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### Research areas

Specialization: metaphysics, philosophy of mind.

Competences: epistemology, philosophy of art, philosophy of language.

### Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech, USA: 2013–present.

Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Linguistics, and Theory of Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden: Fall, 2018.

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Lingnan University, Hong Kong: 2009–2013.

### Education

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2009: Ph.D. in Philosophy.

University of Florida, 2002: M.A. in Philosophy.

University of North Carolina, Greensboro, 1999: B.A. in Philosophy.

## Research

### Articles

1. “Grounding-Mechanical Explanation,” *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).
2. “Inheritance Arguments for Fundamentality.” In R. Bliss and G. Priest (eds.), *Reality and its Structure: Essays in Fundamentality*. OUP (forthcoming).
3. “Priority Monism,” *Philosophy Compass* 12 (2017): 1–10.
4. “Revelation and Physicalism,” *Synthese* 194 (2017): 2345–2366.
5. “Placement, Grounding, and Mental Content.” In C. Daly (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook on Philosophical Methods*. Palgrave (2015): 481–496.
6. “Artwork Completion: A Response to Gover,” with P. Livingston, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 73/4 (2015): 460–462.
7. “The Complete Work,” with P. Livingston, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 72/3 (2014): 225–233.
8. “Metaphysical Grounding,” with R. Bliss. In E. Zalta (ed.), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2014).
9. “Grounding: Necessary or Contingent?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 94/4 (2013): 465–485.
10. “An Introduction to Grounding.” In M. Hoeltje et al (eds.), *Varieties of Dependence*. Philosophia Verlag (2013): 97–122.
11. “Intrinsicity for Monists (and Pluralists),” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88/3 (2010): 555–558.

12. “The Modal Status of Materialism,” with J. Levine, *Philosophical Studies* 145/3 (2009): 351–362.
13. “Physicalism and Sparse Ontology,” *Philosophical Studies* 143/2 (2009): 147–165.
14. “Monism and Intrinsicity,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87/1 (2009): 127–148.
15. “Intrinsicity without Naturalness,” with D.G. Witmer and B. Butchard, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 70/2 (2005): 326–350.

### Reviews and other work

1. “Grounding.” In R. Audi (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, third edition (2015).
2. Review of G. Coggins, *Could There Have Been Nothing? Against Metaphysical Nihilism* (Palgrave, 2010), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2011).
3. Review of D. Stoljar, *Ignorance and Imagination: The Epistemic Origin of the Problem of Consciousness* (OUP, 2006), *Philosophical Review* 118/2 (2009): 269–272.

### Works in progress

1. “Sparse Ontology Beyond the Concrete,” with Sam Cowling.
2. “Full and Partial Grounding,” with Gene Witmer.
3. “Grounding and Truthmaking,” commissioned for *The Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*, edited by M. Raven.
4. “Grounding,” commissioned for *The Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, edited by R. Bliss & J. Miller.
5. “Consciousness and the Explanatory Gap,” commissioned for a volume on consciousness and grounding, edited by G. Rabin.
6. Review of K. McDaniel, *The Fragmentation of Being* (OUP, 2017), commissioned by *Philosophical Review*.

### Talks

1. “Grounding and Truthmaking,” Grounding Conference, University of Hamburg (5/X/18)
2. “Full and Partial Grounding”
  - Fundamentality in Physics and Metaphysics Workshop, University of Geneva, (5/X/18)
  - Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (2/14/18).
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming, UMass Amherst (10/17/17).
3. “Grounding-Mechanical Explanation”
  - The Ontology of Compositional Explanation Workshop, Rutgers University, Newark (5/20/17).
  - Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (9/20/16).
  - Grounding and Explanation Workshop, University of Agder (3/1/16).
4. “The Modal Status of Monism,” 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Metaphysics Workshop, Virginia Tech (4/7/17).
5. “Sparse Ontology Beyond the Concrete,” with S. Cowling.
  - Monism Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (11/12/16).

- Monism Conference, Jean Nicod Institute (5/16/16).
6. "Inheritance Arguments for Fundamentality"
    - William & Mary Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Keynote Address (3/20/16).
    - Department Colloquium, Denison University (2/29/2016).
    - Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Ottawa (6/1/15).
  7. "Grounding and Program Explanation"
    - Truth and Grounds Conference, Ascona, Switzerland (5/28/15).
    - First Veritas Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University (6/8/14).
    - Department Colloquium, The University of Florida (4/11/2014).
    - American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division, Chicago, IL (2/28/14).
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Junior Metaphysics Workshop, Western Michigan University (11/8/13).
  8. "Revelation and Physicalism"
    - Philosophy of Mind Workshop, Virginia Tech (4/25/15).
    - Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP), New Orleans, LA (4/3/15).
    - Department Colloquium, Victoria University of Wellington (5/9/13).
  9. "Placement, Grounding, and Mental Content"
    - Scientific Explanation and Methodology of Science Conference, Shanxi University (9/18/12).
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese Conference on Analytic Philosophy, Shandong University (8/26/12).
    - Workshop on Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind, University of Oslo (7/27/12).
    - Mind and Consciousness Conference, University of Western Australia (2/17/12).
    - Department Colloquium, Australian National University (10/20/11).
  10. "Grounding: Necessary or Contingent?"
    - PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, University of Barcelona (4/27/12).
    - Eastern APA, Washington DC (12/29/11).
    - 2011 Grounding and Determination Workshop, University of Geneva (3/4/11).
  11. "An Introduction to Grounding," University of Hong Kong (5/12/11).
  12. "The Non-Transitivity of Metaphysical Explanation," Pacific APA, San Diego, CA (4/22/11).
  13. "Grounding: Explanation and Dependence"
    - Because II Conference, Humboldt University (9/1/10).
    - Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Sydney, Australia (7/6/10).
  14. "Grounding, Border-Sensitivity, and Intrinsicity"
    - Central APA, Chicago, IL (2/18/10).
    - Parts and Places: A Workshop in Metaphysics, Australian National University (11/17/09).
  15. "Experiential Acquaintance and Demonstrative Thought," Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Philadelphia, PA (6/28/08).
  16. "Physicalism and Sparse Ontology," Central APA, Chicago, IL (4/19/08).

17. "Monism and Intrinsicity," Central APA, Chicago, IL (4/21/07).
18. "Consciousness and Direct Apprehension," Society for Exact Philosophy Conference (SEP), Toronto, Canada (5/21/05).
19. "Moral Imaginative Resistance," SEP, Baltimore, MD (5/14/04).
20. "Dualism, Mental Causation, and Counterfactuals"
  - Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA (3/30/02).
  - SSPP, Nashville, TN (3/29/02).

## Comments

1. E. Shumener, TBA, Workshop on the Principle of Sufficient Reason, Simon Fraser University (4/X/18).
2. F. Amijee, "Grounding Perspectival Facts," Pacific APA, Seattle, WA (4/13/17).
3. A. Thomasson, "Metaphysical Disputes and Metalinguistic Negotiation," Eastern APA, Baltimore, MD (1/4/17).
4. J. Kroll, "Defending the Easy Road to Nominalism," Central APA, Chicago, IL (3/5/16).
5. J. Vertanen, "Grounding is not Ontological Dependence," Eastern APA, Washington DC (1/9/16).
6. J. Shields and K. Blanchette, "Clearing the Way: Against Hofweber's Objections to Substantive Metaphysics," The Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Rutgers University, Newark (9/17/15).
7. R. Bliss, "What Dependent Entities Explain," 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Junior Metaphysics Workshop, Grand Valley State University (4/17/15).
8. D.M. Kovacs' "Metaphysical Explanation without Grounding," Central APA, Saint Louis, MO (2/21/15).
9. T. Robertson, "Things Undreamt of: Chandler's Paradox, Modal Properties, and Plenitude," Metaphysics on the Mountain, Sun Valley, Idaho (3/20/14).
10. E. Conee, "Against Debasing Skepticism," 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming, UMass Amherst (10/12/13).
11. E. Brady, "Aesthetics and Climate Change," Environmental Aesthetics Conference, Lingnan University (11/19/11).
12. J. Neisser, "Meeting Jackson's Constraint: On Subjectivity, Neurobiology, and the Explanatory Gap," SSPP, Savannah, GA (4/9/09).
13. R. Schroer, "Where's the Beef? How the Content of Phenomenal Concepts Can Be Substantial Even If They Contain Demonstrative Elements," SSPP, New Orleans, LA (3/21/08).

## Grants

1. 2018: The Aesthetics of Contemporary Science Research: An Exhibition, ICAT Research Initiation Grant (Virginia Tech), Co-PI.
2. 2017–2019: Metaphysical Explanation (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond), Advisory Board Member.

## Service

### Professional

1. Associate Editor: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*: 2012–present.
2. Section Editor: grounding and monism sections of PhilPapers: 2012–present.
3. Program Committee: Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress: 2015, 2016.
4. Conference Organizer: *4<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Metaphysics Workshop* (April 7–8, 2017); *Philosophy of Mind Workshop* (April 24–25, 2015); *Art and Metaphysics Conference* (May 16–18, 2012); *Properties and Dependence* (November 20–21, 2010).
5. Referee: *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Canadian Philosophical Association, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, Florida Philosophical Association, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, National Science Center Poland, *Nous*, Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Routledge, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Society for Exact Philosophy, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Society for the Metaphysics of Science, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, *Studia Philosophica Estonica*, *Synthese*, and *Thought*.

### Department

1. Philosophy Forum Organizer: 2017–present.
2. Teaching and Honorifics Committee: 2014–present.
3. Calendar Administrator: 2013–2017.
4. Departmental Colloquia Organizer: 2016–present.
5. Graduate Committee: 2016–present.

### College

1. Library Committee: 2013–2016.
2. Diversity Committee: 2013–2017.
3. Faculty Council: 2016–present.
4. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: 2017–present.

### University

1. Faculty Senate: 2016–present.

### Community

1. Advisor, Virtual Internship Program, Cross Country High School College and Career Access Program, Cherry Valley, AR.

## Teaching

### **MA seminars**

Phenomenal Concepts, Philosophy and Literature.

### **Undergraduate courses** (\* = cross-listed for undergrads and MA students)

Metaphysics\*, Philosophy of Mind\*, Philosophy of Language\*, Philosophy of Art, Introduction to Logic, Knowledge and Reality.

### **Independent studies**

Topics: Phenomenology, Grounding and Essence, Quine, Philosophy of Art, Selfhood.