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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>"Objectivity as a Normative Notion", forthcoming in <i>Normative Realism</i>, edited by Paul Boghossian and Chris Peacocke.</p> <p>"School in the Time of Covid", <i>Monash Bioethics Review</i> (2022): <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/s40592-022-00161-9">https://doi.org/10.1007/s40592-022-00161-9</a>.</p>		

- "Symmetry and Superfluous Structure: A Metaphysical Overview", in *The Routledge Companion to Philosophy of Physics* (2021), edited by E. Knox and A. Wilson (Routledge), pp. 551-563.
- "How to Be a Relationalist", *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics: Volume 12* (2021): 113-163.
- "Privilege in the Construction Industry", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 98.2 (2019): 489-496.
- "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.
- Current Controversies in Philosophy of Science* (2020), co-edited with Ravit Dotan and Brad Weslake. Routledge Press.

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

<b>Explanation for Anti-Realists</b>	Conference on “Metaphysical Explanation: Theory, Applications, and Prospects”, Tel Aviv University (by zoom)	June 2022
<b>Objectivity as a Normative Notion</b>	Workshop on Normative Realism, New York University Seminar, Tel Aviv University	May 2022 July 2022
<b>The Semantics and Metaphysics of Quantities</b>	Colloquia, University of Bristol, Philosophy of Science group (by zoom)	March 2022
<b>Undoing the Truth Fetish: A Path to Pragmatism</b>	Workshop on “Normativity in Philosophy”, Hamburg Colloquia, University of Wisconsin, Madison Mind and Language Seminar, NYU Colloquia, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor SoCal Metaphysics Network, UC Irvine Steven Humphrey Lecture in Philosophy of Science, UC Santa Barbara Colloquia, University of Nebraska, Lincoln (by zoom)	Aug 2018 Sept 2018 Feb 2019 March 2019 Dec 2019 March 2020 Feb 2022
<b>The Meta-Ethics of AI: Are Machines Beholden to Normative Joins?</b>	Colloquia, UT Austin Conference on “Ethical Issues: Theoretical and Applied”, Bled, Slovenia. Keynote talk, University of Virginia Philosophy Department annual retreat. Invited talk, Center for Human Friendly AI (CHAI) annual workshop. Invited talk, workshop on Humanizing Machine Intelligence, Australian National University.	March 2018 June 2018 Sept 2018 May 2019 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	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
Philosophy of Science Association, Invited Symposium	Nov 2018
Conference on Grounding and its applications, NC State University	Sept 2019
<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>	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

**Absolutism vs. Comparativism About Quantities**

Jowett Society, Oxford University

Jan 2011

Leeds University

Jan 2011

California State University, Los Angeles

Nov 2010

**On the Plurality of Grounds**

Albritton Society, UCLA

Dec 2010

“Because II” conference, Berlin

Sept 2010

**Comments on Ted Sider’s “Against Parthood”**

Aug 2010

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference

**Comments on Anthony Eagle’s “Location and Multiple Location”**

July 2010

Carolina Metaphysics Workshop

**Comments on James Ladyman’s “Structuralism and the Ontology of Quantum Mechanics”**

April 2010

Conference on “Philosophical Issues in Cosmology, Quantum Theory, and Time”,  
Rutgers University

**Individuals: An Essay in Revisionary Metaphysics**

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 290 Pragmatism**

Spring 2021

UC Berkeley

**PHIL 295 Dissertation Seminar**

AY 2019-20

UC Berkeley

**PHIL 200 First Year Seminar**

Fall 2018

UC Berkeley; co-taught with John MacFarlane

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

Spring 2018

UC Berkeley; co-taught with Geoffrey Lee

**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

<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 100 Philosophical Methods</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2022
<b>PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2022
<b>PHIL 100 Philosophical Methods</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2021
<b>PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2020
<b>PHIL 5 Science and Human Understanding</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2020
<b>PHIL 128 Philosophy of Science</b> UC Berkeley	Spring 2020
<b>PHIL 5 Science and Human Understanding</b> UC Berkeley	Spring 2020
<b>PHIL 100 Philosophical Methods</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2019
<b>PHIL 100 Philosophical Methods</b> UC Berkeley	Spring 2019
<b>PHIL 125 Metaphysics</b> UC Berkeley	Spring 2019
<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>	Fall 2013

	Princeton University	
	<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>Search Committee (chair)</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2022 Fall 2020 Fall 2019 Fall 2017
	<b>Target of Opportunity Committee (chair)</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2016
	<b>Placement Committee</b> UC Berkeley	Fall 2016
	<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

**Article Referee**

*Analysis*  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*  
*British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*  
*Ergo*  
*Erkennsis*  
*European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*  
*Foundations of Physics*  
*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

**Grant Referee**

Israel Science Foundation