

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Expertise: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Probability, Epistemology

Areas of Competence: Metaphysics, Logic, Philosophy of Mind

Education

BA (Hons), Monash University, 1994 (Major in Philosophy, Minor in Politics)

Ph. D., Monash University, 1998 (Thesis Topic: On Uncertainty)

Professional Appointments

1999-2001: Sutton Faculty Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

2001- 2004: Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy (and from 2002, adjunct member of Department of Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences), Brown University

2004-2007 : Associate Professor, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University

2008- : Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University

Research

Major Research Articles (>5000 words)

1. "Indicative and Subjunctive Conditionals" *Philosophical Quarterly* 51 (2001) 200-216.
2. "Intrinsic Properties and Combinatorial Principles" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 63 (2001): 365-80.
3. "Keynes, Uncertainty and Interest Rates" *Cambridge Journal of Economics* 26 (2002) 47-62.
4. "What Good are Counterexamples" *Philosophical Studies* 115 (2003): 1-31.
5. "Many Many Problems" *Philosophical Quarterly* 53 (2003): 481-501.
6. "From Classical to Intuitionistic Probability" *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic* 44 (2003), 111-123.
7. "Morality, Fiction and Possibility" *Philosophers Imprint*, vol 4, number 3.
8. "True, Truer, Truest" *Philosophical Studies* 123 (2005): 47-70.
9. "Epistemic Modals in Context" with Andy Egan and John Hawthorne, in *Contextualism in Philosophy: Knowledge, Meaning, and Truth*, edited by Gerhard Preyer and Georg Peter, Oxford University Press, 2005, pp. 131-169.
10. "Should we Respond to Evil with Indifference?" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 70 (2005): 613-35.
11. "Scepticism, Rationalism and Externalism", *Oxford Studies in Epistemology* 1 (2005): 311-31
12. "Can we Do Without Pragmatic Encroachment?" *Philosophical Perspectives* 19 (2005): 417-43.
13. "The Asymmetric Magnets Problem" *Philosophical Perspectives* 20 (2006): 479-92.

14. "The Bayesian and the Dogmatist" *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 107 (2007): 169-185.
15. "Deontology and Descartes' Demon" *Journal of Philosophy* 105 (2008): 540-569.
16. "Attitudes and Relativism" *Philosophical Perspectives*, 22 (2008): 527-544.
17. "Conditionals and Indexical Relativism" *Synthese* 166 (2009): 333-357.
18. "David Lewis" in Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.
19. "Vagueness as Indeterminacy" in *Cuts and Clouds*, edited by Richard Dietz and Sebastiano Moruzzi, Oxford University Press, 2010, pp. 77-90.
20. "Assertion, Knowledge and Action" with Ishani Maitra, forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*.

Conversation Pieces (generally < 5000 words)

1. "Begging the Question and Bayesians" *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 30 (1999): 687-697.
2. "Intrinsic vs Extrinsic Properties" in Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.
3. "Problem of the Many" in Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.
4. "Misleading Indexicals" *Analysis* 62 (2002): 308-10.
5. "Are You a Sim?" *Philosophical Quarterly* 53 (2003): 425-31.
6. "Epistemicism, Parasites and Vague Names" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 81 (2003): 276-9.
7. "Nine Objections to Steiner and Wolff on Land Disputes" *Analysis* 63 (2003): 321-8.
8. "Luminous Margins" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83 (2004): 373-83.
9. "Chopping up Gunk" with John Hawthorne, *Monist* 87 (2004): 339-50.
10. "Prankster's Ethics" with Andy Egan, *Philosophical Perspectives* 18 (2004): 45-52.
11. "Questioning Contextualism" in *Aspects of Knowing*, edited by Stephen Hetherington, Elsevier, 2006, pp. 133-47.
12. "Humeans Aren't Out of Their Minds" *Noûs* 41 (2007): 529-35.
13. "Doing Philosophy with Words" *Philosophical Studies* 135 (2007): 429-37.

Book Reviews

1. Of Michael DePaul (ed.) *Rethinking Intuition*. *Ethics* 112 (2002): 361-4
2. Of Ted Lockhart, *Moral Uncertainty and Its Consequences*. *Mind* 111 (2002): 693-6.
3. Of Rosanna Keefe, *Theories of Vagueness*. To appear in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
4. Of David Wiggins, *Sameness and Substance Renewed*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1090>.
5. Of Roy Sorensen, *Vagueness and Contradiction*. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 81 (2003): 290-2.
6. Of Christopher Gauker, *Words without Meanings*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1333>.
7. Of William Lycan, *Real Conditionals*. *Philosophical Review* 111 (2002): 609-11.
8. Of Christopher Peacocke, *The Realm of Reason*, in the *Times Literary Supplement*, Oct 15, 2004, 8-9.
9. Of Frank Jackson and Graham Priest (eds) *Lewisian Themes: The Philosophy of David K. Lewis*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*: <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=3381>.
10. Of Daniel Nolan, *David Lewis*, *Mind* 116 (2007): 191-3.

Invited Lectures

1. "Stages, Worms, Slices and Lumps" at Syracuse University, May 2000.
2. "A Puzzle About Duplication" at Monash University, June 2000

3. "Indicatives and Subjunctives" at Brown University February 2001
4. ——— at Rutgers University February 2001
5. ——— at University of Colorado February 2001
6. "True, Truer, Truest" at University of Michigan, October 2001.
7. "My Favourite Puzzle" at University of Melbourne, October 2002
8. "Scepticism, Rationalism and Externalism" at Cornell University, October 2003
9. "My Favourite Puzzle" at University of California, Davis, January 2004
10. "Intuitions and Meanings" at ANU, January 2005
11. "Vagueness as Uncertainty" at ANU, January 2005
12. "Intuitions and Meanings" at University of Glasgow, February 2005
13. "Vagueness as Uncertainty" at Princeton University, February 2005
14. "Knowledge, Justification and Practical Interests" at Monash University, September 2005
15. ——— at ANU, October 2005
16. "Natural Quantities" at University of Manitoba, March 2006
17. "In Defence of a Dogmatist" at University of Texas, May 2006
18. ——— at Stanford University, May 2006
19. "Natural Quantities" at Stanford University, May 2006
20. "The Bayesian and the Dogmatist" at Rutgers University, October 2006
21. ——— at University of Oklahoma, November 2006
22. ——— at University of California, Berkeley, November 2006
23. ——— at the Aristotelian Society, London, February 2007
24. "Rule-Following and Basicness" at St Andrews, May 2009
25. "Evidence Neutrality" at St Andrews, June 2009

Invited Conference Papers Read

1. "Morality in Fiction and Consciousness in Imagination" at the 2004 APA Pacific Division Conference, Pasadena CA.
2. "Uncertainty, Probability and Non-Classical Logic" presented at 2004 Formal Epistemology Workshop, May 2004, Berkeley CA.
3. "Morality, Fiction and Possibility" at the 2004 American Society for Aesthetics Conference, Houston TX.
4. "Intuitions and Meanings" at the Fribourg Workshop on Intuitions, November 2004, Fribourg Switzerland.
5. "Vagueness as Indeterminacy" at the Arché Workshop on Vagueness, February 2005, St Andrews Scotland.
6. "Dutch Books and Infinity" at the Prague International Colloquium on Dutch Book Arguments, August 2005, Prague Czech Republic.
7. "Conditionals and Relativism" at LOGOS Workshop on Relativising Utterance Truth, September 2005, Barcelona Spain.
8. ——— at Workshop on Conditionals, April 2006, University of Connecticut.
9. "Norms of Assertion and Expressivism", at workshop on ethics and epistemology, September 2006, University of Missouri – Columbia.
10. "Moral Psychology and Epistemic Deontology" at Ryle at Ryerson, October 2007, Ryerson University, Toronto.
11. "Causation and Causatives", Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2008, Tuscon AZ.
12. ——— keynote address at Rutgers/Princeton graduate conference, March 2008.
13. "Moderate Rationalism and Bayesian Scepticism," at workshop on scepticism, May 2008, University of Edinburgh.
14. "Attitudes and Relativism" at first Contextualism and Relativism workshop, June 2008 Arché, St Andrews.
15. "Content Relativism" at Language and Law workshop, June 2008, University of Oslo.

16. “Probability and Scepticism” at Arché Scepticism Conference, June 2009, St Andrews.

Other Conference Papers Read

1. “Inductive Arguments and Probability” presented to the 1996 Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, July 1996.
2. “The Possibility of Revealed Preference”, presented to 1996 International Economics and Philosophy Society Conference, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, July 1996, and published in conference proceedings: Julian Lamont (ed.) Edited Proceedings of the 1996 International Economics and Philosophy Society Conference, 121 125.
3. “The Dutch Bookie Goes to Market” presented to 1997 International Economics and Philosophy Society Conference, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, July 1996, and published in conference proceedings: Julian Lamont and Christi Dawn Favor (eds.) Edited Proceedings of the 1997 International Economics and Philosophy Society Conference, 97 100.
4. “Supertruth” presented to the 1998 Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, July 1998.
5. “What Good Are Counterexamples?” presented to the 1999 Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, University of Melbourne, Australia, July 1999.
6. “Is This Title Ambiguous?” presented to the 2000 Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, July 2000.
7. “Growing Individuals and Intrinsic Properties” presented to the 2001 APA Pacific Division Conference, San Francisco, CA, USA, March 2001.
8. “True, Truer, Truest” presented to the 2002 APA Central Division Conference, Chicago, IL, USA, April 2002, and the Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University August 2003.
9. “Justification and Innateness” presented to the 2002 Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, July 2002.
10. “Prankster’s Ethics” (with Andy Egan) presented at the 2003 International Symposium on Theoretical and Applied Ethics, Louisiana State University, February 2003 and the 2003 APA Central Division Conference, Cleveland OH, April 2003.
11. “Scepticism, Rationalism and Externalism” presented at 2004 Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, April 2004
12. “Replacing Logic”, part of author meets critics session on David Christensen’s Putting Logic in Its Place, APA Pacific Division Conference, Portland OR, March 2006.
13. “Tracking, Closure and Conjunctions”, part of author meets critics session on Sherri Rousch’s Tracking Truth, PSA, Vancouver BC November 2006.
14. “Assertion, Knowledge and Action” (with Ishani Maitra) presented to the Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University August 2009.

Invited Commentaries

1. Metaphysical Mayhem V, Syracuse University, August 2000
2. Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2001
3. APA Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2003
4. Syracuse Workshop on Metaphysics, Syracuse University, August 2003
5. BloggerCon, Harvard University, October 2003
6. Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2004
7. APA Central Division, Chicago, April 2005

8. Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2006
9. Panel on Blogging in Philosophy, APA Pacific Division, March 2006
10. NYU Causation Workshop, Florence, June 2006
11. Rutgers Semantics Workshop, New Brunswick, October 2007
12. Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2008
13. Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado at Boulder, August 2009

Teaching

Below is a table of the courses I have taught, their level and the number of students involved.

Year	Semester	School	Course Topic	Course Level	Enrollments
1999	Fall	Syracuse	Intuitions	Grad Seminar	10
2000	Spring	Syracuse	Decision Theory	Majors Seminar	9
2000	Fall	Syracuse	Logic & Language	Graduates	13
2001	Spring	Syracuse	History of Political	Undergraduate	49
2001	Fall	Brown	Philosophy of Language	Undergraduate	5
2001	Fall	Brown	Intermediate Logic	Undergraduate	23
2002	Spring	Brown	Vagueness	Grad Seminar	5
2002	Spring	Brown	Non-Classical Logic	Graduate Class	5
2002	Fall	Brown	Intermediate Logic	Undergraduate	30
2002	Fall	Brown	Conceivability	Grad Seminar	5
2003	Spring	Brown	Philosophy of Language	Mixed	8
2003	Spring	Brown	Introductory Logic	Freshman	88
2003	Fall	Brown	Time Travel	Freshman	18
2003	Fall	Brown	Logic	Advanced	8
2004	Spring	Brown	Philosophy of Economics	Grad Seminar	2
2004	Spring	Brown	Intermediate Logic	Undergraduate	23
2004	Fall	Cornell	Intermediate Logic	Undergraduate	40
2004	Fall	Cornell	Decision Theory	Undergraduate	5
2005	Spring	Cornell	Mid 20th Century	Mixed	5
2005	Spring	Cornell	Intro to Philosophy	Freshman	75
2005	Summer	Cornell	Applied Ethics	Freshman	39
2006	Spring	Cornell	David Lewis	Grad Seminar	6
2006	Spring	Cornell	Intro to Philosophy	Freshman	142
2006	Fall	Cornell	Intro to Philosophy	Freshman	96
2007	Spring	Cornell	Intro to Philosophy	Freshman	155
2007	Spring	Cornell	Metaphysics	Mixed	18
2007	Fall	Cornell	Semantics	Undergraduate	5
2008	Spring	Rutgers	Intro to Philosophy	Honors	15
2008	Spring	Rutgers	Dissertation Workshop	Graduates	5
2008	Fall	Rutgers	Intro to Logic	Undergraduate	80
2008	Fall	Rutgers	Decision Theory	Undergraduate	20
2009	Spring	Rutgers	Probability	Grad Seminar	5
2009	Fall	Rutgers	Intro to Logic	Undergraduate	80
2009	Fall	Rutgers	Non-Classical Logic	Grad/Undergrad	15

Each of these courses had approximately 40 total contact hours, except for the graduate seminars at Brown, and the summer course, which had approximately 35 total contact hours.

Other Responsibilities

I've been an external examiner for a Masters degree at the University of Melbourne, and a PhD at Rutgers. I was also an examiner for two PhDs at Brown, and three at Cornell. I was the supervisor for David Jehle's PhD at Cornell.

Professional Service

I have been editor-in-chief of *Philosophy Compass* since its formation. I was one of two co-editors of *Philosophical Review* for 18 months in 2006-7. I am also an associate editor of *Noûs*.

I have refereed journal articles for, among others, American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Logic, Dialectica, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Linguistics and Philosophy, Mind and Language, Noûs, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, The Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research and Synthese.

I have refereed book manuscripts or proposals for Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, MIT Press, Harvard University Press and Routledge.

From 2002 to 2005 I ran the Online Papers in Philosophy website, providing daily updates to where new philosophical papers have been posted on the internet.