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## EDUCATION

Ph. D	1986 UC, Berkeley (Philosophy)
½ MA	1980 University of Pune, India (Philosophy)
B.Sc.	1979 University of Toronto (Math & Philosophy)

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2012-XX	David W. Skinner Professor of Philosophy, MIT
2008-2012	Professor, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
2005-2008	Professor and Chair, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
2004-2005	Professor and Head of Philosophy Section, MIT
2001-2004	Professor, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
1998-2001	Assoc. Professor, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
1992-1998	Assoc. Professor, Philosophy, U of Michigan
1991-1992	Visiting Asst Professor, Philosophy, U of Toronto
1986-1992	Asst Professor, Philosophy, U of Michigan

## AREAS OF INTEREST

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophical Logic, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mathematics

## BOOKS AND COLLECTIONS

*Thoughts: Papers on Mind, Meaning, and Modality* (OUP, 2009)  
*Things: Papers on Objects, Events, and Properties* (OUP, 2010)  
*Aboutness* (Princeton, 2014)

## HONORS, AWARDS, LECTURES

Howison Lecture (UC Berkeley, 2020)  
APA Lebowitz Prize, with Kit Fine (2018)  
Whitehead Lectures, Harvard University (2016)  
NY Institute of Philosophy Lectures (2014)  
Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Science (2012)  
ACLS Fellowship (2012)  
Guggenheim Fellowship (2012)  
John Locke Lecturer (Oxford, 2012)  
Kant Lecturer (Stanford, 2011)  
Hempel Lecturer (Princeton, 2008)  
Dewey Lecturer (Vermont, 2007)  
Nelson Visitor (University of Michigan 2007)  
Gareth Evans Memorial Lecture (Oxford 2005)

Jacobsen Lecture (University of London 2005)  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2003)  
 Michigan Humanities Fellowship (1995)  
 National Humanities Center (1995)  
 Teaching Award, University of Michigan (1992, 1993)  
 "Mental Causation" picked for *Philosopher's Annual* (1992)  
 Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences Fellowship (1991)  
 Canada Research Fellowship (1990)  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (1989)  
 "Identity, Essence, & Indiscernibility" picked for *Philosopher's Annual* (1988)

## ARTICLES

### IN PRINT

1. "Models and Reality," in Levy and Godfrey-Smith (eds.) *The Scientific Imagination* (OUP 2019)
2. "Knights, Knaves, Truth, Grounding, Etc.," Fitting (ed.) *Raymond Smullyan on Self Reference* (Springer 2017)
3. "If-Thenism" *Australasian Philosophical Review* 2017
4. "Fine on Subject Matter," *Philosophical Studies* 2017
5. "Ifs, Ands, & Buts: An Incremental Truthmaker Semantics for Indicative Conditionals" *Analytic Philosophy* 2017
6. "Precis of Aboutness" and Replies to Commentators, *Philosophical Studies* 2017
7. "Open Knowledge and Changing the Subject," *Philosophical Studies* 2017
8. "Carnap's Paradox and Easy Ontology," *Journal of Philosophy* 2015
9. "Parts and Differences," *Philosophical Studies* 2016
10. "Explanation, Extrapolation, and Existence," *MIND* 121 (484): 1007-1029 (2012)
11. "A Problem about Permission & Possibility," in Egan & Weatherson, *Epistemic Modality* (Oxford 2011)
12. "Carving Content at the Joints," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, supp. volume 34 (2011)
13. "Permission and (So-Called Epistemic) Possibility," in Hale and Hoffman (eds.) *Modality* (Oxford 2010)
14. "Must Existence-Questions Have Answers?" in Chalmers et al (eds.), *Metametaphysics* (Oxford 2009)
15. "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," in A. Byrne and J. Thomson, *Content & Modality* (Oxford 2006)
16. "No Fool's Cold: Notes on Illusions of Possibility," in Garcia-Carpintero et al. *2-D Semantics* (Oxford, 2006)
17. "Circularity & Paradox," in T. Bolander, V. F. Hendricks, & S. A. Pedersen, ed. *Self-Reference* (CSLI Press, 2006)
18. "The Myth of the Seven," in M. Kalderon, ed. *Fictionalism in Metaphysics* (Oxford, 2005)
19. "Advertisement for a Theory of Causation," in Collins, Hall, & Paul, *Causation & Counterfactuals* (MIT Press, 2004)
20. "New Grounds for Naive Truth Theory," in J.C. Beall (ed.), *Liars and Heaps* (OUP, 2004)
21. "Causal Relevance," in *Philosophical Issues* 13 (2003)
22. "De Facto Dependence," *Journal of Philosophy* 99 (2002), pp. 130-148
23. "Abstract Objects: A Case Study," in Bottani et al (ed.), *Individuals, essence & identity* (Kluwer, 2002)
24. "Go Figure: A Path Through Fictionalism," *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 25 (2002)
25. "Couda, Woulda, Shoulda," T. Gendler and J. Hawthorne, ed. *Conceivability and Possibility* (OUP, 2001)
26. (with Agustin Rayo) "Nominalism Through De-Nominalization," *Nous* (2000)
27. "A Paradox of Existence," in T. Hofweber, ed. *Empty Names, Fiction and the Puzzle of Existence* (CSLI, 2000)
28. "Apriority & Existence," in P. Boghossian and C. Peacocke, ed. *New Essays on the A Priori* (OUP, 2000)
29. "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Thinkers," *Proceedings of the 20th World Congress of Philosophy*, vol. 11 (2000)
30. "Superproportionality & Mind-Body Relations," *Theoria* (2000)
31. "A Reply to New Zeno," in *Analysis* 60 (2000), pp. 148-151
32. "Textbook Kripkeanism & the Open Texture of Concepts," in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 81 (2000), 98-122
33. "Intrinsicness," *Philosophical Topics* 26 (officially 1998, really 2000), pp. 479-504  
 reprinted in . R. Francescotti (ed) *Companion to Intrinsic Properties* (De Gruyter, 2014)
34. "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, Supp. Volume 72 (1998), pp. 229-261  
 reprinted in Kim, Sosa, and Korman, ed., *Metaphysics: An Anthology* (Blackwell, 2010)
35. "Wide Causation," *Philosophical Perspectives* 11 (1997), pp. 251-281
36. "How in the World?" *Philosophical Topics* 24 (1996), pp. 255-286

37. "Singling out Properties," *Philosophical Perspectives* 9 (1995), pp. 477-502
38. "Definitions, Consistent and Inconsistent," *Philosophical Studies* 72 (1993), Special Issue on Definition, 147-175
39. "Hop, Skip and Jump: The Agonistic Conception of Truth," *Philosophical Perspectives* 7 (1993), pp. 371-396
40. "Paradox without Self-Reference," *Analysis* 53 (1993), pp. 251-2
41. "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 53 (1993), pp. 1-42
42. "Mental Causation," *Philosophical Review* 101 (1992), pp. 245-280,  
reprinted in *Philosopher's Annual XV* (1992),  
David Chalmers, ed. *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings* (Oxford 2002),  
Jorge Marroquin, *El debate contemporáneo sobre la causación mental* (UAA 2014 (Mexico)),.
43. "Cause and Essence," *Synthese* 93 (1992), pp. 403-449
44. "The Real Distinction Between Mind & Body," *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, supp. vol. 16 (1990), 149-201
45. "Identity, Essence, and Indiscernibility," *Journal of Philosophy* 84 (1987), pp. 293-314,  
reprinted in *Philosopher's Annual X* (1987),  
Kim & Sosa, ed., *Metaphysics: An Anthology* (Blackwell, 1999)
46. "Truth and Reflection," *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 14 (1985), pp. 297-349
47. "Grounding, Dependence, and Paradox," *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 11 (1982), pp. 117-137

#### REVIEWS, COMMENTARIES, ETC

- Boris Kment, *Modality and Explanatory Reasoning*, in *Analysis* (2017)
- Saul Kripke, *Philosophical Troubles*, in *Journal of Philosophy* (2013)  
reprinted in *Contemporary Literature Criticism on Saul A. Kripke*, Gale/Cengage (2018)
- "Soames on Kripke," *Philosophical Studies* (2007)
- "Almog on Descartes's Mind and Body," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2005), p. 70
- "Tables Shmables," review of D. Wiggins, *Sameness & Substance Renewed*, in *TLS* (2003)
- "Red, Bitter, Best," critical notice of F. Jackson, *From Metaphysics to Ethics*, in *Philosophical Books* 41 (2000)
- "Self-Knowledge & Semantic Luck: Comments on Boghossian," in *Philosophical Issues* (1999)
- "Concepts & Consciousness: Chalmers, *The Conscious Mind*," in *Philosophy & Phenom. Research* (1999)
- "The Thing About the Figure in the Bathhouse," review of A. Thomasson, *Fiction & Metaphysics*, *TLS* (1999)
- "Review of Alan Sidelle, *Necessity, Essence, and Individuation*," *Philosophical Review* 101 (1992), 878-881
- "Essentialism," *Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (1998)
- "Truth, Definite Truth, & Paradox" (comments on McGee), *Journal of Philosophy* 86 (1989), 539-541
- "Review of Graeme Forbes, *The Metaphysics of Modality*," *Journal of Philosophy* 85 (1988), pp. 329-337

#### TO APPEAR, WIP, ETC

1. "Relevance without Minimality," volume on *Unstructured Content* edited by Andy Egan and Dirk Kindermann
2. "Everything Exists," for a volume on *The Question of Ontology*, ed. by James Miller
3. "Falstaff," for a volume in honor of Ken Walton, ed. by Sonia Sedivy
4. "Vertical Propositions" (with Sally Haslanger)
5. "Parts and Implicatures"
6. "Helpful to the Cause"
7. "Bandersnatches in Dubuque," *Critica*
8. "Permissive Updates," for *Kitbook*, a collection in honor of Kit Fine (with Daniel Rothschild)
9. "Solving Caesar, with Metaphysics", in a collection for Crispin Wright, ed. A. Miller (with Gideon Rosen)

#### TALKS

- "Permission and Possibility," University of Graz (Graz, Austria, August 2019)
- "Philosophy and Paradox," Yablo Workshop (Vienna, July 2019)
- "Aboutness and Omniscience," Conference on Truthmaker Semantics (Hamburg, July 2019)
- "What 'X Does Not Exist' Says About We Who Do Exist," USC/UCLA Grad Conference (LA, March 2019)

- "Omniscience and Subject Matter," University of Arizona (Tucson, February 2019)
- "What is Meaning?" Eastern APA, Lebowitz Lecture w. Kit Fine (New York, January 2019)
- "Nonexistence and Aboutness," Peking University (Beijing, August 2018)
- "Truthmaking," World Congress of Philosophy (Beijing, August 2018)
- "Hyperventilating about Probability and Confirmation," Yablo Workshop (Dublin, May 2018)
- "Adding Possibilities," Pacific APA (San Diego, March 2018)
- "Everything Exists," *Question of Ontology* Conference (Madrid, February 2018)
- "Hyperintensionality of Positive Relevance," University of Toronto (September 2017)
- "Everything Exists," Dublin Ontology Conference (September 2017)
- "Causation without Indispensability," Pitt/CMU Graduate Student Conference (March 2017)
- "Relevance without Minimality," UNAM (March 2017)
- "Hyperintensionality of Confirmation" UNAM (March 2017)
- "Relevance without Minimality" ANU, Monash, Sydney, Christchurch, etc (summer 2016)
- "If-Thenism" and Replies to Critics, Australasian Association of Philosophy, Melbourne (July 2016)
- "Relevance and Minimality," Unstructured Content Conference, Rutgers (April 2016)
- "Ways and Relevance," Whitehead Lectures, Harvard (April 2016)
- "How to be Helpful," U of Virginia (March 2016)
- "How to Derive an Is from an Ought," York University (November 2015)
- "Concepts and Could-Have-Turned-Out Conditionals," GAP, Osnabrueck (September 2015)
- Workshop on *Aboutness*, Hamburg (August 2015)
- Workshop on Easy Ontology, Cambridge (June 2015)
- "Ought and Want," Institute for Language, Logic, and Computing, Amsterdam (June 2015)
- "A Truthmaker Semantics for Indicative Conditionals," U of Amsterdam (June 2015)
- "Conditionals aren't Conservative," Ohio State (April 2015)
- "If, And, But," UT Austin, December 2014
- "Knights and Knaves, Etc.," New England Philosophical Association, October 2014
- "What do Parts Have in Common?" Oberlin Colloquium, May 2014
- "Topics and Topicology," NY Institute of Philosophy Lectures (three), April-May 2014
- "If, And, But," Yale, February 2014
- "Implication and Evidence," Brown (April 2013)
- "Dilemma Avoidance," Session on Ruth Barcan Marcus, Eastern APA (December 2012)
- "Solving Caesar," Metaphysics Workshop, UNAM, Mexico City (November 2012)
- "Dilemma Avoidance," Barcelona University (June 2012)
- "Bandersnatches in Dubuque," Cambridge-Squared Conference, Cambridge UK (May 2012)
- "Truth and Content," Locke Lectures (six), Oxford (April-May 2012)
- "Coulda," NYU Mind and Language Seminar (February 2012)
- "Explanation and Existence," American Mathematical Society Meetings (January 2012)
- "Bandersnatches in Dubuque," U Mass Amherst (October 2011)
- "Bandersnatches in Dubuque," Boston University (September 2011)
- "Bandersnatches in Dubuque," Kripke Conference, CUNY Graduate Center (September 2011)
- "Containment & Closure," Northern Institute of Philosophy, Aberdeen (July 2011)
- "Containment & Closure," Arché Center, St Andrews (June 2011)
- "Mereotopology: Part/Whole Relations in Semantics," Kant Lectures (two), Stanford (May 2011)
- "A Semantic Conception of Truthmakers," Cornell (April 2011)
- "Knowing about Things," Keynote at NYU/Columbia Graduate Student Conference (March 2011)
- "Assertive Content", University of Nevada at Las Vegas (January 2011)
- "Knowing That and Knowing About," Oslo (November 2010)
- "A Semantic Conception of Truthmakers," Berkeley (September 2010)
- "A Semantic Conception of Truthmakers," Because Conference, Berlin (August 2010)
- "Saying More With Less," Context & Compositionality Conference, Jean Nicod, Paris (May 2010)
- "Knowing About Things," University of Illinois, Chicago (April 2010)
- "Models—Pretended or Presupposed?," Models and Make-Believe, Harvard (March 2010)
- "Assertive Content," McGill (January 2010)

- "Closure," Conference on Philosophy/Math/Linguistics Interactions, St Petersburg (November 2009)
- "Hyperbolic Geometry," Manchester Fictionalism Conference, Manchester (September 2009)
- "Hyperbolic Geometry," Trends in the Philosophy of Mathematics, Frankfurt (September 2009)
- "Leitgeb on Conditionals," Philosophical Logic Conference, Princeton (May 2009)
- "Both Sides Now," Pacific Division APA Meeting (April 2009)
- "Closure Puzzles." Keynote, U Mass Amherst Graduate Student Conference (March 2009)
- "Closure Puzzles." Keynote, USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference (February 2009)
- "Knowing About Things," MIT IAP (January 2009)
- Comments on Fine and Sider, APA (December 2008)
- "Aboutness Theory," Oxford (November 2008)
- Minicourse on Subject Matter, Barcelona (November 2008)
- "The Truth & Something But The Truth," NYU (October 2008)
- "Carnap's Paradox," UW, Madison (September, 2008)
- "Aboutness," "Confirmation" University of San Marcos, Lima, Peru (August 2008)
- "Carnap's Paradox," Metaontology Conference, Barcelona (June 2008)
- "Truth & Aboutness," "Extrapolation," "Assertive Content," Princeton U, Hempel Lectures (March 2008)
- "Truth & Aboutness," U of Alberta, Edmonton (November 2007)
- "Truth & Aboutness," U of Alberta, Calgary (November 2007)
- "Aboutness," "Extrapolation," "Possibility," U of Michigan, Nelson Visitor (September 2007)
- "Make Believe & Presupposition," Mimesis, MB, & Metaphysics Conference, Leeds (June 2007)
- "Truth & Aboutness," Logica Conference, Hejnice, Czech Republic (June 2007)
- "Unexplained Modal Illusions," Pacific APA Session on Materialism after Kripke (April 2007)
- "Unimaginability," John Dewey Memorial Lecture, U of Vermont (March 2007)
- "Objective Mootness: A Metaontological Dialogue," University of Saskatchewan (March 2007)
- "Objective Mootness: A Metaontological Dialogue," Syracuse University (February 2007)
- "Objective Mootness: A Metaontological Dialogue," Auburn (February 2007)
- "What is Left Over," U of Virginia (October 2006)
- "That May Be," Arche Conference on Modality (June 2006)
- "Semantic Arithmetic," UCSB Conference on Advances in the Theory of Meaning (February 2006)
- "Limits to Imagination," University of Houston (February 2006)
- "Causation As Disposition To Lose E On Losing C," Bristol Conference on Causation (December 2005)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," Brown (September 2005)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," AAUP Meetings (July 2005)
- "No Fool's Cold," ANU Conference on Philosophical Methodology (July 2005)
- "Must Existence-Questions Have Answers?," ANU Conference on Metaontology (July 2005)
- "Must Existence-Questions Have Answers?," U of London (Jacobsen Lecture) (June 2, 2005)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," Oxford (Evans Memorial Lecture) (May 31, 2005)
- "Failsafe Presuppositions & the Project of Ontology," U Mass Amherst (April 29, 2005)
- "Existential Presupposition," Cornell (March 11, 2005)
- "Metaontology," APA Session on Metaontology, with Eli Hirsch, Karen Bennett (December 30, 2004)
- "Existential Presupposition," UCSD (November 17-22, 2004)
- "Existential Presupposition," Brown (November 5, 2004)
- "Existential Presupposition", U of Pennsylvania (October 29, 2004)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," Chapel Hill Colloquium (October 1, 2004)
- "Illusions of Possibility," Jean Nicod Institute (May 17, 2004)
- "Existential Presupposition," Oxford (May 14, 2004)
- "How to Win Friends...," Pitt/CMU Graduate Student Conference (March 20, 2004)
- "How to Win Friends...," Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference (February 20, 2004)
- "How to Win Friends...," Indiana (December 5, 2003)
- "How to Win Friends...," UC Davis (November 21, 2003)
- "How to Win Friends...," UC Berkeley (November 20, 2003)
- "How to Win Friends...," U Kentucky (October 24, 2003)
- "How to Win Friends & Influence Truth-Value Without Really Being," Yale (October 2, 2003)

- "Beyond Rigidification," Barcelona Conference on Predicate Reference (2003)
- "Beyond Rigidification," Ohio State (2003)
- Comments on Williamson, *Knowledge and Its Limits*, Rutgers Epistemology Conference (2003)
- "Why I Am Not a Nominalist," NYU Seminar on Factually Defective Discourse (2003)
- "Beyond Rigidification," Brown University (2003)
- "Content Carving for Fun and Profit," UC Irvine Logic Group (2003)
- Field, "Semantic Paradoxes & Paradoxes of Vagueness," Liars & Heaps Conference, UConn (2002)
- "Content Carving: Some Ways," Arche Conference in Foundations of Mathematics, St Andrews (2002)
- "Content Carving for Fun and Profit," UC Irvine Logic Group (2002)
- "What's Circularity Got To Do With It?" Roskilde Conference on Self-Reference (2002)
- "Illusions of Possibility," Glasgow University (2002)
- "De Facto Dependence," Edinburgh University (2002)
- "Illusions of Possibility," Greensboro Conference on Conceivability (2002)
- "De Facto Dependence," Stanford University (2002)
- "De Facto Dependence," Princeton University (2001)
- "De Facto Dependence," University of Vermont (2001)
- "De Facto Dependence," UCLA (2001)
- "Grokking Pain," UCLA (2001)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Hendrix College (2001)
- "De Facto Dependence," University of Toronto (2000)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Pacific Division APA Meetings (2000)
- "Causal Relevance: Mental, Moral, and Epistemic," Veracruz, SOFIA Conference on Mind (2001)
- "Causal Relevance: Mental, Moral, and Epistemic," University College, London (2001)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Bergamo Conference on Analytic Metaphysics (2000)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Eastern Division APA Meetings (2000)
- "Go Figure: A Path Through Fictionalism," Eastern Division APA Meetings (2000)
- "Abstract Objects: A Case Study," Oaxaca, SOFIA Conference on Realism and Relativism (2000)
- "Truth and Being," 3 lectures at University of Padua (2000)
- "Causation and Consciousness," 3 lectures at University of Bologna (2000)
- "Grokking Pain," University of Barcelona (2000)
- "Modal Rationalism & Logical Empiricism: Some Similarities," NYU Consciousness Seminar (2000)
- "Modal Rationalism & Logical Empiricism: Some Similarities," SUNY Buffalo Conference on Consciousness (1999)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Tufts University Seminar on Realism (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Central Division APA Meetings (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Southern Methodist University (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," University of Colorado (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Brandeis University (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Harvard University (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Brown University Graduate Student Conference (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," University of Connecticut (1998)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Syracuse University (1998)
- "A Paradox of Existence," CSLI (1998)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Columbia University (1998)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Mighty Metaphysical Mayhem, Notre Dame University (1998)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Aristotelian Society Meetings (1998)
- "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Thinkers," World Congress of Philosophy (1998)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Kansas State University (1997)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Johns Hopkins University (1997)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Western Michigan University (1997)
- "Textbook Kripkeanism & the Open Texture of Concepts," Conference on the A Priori, USC (1997)
- "Self-Knowledge & Semantic Luck: Comments on Boghossian," SOFIA Meetings, Barcelona (1997)
- "How in the World?" Kripke Conference, San Marino (1996)
- "How in the World?" Arizona State University (1996)

- "How in the World?" UNC Chapel Hill (1996)
- "How in the World?" Duke University (1996)
- "How in the World?" North Carolina State University (1996)
- "How in the World?" East Carolina University (1996)
- "How in the World?" York University (1995)
- "How in the World?" New York University (1995)
- "Singling out Properties" UC San Diego (1994)
- "Singling out Properties" UC Riverside (1994)
- "Singling out Properties" University of Queensland (1993)
- "Singling out Properties" Australian National University (1993)
- "Singling out Properties" Monash University (1993)
- "Definitions, Consistent and Inconsistent," University of Queensland (1993)
- Comments on Kit Fine, "Essence and Modality," APA Pacific Division Meetings (1993)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Princeton University (1993)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Harvard University (1993)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" University of Rochester (1991)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Queen's University (1991)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" University of Notre Dame (1991)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Davidson College (1991)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Wayne State University (1990)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Ohio State University (1990)
- "Mental Causation," University of Western Ontario (1991)
- "Mental Causation," UNC Chapel Hill (1991)
- "Mental Causation," Chicago Circle (1990)
- "The Real Distinction Between Mind and Body," University of Arizona (1989)
- "The Real Distinction Between Mind and Body," George Myro Memorial Conference, UC Berkeley (1989)
- Comments on Vann McGee, "Kripke's Theory of Truth," APA Eastern Division Meetings (1989)
- "Rules for Truth," Conference on the Semantics of Self-Reference, CSLI (1987)
- "Contingent Identity," UCLA (1986)
- "Contingent Identity," Brown University (1986)
- "Contingent Identity," Cornell University (1986)
- "Contingent Identity," University of Michigan (1986)
- "Contingent Identity," USC (1985)

## HONORS, AWARDS, LECTURES

Howison Lecture, UC Berkeley (2020)  
 APA Lebowitz Prize, with Kit Fine (2018)  
 Whitehead Lectures, Harvard University (2016)  
 NY Institute of Philosophy Lectures (2014)  
 Fellow, American Academy of Arts and Science (2012)  
 ACLS Fellowship (2012)  
 Guggenheim Fellowship (2012)  
 John Locke Lecturer (Oxford, 2012)  
 Kant Lecturer (Stanford, 2011)  
 Hempel Lecturer (Princeton, 2008)  
 Dewey Lecturer (Vermont, 2007)  
 Nelson Visitor (University of Michigan 2007)  
 Gareth Evans Memorial Lecture (Oxford 2005)  
 Jacobsen Lecture (University of London 2005)  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2003)

Michigan Humanities Fellowship (1995)  
National Humanities Center (1995)  
Teaching Award, University of Michigan (1992, 1993)  
"Mental Causation" picked for *Philosopher's Annual* (1992)  
Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences Fellowship (1991)  
Canada Research Fellowship (1990)  
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (1989)  
"Identity, Essence, & Indiscernibility" picked for *Philosopher's Annual* (1988)

## COURSES TAUGHT

### *Lower Division*

Problems & Principles; Symbolic Logic; Paradox & Infinity; Relativism, Reason, & Reality

### *Upper Division*

Metaphysics; Philosophy of Logic; Knowledge & Reality; Mathematical Logic; Realism & Nominalism;  
Metaphor & Ontology; Modal Logic; Topics in the Philosophy of Science;  
Philosophy of Mathematics; Philosophy of Language

### *Graduate Level*

Response-Dependent Concepts; Causation; De Re Modality; Metaphysics of Mind; Objects and Objectivity; Truth, Being, and All That; Things, Properties, and All That; Fiction and Presupposition; Truth and Aboutness; Ontology and its Discontents; Contents and their Deontology; Objectivity (with Sally Haslanger), Truthmaker Semantics (with Justin Khoo)

## PH.D. STUDENTS, chair or co-chair

Milo Phillips-Brown, *What Does It Mean to Want?* (2019) [Digital Ethics Post-Doc, MIT 2019]  
Kevin Richardson, *Grounding Pluralism* (2017) [NC State 2017]  
Ekaterina Botchkina, *Objectivity & Mind-Dependence* (2016) [Yale Law 2015] (w S Haslanger)  
Alejandro Perez Carballo, *Structuring Logical Space* [UMass 2013] (w Bob Stalnaker)  
Andrew Graham, *Metaontology* (2011) [U of Missouri, 2011]  
Seth Yalcin, *Inquiry & Epistemic Modality* (2008) [Berkeley 2009] (w Bob Stalnaker)  
Clare Batty, *Lessons in Smelling* (2007) [U of Kentucky, 2007] (w Alex Byrne)  
Jason Decker, *Modality, Rationalism, Conditionals* (2007) [Carleton College, 2007]  
Bernard Nickel, *Truth in Explanation* [Harvard, 2005] (w Bob Stalnaker and Ned Hall)  
Iris Einheuser, *Conventionalism* (2003) [Duke, 2005]  
Andy Egan, *Non-Standard Features* (2003) [U of Michigan, 2005; Rutgers 2008]  
Carolina Sartorio, *The Causal and the Moral* (2003) [UW, Madison, 2005]  
James Woodbridge, *Truth as a Pretense* (2001) [UNLV, 2006]  
Matti Eklund, *Paradoxes & Foundations of Semantics* (2000) [Cornell, 2005]  
Karen Bennett, *Keeping Modality in Mind* (2000) [Princeton, 2005]  
Marc Alspecter-Kelly, *Carnap's & Quine's Views on Ontology* (1998) [WMU, 2005]  
John Devlin, *Truth, Modality, and Ontology* (1998) [Arizona State, 2005]  
Paul Torek, *Something to Look Forward To: Personal Identity, Prudence, and Ethics* (1995)  
Alex Miller, *Sublimation, Reason, & Rule-Following* (1995) [Macquarie, 2005] (w Crispin Wright)  
Leon Porter, *Semantic Paradox and the Metaphysics of Truth* (1995)

## EDITORIAL BOARDS



Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Imprint. Semantics & Pragmatics

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Advisory Committee to the APA Eastern Division Program Committee (1997-2000),  
Scientific Committee for LOGOS Conferences (several times); presented at Summer Logic  
Program for Diversity (UMass Dartmouth, 2016)

## **REFEREEING**

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