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SPECIALIZATION	Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science		
COMPETENCE	Epistemology, Ethics, 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". Advisor: Kit Fine.</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>"Realism and the Absence of Value", <i>The Philosophical Review</i> 127.3 (2018): 279-322.</p> <p>"Essentialism and the Nonidentity Problem", <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> 96.3 (2018): 540-570.</p> <p>"Normative Non-Naturalism and the Problem of Authority", <i>Proceedings of the</i></p>		

*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.

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

**Undoing the Truth Fetish: A Path to Pragmatism**

Workshop on "Normativity in Philosophy", Hamburg  
Colloquia, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Aug 2018  
Sept 2018

**The Meta-Ethics of AI: Are Robots Subject to Normative Joins?**

Colloquia, UT Austin  
Conference on "Ethical Issues: Theoretical and Applied", Bled, Slovenia.  
Keynote talk, University of Virginia Philosophy Department annual retreat.

March 2018  
June 2018  
Sept 2018

**Normative Non-Naturalism and the Problem of Authority**

The Aristotelian Society, London

June 2017

**How To Be Authentic**

Keynote address at the *APA Pacific Meeting Pre-Conference: Themes in Transformative  
Experience*

April 2017

**Physical Salience and Autonomy: Could Spacetime be an Emergent Phenomenon?**

*Space and Time After Quantum Gravity* project, UI Chicago

Nov 2016

**Realism and the Absence of Value**

Colloquia, UNC Chapel Hill

Sept 2016

University of California, San Diego	Sept 2017
University of Ohio, Columbus	Oct 2017
Stanford University	Jan 2018
Conference on Kant and Metaphysics, University of Toronto	April 2018
<b>Qualitativism and Haecceitism</b>	Aug 2016
Conference on "Haecceitism and Individuals", University of Neuchatel	
<b>Constitutive Explanation After Carnap</b>	June 2016
Conference on "Metaphysics After Carnap", Leeds University	
<b>Symmetry Principles: Why Use Them? Where Do They Lead?</b>	May 2016
Conference on "Structure in Metaphysics", Oxford University	
<b>Comments on John Roberts' "Comparativism and Absolutism About Quantities: Two Unsuccessful Arguments"</b>	April 2016
APA Pacific Division Meeting	
<b>How To Be A Relationalist</b>	
Colloquia, National Autonomous University of Mexico	March 2016
Physics as Metaphysics Workshop, Brown University	Nov 2015
Logic and Metaphysics Workshop, CUNY	Nov 2015
Metro Area Philosophers of Science (MAPS)	Nov 2015
<b>Comments on Elizabeth Miller's "Local Qualities"</b>	Jan 2016
Ranch Metaphysics Workshop	
<b>Essentialism and the Nonidentity Problem</b>	
ELLMM series, Yale University	Sept 2015
Colloquia, UCLA	May 2015
Colloquia, Cornell University	Nov 2014
Colloquia, CUNY	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	March 2015
University of California, Berkeley	Jan 2015
Columbia University	Jan 2015
Workshop on Metaphysics and Philosophy of Physics, Rochester University	Sept 2014
Workshop on the Logic of Ground, Oslo	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> Ranch Metaphysics Conference	Jan 2013
<b>The Possibility of Physicalism</b> Conference on "The Philosophy of Kit Fine", NYU Colloquia, Dartmouth University Pacific APA, Invited Symposium on Fundamentality (given under title "The Status Of Ground")	Jan 2013 Jan 2013 April 2011
<b>Symmetry as an Epistemic Notion (Twice Over)</b> Conference on Structuralism, Bristol University	Sept 2012
<b>Comments on Katia Vavova's "Confidence, Evidence, and Disagreement"</b> Pacific APA	April 2012
<b>Structuralism as a Grounding Thesis</b> Ontological Dependence Workshop, Bristol University	Feb 2011
<b>Absolutism vs. Comparativism About Quantities</b> Jowett Society, Oxford University Leeds University California State University, Los Angeles	Jan 2011 Jan 2011 Nov 2010
<b>On the Plurality of Grounds</b> Albritton Society, UCLA "Because II" conference, Berlin	Dec 2010 Sept 2010
<b>Comments on Ted Sider's "Against Parthood"</b> Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference	Aug 2010
<b>Comments on Anthony Eagle's "Location and Multiple Location"</b> Carolina Metaphysics Workshop	July 2010
<b>Comments on James Ladyman's "Structuralism and the Ontology of Quantum Mechanics"</b> Conference on "Philosophical Issues in Cosmology, Quantum Theory, and Time", Rutgers University	April 2010
<b>Individuals: An Essay in Revisionary Metaphysics</b> Rutgers University Philosophy of Science Reading Group	Oct 2009
<b>Symmetry and the Undetectable</b> University of Pittsburgh University of Iowa Yale University Barnard College, Columbia University of Texas, Austin University of Southern California Claremont College Simon Fraser University	Feb 2009 Feb 2009 Feb 2009 Feb 2009 Feb 2009 Jan 2009 Jan 2009 Jan 2009
TEACHING	
<i>Graduate Teaching</i>	
<b>PHIL 200 First Year Seminar</b> UC Berkeley; co-taught with John MacFarlane	Fall 2018
<b>PHIL 290 Why is there anything except physics?</b> UC Berkeley; co-taught with Geoffrey Lee	Spring 2018

<b>PHI 540 Metaphysics</b> Princeton University; co-taught with Boris Kment	Fall 2015
<b>PHI 599 Dissertation Seminar</b> Princeton University	Fall 2014
<b>PHI 531 Philosophy of Science: Symmetry, Structure, and Spacetime</b> Princeton University	Spring 2014
<b>PHI 540 Metaphysics: Medieval, Early Modern, and Contemporary Work on Substance</b> Princeton University; co-taught with John Morrison (Barnard College, Columbia)	Spring 2013
<b>PHI 540 Hyperintensional Metaphysics</b> Princeton University; co-taught with Boris Kment	Spring 2011
<b>PHI 540 Metaphysics: The Structure of the Physical World</b> Princeton University	Fall 2009
<i>Undergraduate Teaching</i>	
<b>PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science</b> UC Berkeley	Spring 2018
<b>PHIL 5 Science and Human Understanding</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2017 Fall 2018
<b>PHI 321 Philosophy of Science</b> Princeton University	Spring 2016
<b>FRS 187 Philosophical Analysis Using Argument Maps</b> Princeton University; co-taught with Simon Cullen	Fall 2014
<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
<b>Equity Advisor</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2018- ongoing

SERVICE TO THE  
DEPARTMENT

	<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
SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION	<b>Associate Editor, Nous</b>	2016- ongoing
	<b>Pacific APA Program Committee</b>	2017- ongoing
	<b>Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy Editorial Board</b> Co-editor for Metaphysics	2018- ongoing
	<b>Article Referee</b> <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>European Journal of Analytic Philosophy</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> <i>Studies in History and Philosophy of Science</i> <i>Synthese</i> <i>Thought</i>	
	<b>Book Referee</b> Oxford University Press	

