

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Illinois State University, 2012–present

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, The Ohio State University, 2005–12

## Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, UCLA, 2005

Dissertation: *Being and Time: The Metaphysics of Past and Future in a Dynamic World*

Committee: Calvin Normore (chair), David Kaplan, Terry Parsons, Philippe Schlenker

M.A., Philosophy, UCLA, 2003

B.A., Philosophy, Reed College, 1996

Thesis Advisor: Mark Hinchliff

## Area of Specialization

Metaphysics, Medieval Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Language, Logic, Ancient Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

## Research

### Publications

“Presentism and Truthmaking,” with Ben Caplan, *Philosophy Compass* (6:3) 2011: 196–208.

“The Way Things Were,” with Ben Caplan, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (81.1) 2010: 24–39.

“The Early Arabic Liar,” with Ahmed Alwishah, *Vivarium* (47:1) 2009: 97–127.

### Work in Progress

“Frivolous Fictions”

“Maximal Possibilities”

“Worlds Enough for Junk”

“Once Present, Now Past”

## **Presentations**

### **“Worlds Enough for Junk”**

Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, October 2013

Illinois State University, February 2012

Kenyon College, November 2011

### **“Passage and Past Facts”**

Workshop on the Metaphysics of Time, Université de Lausanne, July 2013

### **“Frivolous Fictions”**

OSU-Maribor-Rijeka Conference on Art and Reality, June 2013

### **“Locality and Necessity” (with Ben Caplan)**

Pacific APA, Pasadena, CA, March 2008 (refereed)

### **“The Essentially Unreal Past”**

Central APA, Chicago, IL, April 2007

### **“The Way Things Were” (with Ben Caplan)**

Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Western Ontario, May 2005 (refereed)

Central APA, Chicago, IL, April 2005 (refereed)

Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, University of Idaho and Washington State University, April 2005 (refereed)

### **“The Once Present and the Now Past”**

University of Rochester, February 2005

University of Manitoba, January 2005

Ohio State University, January 2005

## **Comments**

### **Jeff Snapper, “Egalitarianism is Brutal”**

Illinois Philosophical Association, Edwardsville, November 2013

### **Daniel Rabinoff, “Incoherence in an Ageing Universe”**

Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, October 2013

### **David Liebesman, “Necessarily, Sherlock Holmes is not a Person”**

Illinois Philosophical Association, Champaign-Urbana, November 2012

### **Ned Markosian, “A New Answer to the Special Composition Question”**

Pacific APA, Seattle, WA, April 2012

### **Amy Seymour, “The Advantages of Falsism”**

Central APA, Chicago, IL, February 2012

### **Dana Goswick, “Counterfactual Analysis & Causal Overdetermination”**

Pacific APA, Portland, OR, March 2006

### **Marie Pannier, “Presentism and Singular Propositions”**

Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, Winnipeg, October 2005

### **Kelly Trogdon, “Dualism, Mental Causation, and Counterfactuals”**

Pacific APA, San Francisco, March 2003.

## **Teaching**

### **Graduate Seminars (at OSU)**

Metaphysics of Modality (Spring 2012)  
Tense and Passage (Winter 2010)  
Nonexistent Objects (Fall 2007)  
Time and Change (Spring 2006)  
First Year Proseminar, with William Taschek (Fall 2011)  
First Year Proseminar, with Ben Caplan (Fall 2008)  
Dissertation Seminar (Spring 2011)

### **Undergraduate Courses (at ISU)**

Topics in Metaphysics: Modality (Fall 2013)  
Topics in Metaphysics: Material Constitution (Spring 2013)  
Visions of the Self (Fall 2013, Fall 2012)  
Advanced Symbolic Logic (Fall 2012)  
Symbolic Logic (Spring 2013)  
Introduction to Philosophy (online) (Summer 2013)

### **Undergraduate Courses (at OSU)**

Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Religion: Omnipotence, Omniscience, and Eternity (Fall 2010)  
Advanced Metaphysics: Modality and Time (Winter 2009)  
Introduction to Metaphysics (Winter 2010, Winter 2007)  
Medieval Philosophy (Spring 2012, Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Spring 2007, Winter 2006)  
Ancient Philosophy (Winter 2012, Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Winter 2009, Winter 2008, Winter 2007)  
Symbolic Logic (Spring 2011, Winter 2008)  
Informal Logic (Winter 2006)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2009 (Honors), Spring 2007, Spring 2006 (Honors))

### **Undergraduate Courses (at UCLA)**

Topics in Early Modern Philosophy: Place and Nature in Descartes, Newton, and Leibniz (Summer 2003)  
Symbolic Logic (Summer 2001)

### **Teaching Presentations**

“Nonstandard Tense Realism,” OSU Undergraduate Philosophy Club, March 2009  
“Fatalism and Future Contingents,” OSU Undergraduate Philosophy Club, November 2005

## **Graduate and Undergraduate Advising**

### **Dissertation Committee Member (at OSU)**

Cathy Muller, *Harry Potter and the Rescue from Realism: A Novel Defense of Anti-Realism about Fictional Objects*, 2012

Eric Carter, *Objectivity and Communication*, 2011

Vassilis Tsompanidis, *Tensed Belief* (UC Santa Barbara), 2010

Wesley Cray, *Modal Inconstancy: How Our Interests Influence How Things Could Be*, 2012

Scott Brown, on essence, modality, and the limits of contingency, in progress

### **Graduate Qualifying Exam Committee Member (at OSU)**

David Blanks, on the metaphysics of dispositions, 2012

Scott Brown, on the limits of contingency, 2011

James McGlothlin, on logical truth and god, 2011

Wesley Cray, on modality *de re*, 2009

Patrick Reeder, on infinitesimals and contact, 2009

Cathy Muller, on the ontology of fictional characters, 2008

### **Graduate Candidacy Exam Committee Member (at OSU)**

Raleigh Miller, on perspectival facts, 2012

David Blanks, on the metaphysics of dispositions, 2011

Ben Horne, on well-being and the non-identity problem, 2011

Scott Brown, on universals, 2010

Daniel Pearlberg, on mental causation and over-determination, 2009

Conrad Robinson, on Kant and mathematics, 2009

Wesley Cray, on modality, 2008

Andrew Choi, on Kantian ethics and virtue ethics, 2007

Thomas Evans, on content and vehicle externalism, 2007

Cathy Muller, on fiction and pretense, 2007

### **Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member (at OSU)**

Gabbrielle Johnson (Philosophy), "Reference Magnetism and Macro-Naturalism," 2011

Dan Giglio (Philosophy), "Quantum Individuality," 2011

Ben Flowers (Philosophy), "Rule A and Responsibility: A Defense of the Compatibility of Moral Responsibility and Causal Determinism," 2009

Matthew Grover (Psychology), "Using Attitude Formation Towards Novel Stimuli to Predict Changes in Depressive Symptoms," 2009

### **Undergraduate Honors Thesis External Examiner (at Oberlin)**

Rachel Randall (Philosophy), "The Ethics of Creation of Persons," 2007

Michael Siniscalchi (Philosophy), "Can Representationalism Bridge Levine's Gap?" 2007

## Awards and Grants

ISU New Faculty Initiative Grant, 2013-2014

UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2004-2005

UCLA Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, 2004

Robert M. Yost Prize for Excellence in Teaching, UCLA Philosophy Department, 2000

UCLA Department of Philosophy Fellowship, 1996-97

## Refereeing

*American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Oxford University Press, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Religious Studies, Southwest Philosophy Review, Southern Journal of Philosophy*

## Departmental Service

### At ISU

Colloquium Organizer: 2013-14; Curriculum Committee: 2013-14; Curriculum Revision Committee: 2013-14; History of Philosophy Search Committee, 2012-13

### At OSU

Bingham Committee, 2008-09; Colloquium Committee, 2005-12; Curriculum Committee, 2005-06; Executive Committee, 2006-07; Fink Committee, 2005-06, 2011-12; Hiring Committee, 2008-09; Research Committee, 2007-08; Salary Committee, 2009-10; Undergraduate Committee, 2005-06, 2008-09;

## Other Service

Co-organizer (with Ben Caplan and Boran Berčić), 2013 Ohio State-Maribor-Rijeka conference at the Inter University Centre in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Topic: Art and Reality.

Session Chair: Central APA, 2010; Central APA, 2009; Pacific APA, 2006