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Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics and Philosophy of Language

Areas of Competence

History of Analytic Philosophy and Logic

Education

- Princeton University, Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1999
- Princeton University, M.A. in Philosophy, 1993
- University of Washington (Seattle), B.A. in Philosophy *summa cum laude*, 1987

Academic Appointments

- University of Kansas, Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2004-present
- University of Kansas, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 1999-2004
- Reed College, Visiting Scholar, 1998-1999
- Reed College, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Humanities, 1995-1998

Articles

- “Supplement to “Essential vs. Accidental Properties”: Arguments for Origin Essentialism” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Fall 2008 Edition)*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.) URL = <<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2008/entries/essential-accidental/origin-essentialism.html>>. (First published 4/29/2008.)†*
- “Essential and Accidental Properties”, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Fall 2008 Edition)*, Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <<http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2008/entries/essential-accidental/>>. (First published 4/29/2008.)†*
- “Does the New Route Reach Its Destination?” (with Graeme Forbes), *Mind* 115 (April 2006), pp. 367-373.*
- “Internalism, (Super)Fragile Reasons, and the Conditional Fallacy”, *Philosophical Papers* 32:2 (July 2003), pp. 171-184.*
- “(In the Fiction/Myth) the Number Seventeen Crosses the Rubicon”, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 19:1 (January 2003), pp. 125-134.*
- “Are Modal Contexts Opaque?”, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 18:1 (January 2002), pp. 79-88.*
- “Modal Paradox” in J. Berg (ed.) *Proceedings of the University of Haifa International Conference on the Work of Saul Kripke: Naming, Necessity, and More* (forthcoming, Oxford University Press).*

- “On Soames’s Solution to the Sorites Paradox”, *Analysis* 60:4 (October 2000), pp. 328-334.*
- “Essentialism: Origin and Order”, *Mind* 108 (April 2000), pp. 299-307.*
- “Possibilities and the Arguments for Origin Essentialism”, *Mind* 107 (October 1998), pp. 729-749.*

Future Work

- Entry on reference for the *Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language* (Delia Graff Fara and Gillian Russell, editors), 4000-6000 words. †*
- Paper on Arguments for the Essentiality of Origin for *Philosophy Compass* (Ross Cameron, section editor of *Metaphysics* section), 3000-5000 words. †*
- Critical Notice on Penelope Mackie’s *How Things Might Have Been: Individuals, Kinds, and Essential Properties* for *Philosophical Books* (David Sosa, editor), flexible word count. †

Review

- Laurence Bonjour’s *In Defense of Pure Reason*, Cambridge University Press, 1998. Review in *European Journal of Philosophy* 8 (April 2000), pp. 130-133. †

Presentations

- “A Puzzle about Kinds” to be presented at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and at the Lisbon-Curitiba Thought, Object, Language Philosophy Colloquium in Curitiba, Brazil; November and December 2009 [tentative, pending funding and visa]. †
- “Some Remarks on Essentialism about Kinds” presented at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, 21 May 2009. †
- Critic for Author-Meets-Critics Session on Penelope Mackie’s *How Things Might Have Been: Individuals, Kinds, and Essential Properties* at the Central Division Meeting of the APA, 20 February 2009.
- Comments on Michael McGlone’s “The Inadequacy of Lewis’s Response to the Humphrey Objection” for the Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, 18 March 2008.
- Comments on Timothy Williamson’s “Indicative versus Subjunctive Conditionals, Congruential versus Non-Hyperintentional” for the Third Steven Humphrey Excellence in Philosophy Conference held 16-20 February 2006.
- “Internalism, (Super)Fragile Reasons, and the Conditional Fallacy” presented at the 2003 Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy at Simon Fraser University, 15-18 May 2003.*
- “(Super)Fragile Reasons, Internalism, and the Conditional Fallacy” presented at the 22nd Annual Kansas Philosophical Society Meeting on 15 February 2003.*
- “(Super)Fragile Reasons for Action and the Modal Structure of Internalism” presented at the (University of Kansas) Departmental Faculty Colloquium, 18 December 2002.
- “(In the Fiction/Myth) the Number Seventeen Crosses the Rubicon” presented at the 64th Annual Southwestern Philosophical Society Meetings, 8-10 November 2002.*
- “(In the Fiction/Myth) The Number Seventeen Crosses the Rubicon” presented at the 54th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, 25-26 October 2002.*

- Commentator on Jan Thomas's "Fiction, Morality, and Relativity" at the 54th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, 25-26 October 2002.
- "Are Modal Contexts Opaque?" presented at the 63rd Annual Southwestern Philosophical Society Meetings, 2-4 November 2001.*
- "Are Modal Contexts Opaque?" presented at the (University of Kansas) Departmental Faculty Colloquium, October 2001.
- "Is Chisholm's Paradox a Sorites Paradox?" presented at the (University of Kansas) Departmental Faculty Colloquium, April 2000.
- Commentator on Nathan Salmon's "Mythical Objects" at the Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, March 2000.
- "Modal Paradox" presented at the University of Haifa International Conference on the Work of Saul Kripke, 21-24 June 1999.†
- "Possibilities and the Arguments for Origin Essentialism" presented at the University of Sheffield, May 1997.†
- "Worlds and Possible Worlds" presented at the University of Washington, May 1996.†
- "Comments on Stich's *Fragmentation of Reason*" presented at the Discipuli Conference at the University of Southern California, March 1992.*

Awards/Grants

- Sabbatical Leave, University of Kansas, Fall 2005.
- General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas, 2005.
- General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas, 2002.
- New Faculty General Research Fund Grant, University of Kansas, 2000.

Teaching Experience

Service on Examination Committees, Thesis Supervision, etc.

- Supervisor of four doctoral dissertations (KU PHIL 999)
- Member of six dissertation examination committees (chair of two of these)
- Member of ten comprehensive examination committees (chair of four of these)
- Supervisor of five master's thesis (KU PHIL 899 or PHIL 901)
- Member of twelve master's examination committees (chair of six of these)
- Supervisor of eight undergraduate theses (KU PHIL 499)
- Member of fifteen undergraduate thesis examination committees (chair of four of these)
- Supervisor of seven graduate independent studies (KU PHIL 600)
- Supervisor of five undergraduate independent studies (KU PHIL 500 or 600)

Graduate Seminars

- KU Philosophy 870, *Topics in Metaphysics: Recent work of Penelope Mackie and Theodore Sider*, Fall 2008
- KU Philosophy 850, *Topics in Recent Philosophy: The Primacy of Reference*, Spring 2008 (This was a "superseminar" co-taught and co-organized with Kevan Edwards.)
- KU Philosophy 800, *Graduate Tutorial*: Fall 2007, Spring 2007, Spring 2005
- KU Philosophy 850, *Topics in Recent Philosophy: Kripke*, Spring 2003

- KU Philosophy 870, *Metaphysics: Vagueness*, Spring 2000
- KU Philosophy 872, *Topics in Theory of Knowledge: Contemporary Responses to Traditional Problems*, Fall 2004

Upper Division Courses

- KU Philosophy 610, *Symbolic Logic*, Fall 2009
- KU Philosophy 638 *Philosophy of Language*; Spring 2009, Spring 2006, and Spring 2004
- KU Philosophy 648 *Theory of Knowledge*; Fall 2009, Fall 2003, and Spring 2003
- KU Philosophy 650, *Metaphysics*, Fall 2006 and Fall 2008
- Reed Philosophy 302, *Modern Philosophy*, Fall 1995
- Reed Philosophy 307, *Philosophy of Language*, Spring 2006 and Spring 1998
- Reed Philosophy 401, *Metaphysics 2: Essentialism*, Spring 1997

Lower Division Courses

- KU Philosophy 140, *Introduction to Philosophy*, Fall 2004 and Fall 2003
- KU Philosophy 141, *Introduction to Philosophy, Honors*, Fall 2006 and Spring 2002
- KU Philosophy 148, *Reason and Argument*; Spring 2001, Fall 2000, Spring 2000, and Fall 1999
- KU Philosophy 292, *Modern Philosophy from Descartes to Kant*, Fall 2002
- KU Philosophy 310, *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*; Spring 2009, Fall 2001, Fall 2000, and Fall 1999
- Reed Humanities 110, *Introduction to Greece and Rome*; Spring 1998, Fall 1997, Spring 1997, Fall 1996, Spring 1996, and Fall 1995.
- Reed Philosophy 201, *Introduction to Logic*, Fall 1997
- Reed Philosophy 204, *Introduction to Theory of Knowledge*, Fall 1996 and Spring 1996

Service

Departmental Service (University of Kansas Philosophy Department)

- Liason to IT Planning for Research Computing
- Chair, Visiting Lecturers Committee, Fall 2009 to present
- Member; Graduate Recruitment, Admissions, and Awards Committee; Fall 2007 to Spring 2009 and Fall 2002 to Summer 2004
- Member, Committee on Department Priorities, Fall 2006 to present
- Member, Salary Advisory Group; Spring 2002, Spring 2008, and Spring 2009
- Member, Promotion and Tenure Guidelines Revision Committee, Spring 2009
- Director of Graduate Studies, Fall 2004 to Spring 2007
- Chair; Graduate Recruitment, Admissions, and Awards Committee; Fall 2004 to Spring 2007
- Member, Department Promotion and Tenure Committee for Promotions to the Rank of Associate Professor, Fall 2004 to present
- Member, Philosophy Research Advisory Group, Fall 2004 to present (Served as faculty mentor for Kevan Edwards NFGRF for Summer 2007)
- Member, Scheduling Committee, Fall 2000 to Spring 2007

- Member, Academic Program Committee, Fall 1999 to present
- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Awards, Spring 2006
- Member, Search Committee for Faculty Position in Metaphysics and Epistemology, Fall 2005
- Chair, Search Committee for Faculty Position in Metaphysics and Epistemology, Fall 2004
- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Fall 2000 to Summer 2004
 - Honors Coordinator, Fall 2000 to Summer 2004
 - Advisor to the Undergraduate Philosophy Club, Fall 2000 to Summer 2004
 - Chair, Robinson Essay Committee, Spring 2001, Spring 2002, and Spring 2003
- Member, Search Committee for Faculty Position in Philosophy of Science, Fall 2003
- Member, Voting Procedures Subcommittee, Fall 2000
- Chair, Graduate Teaching Assistant Evaluation of Supervisors Subcommittee, Fall 2001

College and University Service (University of Kansas)

- Member, Calendar Committee, Fall 2008 to present
- Member, Graduate Council, Fall 2004 to Spring 2007
 - Chair, Standing Committee for New Graduate Degrees and Graduate Degree Program Changes, Fall 2006 to Spring 2007
 - Member, Standing Committee for Graduate Fellowships, Scholarships, and Student Affairs, Fall 2005 to Spring 2006
 - Member, Standing Committee for Graduate Faculty Appointments and Authorizations, Fall 2004 to Spring 2004
- Honors Council, Spring 2005-present
 - Member, Co-Curricular Committee, Fall 2008 to present
- Interviewer for University Scholars Program, Fall 2006
- Member, Fall Faculty Colloquium Committee (for the Hall Center for the Humanities), Fall 2005
- Member, Graduate Teaching Assistantship for Diversity/Melik Graduate Fellowship/Melik Scholarship Committee, Spring 2005
- Panel member, Graduate Recruitment Workshop Best Practices Panel, Fall 2004
- Member, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising (CUSA), Fall 2000 to Spring 2003
 - Chair, Curricular Changes Subcommittee of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising (CUSA), Fall 2001 to Spring 2003
 - Member, Curricular Changes Subcommittee of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Undergraduate Studies and Advising (CUSA), Fall 2001 to Spring 2003
- Member, Honors/First Year Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee, Spring 2002

Professional Service (Regional, National, and International)

- Faculty mentor to Svetlana Zecevic (Junior Faculty Development Program Fund fellow from Montenegro), Fall 2004 to Spring 2005

- Proposal referee (1), Pearson-Longman Publishing
- Article referee (1), *Noûs*
- Article referee (1), *Dialectica*
- Article referee (2), *Mind*
- Article referee (2), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- Article referee (1), *European Journal of Philosophy*
- Article referee (3), *Philosophical Quarterly*
- Article referee (2), *Philosophical Studies*
- Article referee (1), *Auslegung*
- Presentation referee (1), Kansas Philosophical Society, Fall 2005
- Presentation referee (4), Southwest Philosophical Society Meetings 2003
- Presentation referee, Central States Philosophical Association Meetings 2001
- Evaluator for Philosophical Gourmet Report (October 2004), <http://www.philosophicalgourmet.com/>, Blackwell Publishing
- Chair of the Invited Session on the Metaphysics of Modality (Philip Bricker and John Divers, speaker and respondent respectively) at the 2004 Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (December 27-December 30, 2004)
- Chaired sessions at the Epistemology of Language Conference at the University of Sheffield (UK), 10-13 July 2000

‘*’ indicates a refereed item.

‘†’ indicates an invited item.