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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (2015-)
Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (2010-2015)
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (2006-2010)
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, McGill University (2003-2006)

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Philosophy, Princeton University (2003)
B.A. in the Program of Liberal Studies & Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (1997)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of mind, philosophy of language.

OTHER RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

History of analytic philosophy, metaphysics, philosophy of action, philosophy of religion,
the philosophy of Wittgenstein.

BOOKS

- *New Thinking About Propositions*, co-authored with Jeffrey King and Scott Soames (Oxford University Press: 2014).
- *The Phenomenal and the Representational* (Oxford University Press: 2015).
- *The Greatest Possible Being* (Oxford University Press: 2018).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Is there a problem about nonconceptual content?”, *Philosophical Review* 114:3 (2005), 359-398.
- “Is mental content prior to linguistic meaning?” *Noûs* 40:3 (2006), 428-467.
- “Truth theories, translation manuals, and theories of meaning,” *Linguistics & Philosophy* 29:4 (2006), 487-505.
- “Conversational implicature, thought, and communication,” *Mind & Language* 23:1 (2008), 107-122.
- “Transparency, intentionalism, and the nature of perceptual content,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 79:3 (2009), 539-573.
- “The normativity of content and ‘the Frege point’,” *European Journal of Philosophy* 17:3 (2009), 405-415.
- “Epistemic two-dimensionalism and the epistemic argument,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88:1 (2010), 59-78.
- “Attention and intentionalism,” *Philosophical Quarterly* 60:239 (2010), 325-342.

- “Explaining the disquotational principle,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 40:2 (2010), 211-238.
- “Millian descriptivism defended,” *Philosophical Studies* 149:2 (2010), 201-208.
- “Spectrum inversion without a difference in representation is impossible,” *Philosophical Studies* 156:3 (2011), 339-361.
- “Frege’s puzzle and descriptive enrichment,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 83:2 (2011), 267-282.
- “Foreknowledge, evil, and compatibility arguments,” *Faith & Philosophy* 28:3 (2011), 269-293.
- “On possibly nonexistent propositions,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 85:3 (2012), 528-562.
- “Individuating Fregean sense,” *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43:5-6 (2013), 634-654.
- “What are debates about qualia really about?” *Philosophical Studies* 170:1 (2014), 59-84.
- “No easy argument for two-dimensionalism,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 92:4 (2014), 775-781.
- “The method of perfect being theology,” *Faith & Philosophy* 31:3 (2014), 256-266.
- “Is phenomenal character out there in the world?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 91:2 (2015), 465-482.
- “The roles of speaker and hearer in the character of demonstratives,” *Mind* 125:498 (2016), 301-339.
- “Merricks *vs.* the Russellian orthodoxy,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 93:2 (2016), 469-477 (invited for book symposium on Merricks’ *Propositions*).
- “Perfect being theology and modal truth,” *Faith & Philosophy* 33:4 (2016), 465-473.
- “A puzzle about demonstratives and semantic competence,” *Philosophical Studies* 174:3 (2017), 709-734.
- “Permissible tinkering with the concept of God,” *Topoi* 36:4 (2017), 587-597 (special issue on the divine attributes).
- “Précis of *The Phenomenal and the Representational*” and “Reply to commentators,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 95:2 (2017), 465-469 and 492-506.
- “Act theories and the attitudes,” *Synthese* 196:4 (2019), 1453-1473.
- “Cognitive acts and the unity of the proposition,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 98:4 (2020), 646-660.
- “Galacticism, thought-relativism, quasi-internalism,” *Philosophical Studies* 178:9 (2020) 3037-3047 (invited for book symposium on Hawthorne & Yli-Vakkuri, *Narrow Content*).
- “The schmidentity strategy,” *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Language* v. 3 (2023), 182-204 (invited).
- “Verbal disputes about the content of experience,” forthcoming in *Philosophical Quarterly*.
- “Pautz on the laws of appearance, internalism, and color realism,” forthcoming in *Inquiry* (for a book symposium on Pautz’s *Perception*).
- “Is there such a thing as felicitous underspecification?” forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies* (invited for a book symposium on King’s *Felicitous Underspecification*).

IN COLLECTIONS

- “Introduction, transmission, and the foundations of meaning”, in *New Waves in the Philosophy of Language*, ed. Sarah Sawyer (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010), 226-249.
- “Some thoughts about hallucination, self-representation, and ‘There it is’”, in *Consciousness Inside and Out: Phenomenology, Neuroscience, and the Nature of Experience*, ed. R. Brown (Springer, 2013), 147-154.

- “Predication”, in *A Companion to Davidson* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), Kirk Ludwig & Ernie LePore, eds., 328-338.
- “Content and the explanatory role of experience”, *Singular Thought and Mental Files* (Oxford University Press, 2020), James Genone, Rachel Goodman, & Nick Kroll, eds., 52-71.
- “Propositions as Cambridge properties,” *Routledge Handbook of Propositions* (Routledge, 2022), ed. Chris Tillman.

DICTIONARY & ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- “Intentionality,” in *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the Language Sciences* (Cambridge University Press, 2010) (3000 words).
- “Theories of meaning,” in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2010; substantive revisions 2014 and 2018) (23,000 words).

BOOK REVIEWS

- “Review of Donald Davidson, *Truth and Predication*,” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2006.08.06.
- “Review of Stewart Candlish, *The Russell/Bradley Dispute and its Significance for Twentieth Century Philosophy*,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 86:3 (2008), 509-512.
- “Review of David Chalmers, *The Character of Consciousness*,” *Philosophical Review* 121:1 (2012), 125-131.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Research grant, John Templeton Foundation (2014-2016)
- Excellence in Philosophy of Religion Prize for ‘Foreknowledge, Evil, and Compatibility Arguments’ (2011)
- Best Paper Prize, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2010)
- Thomas P. Madden Award for Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen (2008-9)
- Standard Research Grant (individual), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (awarded April, 2006) (2002-2003)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Chair, College of Arts & Letters Decanal Review Committee (2021-22)
- NDIAS Advisory Board (2019-22)
- University Committee on Women Faculty and Students (2018-19)
- Chair, Philosophy Core Curriculum Subcommittee (2017-22)
- Core Curriculum Committee (2015-22)
- Catholicism Across the Disciplines Core Curriculum Subcommittee (2017-22)
- Inspired Leadership Initiative Faculty Advisor (2018-22)
- Department Chairs Advisory Group (2017-20)
- Chair, Core Curriculum Learning Goals Drafting Committee for Philosophy (2017)
- Core Curriculum Transition Committee (2016-17)
- Catholic Mission Focus Group of the Core Curriculum Review Committee (2014-15)
- Ad Hoc Committee on the Future of the Core Curriculum (2013-2014)

- NDIAS Philosophy Review Committee (2013-18); Chair (2016-18)
- University Committee for the First Year of Studies (2011-15)
- College of Arts & Letters Honesty Committee (2011-2014)
- College of Arts & Letters Advisory Board (2001-2004)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- Department Chair (2016-22)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies (2012-15)
- Committee on Appointments & Promotions (2012-15, 2016-19)
- Climate Committee (2012-15, 2016-22)
- External Review Committee (2012-13)
- Graduate Committee (2007-10; 2011-12)
- Graduate Admissions (2012, 2015)
- Undergraduate Committee (2011-15)
- Colloquium Committee (2007-10)
- Teaching mentor for Sorin Society Fellows (2007-11)
- Honesty Committee (2006-7)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, American Philosophical Association (2003-).
- Member, Canadian Philosophical Association (2003-2005).
- Co-editor for Philosophy of Mind, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (2015-).
- Journal submissions reviewed for *Analysis*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ergo*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Science*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Ratio*, *Religious Studies*, *Res Philosophica*, *Sophia*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Thought*, and *Yale Law Journal*.
- Book manuscripts reviewed for Princeton, Oxford, Blackwell's, Routledge, M.I.T., and McGill-Queens University Press.
- Conference papers reviewed for meetings of the Canadian Philosophical Association and the American Philosophical Association.
- Reviewer, FNP Prize (Fundacja na rzecz Nauki Polskiej) (2011).
- Reviewer for Swiss National Science Foundation (2014).

SELECTED TALKS

- Do propositions represent? If so, how?
 - Colloquium talk, Purdue University, January 2024
- Representationalism, the laws of appearance, and color realism
 - Book symposium on Adam Pautz's *Perception*, Eastern Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, January 2022

- Representationalism and religious experience
 - Religious Experience and Perception: a Cross-Disciplinary Workshop, Rutgers University, October 2021
- Verbal disputes about the content of experience
 - Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Cincinnati, March 2019.
- Propositions, representational properties, and the attitudes
 - The Role of Content in Mind, Language, and Metaphysics, University of London, May 2018.
- *The Phenomenal and the Representational*: Author meets critics
 - Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Kansas City, March 2017.
- Reply to Frank Jackson & Susanna Schellenberg
 - Colloquium on Generalism vs. Particularism in the Philosophy of Perception, Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Baltimore, 2017
- What follows from the claim that God is the greatest possible being?
 - Rutgers Center for the Philosophy of Religion, March 2016.
 - Center for the Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, February 2016.
- Complex acts and the unity of the proposition
 - University of California at San Diego, January 2016.
 - Graduate seminar, Princeton University, October 2015.
 - University of Southern California Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, April 2015.
- Experience, thought, and the scope of perceptual representation
 - Workshop on the Contents of Consciousness, University of Manchester, July 2015.
- A puzzle about demonstratives and semantic competence
 - University of Missouri Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, January 2015.
 - University of Notre Dame Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, November 2014.
- *New Thinking About Propositions*: Authors meet critics
 - Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 2015.
- Distinct but representationally identical propositions
 - Workshop on propositions, University of Leeds, May 2014.
- Perceptual content and the explanatory role of experience
 - Workshop on ‘How perception makes things available for thought’, Rice University, November 2013.
- Is phenomenal character out there in the world?
 - Ohio State University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, March 2014.
 - McGill University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, October 2013.
- Speaker and hearer in the character of demonstratives
 - Conference on Internalist Semantics, Montreal, October 2013.
 - Conference on Reference and Frege Puzzles, Umea, Sweden, June 2013.
 - 4th Workshop on Semantic Content, Barcelona, November 2012.
- The greatest possible being
 - BGND Philosophy of religion conference, Notre Dame, October 2013.
 - Philosophy of religion workshop, Notre Dame, September 6 & 13, 2013.
- What are debates about qualia really about?

- Workshop on perception, Rutgers, May 2012.
 - Oberlin Philosophy Colloquium, May 2012.
- The reduction of phenomenal character
 - University of Oklahoma Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, March 2011.
 - University of Western Michigan Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, April 2012.
- Reply to Michael Tye’s “Transparency, qualia realism, and representationalism,” Oberlin Philosophy Colloquium, May 2012.
- Can linguistic representation be explained in terms of perceptual representation?
 - Mind & Language Seminar, NYU, December 2010.
 - Colloquium on Thought and Language, University of Cincinnati, May 2010
- Comments on Benj Hellie’s “There it is,” Third Annual Online Consciousness Conference, February 2011.
- An argument against phenomenism, Fregeanism, appearance property-ism, and some kinds of functionalism about perceptual content
 - Jowett Society, Oxford University, March 2011.
 - Rutgers University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, December 2010.
 - Rice University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, November 2010.
 - Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Great Lakes Mind & Science Consortium (Chicago), February 2010
- Reply to Michael McGlone’s “Propositional structure and truth conditions,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Chicago, IL), 2010.
- Against the new Fregeanism
 - University of Michigan at Ann Arbor Colloquium Series, January 2010
 - University of Texas at Austin Colloquium Series, December 2009
 - University of Northern Illinois Colloquium Series, September 2009
 - University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, November 2008
- Epistemic two-dimensionalism and the epistemic argument
 - Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (Los Angeles), April 2008
- Spectrum inversion without misrepresentation is impossible
 - McGill University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series (Montreal), October 2007
- Transparency and its consequences
 - Philosophical Society, Oxford University, June 2006
 - Auburn University Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series, April 2006
 - Colloque Référence et Attitude, Université Québec à Montréal, April 2006
- Nonconceptual content and the content of thought
 - University of Notre Dame Colloquium Series, February 2006
- Is there a problem about nonconceptual content?
 - Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference (Winnipeg), 2005
 - FCAR Group for the Study of Concepts (Montreal), 2003
- Explaining the disquotational principle

- University of Maryland Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series (College Park, MD), September 2004
- University of Southern California School of Philosophy Colloquium Series (Los Angeles), February 2005

TEACHING & ADVISING

Courses taught at Notre Dame (2006-)

- PHIL 10100 Introduction to philosophy. (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017)
- PHIL 10106 Introduction to metaphysics & epistemology. (Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)
- PHIL 13185 University seminar in philosophy. (Spring 2007)
- PHIL 13195 Honors seminar in philosophy. (Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2011, Fall 2013)
- PHIL 20208 Minds, brains, and persons. (Fall 2006)
- PHIL 20229 Paradoxes. (Spring 2008, Spring 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2014; also available on Notre Dame's Open Courseware site)
- PHIL 20810 Philosophical theology. (Spring 2013, Spring 2017)
- PHIL 30304 Gateway seminar: Consciousness (Fall 2018)
- PHIL 43503 Philosophy of action. (Spring 2009)
- PHIL 43904 Origins of analytic philosophy. (Fall 2007)
- PHIL 43916 Natural language semantics. (Fall 2012, Fall 2014)
- PHIL 46497 Directed readings in semantics and epistemology. (Fall 2013)
- PHIL 83104 Proseminar: 20th century analytic philosophy. (Fall 2011)
- PHIL 93503 Properties, relations, and propositions (with Daniel Nolan, Fall 2023)
- PHIL 93507 Topics in the philosophy of mind: Perception. (Fall 2009, Spring 2012)
- PHIL 93515 Language and mind. (Spring 2007)
- PHIL 93914 Philosophy of language. (Spring 2008)
- PHIL 96997 Directed readings in semantics. (Spring 2010)
- PHIL 96997 Directed readings in the metaphysics of propositions. (Fall 2014)

Courses taught at McGill (2003-2006)

- PHIL 201 Introduction to philosophy. (Winter 2005, Winter 2006)
- PHIL 370 Problems in analytic philosophy. (Winter 2004, Fall 2004)
- PHIL 415 Philosophy of language. (Fall 2003, Winter 2005)
- PHIL 515 Perception & intentionality. (Winter 2006)
- PHIL 519 Epistemology: Self-knowledge. (Winter 2004)
- PHIL 519 Action. (Fall 2004)
- PHIL 682 Proseminar on meaning. (Fall 2005)
- PHIL 780 The metaphysics of consciousness. (independent study, Fall 2004)
- PHIL 780 Universals and particulars. (independent study, Fall 2005)
- PHIL 780 Religious perception, religious language, and religious belief. (independent study, Fall 2005)

Dissertations directed

- o John Walrop (current)

- Louise Williams, *Exploring the Self: A Metaphysical, Practical, and Linguistic Perspectives* (2020)
- Geoffrey Hall, *The Algebraic Structure of Propositions* (co-directed with Daniel Nolan, 2020)
- Justin Christy, *Aspects of Visual Awareness* (co-directed with Fritz Warfield, 2017)
- Meg Schmitt, *On the Activity of Theoretical and Practical Reason* (2017)

Dissertation committees (internal)

- Sam Murray, *Vigilance: Self-Control for Planners* (2019)
- Jack Himelright, *An Austere Nominalist Strategy for Paraphrasing Away Properties and Relations* (2019)
- Paul Blaschko, *Believing Intentionally: An Essay on the Voluntarist Grounds of Epistemic Responsibility* (2018)
- Kate Finley, *Perception, Cognition, and Prediction* (2017)
- Michael Rauschenbach, *Spinoza's Isolationism* (2017)
- Michael Longenecker, *The Contingently Non-Concrete: Uses and Nature* (2017)
- David Pattillo, *Reference and Ontology: How Can We Refer to Abstract Objects?* (2017)
- Ryan Hammond, *Living Without Desire* (2017)
- Jeff Snapper, *Ontological Commitment, Paraphrase, and Nihilism* (2017)
- Peter Finocchiaro, *Structuring Metaphysical Disputes: A Foray Into Meta-Ideology* (2016)
- Amy Seymour, *Presentism, Propositions, and Persons* (2015)
- Naomi Fisher, *Kant, Schelling, and a New Philosophy of Nature* (2015)
- Matthew Lee, *Belief, Doubt, and Confidence: A Threshold Account* (2014)
- Kenneth Boyce, *Toward a Fictionalist Nominalism* (2013)
- Alex Skiles, *Getting Grounded: Essays in the Metaphysics of Fundamentality* (2012)
- Luke Potter, *The Word Incarnate: Philosophical Essays on the Christian Doctrine of Scripture* (2012)
- Lorraine Juliano Keller, *Whence Structured Propositions?* (2012)
- Andrew Bailey, *Person and Animal* (2011)
- John Keller, *Telling the Whole Truth: The Role of Paraphrase in Philosophical Inquiry* (2010)
- Joshua Rasmussen, *What Propositions Correspond To and How They Do It* (2010)
- Dan McKaughan, *Toward a Richer Vocabulary for Epistemic Attitudes* (2007)
- Pierre Charette, *Nature, Reasons, and Moral Meaningfulness* (2007, at McGill)
- Brian van den Broek, *What is Constant in Logic?* (2005, at McGill)
- Max Jarvie, *Acceptance, Belief, and Cognition* (2005, at McGill)
- Gerald Beaulieu, *Moral Experience and the Moral Problem* (2004, at McGill)

Dissertation committees (external)

- Ayoob Shahmoradi, *De Re Reference* (University of California at San Diego), current
- Alex Rausch, *Rethinking the Semantics of Attitude Reports* (University of Texas at Austin), 2023
- Steve Bischoff, *Semantic Pluralism* (University of Texas at Austin), 2023
- Sara Copic, *Ordinary Claims: Success Without Truth* (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), 2022

- Seishu Nishimura, *A Theory of Perceptual Entitlement* (University of Illinois at Chicago), 2010

Senior thesis supervision

- 2018-19 Jarek Jankowski, ‘Analogical predication and the problem of evil’
- 2018-19 Maxwell Weiskittel, ‘Concept empiricism’
- 2016-17 Xinhe Wu, ‘The sorites paradox, context-sensitivity and knowability’ (Dockweiler Award winner)
- 2013-14 Steven Bischoff, ‘Notion provision’ (Dockweiler Award winner)
- 2013-14 Daniel Kokotajlo, ‘Borderline cases of consciousness’
- 2013-14 Michael Pilger, ‘A Bumper Harvest of Sorrow: Mao’s Great Famine and China’s Enduring Dystopia’ (with Lionel Jensen)
- 2011-12 Gabriel McDonald, ‘Toward an elimination of metaphysics’
- 2008-9 Claire McGathey, ‘Skepticism and the case for withholding’, co-supervised with Fritz Warfield (Dockweiler Award winner)
- 2006-7 Dan Sportiello, ‘Wittgenstein on rule-following’ (Dockweiler Award winner)

Undergraduate research project supervision

- 2013 Steven Bischoff, Topics in philosophical semantics (Glynn Honors Program summer research project)
- 2013 Daniel Kokotajlo, Mental states and computation (Glynn Honors Program summer research project)
- 2015 Xinhe Wu, The semantics of demonstratives (Glynn Honors Program summer research project)