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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:

2022-present: Associate Professor, Wayne State University
2018-2022: Chair, Philosophy, Wayne State University
2017-18: Interim Chair, Philosophy, Wayne State University
2013-17: Associate Professor, Philosophy, Wayne State University
2005-13: Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Wayne State University
2002-05: 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* 176 (2019), 65–92. 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.

Date: Sept. 6, 2022

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:

“The two-dimensional argument for materialism”

“Two-dimensionalism in metaphysics”

Conference papers, invited papers, and commentaries:

Papers (national and international):

“The short slide from Russellian monism to type B physicalism”. Central Division of the American Philosophical Association (invited), Feb. 2020.

“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 Tom Wysocki, “Conjoined cases”, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Feb. 2022.

Commentary on Veronica Gomez Sanchez, “Interventionism and the causal relevance of semantics”, Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Jan. 2019.

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:

History of Analytic Philosophy, PHI 5630 (Winter 2021)

Advanced Symbolic Logic, PHI 5050 (Fall 2020)

Philosophy of Mind, PHI 5550 (Winter 2020)

Introduction to the Philosophy of Science, PHI 2550 (Fall 2019)

Introduction to Symbolic Logic, PHI 2850 (Fall 2018)

Advanced Symbolic Logic, PHI 5050 (Fall 2018))

Seminar in Metaphysics, PHI 7860 (Winter 2018)
 Introduction to the Philosophy of Science, PHI 2550 (Fall 2017)
 Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Winter 2017)

Chair:

Chair, Philosophy Department, 2018-2022
 Interim Chair, Philosophy Department, 2017-18

Main accomplishments as Chair / Interim:

2017-18: Oversaw successful hiring of Associate Prof. Jada Twedt Strabbing
 I was also a member of the Departmental Search Committee
 Strabbing applied to WSU while going up for tenure at Fordham U.
 I single-handedly wrote a tenure case for Strabbing at WSU
 2017-18: Organized and wrote successful application for Joshua Wilburn to receive
 Career Development Chair at WSU
 2018-19: Organized and wrote successful application for tenure for Jonathan Cottrell
 2019: Organized conference to celebrate retirement of Emeritus Prof. Michael McKinsey
 2019: Organized memorial service for Emeritus Prof. Edgar (Herb) Granger
 2019-20: Oversaw successful hiring of Assistant Prof. Mark Satta
 I was also a member of the Departmental Search Committee
 2020-21: Organized and wrote successful application for Jada Twedt Strabbing to receive
 Career Development Chair at WSU

Mundane duties as Chair include: scheduling; budgeting; handling student grade appeals; reviewing tenure-track faculty, lecturers, and staff; organizing, conducting, and writing annual Selective Salary reviews; scheduling and applying for faculty sabbatical leaves; arguing for replacement hires; arguing for renewals of lecturers; conducting departmental meetings (monthly, on average); negotiate/approve faculty travel reimbursements; maintain alumni relations; maintain departmental peace and stability.

Service:

Department and University:

Chair, Philosophy Department, 2018-2022
 Member Departmental Search Committee for tenure-track hire (successfully recruited Mark Satta)
 Interim Chair, Philosophy Department, 2017-18
 Member Departmental Search Committee for tenure-track hire (successfully recruited Jada Twedt Strabbing)
 Graduate Director for Philosophy Department, 2013-17
 Admissions Director for Philosophy Department, 2016-17
 Humanities Center Advisory Board member, 2014-17
 Ph.D. committee member, Lucas Lockard, 2016-18. Degree awarded Aug. 2018
 Ph.D. committee member, Travis Figg, 2014-2017. Degree awarded Aug. 2017
 Ph.D. committee member, Dan Propson, 2015-16. Degree awarded Mar. 2016
 University Research Grant Committee member, 2015-16

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 *Philosophical Studies*, 2022
 Referee for *Synthese*, 2021
 Referee for *Thought*, 2020
 Referee for *Ergo*, 2019
 Referee for Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2018
 Referee for Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2017
 Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2015
 Referee for *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2015
 Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2014
 Referee for *Erkenntnis*, 2014
 Referee for *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 2013
 Referee for *Synthese*, 2013
 Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 2013
 Referee for *Theoria*, 2013
 Referee for *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 2012, again 2012 (resubmit)
 Referee for *Philosophical Studies*, 2012

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