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Education and Employment

- 09/2010-present Lecturer
Departments of Philosophy, University of St Andrews
- 08/2008-present Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Arché, University of St Andrews
- 08/2003-05/2008 Ph.D., Philosophy
University of Texas, Austin
- 05/2002 BA, Philosophy (honors), *magna cum laude*
Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

Research Interests

Area of Specialization Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language

Areas of Competence Metaphysics, Epistemology

Publications

- “Property Identities and Modal Arguments”
Forthcoming in *Philosophers’ Imprint*.
- “There Are No Phenomenal Concepts”
Mind, 118:472 (2009), 935 - 962.
- “Twin-Earth Externalism and Concept Possession,”
The Australasian Journal of Philosophy, 85:3 (2007), 457 - 472.

Reviews

- “Where *When Truth Gives Out Gives Out*” (review of Mark Richard,
When Truth Gives Out, OUP 2008.)
Protosociology Reviews.

Refereed Presentations

- 09/2009 “Fictional Reference as Quotation,”
ENFA 4, Evorá, Portugal
- 09/2009 “Kripke’s Puzzle,”
SOPHA 2009, Geneva (winner of 500 Euro prize)
- 08/2009 “Property Identities and Modal Arguments,”
Issues in Contemporary Semantics and Ontology 1, SADAF, Buenos
Aires
- 06/2009 “Fictional Reference as Quotation,”
Reference and Non-Existence (BW6), Logos, Barcelona

- 02/2009 "The New New Mysterianism,"
Consciousness Online
- 05/2006 "Bound Variables and Monstrous Semantics,"
Society for Exact Philosophy, University of California at San Diego
- 03/2006 "Bound Variables and Monstrous Semantics,"
Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference

Invited Presentations

- 02/2011 "Thought Experiments as Questions,"
CSMN (Oslo)
- 11/2010 "On Cosmic Hermeneutics"
Mind Network Meeting, Cambridge
- 10/2010 "Relativism and Temporal Externalism"
Contextualism and Relativism Workshop, CSMN (Oslo)
- 07/2010 "Consciousness and Rationality"
Materialism, Consciousness, and Phenomenal Concepts (Tübingen,
Germany)
- 03/2010 Comments on Torin Alter, "Social Externalism and the Knowledge
Argument," (in part a reply to my paper "There Are No Phenomenal
Concepts")
Pacific Division APA, San Francisco
- 02/2010 "Thought Experiments as Questions,"
Philosophical Methodology Workshop, Rio de Janeiro
- 02/2010 Comments on Ted Parent, "What the Externalist Cannot Know A
Priori,"
Central Division APA, Chicago
- 10/2009 "Thought Experiments as Questions,"
University of Copenhagen
- 09/2009 "Physicalism and the Modal Argument,"
Arché–Logos Conference
- 08/2009 "Against Two-Dimensionalism,"
Meaning, Understanding, Knowledge (Riga, Latvia)
- 03/2008 "There Are No Phenomenal Concepts,"
Arché, University of St Andrews
- 02/2008 "How to Know What It's Like, and How Not to Know,"
University of Western Ontario
- 01/2008 "How to Know What It's Like, and How Not to Know,"
McGill University
- 10/2007 "Apriori Physicalism with an Explanatory Gap,"
Consciousness, Perception, and the Self (Merida, Mexico)

Works in Progress

“Against Two-Dimensionalism”

“Could There Be Indexical Thoughts?”

“Semantics as Measurement”

“Thought Experiments as Questions”

Teaching Experience

Spring 2011 Lecturer for honours (fourth year) Philosophy of Language (with Jonathan Ichikawa)

Fall 2010 Tutor for honours (fourth year) Paradoxes

Summer 2008, 2009 Lecturer, Arché Summer School (for graduate students)

Fall 2009 Lecturer for honours (fourth-year) Metaphysics (time and modality) (with Dilip Ninan), University of St Andrews

Fall 2008 Tutor for Knowledge and Reality (an introduction to metaphysics and epistemology), University of St Andrews

Fall 2003-Spring 2007 Teaching Assistant for various courses in metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of mind, University of Texas at Austin

Honors and Awards

05/2008 Cogburn Prize for best graduate student essay, University of Texas at Austin

2007-2008 William S. Livingston Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

1998 Phi Beta Kappa

Referee Work

Mind, Philosophical Quarterly, Noûs, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Psychology, Dialectica, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophical Papers