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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Art, Ethics, Epistemology

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (Philosophy), University of Massachusetts Amherst, 1990
- B.A. (Philosophy and English, with High Honors in Philosophy), Oberlin College, 1983

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- University of Massachusetts Amherst, Professor, 2015-present
- LanCog Research Group of the Centre of Philosophy at the University of Lisbon, Associate Member, 2023-present
- Université Panthéon-Assas Paris 2, Visiting Research Professor, Summer 2021, Summer 2022
- Central European University, Visiting Professor, Summer 2017
- Central European University, Visiting Professor, Summer 2015
- Western Washington University, Professor, 2005-2015
- Australian National University, Research Associate, September-December 2009
- Western Washington University, Associate Professor, 2001-2005
- Western Washington University, Assistant Professor, 1998-2001

- West Virginia University, Assistant Professor, 1992-1998 (on leave for 1993-1994 academic year)
- University of Hartford, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1993-1994
- University of New Hampshire, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1991-1992
- Lawrence University, Visiting Lecturer, 1989-91

TEACHING AWARDS

- Peter J. Elich Award for Excellence in Teaching, Western Washington University, 2004
- Academy Award in the category of *Student Choice* from the Teaching-Learning Academy, Western Washington University, 2004
- Academy Award in in recognition for *Promoting Creativity* from the Teaching-Learning Academy, Western Washington University, 2011
- Academy Award in in recognition for *Cultivating and Connecting Positive Communities* from the Teaching-Learning Academy, Western Washington University, 2013

BOOK

- *An Introduction to Metaphysics* (with John W. Carroll) (Cambridge University Press, 2010).

ARTICLES

- "What Is Time?," *Analysis* (forthcoming).
- "Five New Arguments for The Dynamic Theory of Time," *Philosophical Perspectives* **36** (2022), pp. 158-181.
- "Meaning in Life and the Nature of Time," in Iddo Landau (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Meaning in Life* (Oxford University Press, 2022), pp. 189-202.
- "The Growing Block, the Epistemic Objection, and Zombie Parrots," *Disputatio* **XIII**, No. 63 (2021), pp. 399-410.

- "The Dynamic Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past," *Disputatio* **XII**, No. 57 (2020), pp. 137-165.
- "Sideways Music," *Analysis* **80** (2020), pp. 51-59.
- "The Right Stuff," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* **93** (2015), pp. 665-687.
- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" *Logos and Episteme* **V, 2** (2014), pp. 161-181.
- "A Spatial Approach to Mereology," in Shieva Kleinschmidt (ed.), *Mereology and Location* (Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 69-90.
- "The Truth About the Past and the Future," in Fabrice Correia and Andrea Iacona (eds.), *Around the Tree: Semantic and Metaphysical Issues Concerning Branching Time and the Open Future* (Springer, 2013), pp. 127-141.
- "Two Puzzles About Mercy," *Philosophical Quarterly* **63** (2013) pp. 269-292.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," *Philosophical Studies* **157** (2012), pp. 383-398.
- "A Simple Solution to the Two Envelope Problem," *Logos and Episteme* **II, 3** (2011), pp, 347-357.
- "Identifying the Problem of Personal Identity," in Joseph Keim Campbell, Michael O'Rourke, and Harry S. Silverstein (eds.), *Time and Identity* (MIT Press, 2010), pp. 127-148.
- "Physical Object," in Jaegwon Kim, Ernest Sosa, and Gary S. Rosenkrantz (eds.), *A Companion to Metaphysics*, 2nd Edition, (Basil Blackwell, 2009), pp. 486-489.
- "Rossian Minimalism," *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* **4** (2009), pp. 1-16.
- "Three Problems for Olson's Account of Personal Identity," *Abstracta* **Special Issue I** (2008), pp. 16-22.
- "Restricted Composition," in John Hawthorne, Theodore Sider, and Dean Zimmerman (eds.), *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics* (Basil Blackwell, 2008), pp. 341-363.
- "Against Ontological Fundamentalism," *Facta Philosophica* **7** (2005), pp. 69-84.
- "Simples, Stuff, and Simple People," *The Monist* **87** (2004), pp. 405-428.
- "SoC it to Me? Reply to McDaniel on MaxCon Simples," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* **82** (2004), pp. 332-340.

- "Two Arguments from Sider's *Four-Dimensionalism*," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **68** (2004), pp. 665-673.
- "A Defense of Presentism," in Dean Zimmerman (ed.), *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, Volume 1 (Oxford University Press, 2004), pp. 47-82. Reprinted in Michael Rea (ed.), *Arguing About Metaphysics* (Routledge, 2009); and in Sally Haslanger and Roxanne Marie Kurtz (eds.), *Persistence: Contemporary Readings* (MIT Press, 2006).
- "Time," in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2002, 2008).
- "Critical Study of Le Poidevin (ed.), *Questions of Time and Tense*," *Nous* **35** (2001), pp. 616-629.
- "Time, Space, and the Nature of Physical Objects," in L. Nathan Oaklander (ed.), *The Importance of Time* (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2001), pp. 227-241.
- "Sorensen's Argument Against Vague Objects," *Philosophical Studies* **97** (2000), pp. 1-9.
- "What Are Physical Objects?" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **61** (2000), pp. 375-395.
- "A Compatibilist Version of the Theory of Agent Causation," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* **80** (1999), pp. 257-277.
- "Brutal Composition," *Philosophical Studies* **92** (1998), pp. 211-249.
- "Simples," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* **76** (1998), pp. 213-226.
- "The Paradox of the Question," *Analysis* **57** (1997), pp. 95-97. Preprinted in *Analyst* (the electronic supplement to *Analysis*) **2** (1996). Portuguese translation, "O Paradoxo da Pergunta," published in *Disputatio* **1** (1996), pp. 23-25.
- "On the Argument from Quantum Cosmology Against Theism," *Analysis* **55** (1995), pp. 247-251.
- "The Open Past," *Philosophical Studies* **79** (1995), pp. 95-105.
- "The 3D/4D Controversy and Non-present Objects," *Philosophical Papers* **23** (1994), pp. 243-249.
- "How Fast Does Time Pass?" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* **53** (1993), pp. 829-844. Reprinted in William R. Carter (ed.), *The Way Things Are: Basic Readings in Metaphysics* (McGraw-Hill, 1998).

- "On Language and the Passage of Time," *Philosophical Studies* **66** (1992), pp. 1-26.
- "On Ockham's Supposition Theory and Karger's Rule of Inference," *Franciscan Studies*, **48** (1988), pp. 40-52.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Caspar Hare, *On Myself, and Other, Less Important Subjects*, *The Philosophical Review* **123** (2014), pp. 360-366.
- Review of Peter Ludlow, *Semantics, Tense, and Time*, *The Journal of Philosophy* **98** (2001), pp. 325-329.

EDITING

- *Proceedings of the 2024 LanCog Summer Metaphysics Workshop*, a special issue of *Disputatio* (co-editor, along with Hugo Luzio), *Disputatio* (forthcoming).
- *Proceedings of the 2013 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Julia Markovits and Miriam Schoenfield), *Philosophical Studies* **167** (2014).
- *Proceedings of the 2012 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Lara Buchak and Elizabeth Harman), *Philosophical Studies* **164** (2013).
- *Proceedings of the 2011 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Elizabeth Barnes and Ishani Maitra), *Philosophical Studies* **158** (2012).
- *Proceedings of the 2010 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Adam Elga and Elizabeth Harman), *Philosophical Studies* **154** (2011).
- *Proceedings of the 2004 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Frances Howard-Snyder and Hud Hudson), *Philosophical Studies* **129** (2006).
- *Proceedings of the 2003 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Frances Howard-Snyder and Hud Hudson), *Philosophical Studies* **123** (2005).

- *Proceedings of the 2002 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, a special issue of *Philosophical Studies* (co-editor, along with Frances Howard-Snyder and Hud Hudson), *Philosophical Studies* **114** (2003).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Causation, Agent Causation, and Free Will" (a paper in which I give an account of what agent causation is).
- "Novels and Symphonies as Concrete Artifacts" (a paper in which I give an account of repeatable works of art, like novels and symphonies, according to which they are concrete artifacts).
- "The Open Future" (a paper in which I give an account of what we should want insofar as we want to have an open future).
- *Things and Stuff* (a monograph on the metaphysics of physical objects and the matter that constitutes them; under contract with Oxford University Press).

PRESENTATIONS

- "The Open Future," to be presented at **Osaka Metropolitan University**, Osaka, Japan, 15 March 2027.
- TBD (comments on Bram Vaassen's "No, but really, what is so bad about overdetermination?"), to be presented at the **2027 Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, Boston, January 2027.
- "The Open Future," to presented at **The University of Valencia**, 13 November 2026.
- "Causation, Agent Causation, and Free Will," presented at **The Third Annual LanCog Summer Metaphysics Workshop** at **The University of Lisbon**, 23 June 2026.
- "Causation, Agent Causation, and Free Will," presented at the **Mohawk Valley Metaphysics Workshop**, **Union College**, 2 May 2026.
- "Our Bodies, Our Selves: Composition, Constitution, and the Question of What We Are," presented at the **Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology**, Berkeley, CA, 12 November 2025.
- "What Is Acquaintance?" (comments on Emad Atiq's "Agency, Normativity, and Acquaintance"), presented at the **New England Workshop on Acquaintance** at **Rhode Island College**, 24 October 2025.

- "The Open Future," presented at **The College of the Holy Cross**, 3 October 2025.
- "What Is Time?" presented at a workshop called **Beyond the Present: Perspectives on the Philosophy of Time**, at **The University of Salzburg**, Salzburg, Austria, 4 July 2025.
- "What Is Time?" presented at **The Second Annual LanCog Summer Metaphysics Workshop** at **The University of Lisbon**, Lisbon, 24 June 2025.
- "The Open Future," presented at **Metaphysical Mayhem**, Rutgers University, 22 May 2025.
- "Causation, Agent Causation, and Free Will," presented at **Metaphysical Mayhem**, Rutgers University, 22 May 2025.
- "Fiocco's Account of Time (And Some Other Accounts)" (contribution to a book symposium on M. Oreste Fiocco, *Time and the World: Every Thing and Then Some*), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, April 2025.
- "What Is Time?" presented at the **9th Boston Phenomenology Circle Symposium**, Boston, 4 April 2025.
- "Are There Different Ways of Being?" (comments on a symposium talk, "Ontological Pluralism and the 'Thin' Conception of Being," by Byron Simmons), presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, New York, January 2025.
- "Causation, Agent Causation, and Free Will," presented at the **New England Workshop on Metaphysics — Consciousness and Agency**, 27 October 2024, Providence, RI.
- "Causation, Agent Causation, and Free Will," presented at the **Cornell Workshop on Mind and Value III — The Self in the Space of Reasons**, 6 September 2024.
- "Novels and Symphonies as Concrete Artifacts," presented at **The Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro**, Rio de Janeiro, 14 June 2024.
- "What Is Time?" presented at **The Federal University of Rio de Janeiro**, Rio de Janeiro, 12 June 2024.
- "What Is Time?" (part of a symposium on *Time and Explanation*), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Portland, 20 March 2024.
- "Are There Hippos that Can Turn Into Skyscrapers?" (comments on a symposium talk, "Essential Plenitude," by Antonio Tiongson), presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, New York, 18 January 2024.
- "Novels and Symphonies as Concrete Artifacts," presented as a **LanCog Lecture** at **The University of Lisbon**, 23 June 2023.

- "Against Egomaniacal Capitalist Moral Posers" (comments on Meghan Sullivan's "Mediocrity in the Age of Crypto-Philanthropy," for an invited symposium session on Philosophy of Time), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, 5 April 2023.
- "Characterizing Presentism and Eternalism" (comments Mark Hinchliff's "The Significance of Presentism," for an invited symposium session on Philosophy of Time), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, 5 April 2023.
- "Novels and Symphonies as Concrete Artifacts," presented at the **2023 Ranch Metaphysics Workshop**, Tucson, 25 January 2023.
- Comments on Alain Pe-Curto, "Value or Quantity," presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, Montreal, 4 January 2023.
- "Novels and Symphonies as Concrete Artifacts," presented at the **50th Anniversary Meeting of the Northern New England Philosophical Association**, at the University of New Hampshire, 21 October 2022.
- "Novels and Symphonies as Concrete Artifacts," presented at **Université Panthéon-Assas Paris 2**, 25 May 2022.
- "Nothing Erases the Past," presented at a conference on **Ted Chiang and Philosophy**, **Union College**, 13 May 2022.
- "Social Structural Objects and The Problem of the Many" (comments on Michaela McSweeney, "Social Structural Objects"), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Vancouver, BC, 15 April 2022.
- "Episodic People" (comments on Jennifer Wang, "The Metaphysics of Confucian Role Ethics"), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Vancouver, BC, 15 April 2022.
- "Novels and Musical Works as Physical Objects," presented at the **79th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Aesthetics**, Montreal, Quebec, 20 November 2021.
- "Is There a Simple Solution to The Two Envelope Problem?" presented at **Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris 2**, 13 July 2021.
- "Three New Arguments for The Dynamic Theory of Time," presented at **Springfield College**, 15 February 2021.

- "A Fundamental Level of Atomic Properties?" (comments on Paul Nedelisky, "How to Get to a Fundamental Level (Without Even Leaving Your Armchair)"), presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, 9 January 2021.
- "Three New Arguments for The Dynamic Theory of Time," presented as a work-in-progress talk at **MIT**, 15 October 2020.
- "Three New Arguments for The Dynamic Theory of Time," presented at **The California Metaphysics Conference**, 17 January 2020.
- "Why Indeterminacy in a Fiction Does Not Bleed Into the Real World" (Comments on Dana Goswick, "A Puzzle for Creationism about Fictional Objects"), presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, Philadelphia, PA, 10 January 2020.
- "Three New Arguments for The Dynamic Theory of Time," presented at **Brandeis University**, 18 October 2019.
- "Three New Arguments for The Dynamic Theory of Time," presented at **Amherst College**, 25 April 2019.
- "Losing a Part of Yourself" (Comments on Carolyn Garland, "Grief and Composition as Identity"), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Vancouver, BC, 18 April 2019.
- "Three New Arguments for The Dynamic Theory of Time," presented at **Oberlin College**, 5 April 2019.
- Comments on Nathaniel Baron-Schmitt and Jack Spencer, "The Macro-Micro Gap," presented at the **2018 New England Workshop on Metaphysics** at **Rhode Island College**, 17 November 2018.
- "What Are Novels?" presented at **Middlebury College**, 26 October 2018.
- "The Open Future," presented at **Dartmouth College**, 19 October 2018.
- "Things and Stuff" (Lecture 3 of a three-part series on *Things and Stuff*), presented at the **Institut Jean Nicod**, Paris, 19 April 2018.
- "What Are Novels?" presented at the **Institut Jean Nicod**, Paris, 17 April 2018.
- "Parthood, Persistence, and Time" (Lecture 2 of a three-part series on *Things and Stuff*), presented at the **Institut Jean Nicod**, Paris, 16 April 2018.

- "Why You Should Believe in Stuff" (Lecture 1 of a three-part series on *Things and Stuff*), presented at the **Institut Jean Nicod**, Paris, 12 April 2018.
- Comments on Benjamin Wald's "Thin Constitutivism: A Realist Explanation of Moral Motivation," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Diego, CA, 30 March 2018.
- "What Artifacts Are Made Of," presented at an Author Meets Critics session on Simon Evnine's *Making Objects and Events* at the **2018 Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, Savannah, GA, 5 January 2018.
- "The Dynamic Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past," presented at a the **2017 New England Workshop on Philosophy of Time** at **Rhode Island College**, 9 December 2017.
- "The Open Future," presented as the second of two **LanCog Lectures in Metaphysics for 2017** at **The University of Lisbon**, 26 July 2017.
- "The Dynamic Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past," presented as the first of two **LanCog Lectures in Metaphysics for 2017** at **The University of Lisbon**, 24 July 2017.
- "The Open Future," presented at a workshop on the open future at **The University of Milan**, 2 May 2017.
- Comments on Stephen Steward's "Metric Mereology," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Seattle, WA, 13 April 2017.
- "The Dynamic Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past," presented as part of a symposium on Ancient and Contemporary Conceptions of Time at the **Central Division Meeting of the APA**, Kansas City, MO, 3 March 2017.
- Comments on Joshua Schechter's "The Rational Significance of Etiological Information," presented at the **Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference**, The University of British Columbia, 15 August 2016.
- "Does Relativity Entail that Time Is Just Like Space?" presented at the **2016 Rome Science Festival**, 21 May 2016.
- "The Dynamic Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past," presented at **The University of Milan**, 17 May 2016.
- Comments on Byron Simmons's "Fundamental Non-qualitative Properties," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 31 March 2016.

- "Stuff Is Not Enough," presented at **The University of Miami**, 29 January 2016.
- "Things or Stuff?" presented at **Princeton University**, 30 October 2015.
- Comments on Asya Passinsky's "Norm and Object: A Normative Theory of Social Objects," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Vancouver, BC, 1 April 2015.
- "Things or Stuff?" presented at **The University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 20 February 2015.
- "Things or Stuff?" presented at **Brown University**, 31 October 2014.
- "Things or Stuff?" presented at **The University of Calgary**, 24 October 2014.
- "How I Learned to Accept Immanent Universals and Not Be Grossed Out By My Proximity to Entities That Were Once Close to Hitler" (Comments on Daniel Giberman's "On Caring Whether There Are Immanent Universals"), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Diego, CA, 16 April 2014.
- "The Dynamic Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past," presented at **The University of Illinois**, 7 February 2014.
- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" presented at **The University of Alabama**, 30 October 2013.
- "Is Time Travel Possible?" presented at **The University of Alabama**, 29 October 2013 (a public lecture presented as part of the university's Philosophy Today series).
- "Ethical Theory and *Prima Facie* Duties" presented at **Yerevan State University**, Yerevan, 10 October 2013.
- "The Nature of Time and the Possibility of Time Travel" presented at **Yerevan State University**, Yerevan, 9 October 2013.
- "Freedom, Determinism, and Agent Causation" presented at **Yerevan State University**, Yerevan, 8 October 2013.
- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" presented at **Yerevan State University**, Yerevan, 7 October 2013.
- "The A-Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past" presented at **Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, 27 September 2013.

- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" presented at **Boğaziçi University**, Istanbul, 24 September 2013.
- "The A-Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past," presented at a PERSP workshop at **The University of Barcelona**, 20 September 2013.
- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" presented at **The University of Illinois**, 6 September 2013.
- "The A-Theory of Time and Time Travel to the Past," presented at Bradford Skow's seminar on The Passage of Time at the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, 26 August 2013.
- "Organizing a Gender-Balanced Philosophy Conference," presented at the **Diversity in Philosophy Conference** organized by the **APA**, Dayton, OH, 31 May 2013.
- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" presented at **The University of California – Irvine**, 24 May 2013.
- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" presented at **Cal State LA**, 23 May 2013.
- "PUF for Stuff and Common Sense Intuitions About Arbitrary Fusions," presented as comments on Mark Moyer's "Common Sense Ontology" at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 30 March 2013.
- "Tropes and Fundamentality," presented as comments on Kathrin Koslicki's "Questions of Ontology" at the **2013 Back at the Ranch Metaphysics Conference**, Tucson, AZ, 31 January 2013.
- "Is Time Travel Possible?" presented at **Lawrence University**, 22 October 2012.
- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" presented at **The University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee**, 19 October 2012.
- "Do You Know That You Are Not a Brain In a Vat?" presented at **Western Washington University**, 10 October 2012.
- "A New Answer to The Special Composition Question," presented at **Syracuse University**, 27 April 2012.
- "A New Answer to The Special Composition Question," presented as a symposium paper at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Seattle, WA, 5 April 2012.

- "A New Answer to The Special Composition Question," presented at **Duke University**, 20 March 2012.
- "Is Time Travel Possible?" presented at **The 2012 Rome Science Festival**, 20 January 2012.
- "A Branching-Time Solution to the Truthmaker Problem for Presentism," presented at the **PERSP Space and Time Workshop on the Open Future** at **The University of Barcelona**, 2 December 2011.
- "A New Answer to The Special Composition Question," presented at **The University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 15 October 2011.
- "The Brutality of Existence," presented at **Ontology and Levels**, a conference at **The University of Connecticut**, 8 October 2011.
- "A New Answer to The Special Composition Question," presented at **The University of Wyoming**, 16 September 2011.
- "A New Answer to The Special Composition Question," presented at **The University of Barcelona**, 8 July 2011.
- "A Spatial Approach to Mereology," presented at **The University of Victoria** (Victoria, BC, Canada), 17 September 2010.
- "A Spatial Approach to Mereology," presented at **Victoria University of Wellington** (Wellington, New Zealand), 12 May 2010.
- "Do Motorcycles Have Non-Physical Parts?" presented at an Author Meets Critics session on Kathrin Koslicki's *The Structure of Objects* at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 1 April 2010.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," presented at **Vancouver Island University**, 18 March 2010.
- "A Spatial Approach to Mereology," presented at **The Australian National University**, 17 November 2009.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," presented at **The Australian National University**, 1 October 2009.
- "A Spatial Approach to Mereology," presented at **Oxford University**, 18 June 2009.
- "Rossian Minimalism," presented at **Stockholm University**, 4 June 2009.

- Comments on Katherine Hawley, "Mereology, Modality, and Magic," presented at the **2009 Arizona Ontology Conference**, Tucson, AZ, 9 January 2009.
- "A New Approach to Answering the Special Composition Question," presented at the **2008 eidos Metaphysics Conference**, Geneva, Switzerland, 17 July 2008.
- Comments on Brad Skow's "Why Time Passes," presented at the **2008 eidos Metaphysics Conference**, Geneva, Switzerland, 15 July 2008.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **Texas A&M University**, 26 April 2007.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **The University of Alabama**, 24 April 2007.
- "Three Problems for Olson's Account of Personal Identity," presented as part of an Author Meets Critic session devoted to Eric Olson's *The Human Animal* at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 4 April 2007.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **The University of Vermont**, 22 February 2007.
- "Decomposition," presented at the **Mereology, Topology, and Location** conference at Rutgers University, 14 October 2006.
- Comments on Sarah McGrath's "The Causal Relata," presented at the **NYU-Florence Causation Conference**, Florence, Italy, June 2006.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," presented at the **2006 Bled Conference**, Bled, Slovenia, 30 May 2006.
- "Nihilism Without Monism" (comments on Jonathan Schaffer's "From Nihilism to Monism"), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Portland, OR, 23 March 2006.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at the **Arizona Ontology Conference**, 14 January 2006.
- "A Simple Solution to the Two Envelope Problem," presented at **The University of Rochester**, 18 October 2005.
- "A Simple Solution to the Two Envelope Problem," presented at **The University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 11 October 2005.
- "Decomposition," presented at the Parts Workshop II at **St. Andrews University**, 11 June 2005.

- "The Right Stuff," presented at **St. Andrews University**, 10 June 2005.
- "The Truth About the Past and the Future," presented at a Workshop on Existence and the Present at the **Centre for Metaphysics and Mind** of **The University of Leeds**, 4 June 2005.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," presented at **The University of Durham**, 2 June 2005.
- "The Truth About the Past and the Future," presented at a Mini-Workshop on Philosophy of Time at the **Centre for Time** at **The University of Sydney**, 6 May 2005.
- "Rossian Minimalism," presented to the **Russellian Society** of **The University of Sydney**, 4 May 2005.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," presented at **Macquarie University**, 3 May 2005.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **The University of Sydney**, 2 May 2005.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **Monash University**, 29 April 2005.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **The University of Melbourne**, 28 April 2005.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **The Australian National University**, 26 April 2005.
- "Identifying the Problem of Personal Identity," presented at **The Australian National University**, 21 April 2005.
- "Identifying the Problem of Personal Identity," presented at the **Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference**, 2 April 2005.
- "Comments on Michael Tooley's 'Presentism'," presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 24 March 2005.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **North Carolina State University**, 25 February 2005.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **Davidson College**, 24 February 2005.
- "The Right Stuff," presented at **Wake Forest University**, 21 February 2005.
- "A Time Outside of Time? Comments on Dean Zimmerman's 'Presentism and a Timelessly Eternal Deity'," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Pasadena, CA, March 2004.

- "Identifying the Problem of Personal Identity," presented at **The University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 11 October 2003.
- "Two Arguments from Sider's *Four-Dimensionalism*," presented as part of an Author Meets Critic session devoted to Theodore Sider's *Four-Dimensionalism: An Ontology of Persistence and Time* at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, March 2003.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," presented at **Arizona State University**, 25 October 2002.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Seattle, WA, 31 March 2002.
- "Socrates Does Not Exist" (comments on Greg Fitch's "Does Socrates Exist?"), presented at the **Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference**, Western Washington University, 4 August 2001.
- "Agent Causation as the Solution to All the Compatibilist's Problems," presented at the **Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference**, 28 April 2001.
- "So Much To Do, So Little Time" (comments on Alisa Bokulich's "Quantum Measurements and Supertasks"), presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, New York, NY, December 2000.
- "A Defense of Presentism," presented at **The University of British Columbia**, 9 November 2000.
- "Inverted Rossian Utilitarianism," presented to the Philosophy Departments of **The University of Idaho and Washington State University**, 27 October 2000.
- "Ontological Fundamentalism" (comments on Jonathan Schaffer's "Evidence for Fundamentality?"), presented at the **Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference**, Western Washington University, 6 August 2000.
- "The A Theory, Time Travel, and Relativity" (comments on Timothy Chambers's "Is A-Series Time Travel Defensible – Or Was Putnam Right All Along?"), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Albuquerque, NM, 6 April 2000.
- "Characterizing Three Metaphysical Disputes: 3D Versus 4D, Presentism Versus Non-presentism, and Modal Actualism Versus Modal Realism,"

presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, Boston, MA, 27 December 1999.

- "A Defense of Presentism," presented at **The University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 2 October 1999.
- "Two Puzzles About Mercy," presented at a conference at **George Fox University**, 9 April 1999.
- "A Defense of Presentism," presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Los Angeles, CA, 27 March 1998.
- "Skepticism, Defeat, and Plantinga's Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism" (with Sharon Ryan), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Los Angeles, CA, 27 March 1998.
- "A Compatibilist Version of the Theory of Agent Causation," presented at **Western Washington University**, 7 February 1998.
- "Skepticism, Defeat, and Plantinga's Evolutionary Argument Against Naturalism" (with Sharon Ryan), presented at **The University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 4 October 1997.
- "A Compatibilist Version of the Theory of Agent Causation," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Berkeley, CA, 27 March 1997.
- "Time, Space, and the Nature of Physical Objects," presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Berkeley, CA, 28 March 1997.
- "A Compatibilist Version of the Theory of Agent Causation," presented at the **First Annual Metaphysical Mayhem Conference**, University of Notre Dame, 12 July 1996.
- "Can an Object Have an Indeterminate Boundary?" (comments on Roy Sorensen's "Sharp Boundaries for Blobs"), presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, Seattle, WA, 5 April 1996.
- "The Theory of Agent Causation," presented at the First Annual WVU Philosophy Conference, **West Virginia University**, 30 March 1996.
- "Some Considerations on the Theory of Agent Causation," presented at **The College of New Jersey**, 26 February 1996.

- "On Linguistic Arguments for Metaphysical Claims" (comments on Thomas Foster's "A-Information and B-Facts"), presented at a group meeting of the **Philosophy of Time Society** at the **Central Division Meeting of the APA**, Chicago, IL, 28 April 1995.
- "Simples," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 30 March 1995.
- "Simples," presented to the **Philosophy Club of West Virginia University**, 20 March 1995.
- "The 3D View and the Argument from Vagueness" (comments on Theodore Sider's "Four-dimensionalism and Vagueness"), presented at **The University of Massachusetts Amherst**, 16 October 1993.
- "The Open Past," presented at the **Pacific Division Meeting of the APA**, San Francisco, CA, 27 March 1993.
- "How Fast Does Time Pass?" presented at **West Virginia University**, 19 February 1992.
- "Symmetry, Isotropy and Explanation" (comments on John Hawthorn's "Making Waves"), presented at the **Eastern Division Meeting of the APA**, Atlanta, GA, 28 December 1991.
- "The Open Past," presented to the **Philosophy Club** of **The University of New Hampshire**, November 1991.
- "The Unreality of the Past and the Future," presented at the annual meeting of the **Wisconsin Philosophical Association**, Stevens Point, WI, 13 April 1991.
- "The Unreality of the Past and the Future," presented to the **Philosophy Club** of **Brooklyn College**, 12 December 1990.
- "Fatalism and the Open Future," presented at **Lawrence University**, 29 March 1989.

REFEREE WORK

- Cambridge University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Prentice-Hall

- Swiss National Science Foundation
- *American Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Analysis*
- *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*
- *Disputatio*
- *Erkenntnis*
- *The Journal of Philosophical Logic*
- *The Journal of Philosophical Research*
- *The Journal of Philosophy*
- *Noûs*
- *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Philosophia*
- *Philosophical Papers*
- *Philosophical Quarterly*
- *Philosophical Studies*
- *Philosophy Compass*
- *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
- *Synthese*
- *Theoria*

DEPARTMENTAL, UNIVERSITY, AND OTHER SERVICE

- Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2024-present.
- Creator and Co-Organizer, The LanCog Summer Metaphysics Workshop (at The University of Lisbon), 2024-present.
- Editorial Board, *Philosophy Compass*, 2008-present.

- Conference Organizer for the 18th Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 2026.
- Member, UMass Center and Institute Review Committee, 2024-2026.
- Member, UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts Scholarship Review Committee, 2024-2025
- Co-Founder and Co-Director (with Julia Jorati), *The UMass Center for Philosophy and Children*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2022-2025.
- Co-Director (with Julia Jorati), *Question Everything* (a summer residential program for high school students), University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2022-2025.
- Co-Director (with Julia Jorati), *Philosophy in Public Schools*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2019-2025.
- Member, Site Visit Program (an independent program created by the APA's Committee on the Status of Women), 2013-2024.
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2015-2020, 2022-2023.
- Co-Creator and Co-Organizer, *The Yerevan Academy of Linguistics and Philosophy (YALP)*, 2017-2020.
- Creator and Director, *Philosophy in Public Schools* program (a philosophy program in elementary schools), University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2016-2019.
- Conference Organizer for the 14th Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 2017.
- External reviewer for The College of William and Mary Department of Philosophy Program Review, December 2016.
- Search Committee for Dean of The College of Natural Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2016.
- Search Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2015-2016.
- Member, APA Ad Hoc Committee on a Professional Code of Conduct, 2014-2016.

- Conference Organizer for the 13th Biennial UMass Philosophy Homecoming Conference, University of Massachusetts Amherst, October 2015.
- Creator and Organizer of The Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2006, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000.
- Creator and Director, *Philosophy in Public Schools* program, Western Washington University, 2012-2015.
- Chair, American Philosophical Association's Ad Hoc Committee on Reducing the APA's Carbon Footprint, 2011.
- Executive Committee of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, 2008-2011.
- External reviewer for University of Alabama Department of Philosophy Program Review, October 2010.
- Search Committee for Dean of The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (2008), WWU.
- Chair, Philosophy Department Search Committee, Western Washington University.
- Faculty Affairs Council, WWU.
- Search Committee for Founding Dean of The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (2003), WWU.
- General University Requirements Task Force, WWU.
- General Education Requirements Committee, WWU.
- Program Committee Chair for Group Meeting of The Philosophy of Time Society at Pacific Division Meeting of American Philosophical Association.
- Philosophy Department Search Committee, WWU.
- Philosophy Department Committee to organize a symposium titled "How Should Humans Treat Other Animals?" (co-chair), West Virginia University.
- Philosophy Department Promotion and Tenure Committee, WVU.
- Philosophy Department Search Committee, WVU.
- Philosophy Department Library Liaison, WVU.
- Philosophy Department Computer Consultant (responsible for the purchasing of new computers), WVU.

- Philosophy Club Advisor, WVU.
- Philosophy Department Speakers Committee (co-chair), WVU.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate

- Seminar: How Not to Be a Presentist
- Seminar: Things and Stuff
- Seminar: Baker and Bennett
- Seminar: The Philosophy of Time
- Seminar: The Metaphysics of Material Objects and the Matter that Constitutes Them
- Seminar: The Metaphysics of Art Objects
- Proseminar
- Topics in Metaphysics
- Topics in Philosophy of Art

Undergraduate

- Seminar: Philosophy in Public Schools
- Seminar: Philosophy of Time
- Seminar: Problems of Material Constitution
- Seminar: Things and Stuff
- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Science
- 20th Century British Philosophy
- Ancient Philosophy
- Berkeley, Hume, Kant, and Mill
- Descartes, Locke, and Leibniz

- Modern Philosophy
- The Rationalists
- Critical Reasoning
- Freshman Studies
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Death and the Meaning of Life
- Introduction to Symbolic Logic
- Introductory Ethics
- Society and Morals