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SPECIALIZATION	Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Value Theory	
COMPETENCE	Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Physics	
EMPLOYMENT	<p>University of California, Berkeley Associate Professor</p> <p>Princeton University Associate Professor Assistant Professor</p>	<p>2016-ongoing</p> <p>2015-16 2009-15</p>
EDUCATION	<p>New York University Ph.D., Philosophy Dissertation: "Symmetry as a Guide to Reality". Advisors: Kit Fine (chair), Hartry Field, Stephen Schiffer.</p> <p>King's College London MPhil, Philosophy; distinction</p> <p>University College London BSc, Biology; first class honors</p>	<p>2003-9</p> <p>2001-3</p> <p>1996-9</p>
HONORS AND AWARDS	<p>National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship One-year fellowship awarded for the project 'Empirical Rationalism',</p> <p>William G. Bowen Presidential University Preceptor Preceptorships are endowed positions at Princeton "awarded to outstanding assistant professors for the furtherance of their teaching and scholarship".</p> <p>Winner of the Oxford Studies in Metaphysics Younger Scholar Prize Awarded annually.</p> <p>Dean's Outstanding Dissertation Award in the Humanities Awarded annually to one NYU doctoral dissertation in the humanities.</p> <p>James Arthur Fellowship Awarded annually to one final-year graduate student at NYU.</p> <p>Honorary Fellow at The Humanities Initiative, NYU Awarded annually to three humanities graduate students at NYU.</p> <p>AHRB Postgraduate Scholarship Arts and Humanities Research Board, United Kingdom</p>	<p>2016-17</p> <p>2014-17</p> <p>2011</p> <p>2010</p> <p>2008-9</p> <p>2008-9</p> <p>2002-3</p>
PUBLICATIONS	<p>"Objectivity as a Normative Notion", forthcoming in <i>Normative Realism</i>, edited by Paul Boghossian and Chris Peacocke.</p> <p>"Quietism and Normative Symmetry", forthcoming in <i>Analysis</i>.</p>	

- "From Plotinus to Rorty: A History of Philosophy Without Any Gaps", in *Extreme Philosophy: Bold Ideas and a Spirit of Progress* (2024), edited by Stephen Hetherington (Routledge), pp. 29-46.
- "School in the Time of Covid", *Monash Bioethics Review* (2022): <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40592-022-00161-9>.
- "Symmetry and Superfluous Structure: A Metaphysical Overview", in *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Physics* (2021), edited by E. Knox and A. Wilson (Routledge), pp. 551-563.
- "How to Be a Relationalist", *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics: Volume 12* (2021): 113-163.
- "Privilege in the Construction Industry", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 98.2 (2019): 489-496.
- "Realism and the Absence of Value", *The Philosophical Review* 127.3 (2018): 279-322.
- "Essentialism and the Nonidentity Problem", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 96.3 (2018): 540-570.
- "Normative Non-Naturalism and the Problem of Authority", *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 117.3 (2017): 297-319.
- "Constitutive Explanation", *Philosophical Issues* 27 (2017): 74-97.
- "Can We Do Without Fundamental Individuals? Yes", and (with J. Turner) "Postscript", in *Current Controversies in Metaphysics* (2017), edited by E. Barnes (Routledge), pp. 7-24. (Previous titled "Quality and Structure".)
- "Metaphysical Rationalism", *Nous* 50.2 (2016): 379-418.
Selected for inclusion in *The Philosopher's Annual* 2016.
- "Symmetry as an Epistemic Notion (Twice Over)", *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 67.3 (2016): 837-878.
- "Inexpressible Ignorance", *The Philosophical Review* 124.4 (2015): 441-480.
- "Substantivalism vs. Relationalism About Space in Classical Physics", *Philosophy Compass* 10.9 (2015): 601-624.
- "The Possibility of Physicalism", *The Journal of Philosophy*, 111.9 (2014): 557-592.
- "On the Plurality of Grounds", *Philosophers' Imprint* 14.14 (2014): 1-28.
- "Absolutism vs. Comparativism About Quantities", *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics: Volume 8* (2013): 105-148. (Winner of the 2011 Younger Scholar Prize.)
- "The Bare Necessities", *Philosophical Perspectives* 25 (2011): 115-159.
- "Individuals: An Essay in Revisionary Metaphysics", *Philosophical Studies* 145.1 (2009): 35-67.
- "Range Occupancy and Endangerment: A Test With a Butterfly Community" (with D. Goehring, G. Daily, and P. Ehrlich), *The American Midland Naturalist* 157 (2006): 106-120.
- "Ecosystem Services" (with G. Daily), in *The Encyclopedia of Biodiversity* (2001): 353-

62.

EDITED
COLLECTIONS

Current Controversies in Philosophy of Science (2020), co-edited with Ravit Dotan and Brad Weslake. Routledge Press.

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

The Philosophy of Emptiness: Fine + Rorty = Nagarjuna?

Conference on Buddhism and Pragmatism, Banaras Hindu University

Dec 2024

Practical Nihilism

Colloquia, University of Michigan

March 2024

Colloquia, University of Pittsburgh

Sept 2024

Colloquia, Rutgers University

Nov 2024

Comments on "Newtonian vs Galilean Substantivalism" by Dan Marshall

APA Pacific Meeting, Portland

March 2024

Mental Representation and Alethic Joins

Conference on Consciousness, Meaning, Understanding; Kerala, India

Jan 2024

Workshop on Alien Structure, Uppsala

May 2024

Workshop on Idealism, Rationalism, and Explanation; UBC, Vancouver

Sept 2024

Colloquia, Visva-Bharati University; Santiniketan, India

Dec 2024

Science in the Time of Covid

Presentation at Covid Policy Workshop, Princeton University

April 2023

Explanation for Anti-Realists

Conference on "Metaphysical Explanation: Theory, Applications, and Prospects", Tel Aviv University (by zoom)

June 2022

Objectivity as a Normative Notion

Workshop on Normative Realism, New York University

May 2022

Seminar, Tel Aviv University

July 2022

Colloquia, UC Irvine

Oct 2022

Colloquia, UC Santa Cruz

Oct 2022

Colloquia, UC Davis

Feb 2023

Metaphysics on the Mountain Conference

March 2023

Colloquia, Stanford University

April 2023

Colloquia, Simon Fraser University

Sept 2023

Colloquia, Harvard University

Nov 2023

The Semantics and Metaphysics of Quantities

Colloquia, University of Bristol, Philosophy of Science group (by zoom)

March 2022

Undoing the Truth Fetish: A Path to Pragmatism

Workshop on "Normativity in Philosophy", Hamburg

Aug 2018

Colloquia, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Sept 2018

Mind and Language Seminar, NYU

Feb 2019

Colloquia, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

March 2019

SoCal Metaphysics Network, UC Irvine

Dec 2019

Steven Humphrey Lecture in Philosophy of Science, UC Santa Barbara

March 2020

Colloquia, University of Nebraska, Lincoln (by zoom)

Feb 2022

The Meta-Ethics of AI: Are Machines Beholden to Normative Joins?

Colloquia, UT Austin

March 2018

Conference on "Ethical Issues: Theoretical and Applied", Bled, Slovenia.

June 2018

Keynote talk, University of Virginia Philosophy Department annual retreat.

Sept 2018

Invited talk, Center for Human Friendly AI (CHAI) annual workshop.

May 2019

Invited talk, workshop on Humanizing Machine Intelligence, Australian National University.	Aug 2019
Normative Non-Naturalism and the Problem of Authority The Aristotelian Society, London	June 2017
How To Be Authentic Keynote address at the <i>APA Pacific Meeting Pre-Conference: Themes in Transformative Experience</i>	April 2017
Physical Salience and Autonomy: Could Spacetime be an Emergent Phenomenon? <i>Space and Time After Quantum Gravity</i> project, UI Chicago	Nov 2016
Realism and the Absence of Value Colloquia, UNC Chapel Hill University of California, San Diego University of Ohio, Columbus Stanford University Conference on Kant and Metaphysics, University of Toronto	Sept 2016 Sept 2017 Oct 2017 Jan 2018 April 2018
Qualitativism and Haecceitism Conference on "Haecceitism and Individuals", University of Neuchatel	Aug 2016
Constitutive Explanation After Carnap Conference on "Metaphysics After Carnap", Leeds University	June 2016
Symmetry Principles: Why Use Them? Where Do They Lead? Conference on "Structure in Metaphysics", Oxford University	May 2016
Comments on John Roberts' "Comparativism and Absolutism About Quantities: Two Unsuccessful Arguments" APA Pacific Division Meeting	April 2016
How To Be A Relationalist Colloquia, National Autonomous University of Mexico Physics as Metaphysics Workshop, Brown University Logic and Metaphysics Workshop, CUNY Metro Area Philosophers of Science (MAPS) Philosophy of Science Association, Invited Symposium Conference on Grounding and its applications, NC State University	March 2016 Nov 2015 Nov 2015 Nov 2015 Nov 2018 Sept 2019
Comments on Elizabeth Miller's "Local Qualities" Ranch Metaphysics Workshop	Jan 2016
Essentialism and the Nonidentity Problem ELLMM series, Yale University Colloquia, UCLA Colloquia, Cornell University Colloquia, CUNY	Sept 2015 May 2015 Nov 2014 Oct 2014
Structuralism and the Limits of Possibility Keynote lecture, third annual Irvine-Pittsburgh-Princeton conference on the Mathematical and conceptual foundations of physics University of California, Berkeley Columbia University Workshop on Metaphysics and Philosophy of Physics, Rochester University Workshop on the Logic of Ground, Oslo	March 2015 Jan 2015 Jan 2015 Sept 2014 June 2014

Inexpressible IgnoranceWorkshop on Robert Pasnau's *Metaphysical Themes: 1274-1671*

Feb 2015

Jowett Society, Oxford

May 2014

Conference on "Metaphysics", Columbia University

April 2014

Metaphysics on the Mountain conference, organized by Boise State University

March 2014

Colloquia, University of Syracuse

Nov 2013

Empirical Rationalism

Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University

May 2014

Workshop on metaphysics, University of Syracuse

Nov 2013

Metaphysical Rationalism

Conference on "Explanation in Metaphysics", University of Neuchatel

June 2013

Colloquia, MIT

Nov 2012

Colloquia, University of Rochester

Nov 2012

Carolina Metaphysics Workshop

June 2012

Comments on L.A. Paul's "The Dynamic Ontology of Phenomenal Character"

Jan 2013

Ranch Metaphysics Conference

The Possibility of Physicalism

Conference on "The Philosophy of Kit Fine", NYU

Jan 2013

Colloquia, Dartmouth University

Jan 2013

Pacific APA, Invited Symposium on Fundamentality (given under title "The Status Of Ground")

April 2011

Symmetry as an Epistemic Notion (Twice Over)

Sept 2012

Conference on Structuralism, Bristol University

Comments on Katia Vavova's "Confidence, Evidence, and Disagreement"

April 2012

Pacific APA

Structuralism as a Grounding Thesis

Feb 2011

Ontological Dependence Workshop, Bristol University

Absolutism vs. Comparativism About Quantities

Jowett Society, Oxford University

Jan 2011

Leeds University

Jan 2011

California State University, Los Angeles

Nov 2010

On the Plurality of Grounds

Albritton Society, UCLA

Dec 2010

"Because II" conference, Berlin

Sept 2010

Comments on Ted Sider's "Against Parthood"

Aug 2010

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference

Comments on Anthony Eagle's "Location and Multiple Location"

July 2010

Carolina Metaphysics Workshop

Comments on James Ladyman's "Structuralism and the Ontology of Quantum Mechanics"

April 2010

Conference on "Philosophical Issues in Cosmology, Quantum Theory, and Time", Rutgers University

Individuals: An Essay in Revisionary Metaphysics

Oct 2009

Rutgers University Philosophy of Science Reading Group

Symmetry and the Undetectable

University of Pittsburgh

Feb 2009

University of Iowa

Feb 2009

Yale University

Feb 2009

Barnard College, Columbia

Feb 2009

University of Texas, Austin

Feb 2009

University of Southern California

Jan 2009

Claremont College

Jan 2009

Simon Fraser University

Jan 2009

TEACHING

*Graduate Teaching***PHIL 290 Pragmatism**

Spring 2021

UC Berkeley

PHIL 295 Dissertation Seminar

AY 2019-20

UC Berkeley

PHIL 200 First Year Seminar

Fall 2018

UC Berkeley; co-taught with John MacFarlane

PHIL 290 Why is there anything except physics?

Spring 2018

UC Berkeley; co-taught with Geoffrey Lee

PHI 540 Metaphysics

Fall 2015

Princeton University; co-taught with Boris Kment

PHI 599 Dissertation Seminar

Fall 2014

Princeton University

PHI 531 Philosophy of Science: Symmetry, Structure, and Spacetime

Spring 2014

Princeton University

PHI 540 Metaphysics: Medieval, Early Modern, and Contemporary Work on Substance

Spring 2013

Princeton University; co-taught with John Morrison (Barnard College, Columbia)

PHI 540 Hyperintensional Metaphysics

Spring 2011

Princeton University; co-taught with Boris Kment

PHI 540 Metaphysics: The Structure of the Physical World

Fall 2009

Princeton University

*Undergraduate Teaching***PHIL 100 Philosophical Methods**

Fall 2022

UC Berkeley

PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science

Fall 2022

UC Berkeley

PHIL 100 Philosophical Methods

Fall 2021

UC Berkeley

PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science

Fall 2020

UC Berkeley

PHIL 5 Science and Human Understanding

Fall 2020

UC Berkeley

PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science
UC Berkeley

Spring 2020

PHIL 5 Science and Human Understanding
UC Berkeley

Spring 2020

PHIL 100 Philosophical Methods
UC Berkeley

Fall 2019

PHIL 100 Philosophical Methods
UC Berkeley

Spring 2019

PHIL 125 Metaphysics
UC Berkeley

Spring 2019

PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science
UC Berkeley

Spring 2018

PHIL 5 Science and Human Understanding
UC Berkeley

Fall 2017
Fall 2018

PHI 321 Philosophy of Science
Princeton University

Spring 2016

FRS 187 Philosophical Analysis Using Argument Maps
Princeton University; co-taught with Simon Cullen

Fall 2014

PHI 203 Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology
Princeton University

Spring 2014

PHI 318 Metaphysics
Princeton University

Fall 2013

PHI 201 Introductory Logic
Princeton University

Fall 2012

PHI 321 Philosophy of Science
Princeton University

Spring 2012

PHI 203 Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology
Princeton University

Fall 2011

PHI 201 Introductory Logic
Princeton University

Spring 2011

PHI 203 Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology
Co-taught with Gideon Rosen

Fall 2009

SERVICE

To the department

Equity Advisor
UC Berkeley

Fall 2018-
ongoing

Search Committee (chair)
UC Berkeley

Fall 2022
Fall 2020
Fall 2019

	Fall 2017
Target of Opportunity Committee (chair) UC Berkeley	Fall 2016
Placement Committee UC Berkeley	Fall 2016
Director of Placement Princeton University	2015-16
Placement Committee Princeton University	2013-14
Climate Committee Princeton University	2011-13
Colloquia Committee Princeton University	2010-11
<i>To the university</i>	
Graduate Council UC Berkeley	2017-19
<i>To the profession</i>	
Associate Editor, Nous	2016-ongoing
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy Editorial Board Co-editor for Metaphysics	2018-ongoing
Pacific APA Program Committee	2017-19
Article Referee <i>Analysis</i> <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> <i>British Journal for the Philosophy of Science</i> <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> <i>Ergo</i> <i>Erkenntnis</i> <i>European Journal of Analytic Philosophy</i> <i>Foundations of Physics</i> <i>Inquiry</i> <i>International Studies in the Philosophy of Science</i> <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> <i>Mind</i> <i>Nous</i> <i>Oxford Studies in Metaphysics</i> <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> <i>Philosophy Compass</i> <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> <i>Philosophical Review</i> <i>Philosophical Studies</i> <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> <i>Philosophy of Science</i>	

Studies in History and Philosophy of Science
Synthese
Thought

Book Referee

Oxford University Press

Grant Referee

Israel Science Foundation