

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **EDUCATION:**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1990-1995  
Ph.D. in Philosophy, awarded May 1995  
Dissertation Title: Talk about Stuffs and Things: The Logic of Mass and Count Nouns

SUNY Stony Brook, 1988-1990  
BA in Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude and Departmental Honors

University of Tübingen (Germany), 1987-1988  
Philosophy and Classical Philology

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

University of Alberta, 2014-present  
Professor of Philosophy and Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Epistemology and Metaphysics

University of Colorado, Boulder, 2007-2013  
Associate Professor of Philosophy

Tufts University, 2007-2008  
Associate Professor of Philosophy

Tufts University, 2000-2007  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

University of Florida, 1999-2000  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

University of Southern California, 1998-1999  
Visiting Assistant Professor

University of New Orleans, 1995-1999  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:**

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, Ancient Philosophy

**AREAS OF COMPETENCE:**

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Logic

**BOOKS:**

Form, Matter, Substance, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, September 2018

Reviews and Discussions (see <https://kathrin-koslicki.squarespace.com/work/>):  
Mind (forthcoming).

The Structure of Objects, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, April 2008 (paperback November 2010).

Reviews and Discussions (see <https://kathrin-koslicki.squarespace.com/work/>):  
Analysis, Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Humana  
Mente: Journal of Philosophical Studies, International Studies in the Philosophy  
of Science, Journal of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Metaphysica, Metascience, Notre  
Dame Philosophical Reviews, Philosophia Christi, Philosophical Quarterly,  
Protosociology, Ratio, Southern Journal of Philosophy.

**REFEREED ARTICLES:**

“Modality and Essence in Contemporary Metaphysics”, to appear in Modality: A  
Conceptual History (Oxford Philosophical Concept Series), edited by Sam Newlands and  
Yitzhak Melamed, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, expected publication date in  
2019

“Skeptical Doubts”, to appear in Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding, edited by Michael Raven, Routledge, London, UK, expected publication date in 2019

“Essence and Identity”, forthcoming in: Metaphysics, Meaning and Modality: Themes from Kit Fine, edited by Mircea Dumitru, to appear with Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK

“Towards a Hylomorphic Solution to the Grounding Problem”, Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplements to Philosophy, Vol. 82 (2018), Metaphysics, pp. 333-364

“Structure”, Handbook of Mereology, edited by Hans Burkhardt, Johanna Seibt and Guido Imaguire, Philosophia Verlag, München, Germany, 2017

“Questions of Ontology”, in Ontology After Carnap, edited by Stephan Blatti and Sandra Lapointe, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, 2016, pp. 220-241

“Where Grounding and Causation Part Ways: Comments on Jonathan Schaffer”, Philosophical Studies, Vol. 173, No. 1 (January 2016), pp. 101-112

“In Defense of Substance”, in Themes from Ontology, Mind, and Logic: Present and Past, Essays in Honour of Peter Simons, Grazer Philosophische Studien, Vol. 91 (2015), edited by Sandra Lapointe, Brill Rodopi, Leiden, The Netherlands, pp. 59-80

“The Coarse-Grainedness of Grounding”, Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, Vol. 9 (March 2015), pp. 306-344

“The Causal Priority of Form in Aristotle”, in Studia Philosophica Estonica, Special Issue: “Aristotelian Metaphysics: Essence and Ground”, edited by Riin Sirkel and Tuomas E. Tahko, Vol 7.2 (2014), pp. 113-141

“Mereological Sums and Singular Terms”, in: Mereology and Location, edited by Shieva Kleinschmidt, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, 2014, pp. 209-235

“Substance, Independence and Unity”, in: Aristotle on Method and Metaphysics, edited by Edward Feser, Palgrave/Macmillan, Basingstoke, UK, 2013, pp. 169-195

“Ontological Dependence: An Opinionated Survey”, in: Varieties of Dependence: Ontological Dependence, Grounding, Supervenience, Response-Dependence (Basic Philosophical Concepts), edited by M. Hoeltje, B. Schnieder and A. Steinberg, Philosophia Verlag, München, Germany, 2013, pp. 31-64

“Varieties of Ontological Dependence”, in: Metaphysical Grounding: Understanding the

Structure of Reality, edited by Fabrice Correia and Benjamin Schnieder, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK, 2012, pp. 186-213

“Essence, Necessity and Explanation”, in: Contemporary Aristotelian Metaphysics, edited by Tuomas Tahko, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK, 2012, pp. 187-206

“Natural Kinds and Natural Kind Terms”, Philosophy Compass, Vol.3/4 (2008), pp. 789-802

“Towards a Neo-Aristotelian Mereology”, Dialectica, Special Issue: “The Philosophy of Kit Fine”, Guest Editor: Kevin Mulligan, Vol. 61, No. 1 (2007), pp. 127-159

“Aristotle’s Mereology and the Status of Form”, Journal of Philosophy, Special Issue: “Parts and Wholes”, edited by Wolfgang Mann and Achille Varzi, Vol. CIII, No. 12 (December 2006), pp. 715-736

“Nouns, Mass and Count”, in: Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, edited by Donald M. Borchert, MacMillan Reference, USA, 2006

“On the Substantive Nature of Disagreements in Ontology”, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Vol. 71, No. 1 (July 2005), pp. 85-105

“Almost Indiscernible Objects and the Suspect Strategy”, The Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 102, No. 2 (February 2005), pp. 55-77

“Constitution and Similarity”, Philosophical Studies, Vol. 117 (2004), pp. 327-364

“The Crooked Path from Vagueness to Four-Dimensionalism”, Philosophical Studies, Vol. 114, No. 1-2 (May 2003), pp. 107-134

“Genericity and Logical Form”, Mind and Language, Vol. 14, No. 4 (December 1999), pp. 441-467

“The Semantics of Mass-Predicates”, Nous, Vol. 33, No. 1 (March 1999), pp. 46-91; reprinted in The Philosopher’s Annual, Vol. XXII, pp. 101-154

“Isolation and Non-Arbitrary Division: Frege’s Two Criteria for Counting”, Synthese, Vol. 112, No. 3 (September 1997), pp. 403-430

“Four Eighths Hephaistos: Artifacts and Living Things in Aristotle”, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Vol. 14, No. 1 (January 1997), pp. 77-98

**IN PROGRESS:**

“Driftwood and ‘Bonangles’: Constraints on Artifact Creation and the Threat of Thinking Things Into Existence”, to appear in Commonsense Metaphysics: Essays in Honor of Lynne Rudder Baker, edited by Luis R. G. Oliveira and Kevin J. Corcoran, expected publication date in 2019/2020

“Metaphysics: The Science of Essence?”, to appear in The Question of Ontology, edited by Javier Cumpa, Oxford University Press, Oxford, expected publication date in 2019

“Artifacts and the Limits of Human Intentions”

**REVIEWS:**

Review of Henry Laycock, Words Without Objects: Semantics, Ontology, and Logic for Non-Singularity, Oxford University Press, 2006, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 85, No. 1 (2007), pp. 160-163

Review of Verity Harte, Plato on Parts and Wholes: The Metaphysics of Structure, Oxford University Press, 2002, The Journal of Philosophy, Vol. 101, No. 9 (September 2004), pp. 492-496

Review of Theodore Sider, Four-Dimensionalism: An Ontology of Persistence and Time, in: The Philosophical Review, Vol. 112, No. 1 (January 2003), pp. 110-113

**NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:**

“Introduction” and “Acknowledgments”, co-authored with John Harris (Department of History & Classics, University of Alberta), Death of a Gadfly: An Interdisciplinary Examination of the Trial and Execution of Socrates, guest-co-edited with John Harris, Mouseion, Series III, Vol. 15, No. 3 (2018) pp. 339–340 and pp. 341–346

**EDITORIAL WORK:**

PhilPapers Section Editor, “Essence and Essentialism”, with Margaret Cameron and Michael Raven (<https://philpapers.org/browse/essence-and-essentialism>), February 2019-present

Metaphysics (<http://www.metaphysicsjournal.com>), Joint Co-Editor in Chief, with

Michael Raven (University of Victoria) and Margaret Cameron (University of Melbourne), 2017-present

Death of a Gadfly: An Interdisciplinary Examination of the Trial and Execution of Socrates, guest-co-edited with John Harris (Department of History & Classics, University of Alberta), Mouseion: Journal of the Classical Association of Canada, Series III, Vol. 15, No. 3 (2018)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

### Metaphysics:

Seminar on Hylomorphism (graduate/undergraduate)  
Seminar on Essence and Essentialism (graduate/undergraduate)  
Seminar on Social Ontology (graduate/undergraduate)  
Seminar on Current Research in Metaphysics (graduate/undergraduate)  
Seminar on Theories of Fundamentality for Substances (graduate/undergraduate)  
Proseminar in Metaphysics and Epistemology (graduate)  
Seminar on Ontological Dependence and Grounding (graduate)  
Seminar on Natural Kinds and Natural Kind Terms (graduate)  
Seminar on the Structure of Objects (graduate)  
Seminar on the Problem of Material Constitution (graduate)  
Metaphysics (undergraduate)

### Ancient Philosophy:

Seminar on Aristotle's Metaphysics, Books ZHΘ (undergraduate/graduate)  
The Trial and Execution of Socrates (undergraduate)  
Greek Philosophy to Plato (undergraduate)  
Ancient Philosophy (undergraduate)  
The Death of Socrates (undergraduate)  
The Philosophy of Aristotle (undergraduate/graduate)  
Seminar on Parts and Wholes in Ancient Philosophy (graduate)  
Ancient Greece (undergraduate)  
The Philosophy of Plato (undergraduate)

### Logic:

Logic (undergraduate)  
Logic (graduate)

**Philosophy of Language/Semantics:**

Introduction to Linguistics (Semantics/Pragmatics portion; graduate/undergraduate)  
Philosophy and Linguistics (graduate/undergraduate)  
Seminar on Mass Terms, Plurals and Generics (graduate)  
Philosophy of Language (undergraduate)

**Other:**

Introduction to Philosophy (undergraduate)

**AWARDS, HONORS AND GRANTS:**

J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research (the University of Alberta's most prestigious research award), May 2019

Book Symposium on Form, Matter, Substance, organized by Bruno Niederbacher, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria, May 2019

SSHRC (Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada) Insight Grant, "The Essence of Anti-Essentialism", Principal Investigator, Co-applicant: Michael Raven (UVic), Collaborator: Margaret Cameron (University of Melbourne), 2018-2022

Visiting Scholar, University of Innsbruck, Austria, Sabbatical Appointment, July 2018-June 2019

Workshop on Book Manuscript, Form, Matter, Substance, organized by Christof Rapp, MUSAΦ (Munich School of Ancient Philosophy), Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München, Germany, Fall 2017

SSHRC (Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada) Connection Grant, "2017 Hylomorphism Conference: an examination of the Aristotelian doctrine of matter (*hylē*) and form (*morphē*)", Principal Investigator, Winter 2017-Fall 2017

Kule Dialogue Grant, "2017 Hylomorphism Conference: an examination of the Aristotelian doctrine of matter (*hylē*) and form (*morphē*)", Principal Investigator, Winter 2017-Fall 2017

Workshop on Book Manuscript, Form, Matter, Substance, organized by Mark Steen, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey, Spring 2016

TLEF (Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund) Grant, “‘The Trial and Execution of Socrates’: An Interdisciplinary Course Incorporating Blended and Project-Based Learning”, Principal Investigator, University of Alberta, April 2015-March 2018

Kule Dialogue Grant, “An Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Trial and Execution of Socrates”, Principal Investigator, University of Alberta, Winter 2015-Summer 2015

Killam Research Fund, Connection Grant, “Artifacts and Metaphysical Explanation”, Principal Investigator, University of Alberta, Fall 2014-Fall 2015

Kule Dialogue Grant, “Artifacts and Metaphysical Explanation”, Principal Investigator, University of Alberta, Fall 2014-Fall 2015

Alvin Plantinga Fellowship, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2012-Spring 2013

National Humanities Center Fellowship, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, Fall 2012-Spring 2013 (declined)

Kayden Research Grant Travel Award, University of Colorado, Fall 2011

Kayden Book Award, Honorable Mention for The Structure of Objects, University of Colorado, Spring 2011

Nomination for 2010-2011 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Faculty Award, University of Colorado, Spring 2011

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Visiting Research Fellow, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

Andrew Mellon Research Semester Fellowship, Tufts University, Spring 2004

Junior Faculty Research Leave, Tufts University, Fall 2003

Grant from Tufts University’s Tisch library for Harvard University Widener Library card, Fall 2003-Spring 2004

“The Semantics of Mass-Predicates”, chosen for The Philosopher’s Annual, Vol.XXII, as one of the ten best articles to appear in print in 1999



University of Florida, College of Arts & Sciences, Summer Research Stipend, Summer 2000

Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship (with graduate teaching duties) at the University of Southern California, Fall 1998-Spring 1999

University of New Orleans, College of Liberal Arts, Summer Research Stipend, Summer 1998

University of New Orleans, College of Liberal Arts, Travel Grant, July 1998-June 1999

Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Minigrant: “‘Culture and Society in Plato’s Republic’: A Guest Lecture by Myles Burnyeat”, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 1997-November 1997

LEQSF (“Louisiana Education Quality Support Fund”) Enhancement Grant: University of New Orleans, Philosophy department academic computing laboratory, 1997-1998

#### **TALKS:**

Replies to Critics,

“Author-Meets-Critics” Session on Form, Matter, Substance, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Winter 2020

“Form, Matter, Substance”,

Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland, Spring 2019

“Form, Matter, Substance” and Replies to Critics,

Book Symposium on Form, Matter, Substance, organized by Bruno Niederbacher, University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria, Spring 2019

“Modality and Essence in Contemporary Metaphysics”,

Keynote Speaker, MAP (Masters Program in Philosophy) Undergraduate Conference, Università della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano, Switzerland, Winter 2019

“Explanatory Work for Non-Modal Essences”,

Conference on Formal Causation, University of Rostock, Germany, Fall 2018

“Comments on Jennifer Wang, ‘Fundamental Essences’”,

Language and Essence Conference (2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian

Metaphysics Collaborative), organized by Margaret Cameron (University of Melbourne), Victoria, British Columbia, Fall 2018

“Are Artifacts Substances?”,  
Workshop on “Substance: A Critical Re-Evaluation”, Popowo, Poland, Fall 2018

“Skeptical Doubts”,  
Workshop on Metaphysical Grounding, University of Hamburg, Germany, Spring 2018

“Towards a Hylomorphic Solution to the Grounding Problem”,  
University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria, Winter 2018

“‘On Trial’: Enhancing Arts Courses with Active Learning Strategies”,  
co-presented with Ka Ho Lam, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Fall 2017

Introduction and Replies to Critics,  
Workshop on Book Manuscript, Form, Matter, Substance, organized by Christof Rapp, MUSAΦ (Munich School of Ancient Philosophy), Ludwig Maximilians Universität, München, Germany, Fall 2017

“Towards a Hylomorphic Solution to the Grounding Problem”,  
Colloquium on “Essentialism: Ancient and Contemporary”, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Philosophie (German Philosophical Association), Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, Fall 2017

“A Hylomorphic Analysis of Concrete Particular Objects”,  
“From Biological Practice to Scientific Metaphysics” Calgary Summer Institute,  
“Practices of Individuation and Classification in Science”, Banff, Alberta, Summer 2017

“Towards a Distinctively Hylomorphic Solution to the Grounding Problem”,  
Royal Institute of Philosophy, London, 2016/2017 Metaphysics Lecture Series, Winter 2017

Comments on Agustín Rayo, “The World is the Totality of Facts, not of Things”,  
SOFIA (Sociedad Filosófica Ibero Americana), XXI Conference on Grounding, Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico, Winter 2017

“Artifacts and the Limits of Human Creative Intentions”,  
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, Fall 2016

- “The Unity of Matter-Form Compounds”,  
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, Fall 2016
- “The Unity of Matter-Form Compounds”,  
Ground, Essence & Modality Workshop, Helsinki, Finland, Summer 2016
- Replies to Critics,  
Aristotelian Themes in Metaphysics and Kathrin Koslicki Book Workshop, Form, Matter, Substance, organized by Mark Steen, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey, Spring 2016
- “The Hylomorphic ‘Tie’”,  
Philosophy Mountain Workshop, Big Sky, Montana, Winter 2016
- “Form”,  
Central European University, Summer Seminar, “Ontology and Meta-Ontology”,  
Budapest, Hungary, Summer 2015
- “Matter”,  
Central European University, Summer Seminar, “Ontology and Meta-Ontology”,  
Budapest, Hungary, Summer 2015
- “A Hylomorphic Analysis of Concrete Particular Objects”,  
Central European University, Summer Seminar, “Ontology and Meta-Ontology”,  
Budapest, Hungary, Summer 2015
- “A Hylomorphic Analysis of Matter”,  
Society for Exact Philosophy, Plenary Address, McMaster University, Hamilton,  
Ontario, Spring 2015
- “A Hylomorphic Analysis of Matter”,  
Aristotle on Science and Metaphysics Conference, Oxford University, Spring  
2015
- “A Hylomorphic Analysis of Concrete Particular Objects”,  
University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, Winter 2015
- “Did Socrates Deserve to Die?”  
Philosophy Department Annual Public Lecture, University of Alberta, Edmonton,  
Alberta, Winter 2015
- “The Central Question of Aristotelian Ontology”,

Invited Symposium on Aristotelian Metaphysics, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver, British Columbia, Winter 2015

“A Hylomorphic Analysis of Concrete Particular Objects”,  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Winter 2015

“Form, Matter, Substance”,  
University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Winter 2015

“The Causal Priority of Form in Aristotle”,  
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Fall 2014

“The Causal Priority of Form in Aristotle”,  
2014 MAWM (Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics), Indiana University,  
Bloomington, Indiana, Fall 2014

“Comments on Jonathan Schaffer, ‘Grounding in the Image of Causation’”  
Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy, Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, Spring 2014

“In Defense of Substance”  
Concordia University, Edmonton, Alberta, Winter 2014

“Comments on Louis deRosset, ‘Grounding the Unreal’”  
“Metaphysics on the Mountain”, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Sun  
Valley, Idaho, Winter 2014

“Independence and Unity: A Theory of Fundamentality for Substances”,  
Lansdowne Lecture, University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, Winter  
2014

“In Defense of Substance”  
University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, Winter 2014

“The Coarse-Grainedness of Grounding”  
Invited Symposium on Grounding, American Philosophical Association, Central  
Division, Chicago, Illinois, Winter 2014

“The Coarse-Grainedness of Grounding”  
University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, Fall 2013

“The Unity of Integrated Wholes”  
Henry and Augusta Sievert Lecture Series, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa,

Fall 2013

- “The Multiple Dimensions of Non-Fundamentality”  
Workshop on Metaphysical Structure, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, Spring 2013
- “Unified Wholes as Substances”  
University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, Spring 2013
- “Questions of Ontology”  
“Back to the Ranch” Conference, Tucson, Arizona, Spring 2013
- “Essence and Identity”  
Conference on the Philosophy of Kit Fine, New York University, New York, New York, Spring 2013
- “The Death of Socrates”  
Eleventh Annual Alvin Plantinga Fellow Lecture, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, Fall 2012
- “Unity Through Independence: A Theory of Fundamentality for Substances”  
III PERSP Metaphysics Workshop, Valencia, Spain, Fall 2012
- “Unity Through Independence: A Theory of Fundamentality for Substances”  
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Spring 2012
- “Unity Through Independence: A Theory of Fundamentality for Substances”  
Art and Metaphysics Conference, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, Spring 2012
- “The Role of Form within the Compound”  
Columbia University, New York, New York, Spring 2012
- “Hylomorphic Substances”  
Invited Symposium on Aristotelian Metaphysics, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, Illinois, Spring 2012
- “Substance, Form and Matter”  
Logos Group, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, Fall 2011
- “Substance, Independence and Unity”  
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, Fall 2011

- “Independence Criteria of Substancehood”  
Workshop on Organic Unities, University of Fribourg and University of Geneva,  
Geneva, Switzerland, Spring 2011
- “Modal vs. Non-Modal Conceptions of Essence”  
Workshop on Properties, Parts and Values, University of Geneva, Geneva,  
Switzerland, Spring 2011
- Roundtable Discussion of The Structure of Objects  
Workshop on Properties, Parts and Values, University of Geneva, Geneva,  
Switzerland, Spring 2011
- “Fundamentality, Substancehood and Ontological Dependence”  
Invited Symposium on Fundamentality, American Philosophical Association,  
Pacific Division, San Diego, California, Spring 2011
- “Existential Dependence”  
Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Boise State University, Boise, Idaho,  
Spring 2011
- “Essential Dependence”  
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Spring 2011
- Discussion of The Structure of Objects  
University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Spring 2011
- “Modal and Existential Dependence”  
University of Miami, Miami, Florida, Spring 2011
- “Essential and Accidental Dependence”  
University of Miami, Miami, Florida, Spring 2011
- “Essence, Necessity and Explanation”  
University of Colorado-Denver, Denver, Colorado, Fall 2010
- “Essence, Necessity and Explanation”  
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Fall 2010
- “Essence, Necessity and Explanation”  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, Fall 2010
- “Author-Meets-Critics” Session on The Structure of Objects,

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, California,  
Spring 2010

“Two Varieties of Dependence”

Invited Plenary Speaker, Society for Christian Philosophers Eastern Division  
Conference, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North-Carolina, Spring  
2010

“Two Varieties of Dependence”

University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, Spring 2010

“Mereological Sums and Singular Terms”

Keynote Speaker, Second Annual Philosophy Conference, Auburn University,  
Auburn, Alabama, Spring 2010

“Mereological Sums and Singular Terms”

Work-in-Progress Talk, University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, Fall  
2009

“Dependence and Explanation”

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, Fall 2009

“Dependence, Constituency and Explanation”

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Fall 2008

“Dependence, Constituency and Explanation”

Work-in-Progress Talk, University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, Fall  
2008

“Dependence, Constituency and Explanation”

Eidos Metaphysics Conference, University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland,  
Summer 2008

“Comments on Laurie Paul, ‘Temporal Experience’”,

Invited Speaker, Panel on Time and Change, Eidos Metaphysics Conference,  
University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, Summer 2008

“Structure”

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Fall 2007

Comments on Eli Hirsch, “Ontology and Alternative Languages”

Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Boise, Idaho, Spring 2007

- “Objects as Structured Wholes”  
UC Davis, Davis, California, Spring 2007
- “Objects as Structured Wholes”  
Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, Spring 2007
- “Objects as Structured Wholes”  
University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, Colorado, Spring 2007
- “In Defense of Kinds”  
Arizona Ontology Conference, Tucson, Arizona, Spring 2007
- “Structure”  
UMass Amherst, Amherst, Massachusetts, Fall 2006
- “The Language of Counting and Measuring”  
Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, Spring 2006
- “Who Needs All This Stuff? A Reply to Ned Markosian”  
Arizona Ontology Conference, Tucson, Arizona, Spring 2006
- “The Structure of Objects”  
Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, Fall 2005
- “The Structure of Objects”  
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, Fall 2005
- “Drowning in Subevents: The Dangers of Too Much Structure”  
Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University,  
New Brunswick, New Jersey, Spring 2005
- “Almost Indiscernible Objects and the Suspect Strategy”  
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Pasadena, California,  
Spring 2004
- “Disagreements in Ontology: A Reply to Cian Dorr”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University,  
Bellingham, Washington, Summer 2003
- “‘On the Aspectual Nature of Subject Splits’: Comments on Sara Rosen”  
Semantics Workshop, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California,  
Spring 2003



- “The Crooked Path from Vagueness to Four-Dimensionalism”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University,  
Bellingham, Washington, Summer 2002
- “‘Essentialism’: A Reply to Laurie Paul”  
Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University,  
Bellingham, Washington, Summer 2001
- “Constitution, Parthood and Dependence”  
Philosophical Conference, Bled, Slovenia, Summer 2001
- “‘Intervals’: A Reply to Roger Schwarzschild”  
Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University,  
New Brunswick, New Jersey, Spring 2001
- “Constitution, Similarity and Asymmetric Dependence”  
Florida Philosophical Association, Miami, Florida, Fall 1999
- “Constitution, Similarity and Asymmetric Dependence”  
Society for Exact Philosophy, Gainesville, Florida, Spring 2000
- “Constitution, Similarity and Asymmetric Dependence”  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, Spring 2000
- “Constitution and Supervenience”  
CalState Northridge, Northridge, California, Spring 1999
- “Constitution and Supervenience”  
UC Irvine, Irvine, California, Spring 1999
- “Constitution and Supervenience”  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, Spring 2000
- “Constitution and Supervenience”  
Barnard College, New York, New York, Spring 2000
- “Constitution and Supervenience”  
Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, Spring 2000
- “The Semantics of Mass-Predicates”  
Society for Exact Philosophy, Athens, Georgia, Spring 1998

“The Problem of Constitution”

Seminars on Current Research, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, Fall 1997

“Aristotle’s Conception of Matter”

Seminars on Current Research, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, Spring 1997

“Homogeneity and the Problem of Minimal Parts”

Central States Philosophical Association, St. Louis, Missouri, Fall 1997

“Homogeneity and the Problem of Minimal Parts”

Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, Spring 1997

“‘Kripke’s Puzzle and Ordinary Practice’: A Reply to Scott Kimbrough”

Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis, Tennessee, Spring 1997

“Genericity and Logical Form”

Louisiana State Philosophy Convention, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Fall 1996

“Mass Terms”

Seminars on Current Research, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, Fall 1995

“Four Eighths Hephaistos”

Louisiana State Philosophy Convention, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Fall 1995

“The Problem of Non-Being: Parmenides, Plato and Russell”

Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, Spring 1995

**STUDENT SUPERVISION:**

**PHD STUDENTS:**

Danielle Brown, “Personality Disorders as Natural Kinds: Making Room for Non-Epistemic Values in Psychiatry”, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Alberta, Summer 2018-present

Hui-Ming Chin, “Self-Consciousness and Its Mechanism: Can Bodily Experience Count as a Kind of Self-Consciousness”, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Alberta, Fall 2017-present

Esther Rosario, “Sex as a Biosocial Kind: A Case of Strategic Conceptual Engineering”, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Alberta, Summer 2017-present

Ka Ho Lam, “Natural Kind Realism, Taxonomic Monism and the Hierarchy Assumption”, PhD Dissertation Supervisor, University of Alberta, Summer 2016-present

Elzbieta Szymanska-Swiatek, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Alberta, Winter 2016-present

Justin Zylstra, “On the Structure and Nature of Reality”, PhD Dissertation Supervisor, University of Alberta, Spring 2016 (currently Visiting Scholar, University of Toronto)

Noel Saenz, “Wholly, Grounding, Truth”, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Colorado, Spring 2014 (now Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign)

Mary Krizan, “Metaphysical and Explanatory Implications of Aristotle’s Elements in On Generation and Corruption”, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Colorado, Spring 2010 (now Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse)

Jonathan Peeters, “Indivisibility and Fundamentality”, PhD Dissertation Committee Member, University of Colorado, Spring 2008 (now Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ithaca College)

#### **MA STUDENTS:**

Ataollah Hashemi, “How to Deal with the Puzzle of Coincident Objects”, MA Thesis Supervisor, University of Alberta, Fall 2017 (now PhD student in Philosophy at Saint Louis University)

Lianghua Zhou, “Ontological Questions”, MA Thesis Supervisor, University of Alberta, Summer 2015 (now PhD student in Philosophy at University of Michigan)

Rebecca Chan, “On the Compatibility of Eternalism and Libertarian Free Will”, MA Thesis Committee Member, University of Colorado, Spring 2011 (now Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, San Jose State University)

Seth Williams, “SpatioTemporal Monism and Region Theory: A Non-Standard Account of the Nature of Spacetime”, MA Thesis Committee Member, University of Colorado, Spring 2010

John Martin, “Language and the Soul in Plato’s Euthydemus”, MA Thesis Committee Member, University of Colorado, Spring 2009

**RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS:**

Mattia Sorgon, Research Assistantship Supervisor, University of Alberta, Spring 2019-present

Esther Rosario, Research Assistantship Supervisor, University of Alberta, Winter 2019

Mark Stacey, Research Assistantship Supervisor, University of Alberta, Fall 2017-Summer 2018

Ka Ho Lam, Research Assistantship Supervisor, University of Alberta, Summer 2015-Summer 2017

Özkan Özçevik, Research Assistantship Supervisor, University of Alberta, Summer 2014-Fall 2014

Kelly Weirich, “Divine Hiddenness”, Research Assistantship Supervisor, University of Colorado, Summer 2011

Noel Saenz, “Truthmakers, Tropes and States of Affairs”, Research Assistantship Supervisor, University of Colorado, Summer 2010

**SERVICE:**

**DEPARTMENT:**

Placement and Awards Committee Chair, University of Alberta, Winter 2017-Winter 2018

History of Philosophy Curriculum Review Ad Hoc Committee Member, University of Alberta, Fall 2015

Visiting Speaker Officer, University of Alberta, Winter 2014-Winter 2017

Philosophy Honors Program Ad Hoc Committee Member, University of Alberta, Winter 2015

Staff Selection Advisory Committee Chair, University of Alberta, Fall 2014-Winter 2017

Organizer of “Current Research in Metaphysics and Epistemology” Speaker Series, University of Alberta, Fall 2014-present

Organizer of “Ancient Greek Philosophy” Lecture Series, University of Alberta, Fall 2014

Instructor Reappointment Committee Chair, University of Colorado, Fall 2013

Metaphysics Summer Reading Group, University of Colorado, Summer 2013

Climate Committee Chair, University of Colorado, Spring 2012

Graduate Admissions Chair, University of Colorado, Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Salary Committee Member, University of Colorado, Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Department Diversity Representative, University of Colorado, Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Initiative to Restructure the Proseminar, University of Colorado, Spring 2010

Post Tenure Review, University of Colorado, Spring 2010

Graduate Admissions Committee Member, University of Colorado, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

Tenure Committee Member, University of Colorado, Fall 2008-Spring 2009

Summer Seminar Contributor, University of Colorado, Summer 2008

Senior Search Committee Member, University of Colorado, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member, University of Colorado, Fall 2007-Spring 2009

Jentzsch Prize Evaluation Committee, University of Colorado, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Ad Hoc Committee on Salary System Member, University of Colorado, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Organizer of Philosophy Speaker Series, “The Structure of Objects”, Tufts University, Fall 2004

Organizer of Philosophy Speaker Series, “Parts and Powers: Themes in Ancient and Contemporary Metaphysics”, Tufts University, Spring 2001

Philosophy Department Library Liaison, Tufts University, Fall 2001-Fall 2004

Philosophy Department Advisor for History of Philosophy and Mind and Language Minor, Tufts University, Fall 2001-Spring 2007

**UNIVERSITY:**

Support for the Advancement of Scholarship Committee Member, Faculty of Arts, University of Alberta, Summer 2015-Summer 2018

PRP Committee Member, Cluster D, University of Colorado, Spring 2009

Graduate Committee on Arts and Humanities, Department Representative, University of Colorado, Fall 2008-Spring 2010

Freshmen Advisor, Tufts University, Fall 2001-Spring 2003; Fall 2004-Spring 2005; Fall 2006-Spring 2007

Participant in College Writing Fellow Program, Tufts University, Spring 2003-Spring 2007

**PROFESSION:**

2019 Conference on Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism (3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative), Organizer, Banff Centre, September 26-29, 2019

2017 Hylomorphism Conference (1<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative), Organizer, Banff Centre, May 11-14, 2017

Founder, Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative, Spring 2015 (<http://www.metaphysics.ca>)

2015 Metaphysics Workshop, “Artifacts and Metaphysical Explanation”, Organizer, Banff Centre, May 17-20, 2015

Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Trial and Execution of Socrates, Organizer, Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, May 5, 2015

International collaborator, Swiss National Science Foundation research project, “The Nature of Existence: Neglected Questions at the Foundations of Ontology”, Fall 2013-present

Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, Younger Scholar Prize Competition, Judge, Spring 2013

2009 Colorado Conference on Dependence, Organizer

Eidos, Centre in Metaphysics at the University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland, Affiliated Member, 2008-present

Editorial Board Member, Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, 2004-present

Referee for Acta Analytica, American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), Dialectica, Journal of the History of Philosophy, Linguistics and Philosophy, Metaphilosophy, Mind, The Monist, Nous, Oxford University Press, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosopher’s Imprint, Philosophia, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Ratio, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation, Synthese, Volkswagenstiftung.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

“The Trial and Execution of Socrates”

Faculty Club, University of Alberta, Fall 2016

“Did Socrates Deserve to Die?”

Philosopher’s Cafe, Edmonton, Alberta, Winter 2015

“My Life and Work”

Stanford Hall Lecture Series, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, Spring 2013

“The Death of Socrates”

“History Behind the Headlines” Lecture Series, East Boulder Senior Center, Spring 2012