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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Syracuse University, Department of Philosophy, Fall 2021 – present
Assistant Professor, Syracuse University, Department of Philosophy, Fall 2015 – 2021
Lecturer, UC Berkeley, Department of Philosophy, Spring 2015
Instructor, UC Berkeley Extension, Fall Program for Freshmen (FPF), 2013–2014

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, 2005 – 2013, PhD in Philosophy
University of Wisconsin, Madison, 1998 – 2002, BA in Philosophy (Comprehensive Honors)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics, History of Analytic Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind

PUBLICATIONS

‘Russell’s Proof and Meaning in Isolation’. (*forthcoming*) *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*
‘Reference by Proxy’. (2022) *Synthese* 200:180.
‘Quinean Predicativism’. (2021) *Philosophical Studies*. 178: 23-44.
‘Broad Properties of Beliefs’. (2019) *Analysis*, 79(3), 2019: 470–476.
‘Denoting and Disquoting’. (2018) *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 96(3): 548–61.
‘Names, Masks, and Double Vision’. (2017) *Ergo*, 4(8): 229–57.
‘Being Something: Properties and Predicative Quantification’. (2016) *Mind*, 125(499): 643–89.

'Pluralities and Plural Logic'. (2015) Critical Notice on Oliver and Smiley's *Plural Logic* (OUP, 2013) in *Analysis*, 75(3): 504–14

'The Double Life of "The Mayor of Oakland"'. (2013) *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 36(5): 417–46.

'Stoic Disagreement and Belief Retention'. (2011) *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 92(2): 243–62.

DISSERTATION

Being Something: Prospects for a Property-Based Approach to Predicative Quantification

Committee: John Campbell and John MacFarlane (co-chairs), Line Mikkelsen (Linguistics)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

'In Search of Essentially Predicative Entities' presented at the Syracuse Philosophy Lunchtime Talk Series, December 11, 2024

'Russell's Proof and Meaning in Isolation' presented at:

- Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy (SSHAP), June 27-29, 2024
- Pacific APA, March 23, 2024

'Reference to Things', Syracuse Philosophy Graduate Conference (internal keynote), August 1, 2020

Comments on Simchen's *Semantics, Metasemantics, Aboutness* in an Author Meets Critics Session at the 2020 Eastern APA

Comments on Jon Ander Mendia, "A Matter of Ignorance", Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, October 5, 2019

'Quinean Predicativism' presented at:

- Colloquium at the 2019 Pacific APA, April 19, 2019
- New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, NYU, September 10, 2018

Comments on Bryan Chambliss, 'Communicating Essentially Indexical Thoughts', Pacific APA, March 29, 2018

'Denoting and Disquoting' presented at:

- Properties and Predication Workshop, University of Birmingham (UK), December 14, 2017
- Central APA (symposium), March 1, 2017.

Comments on Einar Bøhn, 'Panpsychism, the Combination Problem, and Plural Properties', Creighton Club, Sep. 23, 2017

'Weaving Verbs with Names: an Ockhamist Excursion' presented at a conference on *Ontological Commitment in Medieval Logic*, Geneva, Dec. 13–17, 2016.

'Names, Masks, and Double Vision' presented at:

- NYU Graduate Seminar (Harvey Lederman), Mar. 22, 2016
- Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, Nov. 17, 2015
- Syracuse University, Department of Philosophy, Feb. 13, 2015
- Oxford University, Magdalen College, Feb. 5, 2015

'Being Something' presented at:

- King's College London, Department of Philosophy, May 21, 2014
- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Philosophy, January 28, 2013
- University of Rochester, Department of Philosophy, February 14, 2012

'*De Re* Magic Demystified', presented at the 6th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference, October 11, 2013

'Identifying Descriptions', presented at the Syntax and Semantics Circle, Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley, October 4, 2013

Comments on Neil Barton, 'What is an *Urelement*?', Berkeley-London Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, May 10, 2013

'Shifty Definites' presented at the Meaning Sciences Club, UC Berkeley, September 11, 2012

Comments on Peter Ridley, 'Frege and the Mystery of Identity Statements', Berkeley-London Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, May 7, 2011

'Property Expressions' presented at the Syntax and Semantics Circle, Department of Linguistics, UC Berkeley, October 29, 2010

'Stoic Disagreement and Belief Retention' presented at the Berkeley-London Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, May 2009

'Stoic Disagreement and Belief Retention' presented at the Richard Wollheim Society, Department of Philosophy, UC Berkeley, October 3, 2008

Comments on Huaping Lu-Adler, 'Realism, Conceptual Relativity, and Analytic Entailment', Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Conference, Spring 2007

'Substitutional Variables' presented at the Berkeley-London Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, May 2007

Comments on Arpy Khatchirian, 'Social Externalism and Incomplete Understanding', Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Conference, Spring 2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

CNY Humanities Corridor "Signature Event" grant (\$10,000) for the Creighton Club centennial conference in Spring 2022 (with Ben Lennertz [Colgate] and Harold Hodes [Cornell])

Philosophy Lab (K-12 Community Philosophy Program), \$2,500 grant from the Engaged Humanities Network, College of Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, Spring 2022 (with Rowan Bell)

Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, Syracuse University, Spring 2019

Research Leave, Syracuse University, Fall 2018

Berkeley Connect Fellow, Spring 2014

Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2012

Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Spring 2011 and Spring 2010

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, Spring 2010

Departmental Summer Stipend, UC Berkeley, Summer 2006

Ralph W. Church Fellowship, UC Berkeley, Fall 2005

William V. Power Graduate Award, UC Berkeley, Fall 2005

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Director of Undergraduate Studies (Philosophy), Syracuse University, Fall 2020 – present

Director of the Logic Minor, Syracuse University, 2016 – present

Coordinator, Logic & Language Concentration, LSP, Syracuse University, 2016 – present

Graduate Admissions Committee, Syracuse University, 2018, 2020, 2022, 2024

Faculty Search Committee Member, Department of Literature, Languages, and Linguistics, S2021

Departmental Executive Committee, Syracuse University, 2017, 2019, 2020 – present

Department Colloquium Organizer, Syracuse University, 2016 – 2018, 2019-2021

ABD Workshop Organizer, Syracuse University, F2021

Humanities Council Representative for the Logic Minor, Syracuse University, 2015 – present

Alston Lecture organizer, Syracuse University, 2016, 2017

Head Graduate Student Instructor, Philosophy Department, UC Berkeley, 2012-2013

Research Assistant to John MacFarlane, 2011 and Spring 2009

Editor, Philosophy Department Newsletter, UC Berkeley, 2007–2008

Organizer, Berkeley-London Philosophy Conference, Spring 2007

Organizer, Richard Wollheim Society, UC Berkeley, 2006–2007

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Organizer, Creighton Club Conference, 2017 – 2023

Reviewer for (* means multiple reviews): *Analysis**, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis**, *Linguistics & Philosophy**, *Mind*, *Natural Language & Linguistic Theory*, *Oxford University Press*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly**, *Philosophical Studies**, *The Philosophical Review*, *The Review of Symbolic Logic*, *Synthese**

PROFESSIONAL OUTREACH

Faculty Organizer of “Philosophy Lab,” Syracuse University’s Philosophy with Kids program, 2021 – present

Recipient of a \$2,500 grant (with Rowan Bell) for Philosophy Lab from the Engaged Humanities Network, College of Arts & Sciences, Syracuse University, Spring 2022

Philosophy with Kids classroom presentation to students at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, May 2021

Philosophy with Kids classroom presentation to middle school students at Southside Academy (Syracuse NY), Spring 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seminar: Puzzling Propositions	Syracuse, Fall 2024
Logic and Language (PHI 451/651)	Syracuse, ongoing
Logic (PHI 251)	Syracuse, ongoing
20 th Cent. Theories of Knowledge, Reality, Meaning	Syracuse, Spring 2024, Spring 2025
Independent Study: Higher-Order Metaphysics	Syracuse, Fall 2023
Seminar: Themes from Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein	Syracuse, Spring 2022
Seminar: Opacity	Syracuse, Spring 2020
Seminar: Self-Reference and Self-Knowledge	Syracuse, Spring 2018
Philosophy of Language	Syracuse, Spring 2017
Independent Study: Higher Order Logic	Syracuse, Spring 2017
Seminar: Properties and Predication	Syracuse, Spring 2016
Independent Study: Theories of Meaning	Syracuse, Fall 2015
Reading and Composition Through Philosophy	Berkeley, Spring 2015
Individual Morality & Social Justice	Berkeley FPF, Fall 2013 and 2014
Introduction to Logic	Berkeley, Summer 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014

ADVISING

Dissertation Committee Member:

- Minseok Kim (Philosophy, Syracuse), ongoing
- Sanggu Lee (Philosophy, Syracuse), ongoing
- Thiago de Melo (Philosophy, Syracuse), *The Naturalness and Structure of Relations* (Fall 2024)
- Yaojun Lu (Philosophy, Syracuse), *On the Use of Introspection in the Study of Consciousness* (Fall 2024)
- Jan Swiderski (Philosophy, Syracuse), *Metaphysical Coherentism* (Spring 2022)
- Isaiah Lin (Philosophy, Syracuse), *On the Plurality of Existences* (Fall 2020)
- Byron Simmons (Philosophy, Syracuse) *The Nature of Being* (Fall 2019)
- A. Arturo Javier-Castellanos (Philosophy, Syracuse), *Issues in the Metaphysics of Material Objects* (Summer 2019)
- James Lee (Philosophy, Syracuse), *A Metaphysician's User Guide: The Epistemology of Metaphysics* (Summer 2017)

MA Thesis Committee Member: Ying Gong (Linguistics, Syracuse University), *Sloppy Identity in Chinese Sluicing-Like Constructions* (Spring 2019)

PhD Qualifying Paper Committee Member: Autumn Harrison (2024), Antonio Freiles (2024), Minseok Kim (2023), Sanggu Lee (2022), Sean Nalty (2021), Adam Patterson (Fall 2019), Christina Busse (Spring 2018), Scott Looney (Fall 2017), Carolyn Garland (Fall 2016), Arturo Javier-Castellanos (Fall 2015)

Teaching Mentor: Austin Fraser (2024), Kellan Head (2023), Sanggu Lee (Fall 2022), Stacy Kohls (Spring 2022), Huzeyfe Demirtas (Spring 2020), Scott Looney (Fall 2017, Spring 2018), Dante Dauksz (Fall 2015), Preseton Werner (Spring 2016)

LANGUAGES

German (native speaker)
French (reading knowledge)

CITIZENSHIP

Switzerland and United States of America (dual)

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