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Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Mind, Metaphysics, Language, Mathematics
AREAS OF COMPETENCE: Logic

EMPLOYMENT:

New York University Abu Dhabi, New York University New York
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2013-present

Institute for Cross-Disciplinary Engagement, Dartmouth College
Visiting Fellow, January 2020.

ConceptLab, The University of Oslo
Visiting Professor of Philosophy, May-June 2017, 2018

The Australian National University
Center for Consciousness + The Philosophical Progress Project
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2013-2014

EDUCATION:

University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Ph.D. Philosophy (2013); C.Phil. Philosophy (2010); M.A. Philosophy (2008)
Dissertation: "Mind, Modality, and Meaning: Toward a Rationalist Physicalism"
Committee: Tyler Burge (chair), David Chalmers, Mark Greenberg, Calvin Normore

The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
Fulbright Scholar: 2009.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA
Two years graduate coursework in Ph.D. program, 2004-2006

Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts *Magna Cum Laude*, Mathematics and Creative Writing, May 2002

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

1. *Grounding and Consciousness*, edited volume, under contract with Oxford University Press.

Academic Articles:

2. "How to Twin-Earth a Phenomenal Concept", forthcoming in *Philosopher's Imprint*.
3. "Physicalism, the Intelligibility Constraint, and the Myth of Structure and Function", forthcoming in *Grounding and Consciousness* (OUP).
4. "A Short Argument From Modal Rationalism to Fundamental Scrutability" *Thought*, 2020.
5. "Fundamentality Physicalism" *Inquiry*. 2020.
6. "Use Your Illusion: Spatial Functionalism, Vision Science, and the Case Against Global Skepticism", *Analytic Philosophy*, 2019. Co-authored with EJ Green.

7. "Modal Rationalism and the Demonstrative Reply to the Scrutability Argument Against Physicalism", *Synthese*, 2019.
8. "Mastering Mary", *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 56 (4): 361-370, 2019.
9. "Grounding the Gaps or Bumping the Rug? On Explanatory Gaps and Metaphysical Methodology", *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 26 (5-6): 191-203 (13), 2019.
10. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery: The Recognition View" in *Erkenntnis*, 2018.
11. "Grounding Orthodoxy and the Layered Conception", 37-49 in *Reality and its Structure*, eds. Ricki Bliss and Graham Priest, Oxford University Press, 2018.
12. "Well-Founding Grounding Grounding" *The Journal of Philosophical Logic* 45 (4): 349-379 2016. Co-authored with Brian Rabern.
13. "Conceptual Mastery and the Knowledge Argument" *Philosophical Studies* 54: 125-147, 2011.
14. "Full-Blooded Reference" *Philosophia Mathematica* 15 (3): 357-365, 2007.
15. Review of Daniel Stoljar's "Physicalism" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 89 (3): 562-566, 2011.

UNPUBLISHED

16. The Structure of Analog Representation, co-authored with Andrew Lee and Joshua Myers. (Currently R+R at a top journal)
17. Going Non-Standard on the Standard Problem

PRESENTATIONS:

1. "The Structure of Iconic Representation" at UAEU Al Ain Philosophy Colloquium, April 16th 2021.
2. "The Structure of Analog Representation" at the Tel-Hai Philosophy Colloquium, Tel-Hai College, Israel.
3. "The Structure of Analog Representation" at the UAEU-NYUAD Joint Conference in Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science, Al Ain / Abu Dhabi, UAE, February 23rd, 2020.
4. "The Structure of Analog Representation" colloquium at Dartmouth College, January 17th 2020.
5. "Fundamentality Physicalism and the Problem of Abstracta" at the 2019 Swedish Congress of Philosophy, Umea, Sweden, June 14th 2019.
6. "From the Analog to the Iconic: An Isomorphic Journey" at the 2019 Meeting of the Anglo-German Picture Theory Group, NYU Florence, June 1st, 2019.
7. "Fundamentality Physicalism and the Problem of Abstracta" at the University of California, Santa Barbara, February 8th, 2019.
8. "Spatial Functionalism Meets Vision Science (Or: If Only We Lived in the Matrix)" at "Foundations of Meaning: Pictures, Perception, Consciousness" at NYU Abu Dhabi, January 14th, 2019.
9. "Fundamentality Physicalism and the Problem of Abstracta" at the The Australian National University, Canberra Australia, July 17th, 2018.
10. "Fundamentality Physicalism and the Problem of Abstracta" at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, June 16th 2018.
11. "Conceptually Engineering Grounding" at the University of Oslo, June 12th, 2018.
12. "Fundamentality Physicalism and the Problem of Abstracta" at the American University of Beirut, May 5th, 2018.
13. "How to Twin-Earth a Phenomenal Concept" at PLM4 at Ruhr-Universität Bochum, September 22nd, 2017.
14. "How to Twin-Earth a Phenomenal Concept" at The University of Oslo, June 29th, 2017.
15. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery" at "Conceptual Truth, Analyticity, and Competence" Workshop, ConceptLab, The University of Oslo, June 26-27th, 2017.
16. "How to Twin-Earth a Phenomenal Concept" at "Consciousness and Semantic Externalism", NYU, May 4th, 2017.
17. "Twinning Qualia: A Meta-Semantic Journey" at the Consciousness Reading Group, New York University, February 6th, 2017.

18. "Arthritis on my Mind" at New York University, February 3rd 2017.
19. "Fundamentality Physicalism and the Intelligibility Constraint" at the Dartmouth College Workshop on Philosophy of Mind and Language, Hanover New Hampshire, August 5th-6th 2016.
20. "Fundamentality Physicalism and the Intelligibility Constraint" at the Grounding and Consciousness Conference, Birmingham, England, June 17th-18th, 2016.
21. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery" at the Concepts and Understanding Conference at Arché Research Centre, St Andrews University, Scotland, June 10-11th, 2016.
22. "The Meta-Semantic Dilemma for Two-Dimensional Semantics" at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Chicago, March 2nd-5th, 2016.
23. "Modal Rationalism and the Demonstrative Reply to the Master Argument Against Physicalism" at the International Seminar on the Philosophy of Hilary Putnam, IIT Bombay, Mumbai, India, October 3-5th, 2015.
24. "Modal Rationalism and the Demonstrative Reply to the Master Argument Against Physicalism" at The University of Barcelona, September 18th 2015.
25. "The Meta-Semantic Dilemma for Two-Dimensional Semantics" at the Joint Sessions of the Mind Association and Aristotelian Society, Warwick University, July 10-12th 2015.
26. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery" at the Midsummer Philosophy Conference, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, June 28-30th 2015.
27. "The Meta-Semantic Dilemma for Two-Dimensional Semantics" at St Andrews University, Scotland, June 24th 2015.
28. "Fundamentality Physicalism and the Intelligibility Constraint" at *Toward a Science of Consciousness 2015* at the University of Helsinki, Finland, June 8th-13th 2015.
29. "Advice for Inferentialists" at *Justification and the Mental*, New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, April 16th 2015.
30. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery" at The American University of Beirut, February 26th 2015.
31. "Modal Rationalism and the Demonstrative Reply to the Master Argument Against Physicalism" at the University of Vermont, January 17th, 2015.
32. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery", at the University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, July 30th, 2014.
33. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery", at the Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, Canberra, Australia, July 2014.
34. "Well-founding Grounding Grounding" at the Workshop on Metaphysical Fundamentality and Informatism, the University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland, June 2nd-3rd, 2014.
35. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery" at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, May 2014.
36. "Toward a Theory of Concept Mastery" at the University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, March 13th, 2014.
37. "Fundamentality Physicalism" at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, November 21st, 2013.
38. "Conceptual Mastery and the Knowledge Argument" at New York University, New York, March 8th, 2013.
39. "Modal Rationalism and the Meta-Semantic Reply to the Mastery Argument Against Physicalism" at the Language Workshop, UCLA, December 6th, 2012.
40. "Modal Rationalism and the Meta-Semantic Reply to the Mastery Argument Against Physicalism" at the Albritton Society, UCLA, November 2nd, 2012.
41. "Well-founding Grounding Grounding" at the Conference on the Philosophy of Kit Fine, Sinaia, Romania, May 25th-27th, 2012.
42. "Toward a Theory of Conceptual Mastery" at the Albritton Society, UCLA, January 27th, 2012.
43. "Supplementation, Meta-semantics, and Modal Arguments Against Physicalism" at the ANU, July 12th, 2011.
44. "Grounding Grounding" at the Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, Dunedin, New Zealand, July 7th, 2011.

45. “Blocking the Blocking Defense” at the Pacific APA, San Diego, April 22nd, 2011.
46. “Modal Rationalism Strikes Back” and “Not All Facts are Physical Facts” at the Albritton Society, UCLA, January 15th, 2011.
47. “Conceptual Mastery and the Knowledge Argument” at the Washington Square Circle, NYU, December 13th, 2010.
48. “Conceptual Mastery and the Knowledge Argument” at MindGrad 2010, the University of Warwick, December 4th, 2010.
49. “Physicalism and the Idealization of A Priori Entailment” at the Albritton Society, UCLA, January 22nd, 2010.
50. “Two-Dimensional Meta-Semantics” RSSS Seminar Series, the ANU, December 17th 2009.
51. “Physicalism and the Idealization of A Priori Entailment” at the RSSS Seminar Series, the ANU, Canberra, August 18th 2009.
52. “Physicalism and the Idealization of A Priori Entailment” at the Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, Melbourne, July 7th 2009.
53. Comments on Josh Dever’s “My Beliefs, My Values” at the Workshop on Transformative Experience during the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, April 11th, 2017.
54. Comments on Torin Alter’s “The Concept Mastery Reponse to the Knowledge Argument” at the Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, March 3rd 2017.
55. Comments on Selim Berker’s “The Unity of Grounding” at the Normativity and Reasoning Workshop, New York University in Abu Dhabi, January 19th 2015.
56. Comments on Renee Jorgensen’s “A Prosententialist Account of Vagueness”, 6th USC/UCLA Graduate Student Philosophy Conference.
57. Comments on Nora Berenstain’s “Necessary Laws and Chemical Kinds: A Case Study in A Posteriori Necessity”, 4th USC/UCLA Graduate Student Philosophy Conference.
58. Comments on Elia Zardini’s “A Paradox of Higher-Order Vagueness” at the 2nd USC/UCLA Graduate Student Philosophy Conference.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis*, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *The Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Mind*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Oxford University Press*, *Routledge*, *Philosophical Studies*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Pacific Philosophy Quarterly*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Inquiry*, *Res Philosophica*, *Synthese*, *Thought*, *Topoi*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.

Philpapers.com editor for the categories “Formulating Physicalism”, “Varieties of Content Externalism”, “Twin Earth and Externalism”, and “Social Externalism”.

- NYUAD Committee Work:
1. Global Education and Outreach Faculty Advisory Committee
 2. Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee
 3. Dissertation Fellowship Selection Committee (twice)

OUTREACH / NON-ACADEMIC:

1. Article - “Might Consciousness Be Fundamental?” published online at 1000wordphilosophy.com
2. Article – “How to Be An Effective Chair” published at the blog of The American Philosophical Association.
3. Article - “Find Your Mountain” published in the fashion magazine FY!, Autumn-Winter 2014.
4. Interview – “Like Math, But With Words” – on what philosophy is and what philosophers do, with the NYUAD Gazelle newspaper. Available at nyuad.nyu.edu/en/news/research-innovation/2017/01/resident-expert-on-philosophy---like-math--but-with-words-.html
5. Interview in “Brain and Mind” video on mind research: www.youtube.com/watch?v=V91anEMmeKw

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

ICE Visiting Professorial Fellowship, Dartmouth College (January 2020)
 Visiting Scholar Grant (x2), ConceptLab, University of Oslo (2017, 2018)
 Workshop Funding: “Foundations of Meaning: Pictures, Perception, Consciousness” at NYUAD, January 2019. Funded by the NYUAD Institute and the NYU Center for Mind, Brain, and

Consciousness.

Workshop Funding: “CaSE: Consciousness and Semantic Externalism” at NYU, May 2017. Funded by the NYUAD Institute and the NYU Center for Mind, Brain, and Consciousness.

Dean’s Humanities Fellowship (2010)

Fulbright Fellowship (2008)

U.S. Alumni Fulbright Scholar (2008) – for top-ranked Fulbright applicant

University Fellowship (2007)

Chancellor’s Prize (2006)

B.A. *Magna Cum Laude* – Mathematics (May 2002)

TEACHING HONORS:

NYUAD’s best classes 2018 – Philosophy of Mathematics

Distinguished Teaching Award (2012) – for best graduate student instructor in philosophy

Nominated for best graduate student instructor at UCLA (2012)

Honorable Mention for Distinguished Teaching Award (2010)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

As primary instructor:

Images, Fall 2020

Philosophy of Language, Fall 2019

Iconic Representation, Graduate Seminar at NYU New York, Fall 2018 (co-taught)

Philosophy of Mathematics, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

Central Problems of Philosophy, Spring 2020, Fall 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2014

Metaphysics, Spring 2020, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

Introduction to Logic, Fall 2015

Seminar: Fundamentality and Metaphysical Dependence, Spring 2015

Introduction to Philosophy of Mind, Summer 2012, Summer 2011

Other teaching experience:

10+ courses as teaching assistant at UCLA.

Two years as a full-time high school teacher, teaching American Literature and AP Calculus.

LANGUAGES: Intermediate French reading, writing, and speaking.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES:

Tyler Burge, Flint Professor of Philosophy, UCLA

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David Chalmers, University Professor of Philosophy and Neural Science, NYU

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Joseph Almog, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, UCLA

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