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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 (new 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 (in German) 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 AI labor and human well-being

World Bank Advisory Services and Analytics Workshop: AI Economic Competitiveness and Fiscal Implications, Warsaw, May 2025

# Reasoning education in a world of AI

Al 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 and 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

(responding to Karen Lewis and R.M. Sainsbury) 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, Saint Louis University, 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

for publishers: 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