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APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2013-present
  University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2009-13
  University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2005-09
  University of Southern California

EDUCATION

Rutgers University: Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2005

University of Notre Dame: M.A. in Philosophy, 2001

Boston College: B.A in Philosophy, *summa cum laude,* 1999

HONORS

James B. and Grace J Nelson Fellow in Philosophy, 2013-present
  Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan

Norman and Jane Katz Faculty Fellowship, 2012-13
  Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan

Denise Research Fellowship, 2009-13
  Department of Philosophy, University of Michigan

Editorial Board, *Journal of Semantics and Pragmatics*, 2016-present

Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award, 2013
  University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

BOOKS

*The Reference Book* (2012)
  Oxford University Press; with John Hawthorne
  (published in paperback, 2014)

*Metametaphysics: New Essays on the Foundations of Ontology* (2009)
  Oxford University Press; ed. with D. Chalmers and R. Wasserman

*Reason Better: An Interdisciplinary Guide to Critical Thinking* (2019)
  Tophat Monocle (revised edition 2022)

ARTICLES

**The ethics, economics, and demographics of delaying aging**
  in *Essays on Longtermism*, eds. H. Greaves & W. MacAskill, 2025,
  Oxford University Press; with Kevin Kuruc

**Keeping up appearances: A reducer's guide**
  forthcoming (conditionally) in *The Journal of Philosophy*

**God and the Bayesian conception of evidence**
  forthcoming in *Religious Studies*

**Quantifier variance**
in *The Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, eds. R. Bliss & JTM Miller, 2020, Routledge: 100-117; with Rohan Sud

**Dispositions without teleology**
*Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, 2017, 10: 47-59; with R. Wasserman

**Response** (to four critical studies of *The Reference Book*)
*Mind and Language*, 2014, 29(4): 499-510s; with John Hawthorne

**The folk probably do think what you think they think**
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2013, 91(3): 421-441, with Billy Dunaway and Anna Edmonds

**Dispositionality: Beyond the biconditionals**
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2012, 90(2): 321-334

**Dispositions, conditionals, and counterexamples**
*Mind*, 2011, 120(480): 1191-1227; with Ryan Wasserman

**When best theories go bad**
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2009, 78(2): 392-405

**A guided tour of metametaphysics**
in *Metametaphysics*, eds. Chalmers, et. al., Oxford: OUP, 2009

**On linking dispositions with conditionals**
*Mind*, 2008, 117: 59-84; with Ryan Wasserman. Also translated in *Dispositionen: Texte aus der zeitgenössischen Debatte*, eds. B. Vetter and S. Schmid, Suhrkamp, 2013

**Safety, content, apriority, self-knowledge**
*The Journal of Philosophy*, 2007, 104(8): 403-423

**A gradable approach to dispositions**
*The Philosophical Quarterly*, 2007, 57: 68–75; with Ryan Wasserman

**Mumford's dispositions**
*Noûs*, 2005, 39:179-195 (critical study); with John Hawthorne

**Properties and resemblance classes**
*Noûs*, 2002, 36: 75-96

SHORT PIECES     **'Fictionalism' and 'Fink'**
entries in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 3rd edition, 2015

**F. Correia, *Existential Dependence and Cognate Notions***
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 02/01, 2007

TALKS     **Moral realism, defective concepts, and the illusion of revelation**
Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, Lexington, Oct 2025

**Paine, Pigou, George & Claude:**
**Social surplus, externalities, and the case for an AI dividend**
  Technical AI Governance Forum, London Aug 2025

**AI labor and human well-being**
  World Bank Advisory Services & Analytics Workshop: AI Economic
  Competitiveness and Fiscal Implications, Warsaw, May 2025

**Reasoning education in a world of AI**
  AI for Epistemics Workshop, San Francisco May 2024

**The ethics of lifespan extension**
  Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy, July 2021

**A gentle introduction to Bayesian updating**
  EA Global, Oct. 2020

**Decoupling: A technique for reducing bias**
  EA Global, Oct. 2020

**Axiology, identity, and lifespan**
  Global Priorities Institute (University of Oxford) Mar. 2019

**Personal identity and population axiology**
  University of Northern Illinois, Nov. 2018

**On being a random sample**
  University of Toronto, Nov. 2016
  Oakland University, Oct. 2016

**Moral realism and semantic plasticity**
  University of Oxford, May 2016

**Fine-tuning and confirmation theory: Some complications**
  Ohio State University, Apr. 2015
  Calvin College, Mar. 2015

**Remarks on Boris Kment's *Modality & Explanatory Reasoning***
  Princeton University, Feb. 2015

**Ground rules for metaphysical reduction**
  Carolina Metaphysics Workshop (Arizona), Feb. 2014

**Why it's (usually) bad to be ad hoc**
  Metaphysical Virtues, Western Michigan University, Mar. 2013

**Names: a third way**
  APA Pacific Division Meeting (Invited Symposium), Mar. 2013

**Bridges to reality**
  Method in Metaphysics Conference, U. of Michigan, Mar. 2013
  Notre Dame Metaphysics Reading Group, Mar. 2013

**Authors meet critics: *The Reference Book***
  APA Eastern Division Meeting, Dec. 2012

**Self-location, existence, and evidential uniqueness**
  Rutgers University Colloquium, Nov. 2012
  University of Virginia Colloquium, Nov. 2012

**The book of the world and two stories of language**
  Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, SLU, Oct. 2012

**Remarks on Memento and self-deception**
  The Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, Mar. 2012

**Is there an existential selection effect?**
  Western Michigan University, Mar. 2012
  MIT Colloquium, Dec. 2011
  Yale University Colloquium, Dec. 2011

**Dispositions: Beyond the biconditionals**
  Pacific APA Invited Symposium, Apr. 2011

**When best theories go bad**
  University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Colloquium, Jan. 2009
  The Online Philosophy Conference, May 2006

**Chance-changing and necessitation**
  Arizona Ontology Conference, Jan. 2009

**Precis of *The Reference Book***
  Logos Group Workshop on Singular Thought Barcelona. Jan. 2009

**Acquaintance and propositional attitudes**
  University of Vermont Colloquium, Nov. 2008

**Workshop on *The Reference Book***
  Arché Research Centre, St Andrews. Nov. 2008

**Symposium on singular thought**
  with John Hawthorne: Pacific APA, Apr. 2007

**Safety, content, a priority**
  California State University, Northridge Colloquium, Nov. 2006

**Should auld acquaintance be forgot?**
  Notre Dame Colloquium, Jan. 2006

**On linking dispositions with conditionals**
  University of Southern California Colloquium, Apr. 2005

REFEREEING   *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy, The Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Inquiry, Mind, The Monist, Noûs,* Oxford University Press, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophers Imprint, The Philosophical Quarterly, The Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research,* Springer-Verlag, *Synthese*

for competitions: Ethics Bowl, Essay Competition on the Automation of Wisdom and Philosophy