

# 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, 2005–2012.

## 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: “Intending to Act”

Supervisor: Mark Hinchliff

## Area of Specialization

Metaphysics

## Areas of Competence

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

## 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 and Under Review

“Once Present, Now Past” (under review)

“Maximal Possibilities” (under revision)

“Worlds Enough for Junk” (under revision)

“Nonserious Nonfictionalism” (in progress)

## **Presentations**

“Worlds Enough for Junk”

Illinois State University, February 2012

Kenyon College, November 2011

“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**

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, University of Manitoba, 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**

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)  
Topics in Early Modern Philosophy: Place and Nature in Descartes, Newton, and Leibniz (Summer 2003)  
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)  
Visions of the Self (Philosophy of Mind and Personal Identity) (Fall 2012)  
Symbolic Logic (Fall 2012, Spring 2011, Winter 2008, Summer 2001)  
Informal Logic (Winter 2006)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2009 (Honors), Spring 2007, Spring 2006 (Honors))

## **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**

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, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Religious Studies, Southern Journal of Philosophy*

### **Departmental Service**

#### **At ISU**

History of Philosophy Search Committee, 2012-13

#### **At OSU**

Colloquium Committee, 2005-2012; Salary Committee, 2009-10; Hiring Committee, 2008-09; Undergraduate Committee, 2005-06, 2008-09; Bingham Committee, 2008-09; Research Committee, 2007-08; Executive Committee, 2006-07; Curriculum Committee, 2005-06; Fink Committee, 2005-06, 2011-2012

### **Other Service**

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