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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, <i>summa cum laude</i> , 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, <i>Journal of Semantics and Pragmatics</i> , 2016-present
	Class of 1923 Memorial Teaching Award, 2013 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
BOOKS	<i>The Reference Book</i> (2012) Oxford University Press; with John Hawthorne (published in paperback, 2014)
	<i>Metametaphysics: New Essays on the Foundations of Ontology</i> (2009) Oxford University Press; ed. with D. Chalmers and R. Wasserman
	<i>Reason Better: An Interdisciplinary Guide to Critical Thinking</i> (2019) Tophat Monocle (revised edition 2022)
ARTICLES	The ethics, economics, and demographics of delaying aging in <i>Essays on Longtermism</i> , eds. H. Greaves & W. MacAskill, 2025, Oxford University Press; with Kevin Kuruc
	Keeping up appearances: A reducer's guide forthcoming (conditionally) in <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i>
	God and the Bayesian conception of evidence forthcoming in <i>Religious Studies</i>

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 cognitive illusions

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