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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Feminist Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Science, Ethics, Philosophy of Law

EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Santa Cruz

Professor of Philosophy, July 2025-

Department Chair, July 2025-

University of Notre Dame

Professor of Philosophy, 2022-2025

R.L. Canala College Professor of Philosophy, 2022-2025

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2016-2022

Thomas J. and Robert T. Rolfs Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2018-2021

Affiliate, Gender Studies, 2018-

Duke University

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2010-2016

Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2013-2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2010

Dissertation: *Essays on Overdetermination*

Directors: L.A. Paul, Terence Horgan

M.A., Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2008

A.B. (Honors), Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Collection

- 2021 *Non-Being: New Essays on the Metaphysics of Nonexistence*
Oxford University Press (UK), co-edited with Tyron Goldschmidt

Articles and Chapters

- forth. “Fundamentality in the Social World”
Facets of Reality: Contributions of the Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society
eds. Yannic Kappes, Asya Passinsky, Julio De Rizzo & Benjamin Schnieder
- forth. “Creeped Out” (with Daniel Nolan)
Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind, Volume 5, ed. Uriah Kriegel
- 2026 “Ethical Puzzles of Time Travel”
Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Time, ed. Nina Emery, pp. 518-527
- 2024 “Reasons and Luck: Comments on Bazargan-Forward’s *Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability*”
Journal of Social Ontology, 10:4, pp. 41-51
- 2024 “Biased Evaluative Descriptions”
Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Volume 10, Issue 2, pp. 295-312
- 2024 “Resisting Social Categories”
Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility, Volume 8
eds. David Shoemaker, Santiago Amaya, and Manuel Vargas, pp. 81-102
- 2023 “Metaphysics” (with Peter van Inwagen and Meghan Sullivan)
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Summer 2023 Edition)
eds. Edward N. Zalta & Uri Nodelman
- 2022 “Paradoxes of Time Travel to the Future”
David Lewis and His Place in the History of Analytic Philosophy,
eds. Helen Beebe and Anthony Fisher, Oxford University Press, pp. 241-259
- 2021 “Deviant Causation and the Law”
Collective Action, Philosophy, and the Law,
eds. Chiara Valentini and Teresa Marques, Routledge Press, pp. 193-209
- 2021 “Ontological Pluralism about Non-Being”
Non-Being: New Essays on the Metaphysics of Nonexistence
eds. Sara Bernstein and Ty Goldschmidt, Oxford University Press, pp. 1-16
- 2021 “Could a Middle Level be the Most Fundamental?”
Philosophical Studies 178: 1065-1078
- 2020 “Can Unmodified Food be Culinary Art?”

- 2020 “The Metaphysics of Intersectionality”
Philosophical Studies 177:2 321-335
- 2019 “Lewis’s Theories of Causation and their Influence”
The Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945-2015, eds. K. Becker & I. Thomson,
Cambridge University Press, pp. 160-170
- 2019 “Moral Luck and Deviant Causation”
Midwest Studies in Philosophy 43:1 151-161
- 2018 “Causal Idealism”
Idealism: New Essays in Metaphysics, eds. Tyron Goldschmidt and Kenny Pearce,
Oxford University Press, pp. 217-230
- 2017 “Causal Proportions and Moral Responsibility”
Oxford Studies in Agency and Responsibility, Volume 4, ed. David Shoemaker,
Oxford University Press, pp. 165-182
- 2017 “Intuitions and the Metaphysics of Causation”
Experimental Metaphysics, ed. David Rose, Bloomsbury, pp. 75-93
- 2017 “Time Travel and the Movable Present”
Being, Freedom, and Method: Themes from van Inwagen, ed. John Keller,
Oxford University Press, pp. 80-94
- 2016 “Grounding is not Causation”
Philosophical Perspectives 30:1 21-38
- 2016 “Causal and Moral Indeterminacy”
Ratio 29:4 434-447
- 2016 “Omission Impossible”
Philosophical Studies 173:10 2575-2589
- 2016 “Free Will and Mental Causation” (with Jessica Wilson)
Journal of the American Philosophical Association 2: 310-331
- 2016 “Overdetermination Underdetermined”
Erkenntnis 81:1 17-40
- 2015 “Nowhere Man: Time Travel and Spatial Location”
Midwest Studies in Philosophy 39:1 158-168
- 2015 “The Metaphysics of Omissions”
Philosophy Compass 10:3 208-218
- 2015 “A Closer Look at Trumping”
Acta Analytica 30:1 41-57

- 2014 “What Causally Insensitive Events Tell Us About Overdetermination”
Philosophia 42:4 935-948
- 2014 “Two Problems for Proportionality about Omissions”
Dialectica 68:3 429-441
- 2014 “Omissions as Possibilities”
Philosophical Studies 167:1 1-23

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2018 Review of Carolina Sartorio’s Causation and Free Will
Philosophical Review 127:4 550-554
- 2013 Review of S. C. Gibb, E. J. Lowe, and R. D. Ingthorsson's Mental Causation and Ontology, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

IN PREPARATION

- “Countersocial Counterfactuals”
- “Fundamental Social Causes”
- “Intersectional Oppression as Proportionate Causation”
- “Interaction and Intersectionality”
- “Hypertemporal Location” (in preparation for Space, Time, and Location, eds. Antony Eagle, Cody Gilmore, and Shieva Kleinschmidt)

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITION

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2022-2023 academic year.
(Project: *The Metaphysics of Intersectionality*)

Philip L. Quinn National Humanities Center Fellowship, 2015-2016 academic year.
(Project: *What Might Have Been: Causation and Possibility*)

Duke Humanities Writ Large Grant, Mellon Foundation (with Andrew Janiak),
Philosophy’s Gender in Historical Perspective.

Teaching evaluations in top 5% of all undergraduate instructors at Duke: Fall 2010,
Spring 2011, Spring 2012.

Arizona Department of Philosophy Feinberg Dissertation Fellowship, 2008.

SELECTED TALKS

Upcoming talks:

University of California, San Diego, San Diego, California, April 2026. (colloquium talk)

5th SoCal Metaphysics Network Conference, University of California, Irvine, March 2026.

San Jose State University, San Jose, California, March 2026. (colloquium talk)

California Metaphysics Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, January 2026.

Talks given:

“Reasons and Pronouns”

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, November 2025. (colloquium talk)

“Borderline Fiction”

The Limits of Fiction, Collège de France, Paris, France, November 2024.

“Fundamentality Across Domains of Inquiry”

Metaphysics Collaborative, Zoom, October 2024.

Society for the Metaphysics of Science (keynote address), Zoom, August 2024.

“Fundamentality and the Social World”

Facets of Reality, Kirchberg am Wechsel, Austria, August 2024.

“Social Dependence”

Henry and Augusta Sievert Lecture, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, April 2024.

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, November 2023. (colloquium)

Australasian Association of Philosophy, Melbourne, Australia, July 2023.

Social Metaphysics Workshop (keynote), Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, May 2023.

Central APA (Invited Symposium on the Metaphysics of Intersectionality), Denver, Colorado, February 2023.

University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, November 2022. (colloquium)

LOGOS at Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Catalonia, October 2022.

University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal, October 2022. (colloquium)

Davis Philosophy Extravaganza (DEX), University of California at Davis, Davis, California, April 2022.

UT-Austin MAP, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, November 2021.

“What is Hypertime?”

Pacific APA (Invited Symposium on Time and Explanation), Portland, Oregon, March 2024.

Space, Time, and Location Conference, University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia, July 2023.

“Fundamental Social Categories”

Pacific APA (Invited Symposium on Social Metaphysics), San Francisco, California, April 2023.

Fundamentality and the Fringes of Explanation, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, October 2022.

“Resisting Social Categories”

New Orleans Workshop in Agency and Responsibility (NOWAR), New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2022.

“Intersectional Oppression as Proportionate Causation”

MANCept Workshop: What Is Gender and What Do We Want it To Be? (keynote), University of Manchester, Manchester, UK, September 2021. (via Zoom)

“Responsibility without Actual Causation”

Causation and Responsibility, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland, July 2021. (Zoom)

“Countersocial Counterfactuals”

Hyperintensional Metaphysics, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, June 2021. (via Zoom)

Social Metaphysics Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill/ North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 2021. (via Zoom)

Umeå University, Umeå, Sweden, January 2021. (colloquium, via Zoom)

Counterpossibles, Counternomics and Causal Theories of Properties, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, April 2019.

“Paradoxes of Time Travel to the Future”

AperiCPTivo, Center for Philosophy of Time, University of Milan, Milan, Italy, June 2021. (via Zoom)

Union College, Schenectady, New York, April 2021. (colloquium, via Zoom)

David Lewis and His Place in the History of Analytic Philosophy, Manchester, UK, June 2019.

“The Metaphysics of Intersectionality”

Reading Group on Gender and Race, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, December 2022. (via Zoom)

Davidson College Philosophy Retreat, Chetola, North Carolina, November 2022.

Pacific APA (Symposium Session), Vancouver, Canada, April 2019.

Minds of Our Own, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 2018.

Social Ontology, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, August 2018.

Social Metaphysics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK, July 2018.

GRSelona, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, June 2018.

“Biased Evaluative Terms”

Words Workshop, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 2022. (via Zoom)

Pacific APA, Portland, Oregon, April 2021. (via Zoom)

Centre for Ethics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs at University of St Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, March 2021. (via Zoom)

University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, February 2021. (colloquium, via Zoom)

Social Metaphysics Series, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Catalonia, October 2020. (via Zoom)

Rutgers Feminist Philosophy Group, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, February 2020.

Notre Dame Gender Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, September 2019.

Evaluative Language, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France, May 2019.

“Ontological Pluralism about Non-Being”

Trinity College Dublin/ University College Cork talk series, Dublin, Ireland, December 2020. (colloquium, via Zoom)

Arché at University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, October 2020. (colloquium, via Zoom)

Syracuse Philosophy Graduate Conference (keynote), Syracuse, New York, August 2020. (via Zoom)

“Deviant Causation as a Challenge for Artificial Moral Reasoners”

Artificial Morality and Causation, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway, March 2020.

“Could a Middle Level be the Most Fundamental?”

SWIP-Analytic, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, New York, February 2020.

University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, November 2019. (colloquium)

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, March 2019. (colloquium)

Ranch Metaphysics Conference, Tucson, Arizona, January 2019.

Arché at University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, June 2018. (colloquium)

Principle of Sufficient Reason Workshop, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, April 2018.

“Causation and Grounding”

Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 2018.

“Deviant Causal Chains and Legal Responsibility”

Legal Philosophy Workshop, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, May 2018.

Columbia University, New York, New York, February 2018. (colloquium)
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, October 2017. (colloquium)
Metaphysics in the Law, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, May 2017.

“Temporal Passage and Time Travel”

University of Milan, Milan, Italy, June 2017. (colloquium)

“Causal and Moral Indeterminacy”

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, October 2016.
(colloquium)
YabloFest, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, July 2016.
Ratio Workshop on Vagueness and Ethics, University of Reading, Reading, UK, April
2015.

“Causal Proportions and Moral Responsibility”

Collective Action and the Law, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain, September
2016.
Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, France, May 2016. (colloquium)
Collège de France, Paris, France, May 2016. (colloquium)
New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility, New Orleans, LA, November
2015.
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Workshop, Bellingham, WA, August 2015.
University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium, June 2015. (colloquium)
Pacific APA (invited symposium on moral overdetermination), Vancouver, BC,
April 2015.
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, Colorado, August 2014.

“Ethical Puzzles of Time Travel”

Australasian Association of Philosophy, Melbourne, Australia, July 2016.
University of Barcelona LOGOS Group, Barcelona, Spain, May 2016.
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, Colorado, August 2015.

“Omission Impossible”

Arché at University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, May 2015. (colloquium)
Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2015.
Real Possibilities, Real Absences, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany,
December 2014.
Australasian Association of Philosophy, Canberra, Australia, July 2014.

“Possible Causation”

Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands, December 2014. (colloquium)
University of Manitoba, Manitoba, Canada, November 2014. (colloquium)
PERSP Metaphysics Seminar at University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, May 2014.
Science and Metaphysics (keynote), Ghent, Belgium, May 2014.
University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, April 2014. (colloquium)

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, April 2014. (colloquium)
Rice University (Rising Star Colloquium Series), Houston, Texas, February 2014.
Causation: New Prospects, Collège de France, Paris, France, December 2013.

“Time Travel and the Movable Present”

Birmingham Workshop on Time Travel and Probability, Birmingham, UK, May 2015.
Gargnano Philosophy of Time Conference, Gargnano, Italy, May 2014.
Pacific APA, Philosophy of Time Society, San Diego, CA, April 2014.

“Overdetermination Undeterred”

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, November 2013. (colloquium)

“Possible Causation and Moral Responsibility”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2013.

“Actual and Counterfactual Redundancy”

Australasian Association of Philosophy, Brisbane, Australia, July 2013.
Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA, March 2013.

“Omissions as Possibilities”

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Bellingham, WA, August 2013.
Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, July 2013. (colloquium)
University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, July 2013. (colloquium)
St. Louis University (keynote for St. Louis University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference), St. Louis, MO, April 2013.
Boise State University, Boise, ID, April 2013. (colloquium)
California State University-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, March 2013. (colloquium)
Values and Virtues, Beijing, China, November 2012.
Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, October 2012. (colloquium)
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2012.
Pacific APA, Seattle, WA, April 2012.

“Mental Causation and Free Will”

Metaphysics of Free Will, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Aas, Norway, April 2013.

“A Metaphysical Puzzle about Moral Difference”

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2011.

“Overdetermination Underdetermined”

Eastern APA, New York City, NY, December 2009.
PhilMilCog, Western Ontario, Canada, May 2009.
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2009.

Updating the Agenda for the Metaphysics of Mind, University of Missouri- St. Louis,
St. Louis, MO, March 2009.
Philsoc Series, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, July 2008.

“Overdetermination and Counterfactual Sensitivity”

Pacific APA, San Diego, CA, April 2011.
Powers, Dispositions, and Singular Causation, Amherst, NY, April 2008.
UCLA/ USC Graduate Conference, Los Angeles, CA, February 2008.
Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR, October 2007.

“The Social Composition Question”

SoCal Philosophy Conference, Los Angeles, CA, November 2009.
Northwest Philosophy Conference, Forest Grove, OR, October 2009.

“Moral Overdetermination”

WiP Series, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, February 2009.
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (poster), Boulder, CO, August 2008.
Australasian Association of Philosophy, Melbourne, Australia, July 2008.

Selected Comments

On Saba Bazargan’s *Authority, Cooperation, and Accountability*, Bazargan Book Symposium,
Bilkent University, Bilkent, Turkey, March 2024. (via Zoom)

On Dee Payton’s “Systemic Marginalization: Falling Through the Gaps”, Michigan Race,
Gender, and Feminist Philosophy Working Group, University of Michigan, Ann
Arbor, Michigan, April 2022. (via Zoom)

On Paul Noordhof’s *A Variety of Causes* (Author Meets Critics) at Pacific APA,
Vancouver, BC, April 2022.

On Robin Dembroff’s *Real Men on Top: The Process of Patriarchy*, Yale University, New Haven,
CT, July 2021. (via Zoom)

On Isaiah Lin’s “Absence Causation and Supervenience” at Pacific APA, Seattle, WA,
April 2017.

On Boris Kment’s *Modality and Explanatory Reasoning* at Pacific APA, San Francisco,
CA, March 2016.

On David Ripley’s “Conditionals with Impossible Antecedents” at Pacific APA, San
Francisco, CA, March 2016.

On Alex Kaiserman’s “Partial Liability” at Edinburgh Legal Philosophy Workshop,
Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2015.

On Trenton Merricks’s *Propositions* at Ghent Workshop on Merricks’ *Propositions*,
Ghent, Belgium, June 2015.

- On Tobias Wilsch's "The Nomological Account of Ground" at Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Bellingham, WA, August 2014
- On Karen Bennett, Terry Horgan, and Mark Balaguer (invited symposium on metametaphysics), at Pacific APA, San Diego, CA, April 2014.
- On Kris McDaniel's "Propositions, Tuples, and Hyperintensionality" at Metaphysics on the Mountain, Sun Valley, ID, March 2014.
- In Causal Overdetermination Roundtable on *United States vs. Burrage*, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, Illinois, November 2013.
- On Carolina Sartorio's "The Right Kind of Cause" at Back at the Ranch, Tucson, AZ, January 2013.
- On Jonathan Schaffer's "Apt Causal Models for the Law" at Pacific APA, Committee on Law and Philosophy, Seattle, WA, April 2012.
- On Daniel Korman's "The Language of the Ontology Room" at Central APA, Chicago, IL, February 2012.
- On Randolph Clarke's "Absence of Action" at Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Bellingham, WA, August 2011.
- On Alexander Pruss's "Aristotelian Forms and Laws of Nature" at Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Aristotelian Themes in Contemporary Metaphysics, Boise, Idaho, April 2011.
- On Karen Bennett's "Construction Area (No Hard Hat Required)" at Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Bellingham, Washington, August 2010.
- On Justin Tiehen's "Explaining Causal Closure" at Northwest Philosophy Conference, Forest Grove, Oregon, October 2009.
- On Kris McDaniel's "The Metaphysics of Axiology and the Welfare of Animals" at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, Colorado, August 2009.
- On David Shoemaker's "What's Identity Got to Do With It?" at Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Boulder, CO, August 2008.
- On Achille Varzi's "Boundaries, Conventions, and Reality" at Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Carving Nature at its Joints, Pullman, Washington, March 2008.
- On Alexander Skiles' "Ordinary Objects and Overdetermination" at Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland, OR, October 2007.
- On Jason Turner's "Ontological Pluralism" at Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Bellingham, WA, August 2007.

COURSES TAUGHT

At University of Notre Dame, graduate-level:

Difference-Making and Ethics
Cutting-Edge Social Metaphysics
David Lewis's Letters
Research and Placement Seminar
Feminist Philosophy and Philosophy of Gender (with Michael Rea)
Time Travel
Causation and the Law
Dissertation Seminar
Metaphysics of Ethics

At University of Notre Dame, undergraduate-level:

Metaphysics of the Social World
Feminism and Philosophy
Philosophy, Gender, Feminism (with Michael Rea)
Honors Introduction to Philosophy
Time and Time Travel
Reality: the Big Questions

At Duke, graduate-level:

Philosophy of David Lewis (with Peter van Inwagen)
Metaphysics of Possibility
Meta-metaphysics (with Peter van Inwagen)
Dissertation Seminar
Metaphysics of Time and Time Travel (with Peter van Inwagen)
Teaching Philosophy
Metaphysics of Causation and Moral Responsibility

At Duke, undergraduate-level:

Philosophy of Space and Time
Appearance and Reality

At Arizona, undergraduate-level:

Twentieth Century Philosophy
Nineteenth Century Philosophy
Philosophy in Literature
Minds, Brains, and Computers

SUPERVISION

As Primary Dissertation Supervisor:

Primary supervisor (with Kris McDaniel), Pixie Shen, Dissertation: *The Fragmentation of the Self*

Primary supervisor (with Walter Sinnott-Armstrong), Paul Henne, Dissertation: *Omissions, Causation, and Modality* (2019) (placement: assistant professor (TT), Lake Forest College, 2019-

As Internal Dissertation Committee Member at Notre Dame:

Isabel Canfield, Dissertation: *The Ethics of Intending Together* (2025)

Sara Chan, Dissertation: *Disability, Testimony, and Love* (2025)

Faeze Faezeli, Dissertation: *Philosophy, Science, and Politics of the Sex Binary* (2025)

Mack Sullivan, Dissertation: *The Foundations of Modal Metaphysics* (2024)

Qiong Wu, Dissertation: *Anti-Realist Approaches to Modality* (2024)

Mark Puestohl, Dissertation: *Essays on the Explanatory Foundations of Vagueness* (2023)

Sam Murray, Dissertation: *Vigilance: Self-Control for Planners* (2019)

Dustin Crummett, Dissertation: *Committing to Equality: Essays on Distributive Justice* (2017)

Benjamin Rossi, Dissertation: *Internalism about Practical Reasons* (2017)

As External Dissertation Committee Member:

Ding (University of Arizona), Dissertation: *On Our Own Terms: Equality and the Social Meaning of Bodies* (2025)

Huzeyfe Demirtas (Syracuse University), Dissertation: *Responsibility Internalism and Responsibility for AI* (2022)

Naomi Dershowitz (Syracuse University), Dissertation: *All the Small Things: Contingent Mereological Nihilism* (2018)

As External Ph.D Examiner:

University of Edinburgh, University of Glasgow

As External MA Examiner:

McMaster University, University of Adelaide

As External Postdoctoral Fellowship Supervisor:

The Open Future and The Causally Open Objective Present Project, University of Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria, 2023-2026

Undergraduate Advising:

Honors thesis advisor, *Causal Parallelism* (2011-2012)

Independent study advisor, Kripke's *Naming and Necessity* (2011-2012)

OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

“Social Ontology” and “Time Travel”

As Guest Philosopher-in-Residence, Hillbrook School, Brisbane, Australia, July 2023.

“Much Ado About Nothing”

The Honest Ulsterman, June 2021.

“Time Travel: A Practical Guide”

General Relativity and Time Travel (with Nicholas Teh and Dominic Dold),

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 2017.

Notre Dame Science Fiction Society, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, February 2017.

Boise State University, Boise, ID, April 2013.

MEDIA

Interviewed for the Times of London article on the metaphysics of time, October 2022.

Interviewed for the Colin McEnroe Show (NPR) on time travel, September 2022.

Interviewed for Slate Watch Smarter video “Back to the Future Gets Time Travel Wrong. The Terminator Gets It Right.”, Shon Arie-Lehrer, Slate, April 2018.

Interviewed for article “We Have Reached the Future-- Will We Ever Return to the Past?”, Javier Yanes, Open Mind, October 2015.

MASTER CLASSES TAUGHT

Instructor, Master Class in Causation and Responsibility, University of Bern, Bern, Switzerland, July 2021.

Instructor, Master Class in the Structure of Time, Divisibility, and Causation, University of Milan,

Milan, Italy, June 2017.

Instructor, Summer Seminar in Neuroscience and Philosophy (SSNAP), Duke University, Durham, NC, May 2016.

Core Faculty, CEU Summer Course on Ontology and Metaontology, Budapest, Hungary, July 2015.

INVITED VISITING SCHOLAR

Senior Visiting Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Time, University of Milan, June 2017

Arché at University of St. Andrews, April-July 2015

Australian National University, June-July 2016, June-July 2014, June-July 2013, June-July 2008

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2009-2010

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2008-2009

SERVICE

General Service to the Profession:

Editorial Board, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2025-

Editorial Panel, *Thought*, 2016-

Associate Editor, *Analysis*, 2016-2019

Member, External Program Review Committee, University of Arizona/Arizona Board of Regents review of Department of Philosophy, 2015

Service to Mentoring and Diversity Workshops:

Mentor, referee, and speaker, Athena in Action, University of Notre Dame, July 2024

Mentor and speaker, Summer Program for Women in Philosophy, University of California-San Diego, San Diego, CA, July 2021

Mentor (metaphysics), Mentoring Project for Pre-tenure Women Faculty in Philosophy, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, June 2019

Member, Steering Committee, and mentor, Mentoring Program for Junior Women on the Philosophy Job Market, 2014-2019

Service to the American Philosophical Association:

Member, Nominating Committee of the Central Division (elected), 2020-2021

Member, Committee on Lectures, Publications, and Research, 2016-2019

Chair, Edinburgh Prize Committee, 2018 and 2019

Member, Sanders Lecture Committee, 2018

At-large member (elected), Board of Officers, 2014-2016

Member, Committee on Interdivisional Cooperation, 2014-2016

Refereeing:

Journal and Monograph Referee:

Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal of Philosophy of Science, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Hypatia, Journal of Philosophy, Legal Theory, Mind, Noûs, Oxford University Press, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophia, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophies, Philosophy Compass, Philosophy of Science, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Routledge Press, Synthese, Thought

Other Refereeing Work:

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, New Orleans Workshop on Agency and Responsibility, National Humanities Center (referee and final selection committee), Sanders Prize in Metaphysics, Research Grants Council of Hong Kong, Swiss National Science Foundation

Conference Organizing:

Conference organizer (with L.A. Paul), Arizona Ontology Conference and Ranch Metaphysics, 2007-2012

Conference organizer (with Peter van Inwagen, Michael Loux, L.A. Paul, and Dana Goswick), Relational versus Constituent Ontologies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2010

Service to the University of California Santa Cruz Philosophy Department:

Department Chair, 2025-

Service to the University of Notre Dame Philosophy Department:

Placement Director, 2018-2021, 2023-2025

Search Committee, ethics teaching professor search, 2021-2022

Strategic Hiring Committee, 2020-2022

Committee on Appointments and Promotions, 2017-2018

Search Committee, ethics search, 2017-2018

Placement Advisor, 2017-2018

Climate Committee, 2017-2019

Founder and Convenor, Shut Up and Write, 2017-

Committee on Graduate Studies, 2016-2018

Service to the University of Notre Dame:

Selection Committee, Teaching Beyond the Classroom grants, 2018

Selection Committee, Joyce Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2018

Service to the Duke Philosophy Department:

Colloquium Series Director, 2014-2015

Committee on Gender and Climate, 2014-2015

Search Committee, metaphysics or epistemology position (junior rank),
2012-2013

Search Committee, philosophy of mind/ psychology/ neuroscience position (open
rank), 2011-2012

Cofounder and Co-organizer (with Walter Sinnott-Armstrong), Triangle Area
Philosophy Symposium (TAPS), 2012-2015

Co-organizer, Chapel Hill Colloquium, 2012-2014

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages:

English (native), Spanish, French

Citizenship:

United States, Germany