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*Curriculum Vitae*  
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Employment

from 2013: New York University, Professor  
2012–2013: University of Oxford, Professor of Philosophy  
2008–2012: University of Oxford, Senior Faculty Lecturer  
2007–2008: University of Pittsburgh, Associate Professor  
2003–2007: University of Pittsburgh, Assistant Professor  
2000–2003: New York University, Assistant Professor

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Education

1995–2000: Princeton University, Ph.D. in Philosophy (awarded January 2002)  
1994–95: Technische Universität, Berlin, visiting student  
1993–94: University College, Cork, M.A. in Philosophy  
1990–93: University College, Cork, B.A. in Philosophy and English

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Areas of specialization

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Physics

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Awards and distinctions

Article ‘Against Counterfactual Miracles’ selected for *Philosopher’s Annual* 2016 (‘an attempt to pick the ten best articles of the year’)  
Charles E. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2007–2008  
Whiting Fellowship, Princeton University, 1999–2000

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Published and forthcoming articles and book chapters

‘Diamonds Are Forever’ (with Jeremy Goodman)  
Forthcoming in *Noûs*.  
‘Self-Locating Priors and Cosmological Measures’ (with Frank Arntzenius)  
In *The Philosophy of Cosmology*, ed. Khalil Chamcham, John Barrow, Simon Saunders, and Joe Silk  
(Cambridge University Press, 2017): 396–428.  
‘To Be F Is To Be G’  
*Philosophical Perspectives* 30 (2016): 39–134.  
‘Against Counterfactual Miracles’  
*Philosophical Review* 125 (2016): 241–286.  
‘How Vagueness Could Cut Out at Any Order’  
*Review of Symbolic Logic* 8 (2015): 1–10.  
‘Quantifier Variance and the Collapse Theorems’  
*The Monist* 97 (2014): 503–570.

- 'Semantic Plasticity and Speech Reports' (with John Hawthorne)  
*Philosophical Review* 123 (2014): 281–338.
- 'Transparency and the Context-Sensitivity of Attitude Reports'  
 In *Empty Representations: Reference and Non-Existence*, ed. Manuel García-Carpintero and Genoveva Martí (Oxford University Press, 2014): 25–66.
- 'Knowing Against the Odds' (with Jeremy Goodman and John Hawthorne)  
*Philosophical Studies* 170 (2014): 277–87.
- 'Embedding Epistemic Modals' (with John Hawthorne)  
*Mind* 122 (2013): 867–913.
- 'Naturalness' (with John Hawthorne)  
*Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 8 (2013): 3–77.
- 'Calculus as Geometry' (with Frank Arntzenius)  
 In Frank Arntzenius, *Space, Time, and Stuff* (Oxford University Press, 2011).
- 'De Re A Priori Knowledge'  
*Mind* 120 (2011): 939–91.
- 'Physical Geometry and Fundamental Metaphysics'  
*Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 111 (2011): 135–59.
- 'The Eternal Coin: A Puzzle about Self-locating Conditional Credence'  
*Philosophical Perspectives* 25 (2010): 189–205.
- 'Of Numbers and Electrons'  
*Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 110 (2010): 133–81.
- 'Iterating Definiteness'  
 In *Cuts and Clouds: Vagueness, its Nature, and its Logic*, ed. Richard Dietz and Sebastiano Moruzzi (Oxford University Press, 2010): 550–75.
- 'There Are No Abstract Objects'  
 In *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, ed. John Hawthorne, Theodore Sider, and Dean Zimmerman (Blackwell, 2007): 32–64.
- 'Propositions and Counterpart Theory'  
*Analysis* 65 (2005): 210–18.
- 'What We Disagree About When We Disagree About Ontology'  
 In *Fictionalist Approaches to Metaphysics*, ed. Mark Kalderon (Oxford University Press, 2005): 234–86.
- 'Non-symmetric Relations'  
*Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 1 (2004): 155–92.
- 'Vagueness Without Ignorance'  
*Philosophical Perspectives* 17 (2003): 83–113.
- 'Composition as a Fiction' (with Gideon Rosen)  
 In *The Blackwell Guide to Metaphysics*, ed. Richard M. Gale (Blackwell, 2002): 151–74.
- 'Sleeping Beauty: In Defence of Elga'  
*Analysis* 62 (2002): 292–96.
- 'Non-cognitivism and Wishful Thinking'  
*Noûs* 36 (2002): 97–103.

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 Reviews and discussions

- 'Contingent Existence and Iterated Modality' (discussion of *Modality and Explanatory Reasoning* by Boris Kment).  
*Analysis Reviews*

- Review of *The Construction of Logical Space* by Agustín Rayo  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2014.06.33).
- 'Reading *Writing the Book of the World*' (discussion of *Writing the Book of the World* by Theodore Sider)  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 87 (2013): 717–24.
- Review of *Every Thing Must Go: Metaphysics Naturalized* by James Ladyman and Don Ross, with David Spurrett and John Collier,  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2010.06.16).
- Review of *Resemblance Nominalism: A Solution to the Problem of Universals* by Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra  
*Mind* 114 (2005): 457–61.
- 'Merricks on the Existence of Human Organisms' (discussion of Trenton Merricks' *Objects and Persons*)  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 67 (2003): 711–18.

#### Work in progress

##### Books:

- Counterparts* (under contract with Oxford University Press)  
*Our Place in a Quantum World*

##### Papers:

- 'What To Expect in an Infinite World' (with Frank Arntzenius)  
 'The Source of the Context-Sensitivity of Attitude Reports'  
 'The Expressivist and the Relativist'  
 'Belief about Chance'

#### Talks and conference presentations

- 'One Way of Getting Rid of Things'  
 NYU (workshop on structural realism): May 2017.
- 'Semantics, Physics, and the Metaphysics of Time'  
 Yale (Metaphysics and Semantics conference): April 2017.
- 'Diamonds Are Forever'  
 USC ('Linguistics for Metaphysics' conference): January 2013; Oxford (Jowett society): February 2015;  
 Yale (graduate conference keynote address): April 2015; Rutgers (Semantics Workshop): October 2016.
- 'To Be F Is To Be G'  
 Barcelona (PERSP): March 2010; Princeton: April 2011; St Andrews (Arché conference on philosophical methodology): June 2012; Hamburg (*Phlox* conference on fundamentality): July 2013; NYU ('Modal and logical space' workshop): April 2014; Tucson (Ranch metaphysics workshop): January 2016; Oslo ('Higher order metaphysics' workshop): June 2016.
- 'Reconciling the Block Universe and the Privileged Present'  
 Gargnano ('Metaphysical Questions' conference): October 2015
- 'Pinning Down the Meanings of Quantifiers'  
 Oxford ('Verbal Disputes and their Philosophical Significance' conference): May 2015
- 'Are Quantities Qualitative?'  
 NYU (conference on the metaphysics of quantity): May 2015
- 'What To Expect in an Infinite World' (with Frank Arntzenius)  
 Tenerife ('Establishing the Philosophy of Cosmology' conference): September 2014;  
 MIT: November 2014

'Against Counterfactual Miracles'

Cornell: January 2014; Columbia (Marc Sanders Foundation conference): April 2014; U.Mass. Amherst: October 2014

'Embedding Epistemic Modals' (with John Hawthorne)

Rutgers: November 2013

'The A-theory, the B-theory, and Temporal Counterpart Theory'

St. Andrews: February 2012; MIT: April 2012; Birmingham: September 2012; Bristol: December 2012; Barcelona (PERSP): May 2013

'The Eternal Coin: A Puzzle about Self-Locating Conditional Credence'

Princeton (CRNAP 'Probability week' workshop): April 2013

'Semantic Plasticity'

Nottingham: December 2011; Michigan: April 2012

'Natural Properties: A Guide for the Perplexed'

Geneva: November 2010; St Andrews: October 2011

'Propositional Profusion and Semantic Plasticity' and 'Propositional Profusion and the Liar'

Ardtornish (Arché workshop on propositions): May 2011

'Nominalising Differential Geometry with Fibre Bundles' (with Frank Arntzenius)

Oxford (Philosophy of Physics Seminar): May 2011

'How to Be a Modal Realist'

Geneva: June 2009; London (Institute of Philosophy): December 2009; Princeton: April 2010; U.Mass. Amherst (*On the Plurality of Worlds* conference): April 2011

'Finding Ordinary Objects in Some Quantum Worlds'

SUNY Buffalo: November 2005; NYU: December 2005; Pittsburgh: March 2006; Toronto: May 2006; Arizona (Arizona Ontology Conference): January 2007; Rutgers ('Physics Meets Metaphysics'): October 2007; Bristol: October 2010

'Transparency and the Context-sensitivity of Attitude Reports'

Ohio State: September 2007; Brown: December 2007; Barcelona (LOGOS workshop on singular thought): January 2009; Glasgow: September 2010; Oslo (Arché workshop on contextualism and relativism): September 2010

'Time, Topology and Physical Geometry'

Dublin (Joint Session of Mind Association and Aristotelian Society): June 2010

'Of Numbers and Electrons'

Texas: January 2005; MIT: April 2005; Eastern APA: December 2005; London (Aristotelian Society): January 2010; Cardiff: February 2010

'Why Must a Duplicate of an Electron Be an Electron?'

Bremen (GAP. 7 conference): September 2009

'Belief about Chance'

Pittsburgh: April 2006; Cambridge (Moral Sciences Club): April 2009; Oxford (Philosophy of Physics Seminar): June 2009

'Can There Be Only One? Eli Hirsch meets J. H. Harris'

Birmingham (Workshop on quantifier variance): June 2009

'Definition and Modality'

Rutgers (Metaphysical Mayhem): July 2008; Leeds: November 2008

'Some Rational Constraints on Self-Locating Belief'

Oxford: January 2008

'De Re A Priori Knowledge'

Cornell: October 2003; USC: December 2006

- 'Rationality, Self-locating Belief, and Many-Worlds Interpretations of Quantum Mechanics'  
Rutgers September 2006
- 'Are Vague Predicates Definable?'  
St Andrews (Arché workshop on vagueness): September 2004
- 'There Are No Abstract Objects'  
Pittsburgh: April 2004
- 'What We Disagree About When We Disagree About Ontology'  
North Carolina, Toronto, Notre Dame, Colorado, Pittsburgh: January–February 2003; Bellingham  
Summer Philosophy Conference: August 2003
- 'Vagueness Without Ignorance'  
NYU: April 2003
- 'Primitive Predicates'  
CUNY: November 2001
- 'On the Existence of Complex Properties'  
Syracuse (Metaphysical Mayhem): August 2001
- 'Composite Objects and Causal Efficacy'  
Bled Conference, Slovenia: June 2001
- 'Non-cognitivism and Wishful Thinking'  
Pacific APA: April 2000
- 'Mereology as a Fiction'  
UC Santa Cruz, NYU, U. Mass. Amherst, Tufts, Arizona State: January–February 2000
- 'Spreading It Thick: Hume on the Impression of Necessary Connection'  
Cork (Hume Society): July 1999
- 'Is Consequentialism Trivial?'  
ANU, Sydney: August 1998
- 'Non-symmetric Relations'  
Sydney (Australasian Association of Philosophy): July 1998

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Comments (selected)

- David Mark Kovacs, 'The Unification Theory of Metaphysical Explanation'  
Idaho (Metaphysics on the Mountain conference): March 2017
- Matt Duncan, 'Partial Relations Are Not Transitive'  
Eastern APA: January 2016
- Gordon Belot, 'Fifty Million Elvis Fans Can't Be Wrong'  
Tucson (Ranch Metaphysics Workshop): January 2015
- Agustín Rayo, *The Construction of Logical Space*  
NYU ('Modal and Logical Space' workshop): April 2014
- Bradley Rettler, 'A Simple Coincidence Puzzle'  
Pacific APA: April 2014
- Dan Korman, 'Debunking Perceptual Beliefs about Ordinary Objects'  
Sun Valley, Idaho (Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference): March 2014
- Nathan Salmon, 'Lambda in Sentences with Designators'  
NYU Florence (workshop on propositions): June 2010
- David Chalmers, 'Ontological Anti-Realism'  
Boise (Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference): March 2007
- Frank Arntzenius, 'Lewis on Locality'  
Syracuse Workshop in Metaphysics: August 2003

Matthew Phillips, 'On What a Solution to the Problem of Empty Names Cannot Be'  
Pacific APA: April 2001

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Teaching

Undergraduate:

Philosophy of Mind: 2000  
Metaphysics: 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2016  
Hume: 2002  
Scepticism: 2003  
Introduction to Logic: 2004  
Introduction to Philosophical Problems: 2005, 2007  
Epistemic Paradoxes: 2006  
Knowledge and Reality (Metaphysics): 2009, 2010, 2012  
Senior Thesis Seminar: 2013  
Advanced Logic: 2017  
Junior Honors Proseminar: 2017, 2018  
Topics in Language and Mind (Conditionals): 2017

Graduate:

Properties: 2000  
Objectivity: 2001  
Proseminar: 2001 and 2002 (with Roger White); 2014 (with Hartry Field); 2016 (with Jim Pryor)  
Material objects: 2003  
Modality: 2005  
Vagueness: 2005  
Laws, Chance and Counterfactuals: 2006  
Context-sensitivity: 2009  
Philosophy of Logic and Language: 2009 (with Ofra Magidor), 2011 (with Jeff Russell)  
Topics in Metaphysics: 2009 and 2010 (with John Hawthorne)  
Metaphysics: 2011  
David Lewis on Language and Mind (ISSCSS summer school, Latvia): 2011  
Conditionals: 2012 (with John Hawthorne)  
Vagueness: 2013 (with John Hawthorne, Ofra Magidor, and Timothy Williamson)  
Thesis Prep Seminar: 2013  
Time and Modality: 2015  
Philosophy of Mathematics (with Hartry Field): 2015  
Mind and Language Seminar (with Jim Pryor): 2018

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 Doctoral dissertations supervised (in whole or substantial part)

Brad Skow (NYU, 2005): *Once Upon a Spacetime*

Peter Graham (NYU, 2006): *Blame, Determinism and Ignorance*

Greg Gates (Pittsburgh, 2011): *Probabilistic Accounts of Inferential Justification: Liberalism and Inference to the Best Explanation*

Tim Willenken (Pittsburgh, 2011): *Essays on Skepticism about Epistemic Reason*

Andrew Bacon (Oxford, 2012): *Indeterminacy: An Investigation into the Soritical and Semantical Paradoxes*

Juhani Yli-Vakkuri (Oxford, 2012): *Essays on Semantic Content and Context-Sensitivity*

Will Lanier (Oxford, 2013): *Intentional Identity*

Daniel Deasy (Oxford, 2014): *Permanents: In Defence of the Moving Spotlight Theory*

Sebastian Petzolt (Oxford, 2014): *Contextualism Challenged: Three Puzzles Concerning Indexicality and Context-Sensitivity*

Emanuel Viebahn (Oxford, 2015): *Semantic Pluralism*

Jeremy Goodman (Oxford, 2016): *The Case for Necessitism*

Asya Passinsky (NYU, 2016): *The Metaphysics of Social Objects*

Zee Perry (NYU, 2016): *Physical Quantities: Mereology and Dynamics*

Jeremy Goodman (NYU, 2017): *Distinctions in Reality*

Daniel Waxman (NYU, 2017): *Freedom, Truth, and Consistency*

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 Professional service

Editorial boards: *Mind*, *Philosophical Perspectives*, *Philosophical Studies*.

American Philosophical Association, Program Committee: 2007–8.

Nominating Editor for *Philosopher's Annual*: 2012–17.

ACLS Fellowship, reviewing: 2014-17.

Sanders Prize in Metaphysics, reviewing: 2016.

Referee: *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Blackwell Philosophy Compass*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Ethics*, *Erkenntnis*, *Hume Studies*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese*, *Thought*, Blackwell Publishing, Oxford University Press.