposition Workshop, École Normale Supérieure, Paris.*
- May 2008, “Explaining Presupposition Projection with Dynamic Semantics,” Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Chicago*
- May 2008, ---, workshop talk at École Normale Supérieure/Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris
- May 2008, “A New Problem for Implicatures with Multiple Scalars,” submitted talk for Semantics and Philosophy in Europe Colloquium, Paris
- April 2008, “Grice, Utterance Choice and Rationality,” Pragmatics Reading Group, University College London
- April 2008, “Pragmatics and Rationality,” guest lecture at Guy Longworth’s Warwick seminar on the philosophy of linguistics
- March 2008, “Self-Defeating Scalar Implicatures,” University of Leeds*
- November 2007, Reply to Robyn Carston, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature/Shared Content Workshop on Implicatures, Oslo
- May 2007, “Indexical Predicates” (with Gabriel Segal), Adjectives Workshop, Arché Research Centre, University of St. Andrews
- April 2007, “Unifying Anaphora,” École Normale Supérieure/Institut Jean-Nicod
- March 2006, “Negative Polarity Items and Definite Descriptions,” submitted talk for Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 16, University of Tokyo
- March 2006, “NPI-licensing, Numerals, Focus and Descriptions,” Pragmatics Reading Group, University College London
- February 2006, “Non-monotonic NPI-licensing, Scalar Implicatures and Definite Descriptions,” Semantics Lunch, UCLA
- February 2006, “Russellian Descriptions and Negative Polarity Items,” submitted talk for USC/UCLA Philosophy Graduate Conference
- January 2006, “Structuralism and Reference,” Columbia University*

- November 2005, “Structure, Knowledge and Ostension,” submitted talk for Warwick Graduate Conference in the Philosophy of Mind, Department of Philosophy, Warwick University
- October 2005, “The Interaction of Definite Noun Phrases and Modals,” submitted talk for Sinn und Bedeutung 10, the 10th annual meeting of the Gesellschaft für Semantik, Berlin
- October 2005, “Accommodating Salience and Familiarity in Definite Descriptions,” submitted talk for Sixth International Workshop on Multidisciplinary Approaches to Discourse, held in Chorin, Germany, organized through the University of Potsdam
- June 2005, “Reference Magnetism: From Two-Dimensionalism to Structuralism,” with Stephan Leuenberger, submitted talk for BW4: Barcelona Workshop in the Theory of Reference
- February 2005, Reply to Selim Berker, “On Williamson on Luminosity,” Princeton/Rutgers Graduate Conference 2005

Academic Service

- Editorial boards: *The Journal of Philosophy* (editor from 2012), *Journal of Semantics* (associate editor from 2013 to 2017), *Mind* (associate editor from 2015)
- Referee for: Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logics, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Cambridge University Press (linguistics), Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Journal of Logic, Language and Information, Journal of Linguistics, Linguistics and Philosophy, Mind, Mind & Language, Natural Language Semantics, Noûs, Oxford University Press (linguistics and philosophy), Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Journal of Philosophical Research, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Journal of Philosophy, Philosophy and Psychology, Philosopher’s Imprint, Review of Symbolic Logic, Psychonomic Bulletin and Review, Journal of Semantics, Semantics and Pragmatics, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, Sinn und Bedeutung.
- Grant reviewer for the National Science Foundation
- Panel Member for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Xprag, 2013
- Editor for PhilPapers topics: “modal expressions”, “dynamic semantics” (2011-2013)
- Organizer of “Truthmakers Semantics” 1-day workshop at All Souls College, July, 2019
- Co-organizer of “Bayesian Approaches to Language”, 2 day workshop, UCL, September 2018
- Co-organizer of “Meaning as Action” 2-day conference, All Souls College, March 2018
- Co-organizer of “PALLMYR 11” 2-day workshop at UCL, November 2017
- Co-organizer of “Context and Variables” 1-day workshop at All Souls College, Oxford, May 2017
- Co-organizer of “DynSem” 2-day workshop at ZAS Berlin, May 2016
- Co-organizer of “Semantic Content” talk series, Oxford, Feb-March, 2013
- Co-organizer of “Workshop in Epistemology,” All Souls College, Oxford, 2013
- Organizer of “Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop”, a two-day interdisciplinary workshop at All Souls College, 2011.

Co-organizer, “New Directions in the Theory of Presupposition,” workshop at the 21st European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information (ESSLLI), Bordeaux, 2009.

External member of semantics search committee, UCL Linguistics 2013

DPhil Examiner, Oxford, 2012, 2019, School of Advanced Studies, University of London, 20172

Assistant Examiner in Philosophy for the Fellowship by Examination (“Prize Fellowship”), All Souls College, 2010, 2012, 2016.

Masters thesis supervision: Harvey Lederman (Oxford), Jessie Munton (Oxford)

PhD Dissertations supervised: Guillermo del Pinal (primary, Columbia), Will Lanier (secondary, Oxford), Timothy Short (primary, UCL), Henry Clarke (primary, UCL), Jonathan Wolf (primary, UCL)

Grants, Honors, Awards and Prizes

- 2016-2019 Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Research Grants, “Context-Sensitivity in Natural Language,” Co-PI (PI: Dr Alex Silk) (£195,920).
- 2016-2018 Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), Fellowship, Leadership Fellows, “Dynamics of Conversation,” (£114,000).
- 2014-2021 Fifty-pound fellow (member of governing body), All Souls College, Oxford
- 2010 Visiting Scholar, Arché Centre, St Andrews
- 2009-2010 European Science Foundation grant (€4000) for travel for collaborative research as part of the EURO-XPRAG program (joint with Emmanuel Chemla and Vincent Homer of Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris).
- 2008-2013 Honorary Research Associate, Department of Linguistics, University College London
- 2006 Travel Grant, Semantics and Linguistic Theory, Tokyo
- 2006 Dean’s Fund for Scholarly Travel Grant, Princeton University
- 2005 Linguistics Society of America Fellowship (for the LSA 2005 Summer Institute at MIT and Harvard)
- 2005 Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni Summer Travel Fellowship
- 2001-2006 Graduate School Summer Stipend, Princeton University
- 2001-2006 Graduate School Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2001 Deforest Senior Prize in Mathematics, Yale University