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APPOINTMENTS	<p>Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2013-present University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</p> <p>Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2009-13 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</p> <p>Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2005-09 University of Southern California</p>
EDUCATION	<p>Rutgers University: Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2005</p> <p>University of Notre Dame: M.A. in Philosophy, 2001</p> <p>Boston College: B.A in Philosophy, <i>summa cum laude</i>, 1999</p>
HONORS	<p>James B. and Grace J Nelson Fellow in Philosophy, 2013-present Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan</p> <p>Norman and Jane Katz Faculty Fellowship, 2012-13 Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan</p> <p>Denise Research Fellowship, 2009-13 Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan</p> <p>Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Semantics and Pragmatics</i>, 2016-present</p> <p>Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award, 2013 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</p>
BOOKS	<p><i>The Reference Book</i> (2012) Oxford University Press; with John Hawthorne (published in paperback, 2014)</p> <p><i>Metametaphysics: New Essays on the Foundations of Ontology</i> (2009) Oxford University Press; ed. with D. Chalmers and R. Wasserman</p> <p><i>Reason Better: An Interdisciplinary Guide to Critical Thinking</i> (2019) Tophat Monocle (new edition 2022)</p>
ARTICLES	<p><b>The ethics, economics, and demographics of delaying aging</b> in <i>Essays on Longtermism</i>, eds. H. Greaves &amp; W. MacAskill, 2025, Oxford University Press; with Kevin Kuruc</p> <p><b>Keeping up appearances: A reducer's guide</b> forthcoming (conditionally) in <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i></p>

**God and the Bayesian conception of evidence**

forthcoming in *Religious Studies*

**Quantifier variance**

in *The Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, eds. R. Bliss & JTM Miller, 2020, Routledge: 100-117; with Rohan Sud

**Dispositions without teleology**

*Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, 2017, 10: 47-59; with R. Wasserman

**Response** (to four critical studies of *The Reference Book*)

*Mind and Language*, 2014, 29(4): 499-510s; with John Hawthorne

**The folk probably do think what you think they think**

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2013, 91(3): 421-441, with Billy Dunaway and Anna Edmonds

**Dispositional: Beyond the biconditionals**

*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2012, 90(2): 321-334

**Dispositions, conditionals, and counterexamples**

*Mind*, 2011, 120(480): 1191-1227; with Ryan Wasserman

**When best theories go bad**

*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2009, 78(2): 392-405

**A guided tour of metametaphysics**

in *Metametaphysics*, eds. Chalmers, et. al., Oxford: OUP, 2009

**On linking dispositions with conditionals**

*Mind*, 2008, 117: 59-84; with Ryan Wasserman. Also (in German) in *Dispositionen: Texte aus der zeitgenössischen Debatte*, eds. B. Vetter and S. Schmid, Suhrkamp, 2013

**Safety, content, apriority, self-knowledge**

*The Journal of Philosophy*, 2007, 104(8): 403-423

**A gradable approach to dispositions**

*The Philosophical Quarterly*, 2007, 57: 68-75; with Ryan Wasserman

**Mumford's dispositions**

*Noûs*, 2005, 39:179-195 (critical study); with John Hawthorne

**Properties and resemblance classes**

*Noûs*, 2002, 36: 75-96

SHORT PIECES

**‘Fictionalism’ and ‘Fink’**

entries in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 3rd edition, 2015

**F. Correia, *Existential Dependence and Cognate Notions***

*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 02/01, 2007

## TALKS

### **AI labor and human well-being**

World Bank Advisory Services and Analytics Workshop: AI Economic Competitiveness and Fiscal Implications, Warsaw, May 2025

### **Reasoning education in a world of AI**

AI for Epistemics Workshop, San Francisco May 2024

### **The ethics of lifespan extension**

Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, July 2021

### **A gentle introduction to Bayesian updating**

EA Global, Oct. 2020

### **Decoupling: A technique for reducing bias**

EA Global, Oct. 2020

### **Axiology, identity, and lifespan**

Global Priorities Institute (University of Oxford) Mar. 2019

### **Personal identity and population axiology**

University of Northern Illinois, Nov. 2018

### **On being a random sample**

University of Toronto, Nov. 2016

Oakland University, Oct. 2016

### **Moral realism and semantic plasticity**

University of Oxford, May 2016

### **Fine-tuning and confirmation theory: Some complications**

Ohio State University, Apr. 2015

Calvin College, Mar. 2015

### **Remarks on Boris Kment's *Modality and Explanatory Reasoning***

Princeton University, Feb. 2015

### **Ground rules for metaphysical reduction**

Carolina Metaphysics Workshop (Arizona), Feb. 2014

### **Why it's (usually) bad to be ad hoc**

Metaphysical Virtues, Western Michigan University, Mar. 2013

### **Names: a third way**

APA Pacific Division Meeting (Invited Symposium), Mar. 2013

### **Bridges to reality**

Method in Metaphysics Conference, U. of Michigan, Mar. 2013

Notre Dame Metaphysics Reading Group, Mar. 2013

### **Authors meet critics: *The Reference Book***

(responding to Karen Lewis and R.M. Sainsbury)

APA Eastern Division Meeting, Dec. 2012

### **Self-location, existence, and evidential uniqueness**

Rutgers University Colloquium, Nov. 2012

University of Virginia Colloquium, Nov. 2012

**The book of the world and two stories of language**

Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics,  
Saint Louis University, Oct. 2012

**Remarks on Memento and self-deception**

The Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, Mar. 2012

**Is there an existential selection effect?**

Western Michigan University, Mar. 2012  
MIT Colloquium, Dec. 2011  
Yale University Colloquium, Dec. 2011

**Dispositions: Beyond the biconditionals**

Pacific APA Invited Symposium, Apr. 2011

**When best theories go bad**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Colloquium, Jan. 2009  
The Online Philosophy Conference, May 2006

**Chance-changing and necessitation**

Arizona Ontology Conference, Jan. 2009

**Precis of *The Reference Book***

Logos Group Workshop on Singular Thought Barcelona. Jan. 2009

**Acquaintance and propositional attitudes**

University of Vermont Colloquium, Nov. 2008

**Workshop on *The Reference Book***

Arché Research Centre, St Andrews. Nov. 2008

**Symposium on singular thought**

with John Hawthorne: Pacific APA, Apr. 2007

**Safety, content, a priority**

California State University, Northridge Colloquium, Nov. 2006

**Should auld acquaintance be forgot?**

Notre Dame Colloquium, Jan. 2006

**On linking dispositions with conditionals**

University of Southern California Colloquium, Apr. 2005

REFEREEING

for publishers: *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Inquiry*, *Mind*, *The Monist*, *Noûs*, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers Imprint*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Springer-Verlag, *Synthese*

for competitions: Ethics Bowl, Essay Competition on the Automation of Wisdom and Philosophy