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Education:

Ph.D., Philosophy, Cornell University, 2001
M.A., Philosophy, Cornell University, 1996
B.A. (with High Distinction), Philosophy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1993

Employment:

2013-present: Associate Professor, Philosophy, Wayne State University
2005-2013: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Wayne State University
2002-2005: Allan and Anita Sutton Distinguished Faculty Fellow, Department of
Philosophy, Syracuse University
2001-2: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University

Areas of Specialization:

Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics

Areas of Competence:

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Logic

Publications:

Journal Articles:

Dispositional and categorical properties, and Russellian Monism. *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming). DOI 10.1007/s11098-017-1006-2.

Reductionism and the micro-macro mirroring thesis. *Synthese* 181 (2011), 209-26. DOI 10.1007/s11229-010-9798-z.

Second-order properties and three varieties of functionalism. *Philosophical Studies* 153(3) (2011), 397-415. DOI 10.1007/s11098-010-9518-z.

A causal theory of counterfactuals. *Nous* 39(4), 2005, 632-57.

Causal powers. *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 56, 2005, 27-59.

Critical Study: Timothy O'Connor, *Persons and Causes*. *Nous* 39(3), 2005, 541-56.

Book reviews:

Review of James Woodward, *Making Things Happen*. *Philosophical Review* 114, 545-7.

Review of Sydney Shoemaker, *Physical Realization*. *Philosophical Review* 121(3), 2012, 467-71.

Review of Alexander Pruss, *Necessity, Possibility, and Worlds*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2012.4.24.

Current work:

“Contents, indexical credences, and the metaphysics of beliefs”

“Unstable concepts and conceivability arguments in the philosophy of mind”

Conference papers, invited papers, and commentaries:

Papers (national and international):

“Contents, vehicles, and the metaphysics of beliefs”. Central States Philosophical Association (refereed), Oct. 2016

“A priori and necessary v. a priori that necessary”. Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (refereed), April 1, 2016.

“Against a priori arguments for mind-body dualism”. Center for Cognition and Neuroethics conference (refereed), “Consciousness”, Oct. 16, 2015.

“Two kinds of analyticity and a priori arguments for dualism”. Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics (invited), Oct. 2, 2015.

“Superficially A Priori Necessities and the Mind-Body Problem”, Western Ontario University (invited), Jan. 2015.

“Semantic Ineliminability, Fictionalism, and Ontology”, Central States Philosophical Association (refereed), Sept. 2012

“Compositional Nihilism as a Merely Skeptical Hypothesis”, Australian National University (invited), Feb. 2011

“Causal Exclusion and Causal Inheritance: An Interpretation and Defense”, Australian National University (invited), Feb. 2011

“Causal Exclusion, Causal Inheritance, and Nonreductive Physicalism”, Cornell University (invited), Oct. 2010

“A Counterexample to Kim’s Account of Reductive Explanation”, Central States Philosophical Association (refereed), Sept. 2010

“Second-Order Properties Can ‘Bring New Causal Powers Into the World’”, meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association (refereed), April 2010

“Reductionism and the Micro-Macro Mirroring Thesis”, annual meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy (refereed), May 2009

“The Reductivist’s Troubles with Mental Causation”, University of Windsor (invited), March 2007

“The Reductivists’ Troubles with Mental Causation”, Pacific Division meeting of the APA (refereed symposium paper), March 2006

“The Reductivist’s Troubles with Mental Causation”, the Creighton Club (refereed), Oct. 2005

Papers at Wayne St. University:

“Two kinds of conceptual truth and the Conceivability Argument for mind-body dualism”, Wayne State University, Nov. 19, 2015.

“Superficially A Priori Necessities”, Wayne St. University (invited), Dec. 2014.

“Compositional Nihilism, Plural Predicates, and Explanatory Redundancy”, Wayne St. University (invited), Sept. 2011.

“Reduction and Difference-Making”, Wayne St. University (invited), February 2010.

“Ramsey Sentences and Reduction”, Wayne State University (invited), October 2008.

Commentaries:

Commentary on Julie Wulfemeyer, “Reference-Shifting on a Causal-Historical Account”, Central States Philosophical Association, Oct. 2016

Commentary on Kenneth Boyce, “On Believing in Neutrons But Not Numbers”, Central States Philosophical Association, Sept. 2012

Commentary on Leigh C. Vicens, “Physical Causal Closure and Non-Coincidental Mental Causation”, Central States Philosophical Association, Sept. 2011

Commentary on Paul Audi, “Three Types of Antireductionism”, Eastern APA, December 2009.

Commentary on L. A. Paul, “Understanding Trumping Preemption”, Pacific APA, March 2008.

Commentary on Carrie Fidgor, “Intrinsically/Extrinsically”, Central States Philosophical Association, July 2007.

Commentary on Clark Glymour, *et. al.*, “Causation: A Stone Soup Essay”, Formal Epistemology Workshop, May 2007.

Commentary on Robert Rupert, “Functionalism, Mental Causation, and the Problem of Analytically Specified Effects”. Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Dec. 2003.

Commentary on Tomasz Bigaj, “Causes, Conditions, and Counterfactuals”. Meeting of the Creighton Club, November 2003.

Commentary on Jonathan Schaffer “Constrastive Causation”. Syracuse Workshop in Metaphysics, August 2003.

Commentary on Neil Manson, “The Uniqueness of the Universe”. Meeting of the Creighton Club, October 2002.

Commentary on Thomas Bontly, “Two Concepts of Causation”. Meeting of the Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, April 2002.

Recent Courses:

<i>Semester</i>	<i>Course title</i>	<i>Undergrad / Grad / Mixed</i>
2017 Winter	Intro to Symbolic Logic	U
2016 Fall	Advanced Symbolic Logic	M
2016 Fall	Intro to Philosophy of Science	U
2016 Winter	Intro to Symbolic Logic	U
2016 Winter	Intro to Philosophy	U
2015 Fall	Intro to Philosophy of Science	U
2015 Fall	Intro to Philosophy	U
2015 Winter	Seminar in Metaphysics	G
2015 Winter	Intro to Symbolic Logic	U
2014 Winter	Consciousness	U
2014 Winter	Intro to Symbolic Logic	U
2013 Fall	Seminar in Metaphysics	G
2013 Fall	Intro to Philosophy	U
2013 Winter	Intro to Symbolic Logic	U
2013 Winter	Critical Thinking	U
2012 Fall	Intro to Philosophy	U

2012 Fall	20th Century Analytic Philosophy I	M
2012 Winter	Intro to Symbolic Logic	U
2012 Winter	Seminar (Metaphysics)	G
2011 Fall	Intro to Philosophy	U
2011 Fall	Modal Logic	G
2010 Winter	Critical Thinking	U
2010 Winter	Intro to Philosophy	U
2009 Fall	Critical Thinking	U
2009 Fall	Seminar (Metaphysics)	G
2009 Winter	20th Century Analytic Philosophy II	M
2009 Winter	Metaphysics	M
2008 Winter	Intro to Philosophy	U
2007 Fall	Epistemology	M
2007 Fall	Advanced Symbolic Logic	M
2007 Winter	Intro to Symbolic Logic	U
2007 Winter	20th Century Analytic II	M

Service:**Department and University:**

Interim Chair, Philosophy Department, 2017-
 Graduate Director for Philosophy Department, 2013-17
 Admissions Director for Philosophy Department, 2016-17
 Humanities Center Advisory Board member, 2014-
 University Research Grant Committee member, 2015-16
 Ph.D. committee member, Lucas Lockard, 2016-present
 Ph.D. committee member, Travis Figg, 2014-2017. Degree awarded Aug. 2017
 Ph.D. committee member, Dan Propson, 2015-16. Degree awarded Mar. 2016
 Committee to evaluate Preliminary Essay, Allen Plant, 2015
 Committee to evaluate Preliminary Essay, Allen Plant, 2014
 Committee to evaluate Preliminary Essay, David Baxter, 2014
 Ph.D. committee member, Mohammed Abouzahr, 2010-13. Degree awarded Dec. 2013
 Ph.D. committee member, James Schwartz, 2011-13. Degree awarded Dec. 2013
 Educational Adjustment Committee 2011-12
 Undergraduate Advisor for Philosophy Department, 2011-12
 Ph.D. committee member Mark Reynolds, 2012-14
 Committee to evaluate Preliminary Essay, Alex Gromak, 2012
 Committee to evaluate Preliminary Essay, Travis Figg, 2012
 M.A. advisor, Brian Fields, Degree awarded 2012
 Reviewed applications for Graduate/Professional Scholarship, Winter 2010
 Committee for Metaphysics and Epistemology Preliminary Exam, Winter 2010
 Committee for Metaphysics and Epistemology Preliminary Exam, Fall 2009
 Committee to review Graduate/Professional Scholarship applications, Winter 2008
 Member of M.A. committee for Lane Wilkinson, 2007-8
 Faculty representative to Wayne St. University Philosophy Forum (graduate student

association), Fall 2007-present
 Departmental Search Committee, 2006-7, Wayne St.
 Graduate advisor, Academic year 2006-7, Wayne St.
 Committee for Metaphysics and Epistemology Exam, Fall 2006
 Committee for Preliminary Logic Exam, Fall 2006
 Committee for Metaphysics and Epistemology Exam Winter 2006
 Committee for Preliminary Logic Exam, Winter 2006, Wayne State University
 Academic Adviser, Academic year 2003-4, Syracuse University.
 Freshman Academic Adviser, Academic year 2002-3, Syracuse University.

Profession:

Referee for *European Journal of Philosophy*, 2008
 Referee for *Philosophy of Science*, 2006
 Referee for *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 2006
 Referee for *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2006
 Referee for *Synthese*, 2006, 2007 (twice), 2008, 2009
 Referee for *Erkenntnis*, 2006
 Referee for *Philosophy Compass*, 2006
 Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
 Referee for *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2005, 2008
 Referee for *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2006
 Referee for *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2006
 Referee for *Philosophical Review*, 1998, 2000, 2001
 Referee for anthology under contract from Oxford University Press, 2008, 2009
 Referee for book proposal from Oxford University Press, 2011
 Referee for *Synthese* 2006, 2007 (twice), 2008, 2010
 Referee for *Dialectica* 2009, 2010, 2011
 Referee for *Erkenntnis* 2011
 Referee for *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 2012, again 2012 (resubmit)
 Referee for *Philosophical Studies*, 2012
 Referee for *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 2013
 Referee for *Synthese*, 2013
 Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 2013
 Referee for *Theoria*, 2013
 Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2014
 Referee for *Erkenntnis*, 2014
 Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2015
 Referee for *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2015

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