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RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Metaphysics
Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Logic

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Calgary	2023-
Contract Lecturer, Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson)	2021-22
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Lisbon	2019-21
Assistant Professor (Fixed Term), Trent University	2017-19

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, City University of New York Graduate Center	2017
MA in Philosophy, Simon Fraser University	2011
BA Hons in Philosophy, University of Regina	2009

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Naturalized Metaphysics without Scientific Realism” (forthcoming). *Argumenta*.
2. “Grounding Interventionism: Conceptual and Epistemological Challenges” (2022). *Metaphilosophy*. 53:2-3. 322-343. [Link](#).
(Reprinted in *Examining Philosophy Itself* (2023), Ed. Yafeng Shan. Wiley. 223-252.)
3. “The Supposed Spectre of Scientism” (2022). *For & Against Scientism*. Ed. Moti Mizrahi. Rowman & Littlefield. 47-74. [Link](#).
4. “A Thousand Flowers on the Road to Epistemic Anarchy: Comments on Chakravartty’s *Scientific Ontology*” (2021) *Dialogue*. 60:1. 1-13. [Link](#).
5. “Epistemic Infrastructure for a Scientific Metaphysics” (2021). *Grazer Philosophische Studien*. 98. 27-49. [Link](#).
6. “Keep the Chickens Cooped: The Epistemic Inadequacy of Free Range Metaphysics” (2020). *Synthese*. 197. 1867–1887. [Link](#).
7. “Naturalisms” (2020). *Think*. 19:56. 35-50. [Link](#).
8. “Physicalism” (2020). *The Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*. Ed. Michael Raven. New York: Routledge. 484-500. [Link](#).

9. “Some Devils in the Details: Methodological Concerns Regarding Mizrahi’s ‘The Scientism Debate’” (2020). *Social Epistemology Review & Reply Collective* 9 (11): 28-37. [Link](#).
10. “Each Kuhn Mutually Incommensurable” (2018). *Social Epistemology Review & Reply Collective* 7:6. 1-7. [Link](#).
11. “Naturalizing Grounding: How Theories of Ground Can Engage Science” (2018). *Philosophy Compass*. 13:e12489. [Link](#).
12. “Resolving Quine’s Conflict: A Neo-Quinean View of the Rational Revisability of Logic” (2017). *Australasian Journal of Logic*. 14:1. 30-45. [Link](#).
13. “What’s Metaphysics All About?” (2017). *Institute of Art and Ideas*. [Link](#).

IN PREPARATION

- *Modal Naturalism*, with Alastair Wilson. Cambridge University Press Elements Series.
- *Rethinking Emergence: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, co-edited with David Yates. Oxford University Press (UK).
- “Social Science and the Naturalization of Social Metaphysics: Old Biases and New Prospects.” Under review.

PRESENTATIONS

(* indicates online presentations)

1. “Girl Meets World: Finding the Philosophy in Policy”
Philosophy Department Speakers Series, University of Calgary
Jan 19, 2023
2. “Naturalized Metaphysics without Scientific Realism?”*
On the Epistemology of Metaphysics, University of Padova
May 10, 2022
3. “Modal Naturalism” (with Alastair Wilson)*
Naturalised Epistemologies of Modality, Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities
Mar 24, 2022
4. “Social Science and the Naturalization of Social Metaphysics”*
Research Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy, University of Gothenburg
Jan 10, 2022
5. “Naturalism, Metametaphysics, and Social Ontology”*
Barcelona Seminar in Social Metaphysics, University of Barcelona
Oct 29, 2021

6. “Imagination and the Epistemology of Interventionism”*
New Directions in Metaphilosophy, University of Kent
May 13, 2021
7. “Imagination and the Epistemology of Interventionism”*
eidos Research Seminar, University of Geneva
May 06, 2021
8. “Why Naturalize Metaphysics?”*
LanCog Seminar Series, University of Lisbon
May 08, 2020
9. “Object-Free Causation”
Mount Allison University
Mar 13, 2020
10. “Epistemic Infrastructure for a Scientific Metaphysics”
Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, University of Toronto
Nov 11, 2019
11. Book Symposium on Anjan Chakravartty’s *Scientific Ontology*
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Vancouver
Apr 17, 2019
12. “How Science Speaks to Possibility and Necessity”
Modality in Structural/Naturalist Ontologies, Lingnan University
Mar 21, 2019
13. “Philosophy in the Age of Science” (student-nominated speaker)
Enwayaang: An Event About Extraordinary Ideas, Trent University
Jan 28, 2019
14. “Ampliative Inference and Epistemic Trade-Offs in a Scientific Metaphysics”
University of Bristol
Jan 16, 2019
15. “Toward a Scientifically Responsible Metaphysics of Ground”
Metaphysical Explanation in Science, University of Birmingham
Jan 11, 2019
16. “Theoretical Constraint as an Epistemic Good”
Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, Université du Québec à Montréal
Jun 04, 2018
17. “Scientific Metaphysics, Justification, & Fuzzy Disciplinary Boundaries”
Canadian Society for HPS Annual Meeting, University of Regina
May 28, 2018

18. "Object-Free Ontology: How to Square Causation with Ontic Structural Realism"
University of Wyoming
Feb 04, 2018
19. "Object-Free Ontology: How to Square Causation with Ontic Structural Realism"
University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Feb 02, 2018
20. "Object-Free Ontology: How to Square Causation with Ontic Structural Realism"
Trent University
Jan 25, 2018
21. "Ampliative Inference & Disciplinary Autonomy in a Scientific Metaphysics"
Traditional and Inductive Metaphysics, Technische Universität Dortmund
Dec 07, 2017
22. "Why Care About Constraint: Theoretical Constraint as an Epistemic Good"
Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, University of Regina
Oct 15, 2017
23. "Epistemic Reasons for a Scientifically Responsible Metaphysics"
Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association Conference, Saint Mary's University
Oct 13, 2017
24. "Scientific Metaphysics, Justification, & Fuzzy Disciplinary Boundaries"
Epistemology of Metaphysics, Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences
Jun 29, 2017
25. "The No-Miracles Argument and the Base-Rate Fallacy"
25th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association, Atlanta
Nov 05, 2016
26. "A Guiding Light for Ground: How to Naturalize Theories of Grounding"
Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Calgary
May 29, 2016
27. "The No-Miracles Argument and The Base-Rate Fallacy"
Canadian Society for HPS Annual Meeting, University of Calgary
May 28, 2016
28. "Squaring Causation with Eliminative Ontic Structural Realism"
The History of Science & Contemporary Scientific Realism, IUPUI
Feb 19, 2016
29. "A Neo-Quinean View of the Rational Revisability of Logic"*
Frontiers of Non-Classicality: Logic, Mathematics, Philosophy, Auckland
Jan 26, 2016

30. “The Methodological Inadequacy of ‘Free Range’ Metaphysics”
MetaScience15: New Trends in the Metaphysics of Science, Paris-Sorbonne University
Dec 16, 2015
31. “Grounding and Naturalism: Are Theories of Grounding Apt for Naturalization?”
The Metaphysics & Epistemology of Grounding & Fundamentality, CUNY Grad Center
Dec 11, 2015
32. “Toward a Naturalized Epistemology of Modal Metaphysics”
Directions in the Epistemology of Modality, University of Stirling
Oct 22, 2015
33. “The Theory-Ladenness of Self-Experience”
Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, University of Saskatchewan
Oct 04, 2015
34. “Squaring Causation with Eliminative Ontic Structural Realism”
First Annual Conference of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Rutgers-Newark
Sep 17, 2015
35. “The Methodological Inadequacy of ‘Free Range’ Metaphysics”
Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Ottawa
May 31, 2015

AWARDS

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (\$29,000 CAD)	2016-17
SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship (\$60,000 CAD)	2012-15
Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (\$100,000 CAD)	2011-16
SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master’s Scholarship (\$17,500 CAD)	2010-11

TRAVEL GRANTS

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Exchange Grant	2019
Travel support for <i>Metaphysical Explanation in Science (FraMEPhys)</i> , UK	2019
Travel support for <i>Traditional and Inductive Metaphysics</i> , Germany	2017
National Science Foundation Travel Grant for <i>25th Meeting of the PSA</i>	2016
Travel support for <i>Directions in the Epistemology of Modality</i> , Scotland	2015

PRIZES

Best Graduate Student Essay Prize, <i>Western Canadian Philosophical Assoc. Mtg.</i>	2015
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COURSES TAUGHT

TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Modern Philosophy (Hybrid) | Winter 2022
Philosophy of Religion (Hybrid) | Winter 2022

TRENT UNIVERSITY

Critical Thinking | Winter 2019, Fall 2018, Winter 2018, Fall 2017
Critical Thinking (Online) | Summer 2019, Summer 2018
Philosophy of Emotion | Winter 2019
Philosophy of Mind | Fall 2018, Fall 2017
Philosophy of Science | Fall 2018, Winter 2018
Metaphysics | Fall 2017
Advanced Philosophy of Mind: Mental Architecture | Winter 2018
Advanced Philosophy of Science: Scientific Realism | Winter 2019

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Knowledge, Reality, and Value | Spring 2013, Fall 2012
Introduction to Problems of Philosophy | Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013

SERVICE

TO DEPARTMENT

Member, Departmental Committee, Trent University	2017-19
Elected Chair, Student Steering Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2015-16
Elected Member, Student Steering Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2012-16
Elected Member, Executive Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2012-16
Elected Member, Placement Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2015-16
Elected Member, Colloquium Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2015-16
Elected Member, Admissions Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2014-15
Elected Member, Student and Alumni Affairs Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2013-14
Teaching Fellow Representative, Departmental Committee, Brooklyn College	2012-13

TO PROFESSION

Referee	<i>APQ, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, BJPS, Dialectica, Dialogue, Erkenntnis, EJPS, J Phil, Oxford University Press (US), PPQ, Philosophy of Science, Phil Studies, PPR, Synthese, Thought</i>	2011-22
Organizer	Emergence Project Seminar, University of Lisbon	2020-21
Organizer	NY Society for Women in Philosophy, Analytic Division	2016-17
Organizer	<i>The M&E of Grounding and Fundamentality Conference</i> , CUNY Graduate Center	2015