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SPECIALIZATION	Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Value Theory		
COMPETENCE	Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Physics		
EMPLOYMENT	<p><b>University of California, Berkeley</b> Associate Professor</p> <p><b>Princeton University</b> Associate Professor Assistant Professor</p>		<p>2016-ongoing</p> <p>2015-16 2009-15</p>
EDUCATION	<p><b>New York University</b> Ph.D., Philosophy Dissertation: "Symmetry as a Guide to Reality". Advisors: Kit Fine (chair), Hartry Field, Stephen Schiffer.</p> <p><b>King's College London</b> MPhil, Philosophy; distinction</p> <p><b>University College London</b> BSc, Biology; first class honors</p>		<p>2003-9</p> <p>2001-3</p> <p>1996-9</p>
HONORS AND AWARDS	<p><b>National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship</b> One-year fellowship awarded for the project 'Empirical Rationalism',</p> <p><b>William G. Bowen Presidential University Preceptor</b> Preceptorships are endowed positions at Princeton "awarded to outstanding assistant professors for the furtherance of their teaching and scholarship".</p> <p><b>Winner of the Oxford Studies in Metaphysics Younger Scholar Prize</b> Awarded annually.</p> <p><b>Dean's Outstanding Dissertation Award in the Humanities</b> Awarded annually to one NYU doctoral dissertation in the humanities.</p> <p><b>James Arthur Fellowship</b> Awarded annually to one final-year graduate student at NYU.</p> <p><b>Honorary Fellow at The Humanities Initiative, NYU</b> Awarded annually to three humanities graduate students at NYU.</p> <p><b>AHRB Postgraduate Scholarship</b> 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>"How to Be a Relationalist", forthcoming in <i>Oxford Studies in Metaphysics</i>.</p> <p>"Privilege in the Construction Industry", <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> 98.2 (2019): 489-496.</p>		

- "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*, co-edited with Ravit Dotan and Brad Weslake. Forthcoming. Routledge Press

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

**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

**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
<b>Normative Non-Naturalism and the Problem of Authority</b> The Aristotelian Society, London	June 2017
<b>How To Be Authentic</b> Keynote address at the <i>APA Pacific Meeting Pre-Conference: Themes in Transformative Experience</i>	April 2017
<b>Physical Salience and Autonomy: Could Spacetime be an Emergent Phenomenon?</b> <i>Space and Time After Quantum Gravity</i> project, UI Chicago	Nov 2016
<b>Realism and the Absence of Value</b> 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
<b>Qualitativism and Haecceitism</b> Conference on "Haecceitism and Individuals", University of Neuchatel	Aug 2016
<b>Constitutive Explanation After Carnap</b> Conference on "Metaphysics After Carnap", Leeds University	June 2016
<b>Symmetry Principles: Why Use Them? Where Do They Lead?</b> Conference on "Structure in Metaphysics", Oxford University	May 2016
<b>Comments on John Roberts' "Comparativism and Absolutism About Quantities: Two Unsuccessful Arguments"</b> APA Pacific Division Meeting	April 2016
<b>How To Be A Relationalist</b> 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
<b>Comments on Elizabeth Miller's "Local Qualities"</b> Ranch Metaphysics Workshop	Jan 2016
<b>Essentialism and the Nonidentity Problem</b> ELMM series, Yale University Colloquia, UCLA Colloquia, Cornell University Colloquia, CUNY	Sept 2015 May 2015 Nov 2014 Oct 2014
<b>Structuralism and the Limits of Possibility</b> 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

<b>Inexpressible Ignorance</b>	
Workshop on Robert Pasnau's <i>Metaphysical Themes: 1274-1671</i>	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
<b>Empirical Rationalism</b>	
Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University	May 2014
Workshop on metaphysics, University of Syracuse	Nov 2013
<b>Metaphysical Rationalism</b>	
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
<b>Comments on L.A. Paul's "The Dynamic Ontology of Phenomenal Character"</b>	Jan 2013
Ranch Metaphysics Conference	
<b>The Possibility of Physicalism</b>	
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
<b>Symmetry as an Epistemic Notion (Twice Over)</b>	Sept 2012
Conference on Structuralism, Bristol University	
<b>Comments on Katia Vavova's "Confidence, Evidence, and Disagreement"</b>	April 2012
Pacific APA	
<b>Structuralism as a Grounding Thesis</b>	Feb 2011
Ontological Dependence Workshop, Bristol University	
<b>Absolutism vs. Comparativism About Quantities</b>	
Jowett Society, Oxford University	Jan 2011
Leeds University	Jan 2011
California State University, Los Angeles	Nov 2010
<b>On the Plurality of Grounds</b>	
Albritton Society, UCLA	Dec 2010
"Because II" conference, Berlin	Sept 2010
<b>Comments on Ted Sider's "Against Parthood"</b>	Aug 2010
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference	
<b>Comments on Anthony Eagle's "Location and Multiple Location"</b>	July 2010
Carolina Metaphysics Workshop	
<b>Comments on James Ladyman's "Structuralism and the Ontology of Quantum Mechanics"</b>	April 2010
Conference on "Philosophical Issues in Cosmology, Quantum Theory, and Time", Rutgers University	
<b>Individuals: An Essay in Revisionary Metaphysics</b>	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 200 First Year Seminar**

Fall 2018

UC Berkeley; co-taught with John MacFarlane

**PHIL 290 Why is there anything except physics?**

Spring

UC Berkeley; co-taught with Geoffrey Lee

2018

**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**

Spring 2019

UC Berkeley

**PHIL 125 Metaphysics**

Spring 2019

UC Berkeley

**PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science**

Spring 2018

UC Berkeley

**PHIL 5 Science and Human Understanding**

Fall 2017

UC Berkeley

Fall 2018

**PHI 321 Philosophy of Science**

Spring 2016

Princeton University

**FRS 187 Philosophical Analysis Using Argument Maps**

Fall 2014

Princeton University; co-taught with Simon Cullen

	<b>PHI 203 Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology</b> Princeton University	Spring 2014
	<b>PHI 318 Metaphysics</b> Princeton University	Fall 2013
	<b>PHI 201 Introductory Logic</b> Princeton University	Fall 2012
	<b>PHI 321 Philosophy of Science</b> Princeton University	Spring 2012
	<b>PHI 203 Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology</b> Princeton University	Fall 2011
	<b>PHI 201 Introductory Logic</b> Princeton University	Spring 2011
	<b>PHI 203 Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology</b> Co-taught with Gideon Rosen	Fall 2009
SERVICE	<i>To the department</i>	
	<b>Equity Advisor</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2018-ongoing
	<b>Target of Opportunity Committee (chair)</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2016
	<b>Placement Committee</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2017
	<b>Director of Placement</b> Princeton University	2015-16
	<b>Placement Committee</b> Princeton University	2013-14
	<b>Climate Committee</b> Princeton University	2011-13
	<b>Colloquia Committee</b> Princeton University	2010-11
	<i>To the university</i>	
	<b>Graduate Council</b> UC Berkeley	2017-19
	<i>To the profession</i>	
	<b>Associate Editor, Nous</b>	2016-ongoing
	<b>Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy Editorial Board</b> Co-editor for Metaphysics	2018-ongoing
	<b>Pacific APA Program Committee</b>	2017-19

**Article Referee**

*Analysis*  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*  
*British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*  
*European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*  
*Inquiry*  
*International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*  
*Journal of Philosophy*  
*Mind*  
*Nous*  
*Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*  
*Philosophy Compass*  
*Philosophers' Imprint*  
*Philosophical Quarterly*  
*Philosophical Review*  
*Philosophical Studies*  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*  
*Philosophy of Science*  
*Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*  
*Synthese*  
*Thought*

**Book Referee**

Oxford University Press