

# David Sanson — Curriculum Vitae

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## Employment

Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University, 2005—present.

## 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

## 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.

## **Papers Under Review**

“Once Present, Now Past”

“Maximal Possibilities”

“Worlds Enough for Junk”

## **Presentations**

“Locality and Necessity,” with Ben Caplan, APA Pacific Meeting, Pasadena CA, March 2008 (refereed)

“The Essentially Unreal Past,” APA Central Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2007

“The Way Things Were,” with Ben Caplan

CPA Annual Congress, University of Western Ontario, May 2005 (refereed)

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

8th Annual INPC, University of Idaho and WSU, 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**

“Comments on Dana Goswick, ‘Counterfactual Analysis & Causal Overdetermination,’” APA Pacific Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2006.

“Comments on Marie Pannier, ‘Presentism and Singular Propositions,’” WCPA Meeting, University of Manitoba, October 2005.

“Comments on Kelly Trogdon, ‘Dualism, Mental Causation, and Counterfactuals,’” APA Pacific Meeting, San Francisco, March 2003.

## **Teaching**

### *Graduate Seminars*

First Year Proseminar (Fall 2011)  
Dissertation Seminar (Spring 2011)  
Tense and Passage (Winter 2010)  
First Year Proseminar (Fall 2008)  
Nonexistents (Fall 2007)  
Time and Change (Spring 2006)

### *Undergraduate Courses*

Philosophy 670: Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2010)  
Philosophy 663: Advanced Metaphysics (Winter 2009)  
Philosophy 463: Introduction to Metaphysics (Winter 2010, Winter 2007)  
Philosophy 302: Introduction to Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2008, Fall 2007, Spring 2007, Winter 2006)  
Philosophy 301: Introduction to Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Winter 2009, Winter 2008, Winter 2007)  
Philosophy 250: Symbolic Logic (Spring 2011, Winter 2008)  
Philosophy 150: Informal Logic (Winter 2006)  
Philosophy H101: Introduction to Philosophy, Honors (Fall 2009, Spring 2006)  
Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2007)  
Philosophy C119: Topics in Early Modern Philosophy (UCLA, Summer 2003)  
Philosophy 31: Symbolic Logic (UCLA, Summer 2001)

### *Teaching Presentations*

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

## **Advising**

### *Dissertation Committee Member*

Vassilis Tsompanidis, *Tensed Belief* (UC Santa Barbara), 2008–2010

Eric Carter, *Objectivity and Communication*, 2007–2011

*In Progress*: Scott Brown, 2011-present; James McGlothlin, 2011-present; Wesley Cray, 2009-present; Cathy Muller, 2008-present

### *Graduate Qualifying Exam Committee Member*

Scott Brown, 2011; James McGlothlin, 2011; Wesley Cray, 2009; Patrick Reeder, 2009; Cathy Muller, 2008

### *Graduate Candidacy Exam Committee Member*

David Blanks, 2011; Ben Horne, 2011; Scott Brown, 2010; Daniel Pearlberg, 2009; Conrad Robinson, 2009; Wesley Cray, 2008; Andrew Choi, 2007; Thomas Evans, 2007; Cathy Muller, 2007

### *Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member*

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*

Rachel Randall (Philosophy, Oberlin), “The Ethics of Creation of Persons,” 2007

Michael Siniscalchi (Philosophy, Oberlin), “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*

## **Departmental Service**

Graduate Admissions, 2011–2012

Colloquium Committee, 2005–present

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.