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Research areas

- Specialization: metaphysics, philosophy of mind.
- Competences: philosophy of art, philosophy of language.

Employment

- Virginia Tech, USA: Assistant Professor: 2013–2019; Associate Professor: 2019–present.
- University of Gothenburg, Sweden: Visitor, Fall 2018.
- Lingnan University, Hong Kong, Assistant Professor: 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 journal articles

- “Should Explanation Be a Guide to Ground?” with A. Skiles, *Philosophical Studies* 178/12 (2021): 4083–4098.
- “Full and Partial Grounding,” with D. G. Witmer, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 7/2 (2021): 252–271.
- “Prioritizing Platonism,” with S. Cowling, *Philosophical Studies* 176/8 (2019): 2029–2042.
- “Grounding-Mechanical Explanation,” *Philosophical Studies* 175/6 (2018): 1289–1309.
- “Revelation and Physicalism,” *Synthese* 194 (2017): 2345–2366.
- “The Complete Work,” with P. Livingston, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 72/3 (2014): 225–233.
- “Grounding: Necessary or Contingent?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 94/4 (2013): 465–485.
- “The Modal Status of Materialism,” with J. Levine, *Philosophical Studies* 145/3 (2009): 351–362.
- “Physicalism and Sparse Ontology,” *Philosophical Studies* 143/2 (2009): 147–165.
- “Monism and Intrinsicity,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87/1 (2009): 127–148.
- “Intrinsicity without Naturalness,” with D. G. Witmer and B. Butchard, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 70/2 (2005): 326–350.

Research book chapters

- “Transparency and the Explanatory Gap.” In G. Rabin (ed.) *Grounding and Consciousness*. Oxford University Press (forthcoming).
- “Inheritance Arguments for Fundamentality.” In R. Bliss and G. Priest (eds.), *Reality and its Structure: Essays in Fundamentality*. Oxford University Press (2018): 182–198.
- “Placement, Grounding, and Mental Content.” In C. Daly (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook on*

Philosophical Methods. Palgrave (2015): 481–496.

Reference articles, chapters, and entries

- “Grounding,” with A. Skiles. In R. Bliss & J. Miller (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics* (2020): 199–210.
- “Truthmaking.” In M. Raven (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding* (2020): 396–407.
- “Priority Monism,” *Philosophy Compass* 12 (2017): 1–10.
- “Grounding.” In R. Audi (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 3rd edition (2015).
- “Metaphysical Grounding,” with R. Bliss. In E. Zalta (ed.), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2014; revised 2021).
- “An Introduction to Grounding.” In M. Hoeltje et al (eds.), *Varieties of Dependence*. Philosophia Verlag (2013): 97–122.

Short responses

- “Maurin on Grounding and Explanation,” with A. Skiles. In T. Wahlberg & R. Stenwall (eds.), *Maurinian Truths*. Lund University (2019): 159–172.
- “Artwork Completion: A Response to Gover,” with P. Livingston, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 73/4 (2015): 460–462.
- “Intrinsicity for Monists (and Pluralists),” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88/3 (2010): 555–558.

Reviews

- Review of K. McDaniel, *The Fragmentation of Being* (OUP, 2017), *Philosophical Review* 129/1 (2020): 149–153.
- Review of G. Coggins, *Could There Have Been Nothing? Against Metaphysical Nihilism* (Palgrave, 2010), *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2011).
- Review of D. Stoljar, *Ignorance and Imagination: The Epistemic Origin of the Problem of Consciousness* (OUP, 2006), *Philosophical Review* 118/2 (2009): 269–272.

Talks

- “Artwork Completion and Related Notions,” PHIL COMIC CON: A Conference on the Philosophy of Comics, Denison University (Aug. 2023).
- “Grounding Totality Facts,” Grounding and Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Southampton (Jun. 2023).
- “Should Explanation be a Guide to Ground?” with A. Skiles: (i) American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, invited symposium (Apr. 2021); (ii) Derivativeness and Priority Workshop, Lugano, Switzerland (Sept. 2019); (iii) Rutgers-Bristol Workshop on the Metaphysical Unity of Science, Rutgers University, Newark (Jun. 2019).
- “Transparency and the Explanatory Gap”: (i) University of Birmingham (Oct. 2020, via Zoom); (ii) University of Gothenburg (Nov. 2018).
- “Full and Partial Grounding,” with D. G. Witmer: (i) Eidos Workshop, University of Geneva (Oct. 2018); (ii) Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, Lund University (Aug. 2018).

- “Truthmaking”: Grounding Conference, University of Hamburg (May 2018).
- “Against the Standard Definition of Partial Grounding,” with D.G. Witmer: (i) Fundamentality in Physics and Metaphysics Workshop, University of Geneva (May 2018); (ii) Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (Feb. 2018); (iii) UMass Philosophy Homecoming, UMass Amherst (Oct. 2017).
- “Grounding-Mechanical Explanation”: (i) The Ontology of Compositional Explanation Workshop, Rutgers University, Newark (May 2017); (ii) Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (Sept. 2016); (iii) Grounding and Explanation Workshop, University of Agder (Mar. 2016).
- “The Modal Status of Monism,” Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Virginia Tech (Apr. 2017).
- “Prioritizing Platonism,” with S. Cowling: (i) Monism Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (Nov. 2016); (ii) Monism Conference, Jean Nicod Institute (May 2016).
- “Inheritance Arguments for Fundamentality”: (i) William & Mary Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Keynote Address (Mar. 2016); (ii) Denison University (February 2016); (iii) Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress (Jun. 2015).
- “Grounding and Program Explanation”: (i) Truth and Grounds, Ascona, Switzerland (May 2015); (ii) First Veritas Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University (Jun. 2014); (iii) The University of Florida (Apr. 2014); (iv) American Philosophical Association, Central Division, invited symposium (Feb. 2014); (v) Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Western Michigan University (Nov. 2013).
- “Revelation and Physicalism”: (i) Philosophy of Mind Workshop, Virginia Tech (Apr. 2015); (ii) Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Apr. 2015); (iii) Victoria University of Wellington (May 2013, via Skype).
- “Placement, Grounding, and Mental Content”: (i) Scientific Explanation and Methodology of Science Conference, Shanxi University (Sept. 2012); (ii) 8th Annual Chinese Conference on Analytic Philosophy, Shandong University (Aug. 2012); (iii) Workshop on Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind, University of Oslo (Jul. 2012); (iv) Mind and Consciousness Conference, University of Western Australia (Feb. 2012); (v) Australian National University (Oct. 2011).
- “Grounding: Necessary or Contingent?”: (i) PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, University of Barcelona (Apr. 2012); (ii) American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Dec. 2011); (iii) Grounding and Determination Workshop, University of Geneva (Mar. 2011).
- “An Introduction to Grounding”: University of Hong Kong (May 2011).
- “The Non-Transitivity of Metaphysical Explanation,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Apr. 2011).
- “Grounding: Explanation and Dependence”: (i) Because II Conference, Humboldt University (Sept. 2010); (ii) Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference (Jul. 2010).
- “Grounding, Border-Sensitivity, and Intrinsicity: (i) American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Feb. 2010); (ii) Parts and Places: A Workshop in Metaphysics, Australian National University (Nov. 2009).
- “Experiential Acquaintance and Demonstrative Thought,” Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Jun. 2008).
- “Physicalism and Sparse Ontology,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Apr. 2008).
- “Monism and Intrinsicity,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Apr. 2007).

- “Consciousness and Direct Apprehension,” Society for Exact Philosophy (May 2005).
- “Moral Imaginative Resistance,” Society for Exact Philosophy (May 2004).
- “Dualism, Mental Causation, and Counterfactuals”: (i) American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Feb. 2002); (ii) Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Mar. 2002).

Comments

- M. Glazier, “Perspectival Objects,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, (Jan. 2023).
- D. Goswick, ‘Properties: Universals, Topes, or Troversals?’, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Jan. 2022).
- M. Bertrand, “Two Concepts of Metaphysical Grounding,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Jan. 2020).
- M. Hicks, “Three Roads for Humeanism,” Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Lehigh University (Apr. 2019).
- S. Cowling, *Abstract Objects* (book symposium), American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Apr. 2019).
- E. Shumener, “Explaining Identity and Distinctness,” Workshop on the Principle of Sufficient Reason, Simon Frasier University (Apr. 2018).
- F. Amijee, “Grounding Perspectival Facts,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Apr. 2017).
- A. Thomasson, “Metaphysical Disputes and Metalinguistic Negotiation,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Jan. 2017).
- J. Kroll, “Defending the Easy Road to Nominalism,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Mar. 2016).
- J. Vertanen, “Grounding is not Ontological Dependence,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (Jan. 2016).
- J. Shields and K. Blanchette, “Clearing the Way: Against Hofweber’s Objections to Substantive Metaphysics,” The Society for the Metaphysics of Science (Sept. 2015).
- R. Bliss, “What Dependent Entities Explain,” Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Grand Valley State University (Apr. 2015).
- D.M. Kovacs, “Metaphysical Explanation without Grounding,” American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Feb. 2015).
- T. Robertson, “Things Undreamt of: Chandler’s Paradox, Modal Properties, and Plenitude,” Metaphysics on the Mountain, Sun Valley, Idaho (Mar. 2014).
- E. Conee, “Against Debasing Skepticism,” UMass Philosophy Homecoming, UMass Amherst (Oct. 2013).
- E. Brady, “Aesthetics and Climate Change,” Environmental Aesthetics Conference, Lingnan University (Nov. 2011).
- J. Neisser, “Meeting Jackson’s Constraint: On Subjectivity, Neurobiology, and the Explanatory Gap,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Apr. 2009).
- R. Schroer, “Where’s the Beef? How the Content of Phenomenal Concepts Can Be Substantial Even If They Contain Demonstrative Elements,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (Mar.

2008).

Grants

- 2018: The Aesthetics of Contemporary Science Research: An Exhibition, ICAT Research Initiation Grant (Virginia Tech), Co-PI.
- 2018: Research Grant (Department of Philosophy, Linguistics, and Theory of Science, University of Gothenburg).
- 2017–2019: Metaphysical Explanation (Riksbankens Jubileumsfond), Advisory Board Member.

Professional service

- Associate Editor: Australasian Journal of Philosophy (2012–present).
- Section Editor: grounding and monism sections of PhilPapers (2012–present).
- Program Committee: Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress (2015, 2016); American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (2024).
- Conferences: Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Virginia Tech (April 7–8, 2017); Philosophy of Mind Workshop, Virginia Tech (April 24–25, 2015); Art and Metaphysics Conference (May 16–18, 2012), Lingnan University; Properties and Dependence, Lingnan University (Nov. 20–21, 2010).
- Journal Referee: American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Dialectica, Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism, Journal of Consciousness Studies, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Mind, Mind and Language, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophia, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophy of Science, Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Res Philosophica, Studia Philosophica Estonica, Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Synthese, Thought.
- Conference Referee: American Philosophical Association, Canadian Philosophical Association, Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative, Florida Philosophical Association, Society for Exact Philosophy, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.
- Collection and Book Proposal Referee: Oxford University Press, Routledge.
- Book Referee: MIT Press, Oxford University Press.
- Grant Referee: American Philosophical Association, Austrian Science Fund, Israel Science Foundation, National Science Center Poland, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Swiss National Science Foundation.

Department, college, and university service (at Virginia Tech)

- *Department*: Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee (2013–2014); Calendar Administrator (2013–2017); Graduate Committee (2013–2021); External Department Head Search Committee (2014–2015); Teaching Committee (2014–2020); Assistant Professor Search Committee (2015–2016); Colloquia Organizer (2016–2018); Assistant Professor Search Committee (2017–2018); Chair of Assistant Professor Search Committee (2019–2020); Chair of Ad-Hoc Committee to Revise By-Laws and P&T Guidelines (2019–2020); Tenure and Promotion Committee/Faculty

Annual Report Committee (2019–2021); Director of Graduate Studies (2020–2021); Non-Permanent Faculty Member Working Group (2020–present); Department Chair (2021–present).

- *College*: College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (CLAHS) Library Committee (2013–2016); CLAHS Diversity Committee (2013–2017); CLAHS Faculty Council (2016–2018); CLAHS Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2017–2018); CLAHS Language Sciences Working Group (2020–2021); Alliance for Social, Political, and Ethical Thought (ASPECT) Stakeholders Committee (2021–present); CLAHS Humanities Week Committee (2021); CLAHS Executive Council (2021–present); Search Committee for Director of ASPECT (2021–22); Administrative Review of Department Chair Committee (2022); Administrative Review of Associate Dean Committee (2023); Academic Program Review Committee (2023).
- *University*: Faculty Senate (2016–2018).

Courses taught (at Virginia Tech)

- MA seminars: phenomenal concepts
- Undergraduate courses (* = cross-listed for undergrads and MA students): metaphysics*, philosophy of mind*, the problem of consciousness*, philosophy of language*, aesthetics and the philosophy of art, logic, introduction to philosophy
- Independent studies: phenomenology, neo-Aristotelian metaphysics, Quine, aesthetics and the philosophy of art, the self, phenomenal intentionality, physicalism and the a priori