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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

Articles

- "Grounding and Metametaphysics," with A. Skiles. In R. Bliss & J. Miller (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics* (forthcoming).
- "Grounding and Truthmaking." In M. Raven (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding* (forthcoming).
- "Prioritizing Platonism," with S. Cowling, *Philosophical Studies* (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.
- "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.
- "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 dictionary/encyclopedia entries

- "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).
- 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* (Oxford University Press, 2006), *Philosophical Review* 118/2 (2009): 269–272.

Talks

- TBA, Derivativeness and Priority Workshop, Lugano, Switzerland (September 2019).
- "Explanatory Language and Grounding," with A. Skiles. Rutgers-Bristol Workshop on the Metaphysical Unity of Science, Rutgers University, Newark (June, 2019).
- "Grounding and Explanatory Gaps," University of Gothenburg (November, 2018).
- "Full and Partial Grounding," with D.G. Witmer
 - 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," with D.G. Witmer
 - Fundamentality in Physics and Metaphysics Workshop, University of Geneva (May, 2018).
 - Metaphysical Explanation Workshop, University of Gothenburg (February, 2018).

- 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 (June, 2015).
- "Grounding and Program Explanation"
 - Truth and Grounds, Ascona, Switzerland (May, 2015).
 - First Veritas Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University (June, 2014).
 - The University of Florida (April, 2014).
 - American Philosophical Association, Central Division (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 (April, 2015).
 - 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).
- American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (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," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April, 2011).
- "Grounding: Explanation and Dependence"
 - Because II Conference, Humboldt University (September, 2010).
 - Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference (July, 2010).
- "Grounding, Border-Sensitivity, and Intrinsicity"
 - American Philosophical Association, Central Division (February, 2010).
 - Parts and Places: A Workshop in Metaphysics, Australian National University (November, 2009).
- "Experiential Acquaintance and Demonstrative Thought," Society for Philosophy and Psychology (June, 2008).
- "Physicalism and Sparse Ontology," American Philosophical Association, Central Division (April, 2008).
- "Monism and Intrinsicity," American Philosophical Association, Central Division (April, 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"
 - American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (February, 2002).
 - Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (March, 2002).

Comments

- M. Hicks, "Three Roads for Humeanism," Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, Lehigh University (April, 2019).
- S. Cowling, *Abstract Objects* (book symposium), American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (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," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (April, 2017).
- A. Thomasson, "Metaphysical Disputes and Metalinguistic Negotiation," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (January, 2017).
- J. Kroll, "Defending the Easy Road to Nominalism," American Philosophical Association, Central Division (March, 2016).
- J. Vertanen, "Grounding is not Ontological Dependence," American Philosophical

Association, Eastern Division (January, 2016).

- J. Shields and K. Blanchette, "Clearing the Way: Against Hofweber's Objections to Substantive Metaphysics," The Society for the Metaphysics of Science (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," American Philosophical Association, Central Division (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," 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," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology (April, 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 (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.

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, Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Dialectica*, Florida Philosophical Association, Israel Science Foundation, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Metaphysics*, *Mind*, *Mind and Language*, 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*
 - 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