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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophical Logic • Philosophy of Logic • Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Formal Logic • Philosophy of Language.

CURRENT POSITION

2015- *Postdoctoral Researcher* working with Catarina Dutilh Novaes on the “Roots of Deduction” project in the Department of Theoretical Philosophy in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Groningen on formal aspects of the built-in opponent conception of deduction.

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2013-2014 *Research Assistant* working with Greg Restall & Jen Davoren at The University of Melbourne on adapting the undergraduate logic course UNIB10002 *Logic: Language and Information* into a pair of massively open online courses delivered via Coursera (resulting in <https://class.coursera.org/logic1-001/> and <https://class.coursera.org/logic2-001/>).

2014 *Visiting Research Scholar*, at Center for the Advancement of Logic, its Philosophy, History & Applications and Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, University of California Irvine. (Winter Quarter)

2011-2012 *Research Associate*, Department of Philosophy & Bioethics, Monash University.

Education

2007-2011 **PhD in Philosophy**
Department of Philosophy and Bioethics, Monash University.

- Title: “Translational Embeddings in Modal Logic”
(url: <http://arrow.monash.edu.au/hdl/1959.1/474593>)
- Degree Awarded: 17th January 2011
- Advisors: Graham Oppy, Lloyd Humberstone
- Examiners: Alasdair Urquhart (Toronto), Stephen Kuhn (Georgetown).

ABSTRACT

Often when we do philosophy we want to define less well understood notions with which we are concerned in terms of those which we have a much firmer grasp on. Hence, to take a classical example, we often try to define knowledge in terms of belief (and some auxiliary notions such as truth, justification and so on). Such definitions give rise to translations, functions which map the terms to be explained to their intended (simpler) explanation, and it is these which were our objects of study.

In particular we focused on providing a systematic study of the formal uses of translations between logics, and what they can tell us about the logics involved. Our focus was on propositional modal logics, both for reasons of explanatory simplicity, and also as modal logic remains one of the best formal tools we have for explicating a wide variety of live philosophical problems

2002-2006 Bachelor of Arts (Hons)/Bachelor of Computer Science, Monash University

Grants, Honors & Awards

2010 Dean's Award for Best Sessional Teacher in the School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies
2010 Monash Research Graduate School Postgraduate Publication Award
2007-2010 Australian Research Council (ARC) Postgraduate Research Scholarship
2007 Camo Jackson Award for Best Honours in Philosophy, Monash University
2005 Scholarship to attend Australian National University (ANU) Logic Summer School

Publications & Talks

JOURNAL ARTICLES

201X French, R., "Sequent Calculi for Urn Logic", accepted for publication in *The Journal of Logic, Language and Information*.
201X French, R. and Humberstone, L., "An Observation Concerning Porte's Rule in Modal Logic", accepted for publication in *The Bulletin of the Section of Logic*.
201X French, R. and Ripley, D., "Contractions of Noncontractive Consequence Relations", forthcoming in *Review of Symbolic Logic*. [\[DOI\]](#)
201X French, R., "In the Mood for **S4**: The Expressive Power of the Subjunctive Modal Language in Weak Background Logics", forthcoming in *Studia Logica* [\[DOI\]](#)
2014 French, R., "Review of A.A. Rini and M. J. Cresswell 'The World-Time Parallel'", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 92, 802-805. [\[DOI\]](#)
2013 French, R., "Expressive Power, Mood, and Actuality", *Synthese*, Vol. 190, 1689-1699. [\[DOI\]](#)
2012 French, R. (2012), "Denumerably Many Post-Complete Normal Modal Logics with Additional Propositional Constants", *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, Vol. 53, 549-556.
2012 French, R. (2012), "An Argument Against General Validity?", *Thought*, Vol. 1, 4-9.
2009 French, R. and Humberstone, L. (2009), "Partial Confirmation of a Conjecture on the Boxdot Translation in Modal logic", *Australasian Journal of Logic*, Vol. 7, 56-61.
2009 French, R. (2009), "A Simplified Embedding of **E** into Monomodal **K**", *Logic Journal of the IGPL*, Vol. 17, 421-428, 2009.
2008 French, R. (2008), "The Logic of Eventual Permanence for Unending Linear Time", *The Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, Vol. 49, No 2, 137-142

PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

French, R., “An Argument for the Ontological Innocence of Mereology”
French, R. and Humberstone, L., “Note on Forster on Definite Descriptions”

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

French, R., “Predicate Logic with Explicit Scope Markers”
French, R., “Proof Theory for Contingent Existence”
French, R., “Models for Anti-Positionalism”
French, R., “Truth without Assumption”

TALKS

Sept 2014	Melbourne, w. Lloyd Humberstone “Thomas Forster on Definite Descriptions”, Melbourne Logic Group Logic Day.
May 2014	Melbourne, “Modal Logics with Statability Operators: Variations on a Priorian Theme”, Melbourne Logic Group Logic Day.
Feb 2014	U.C. Irvine, “Predicate Logic with Explicit Scope Markers”, UC Irvine Logic and Philosophy of Science Colloquium.
Nov 2013	Melbourne, “Predicate Logic with Explicit Scope Markers”, Melbourne Logic Group Logic Day.
Nov 2012	Monash, “The Ontological Innocence of Mereology”, Monash Workshop on the Metaphysics of Time.
Sept 2012	Melbourne, “Sequent Calculi for Urn Logic”, Melbourne Logic Group.
June 2012	Sydney, “Kaplan’s Monsters—The Case of Fixedly”, Australasian Association of Logic Conference.
June 2012	Melbourne, “Proof Theory for Contingent Existence”, Melbourne Logic Group.
Apr 2012	U.C. Irvine, “In the Mood for S4 ”, Invited presentation at Workshop on Actuality and Subjunctivity organised by K.F. Wehmeier.
Nov 2011	Kioloa, “The Logical Argument Against Quantifier Variance”, Australian Metaphysics Conference.
Oct 2011	Monash, “The Logical Argument Against Quantifier Variance”, Monash University Staff Seminar
Oct 2011	Melbourne, “Denumerably Many Post-Complete Normal Modal Logics with Additional Propositional Constants”, Melbourne Logic Group.
Dec 2010	Melbourne, “Expressive Power, Mood and Actuality”, Melbourne Logic Group.
Oct 2007	Melbourne, “The Range of Translations and the Problem of Maximality”, Melbourne Logic Group.

Teaching

AS LECTURER

S1 2014	Lecturer for PHIL20030 <i>Meaning, Possibility and Paradox</i> (University of Melbourne)
S2 2011	Guest Lecturer (Basic Modal Logic and Normal Modal Logics) for PHIL20030 <i>Meaning, Possibility and Paradox</i> (University of Melbourne)
S2 2011	Guest Lecturer for PHIL40013 <i>Uncertainty, Vagueness and Disagreement</i> Honours seminar on Fatalism (University of Melbourne)
S2 2010	Guest Lecturer (Nozick on Skepticism) for PHIL080 <i>Time, Self and Mind</i> .
S1 2010	Lecturer and Course Coordinator for PHL3590 <i>Mind and Meaning</i> (Monash University).

AS TUTOR

S1 2014

S2 2013	Head Tutor for UNIB10002 <i>Logic: Language and Information</i> (Melbourne University).
S2 2013	Tutor for PHIL20030 <i>Meaning, Possibility and Paradox</i> (University of Melbourne).
S1 2013	Tutor for ATS1838 <i>Philosophy: Introduction C (Logic)</i> (Monash University).
S1 2013	Tutor for ATS2866 <i>Symbolic Logic</i> (Monash University).
S1 2012	Head Tutor for UNIB10002 <i>Logic: Language and Information</i> (Melbourne University).
S1 2012	Head Tutor for UNIB10002 <i>Logic: Language and Information</i> (Melbourne University).
S1 2011	Tutor for ATS1833 <i>Thinking</i> (Monash University).
S2 2010	Tutor for PHL1080 <i>Time, Self and Mind</i> (Monash University).
S1 2008	Tutor for PHL1030 <i>Thinking: Analysing Arguments</i> (Monash University)

Service to the profession

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Logic*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logic*, and *Logique et Analyse*.

Referees

LLOYD HUMBERSTONE
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