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Education

Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1993
B.S., Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Gordon College, 1988

Permanent Appointments

University of Rochester, Assistant Professor, 1992–97; Associate Professor, 1997–98
Syracuse University, Associate Professor, 1998–2002
Rutgers University, Associate Professor, 2002–04; Professor, 2004–07
New York University, Professor, 2007–11
Cornell University, Professor, Frederick J. Whiton Chair, 2011–

Visiting Appointments

University of Leeds, Visiting Research Professor, Fall 2003
Australian National University, Visiting Fellow, Summer 2005

Interests

AOS: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language
AOC: Logic

Awards

1998 University of Rochester Professor of the Year (awarded by the Student Association)
2003 APA Book Prize (formerly the Matchette Prize), for *Four-Dimensionalism*

Books

- Four-Dimensionalism: An Ontology of Persistence and Time* (Oxford, 2001; Japanese: Shunjusha, 2007)
- Riddles of Existence: A Guided Tour of Metaphysics*, with Earl Conee (Oxford, 2005; Japanese: Shunjusha, 2009; Portuguese: Bizâncio, 2010). Chapter on “Time” reprinted in Tamar Szabó Gendler, Susanna Siegel, and Steven M. Cahn, eds., *The Elements of Philosophy: Readings from Past and Present* (Oxford, 2007)
- Logic for Philosophy* (textbook) (Oxford, 2010)
- Writing the Book of the World* (Oxford, 2011)

Edited Book

- Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics* (Basil Blackwell, 2007).
Co-editors: John Hawthorne, Dean Zimmerman

Articles

- “Might Theory X Be a Theory of Diminishing Marginal Value?”, *Analysis* 51 (1991): 265–71
- “Tooley’s Solution to the Inference Problem”, *Philosophical Studies* 67 (1992): 261–75
- “In Defense of Global Supervenience”, with R. Cranston Paull, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 52 (1992): 833–54
- “Asymmetry and Self-Sacrifice”, *Philosophical Studies* 70 (1993): 117–32
- “Van Inwagen and the Possibility of Gunk”, *Analysis* 53 (1993): 285–89
- “Sorensen on Unknowable Obligations”, *Utilitas* 7 (1995): 273–79
- “Three Problems for Richard’s Theory of Belief Ascription”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 25 (1995): 487–514
- “Sparseness, Immanence, and Naturalness”, *Noûs* 29 (1995): 360–77
- “Naturalness and Arbitrariness”, *Philosophical Studies* 81 (1996): 283–301
- “Intrinsic Properties”, *Philosophical Studies* 83 (1996): 1–27
- “All the World’s a Stage”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 74 (1996): 433–53. Reprinted in Sally Haslanger and Roxanne Marie Kurtz, eds., *Persistence: Contemporary Readings* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2006), 91–117

- “A New Grandfather Paradox?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 57 (1997): 139–44
- “On the Paradox of the Question”, *Analysis* 57 (1997): 97–101
- “Four-Dimensionalism”, *Philosophical Review* 106 (1997): 197–231.
Reprinted in Haslanger and Kurtz, 55–87
- Critical Study of Michael Jubien’s *Ontology, Modality, and the Fallacy of Reference*, *Noûs* 33 (1999): 284–94
- “Presentism and Ontological Commitment”, *Journal of Philosophy* 96 (1999): 325–47. Reprinted in Haslanger and Kurtz, 367–91
- “Global Supervenience and Identity across Times and Worlds”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 59 (1999): 913–37
- “The Stage View and Temporary Intrinsic”, *Analysis* 60 (2000): 84–88. Reprinted in Haslanger and Kurtz, 443–48
- “Simply Possible”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 60 (2000): 585–90
- “Recent Work on Identity Over Time”, *Philosophical Books* 41 (2000): 81–89
- “Criteria of Personal Identity and the Limits of Conceptual Analysis”, *Philosophical Perspectives* 15, *Metaphysics* (Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, 2001), pp. 189–209
- “Maximality and Intrinsic Properties”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 63 (2001): 357–64
- “The Ersatz Pluriverse”, *Journal of Philosophy* 99 (2002): 279–315
- “Hell and Vagueness”, *Faith and Philosophy* 19 (2002): 58–68
- “Time Travel, Coincidences and Counterfactuals”, *Philosophical Studies* 110 (2002): 115–38
- “Locations”, with John Hawthorne, *Philosophical Topics* 30 (2002): 53–76. Reprinted in John Hawthorne, *Metaphysical Essays* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006), 31–52
- “Maximality and Microphysical Supervenience”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 66 (2003): 139–49
- “Against Vague Existence”, *Philosophical Studies* 114 (2003): 135–46
- “Reductive Theories of Modality”, in Michael J. Loux and Dean W. Zimmerman, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Metaphysics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), pp. 180–208
- “What’s So Bad about Overdetermination?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 67 (2003): 719–26

- “Precis of *Four-Dimensionalism*” and “Replies to Critics”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 68 (2004): 642–47, 674–87
- “Another Look at Armstrong’s Combinatorialism”, *Noûs* 39 (2005): 680–96
- “Traveling in A- and B- Time”, *The Monist* 88 (2005): 329–35.
Reprinted in L. Nathan Oaklander, ed., *The Philosophy of Time, Vol. 4: Time and Physics* (Routledge: 2008)
- “Kripke’s Revenge”, with David Braun, *Philosophical Studies* 128 (2006): 669–82
- “Quantifiers and Temporal Ontology”, *Mind* 115 (2006): 75–97
- “ ‘Bare Particulars’ ”, *Philosophical Perspectives* 20 (2006): 387–97
- “Against Monism”, *Analysis* 67 (2007): 1–7
- “Vague, so Untrue” (with David Braun), *Noûs* 41 (2007): 133–56
- “Parthood”, *Philosophical Review* 116 (2007): 51–91
- “Neo-Fregeanism and Quantifier Variance”, *Aristotelian Society, Supplementary Volume* 81 (2007): 201–32
- “Temporal Parts”, in Theodore Sider, John Hawthorne, and Dean W. Zimmerman (eds.), *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, Blackwell 2007
- “Yet another Paper on the Supervenience Argument against Coincident Entities”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 77 (2008): 613–24
- “Monism and Statespace Structure”, in Robin Le Poidevin, ed., *Being: Developments in Contemporary Metaphysics* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008): pp. 129–50
- “Williamson’s Many Necessary Existents”, *Analysis* 69 (2009): 50–58
- “Ontological Realism”, in David Chalmers, David Manley, and Ryan Wasserman, eds., *Metametaphysics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009): pp. 384–423
- “Against Vague and Unnatural Existence: Reply to Liebesman and Eklund”, *Noûs* 43 (2009): 557–67
- “The Evil of Death: What Can Metaphysics Contribute?”, in Ben Bradley, Fred Feldman, and Jens Johansson, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy and Death* (Oxford: forthcoming)
- “Consequences of Collapse”, forthcoming in Donald Baxter and Aaron Cotnoir, eds., *Composition as Identity*

Reviews

- André Gallois, *Occasions of Identity*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 52 (2001): 401–5
- Charles Chihara, *The Worlds of Possibility*, *Philosophical Review* 110 (2001): 88–91
- Lynne Rudder Baker, *Persons and Bodies*, *Journal of Philosophy* 99 (2002): 45–48
- Trenton Merricks, *Objects and Persons*, *Mind* 113 (2004): 195–98

Work in Progress

“Against Parthood”

Presentations

- “Naturalness and Arbitrariness”, 1992: Virginia, Rochester; 1995: Pacific APA
- “All the World’s a Stage”, 1993: Rochester
- “Four-Dimensionalism”, 1993: UMass reunion conference; 1994: Pacific APA; 1996: Arizona, Michigan; 1997: Rutgers
- “Sparseness, Immanence, and Naturalness”, 1994: Rochester
- “Sorensen on Unknowable Obligations”, 1995: UNC Greensboro Ethics conference
- “Global Supervenience and Coincident Entities”, 1996: Pacific APA
- “The Ersatz Pluriverse”, 1996: Rochester; 1997: Pacific APA, Metaphysical Mayhem conference, Syracuse, Princeton; 1998: Yale; 2000: Massachusetts
- “Can there Exist Two Things at the Same Place at the Same Time?”, 1997: SUNY Geneseo
- “Criteria of Personal Identity and the Limits of Conceptual Analysis”, 1998: Pacific APA; 2001: Pew conference on persons
- “Presentism and Ontological Commitment”, 1998: Metaphysical Mayhem conference; 1999: Philosophy of Time Society, Central APA
- “Time and Temporal Parts”, 1999: Metaphysical Mayhem conference, UMass reunion conference; 2000: Rochester, Pacific APA, Connecticut (Ruth Evelyn Parcells Memorial Lecture)
- “Against Presentism”, 1999: Cornell; 2000: Texas, Eastern APA

“Reducing Modality”, 2000: Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference; 2002: Brown; 2003: St. Andrews, Colorado, Leeds; 2004: Manitoba; 2005: Cornell, Texas, Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, Arizona State

“Vague, so Untrue”, 2001: Western Washington, Calvin, UMass reunion conference, Virginia; 2002: UC Davis, MIT, Alabama; 2003: Oxford, Boise State, New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association, Princeton-Rutgers graduate student conference, Richmond, Leeds, Stockholm; 2004: Southern Illinois, Kentucky; 2005: Australian National University, Massey (NZ); 2006: Alberta, Miami

“Time Travel, Coincidences and Counterfactuals”, 2001: Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference

“Hell and Vagueness”, 2002: Union College, Alabama

“Time Travel”, 2002: SUNY New Paltz; 2003: Boise State, Rutgers undergraduate philosophy club

APA “Author meets critics” sessions on *Four-Dimensionalism*, San Francisco, Spring 2003; Washington, DC, December 2003

“Parthood”, 2003: Leeds, Central European University (Budapest); 2004: Queen’s (Ontario), Virginia, St. Louis, USC, Toronto, Criteria of Identity conference in Leuven Belgium; 2005: Arkansas, Missouri, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Australian National University, Canterbury (NZ), Wisconsin; 2006: Calgary, Nassau CC, West Virginia

“Quantifiers and Temporal Ontology”, 2003: Leeds; 2004: Eastern APA; 2005: Cornell

“Kripke’s Revenge”, 2003: Leeds

“Another Look at Armstrong’s Combinatorialism”, 2003: Leeds

“Ontological Realism”, 2005: Australian National University conference on Metametaphysics, Otago (NZ), Victoria (NZ), Princeton, Oxford graduate student conference; 2006: Miami, Northern Illinois, Leeds conference on being, Brown graduate student conference, Brandeis; 2007: Utah, CUNY, Stanford, Chapel Hill Colloquium; 2008: Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, UCSB, Minnesota

“Philosophy of Time”, 2006: Metaphysical Mayhem conference; 2007: Arizona Ontology Conference

“Monism and Statespace Structure”, 2006: Yale graduate student

conference; 2007: UMass reunion conference; 2008: Arizona Ontology Conference

“NeoFregeanism and Quantifier Variance”, 2006: Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference; 2007: Aristotelian Society Joint Session

“Which Disputes are Substantive?”, 2007: Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference

“Logical Structure”, 2007: Connecticut

“The State of Metaphysics”, 2008 Alabama “Philosophy Today” speaker series

“Meta-metaphysics”, 2008: Alabama; 2009: Union College

“The Metaphysics of Fundamentality”, 2008: Oxford, Mountain-Plains conference, Virginia Commonwealth; 2009: NC State, Wayne State, Colorado Dependence Conference, UC Davis, CUNY UMass reunion conference; 2010: U of Vermont, Syracuse graduate student conference, Colorado, Ohio State; 2011: SUNY Albany graduate student conference, Berkeley, Nebraska, Indiana

“Time”, 2009: Guggenheim Museum *theanyspacewhatever* exhibition, Hobart and William Smith College

“Joint-carving and Meta-ethics”, 2009: Leeds workshop on Naturalism

“Metaphysics and the Real World”, 2010: NYU Philosophy Society, U of VT Dewey Lecture, Cal State Chico

“Passage”: 2009: Philosophy of Time Society; 2010: Future of Philosophy of Time workshop.

“Against Parthood”, 2009: Pacific APA (as “Nihilism and Ideology”); 2010: Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Oxford graduate student conference

“Structuralism”, 2010: Metaphysical Mayhem Conference

“Modality”, 2012: NYU Mind and Language seminar

Referee Work

For Kluwer Academic Publishers, Cambridge University Press, University of Toronto Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge Press, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethics*, *International Studies in the*

Philosophy of Science, Linguistics and Philosophy, Mind, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, and Synthese

Professional Organizations

Member, American Philosophical Association

Courses taught

Undergraduate: logic (introductory, intermediate, modal, mathematical, set theory); intro; applied ethics; science and pseudoscience; history of twentieth century philosophy; philosophy of language; metaphysics; seminars on paradoxes, persistence

Graduate: survey courses in logic (modal, mathematical, set theory, logic for philosophy), metaphysics, philosophy of language; proseminar; research seminars on modality, parthood, identity, causation and laws, persistence, abstract entities, convention and modality, propositional attitudes, metaontology, fundamentality, intentionality, properties

University Service

University of Rochester Administrative Committee, Fall 1993-Spring 1995

University of Rochester Faculty Council, Fall 1996-Spring 1998

University of Rochester Freshman Advising, Fall 1993-Spring 1998

University of Rochester Program Reviewer, Summer 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

University of Rochester Mock Interviews for Rhodes Scholarship candidates, Fall 1994, 1995, 1996

Syracuse University Summer advising, Freshman advising, and Freshman Forum, 1999

Syracuse University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1999

Syracuse University, Sophomore advising, 2000

Rutgers University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2004

Professional Service

Editorial board, *Philosophical Studies*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Board of associate editors, *Noûs*

American Philosophical Association Executive Committee, 2009–12