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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.
- Visitor, 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

- “Prioritizing Platonism,” with Sam Cowling, *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).
- “Inheritance Arguments for Fundamentality.” In R. Bliss and G. Priest (eds.), *Reality and its Structure: Essays in Fundamentality*. Oxford UP (2018): 182–198.
- “Grounding-Mechanical Explanation,” *Philosophical Studies* 175/6 (2018): 1289–1309.
- “Priority Monism,” *Philosophy Compass* 12 (2017): 1–10.
- “Revelation and Physicalism,” *Synthese* 194 (2017): 2345–2366.
- “Placement, Grounding, and Mental Content.” In C. Daly (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook on Philosophical Methods*. Palgrave (2015): 481–496.
- “Artwork Completion: A Response to Gover,” with P. Livingston, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 73/4 (2015): 460–462.
- “The Complete Work,” with P. Livingston, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 72/3 (2014): 225–233.
- “Metaphysical Grounding,” with R. Bliss. In E. Zalta (ed.), *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2014).
- “Grounding: Necessary or Contingent?” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 94/4 (2013):

465–485.

- “An Introduction to Grounding.” In M. Hoeltje et al (eds.), *Varieties of Dependence*. Philosophia Verlag (2013): 97–122.
- “Intrinsicity for Monists (and Pluralists),” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88/3 (2010): 555–558.
- “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.

Reviews and other work

- “Grounding.” In R. Audi (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, third edition (2015).
- 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

- TBA, Rutgers-Bristol Workshop on the Metaphysical Unity of Science, Rutgers University, Newark (June, 2019).
- “Grounding and the Explanatory Gap,” University of Gothenburg (November, 2018).
- “Full and Partial Grounding”
 - Eidos Workshop, University of Geneva (October, 2018).
 - Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, Lund University (August, 2018).
- “Grounding and Truthmaking,” Grounding Conference, University of Hamburg (May, 2018).
- “Against the Standard Definition of Partial Grounding”
 - Fundamentality in Physics and Metaphysics Workshop, University of Geneva (May, 2018).
 - Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (February, 2018).
 - 14th Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming, UMass Amherst (October, 2017).
- “Grounding-Mechanical Explanation”
 - The Ontology of Compositional Explanation Workshop, Rutgers University, Newark (May, 2017).
 - Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (September, 2016).
 - Grounding and Explanation Workshop, University of Agder (March, 2016).
- “The Modal Status of Monism,” Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Virginia Tech

(April, 2017).

- “Prioritizing Platonism,” with S. Cowling
 - Monism Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick (November, 2016).
 - Monism Conference, Jean Nicod Institute (May, 2016).
- “Inheritance Arguments for Fundamentality”
 - William & Mary Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Keynote Address (March, 2016).
 - Denison University (February, 2016).
 - Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Ottawa (June, 2015).
- “Grounding and Program Explanation”
 - Truth and Grounds Conference, Ascona, Switzerland (May, 2015).
 - First Veritas Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University (June, 2014).
 - The University of Florida (April, 2014).
 - American Philosophical Association (APA), Central Division, Chicago, IL (February, 2014).
 - Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Western Michigan University (November, 2013).
- “Revelation and Physicalism”
 - Philosophy of Mind Workshop, Virginia Tech (April, 2015).
 - Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SSPP), New Orleans, LA (April, 2015).
 - Department Colloquium, Victoria University of Wellington (May, 2013).
- “Placement, Grounding, and Mental Content”
 - Scientific Explanation and Methodology of Science Conference, Shanxi University (September, 2012).
 - 8th Annual Chinese Conference on Analytic Philosophy, Shandong University (August, 2012).
 - Workshop on Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind, University of Oslo (July, 2012).
 - Mind and Consciousness Conference, University of Western Australia (February, 2012).
 - Australian National University (October, 2011).
- “Grounding: Necessary or Contingent?”
 - PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, University of Barcelona (April, 2012).
 - Eastern APA, Washington DC (December, 2011).
 - Grounding and Determination Workshop, University of Geneva (March, 2011).
- “An Introduction to Grounding,” University of Hong Kong (May, 2011).
- “The Non-Transitivity of Metaphysical Explanation,” Pacific APA, San Diego, CA (April,

2011).

- “Grounding: Explanation and Dependence”
 - Because II Conference, Humboldt University (September, 2010).
 - Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Sydney, Australia (July, 2010).
- “Grounding, Border-Sensitivity, and Intrinsicity”
 - Central APA, Chicago, IL (February, 2010).
 - Parts and Places: A Workshop in Metaphysics, Australian National University (November, 2009).
- “Experiential Acquaintance and Demonstrative Thought,” Society for Philosophy and Psychology (SPP), Philadelphia, PA (June, 2008).
- “Physicalism and Sparse Ontology,” Central APA, Chicago, IL (April, 2008).
- “Monism and Intrinsicity,” Central APA, Chicago, IL (April, 2007).
- “Consciousness and Direct Apprehension,” Society for Exact Philosophy Conference (SEP), Toronto, Canada (May, 2005).
- “Moral Imaginative Resistance,” SEP, Baltimore, MD (May, 2004).
- “Dualism, Mental Causation, and Counterfactuals”
 - Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA (February, 2002).
 - SSPP, Nashville, TN (March, 2002).

Comments

- S. Cowling, *Abstract Objects* (book symposium), Pacific APA, Vancouver (April, 2019).
- E. Shumener, “Explaining Identity and Distinctness,” Workshop on the Principle of Sufficient Reason, Simon Fraser University (April, 2018).
- F. Amijee, “Grounding Perspectival Facts,” Pacific APA, Seattle, WA (April, 2017).
- A. Thomasson, “Metaphysical Disputes and Metalinguistic Negotiation,” Eastern APA, Baltimore, MD (January, 2017).
- J. Kroll, “Defending the Easy Road to Nominalism,” Central APA, Chicago, IL (March, 2016).
- J. Vertanen, “Grounding is not Ontological Dependence,” Eastern APA, Washington DC (January, 2016).
- 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 (September, 2015).
- R. Bliss, “What Dependent Entities Explain,” Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Grand Valley State University (April, 2015).
- D.M. Kovacs’ “Metaphysical Explanation without Grounding,” Central APA, Saint Louis, MO (February, 2015).
- T. Robertson, “Things Undreamt of: Chandler’s Paradox, Modal Properties, and Plenitude,” Metaphysics on the Mountain, Sun Valley, Idaho (March, 2014).
- E. Conee, “Against Debasing Skepticism,” 12th Biennial UMass Philosophy

Homecoming, UMass Amherst (October, 2013).

- E. Brady, “Aesthetics and Climate Change,” Environmental Aesthetics Conference, Lingnan University (November, 2011).
- J. Neisser, “Meeting Jackson’s Constraint: On Subjectivity, Neurobiology, and the Explanatory Gap,” SSPP, Savannah, GA (April, 2009).
- 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 (March, 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.
- 2013: Assistant Professor Mentoring Grant (Virginia Tech).

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.
- Conference Organizer: *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 (November 20–21, 2010).
- Referee: *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, Canadian Philosophical Association, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Dialectica*, Florida Philosophical Association, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, National Science Center Poland, *Noûs*, Oxford University Press, *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*, 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*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, and *Thought*.

Teaching

- MA seminars
 - Phenomenal concepts
 - Philosophy and literature

- Undergraduate courses (* = cross-listed for undergrads and MA students)
 - Metaphysics*
 - Philosophy of mind*
 - 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