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## *Curriculum Vitæ*

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**AREAS OF RESEARCH**  Metaphysics, Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophical Theology

## EMPLOYMENT

Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews, 2016 – present

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews, 2012 – 2016

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, 2010 – 2012

## EDUCATION

PhD, Philosophy, University of Connecticut, 2010

*Non-Classical Mereologies and their Applications*
Supervisor: JC Beall. Examiners: Achille Varzi, Donald Baxter, Marcus Rossberg

## MONOGRAPH

*Mereology*. A. J. Cotnoir & A. C. Varzi, Oxford University Press, in press.

## EDITED COLLECTION

*Composition as Identity*. (eds.) A. J. Cotnoir & D. L. M. Baxter, Oxford University Press, 2014.

## ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

Models for hylomorphism. *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, forthcoming. [with Bruno Jacinto]

On the role of logic in analytic theology. *Journal of Analytic Theology*, forthcoming.

How to make donuts and cut things in half. *Graham Priest on Dialetheism and Paraconsistency*, (eds.) H. Omori, C. Baskent, and T. Ferguson, Springer, forthcoming.

Natural axioms for mereology. *Review of Symbolic Logic*, First View, 2018. [with Achille C. Varzi]

Is weak supplementation analytic? *Synthese* (Special Issue: Mereology & Identity) (eds.) M. Carrara and G. Lando, First Online, 2018.

Logical nihilism. *Pluralisms in Truth and Logic*, (eds.) N. Kellen, N.J.L.L. Pedersen, J. Wyatt, Palgrave Macmillan, 301–329, 2018.

A note on Priest's mereology. *Australasian Journal of Logic*, 15:4, 642–645, 2018.

Theism and dialetheism. *Australiasian Journal of Philosophy* 96:3, 592–609, 2018.

God of the gaps. *Analysis*, 77:4, 681–689, 2017. [with Jc Beall]

Mutual indwelling. *Faith & Philosophy*, 34:2, 123–151, 2017.

How many angels can be in the same place at the same time? A defense of mereological universalism. *Mind*, 125:500, 959–965, 2016.

Does universalism entail extensionalism? *Noûs*, 50:1, 121–132, 2016.

From truth pluralism to ontological pluralism and back again. *Journal of Philosophy*, 3:112, 113–140, 2015. [with D. Edwards]

Abelian mereology. *Logic & Logical Philosophy*, (Special Issue: Mereology & Beyond) (eds.) A. C. Varzi and R. Gruszczyński, 24:4, 429–447, 2015.

Inconsistent boundaries. *Synthese*, 192.5: 1267–1294, 2015. [with Z. Weber]

Nāgārjuna's logic. *The Moon Points Back*, (eds.) Y. Deguchi, J. Garfield, G. Priest, and K. Tanaka, Oxford University Press, 2015.

Universalism & junk. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 4:92, 649–664, 2014.

Parts as counterparts. *Thought*, (Special Issue: Time & Modality) 2:3, 228–241, 2013.

Beyond atomism. *Thought*, 2:1, 67–72, 2013.

Composition as general identity. *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* vol. 8, (eds.) D. Zimmerman and K. Bennett, Oxford University Press, 295–322, 2013.

Validity for strong pluralists. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 83:3, 563–579, 2013.

Pluralism & paradox. *Truth and Pluralism: Current Debates*, (eds.) N.J.L.L. Pedersen and C.D. Wright, Oxford University Press, 339–350, 2013.

Non-wellfounded mereology. *Review of Symbolic Logic*, 5.2: 187–204, 2012. [with A. Bacon]

Antisymmetry & non-extensional mereology. *Philosophical Quarterly*, 60 (239): 396–405, 2010.

Generic truth & mixed conjunctions: some alternatives. *Analysis* 69.3: 473–479, 2009.

True, false, paranormal & 'designated'? *Analysis* 68.3: 238–244, 2008. [with C. Caret]

## SURVEYS & REVIEWS

Non-wellfounded mereology. In *Handbook of Mereology*, (eds.) H. Burkhardt , J. Seibt, S. Gerogiorgakis, and G. Imaguire, Philosophia Verlag, 2017.

Review of *Mereology and Location,*(ed.) S. Kleinschmidt, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2015.

Composition as identity: framing the debate. In *Composition as Identity*, (eds.) A. J. Cotnoir and D. L. M. Baxter, Oxford University Press, 3–23, 2014.

Strange parts: metaphysics of non-classical mereologies. *Philosophy Compass* 8:9, 834–845, 2013.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

TBA. University of Birmingham, May 2019.

Parts of proper classes, Grover Annual Lecture, University of Connecticut, May 2018.

How to cut things in half. Doing Metaphysics in Non-Classical Logic Workshop, University of Lisbon, February 2018.

Identity, unity, and parthood. Mereology and Identity Workshop, Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, July 2017.

A formal semantics of the theory of embodiments. The Metaphysics of Totality Workshop, University of Glasgow, March 2017.

Does universalism entail extensionalism? Leverhulme Authors and Papers Seminar, University of Oxford, June 2016.

A plea for unity. Research Colloquium in Theoretical Analytical Philosophy, Aarhus University, March 2016

On the role of supplementation principles in formal mereology. Colloquium in Mathematical Philosophy at the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Ludwig Maximilians Universität Munchen, February 2016

Are ordinary objects abstracta? Seminar Series, University of Edinburgh, October 2015.

Logical nihilism. Truth Pluralism and Logical Pluralism Conference, University of Connecticut, April 2015.

Ordinary objects as ersatz constructions. Merton Workshop on Material Objects, Oxford University, February 2015.

Ordinary objects as ersatz constructions. Royal Institute of Philosophy Seminar Series, University of Nottingham, February 2015.

Logical nihilism. Swiss Society for Logic and Philosophy of Science, University of Neuchâtel, December 2014.

Abelian mereology. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, October 2014.

From truth pluralism to ontological pluralism and back again. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, October 2014.

Universalism and indefinite extensibility. Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, April 2014.

Abelian mereology. Oxford University Mereology Workshop, April 2014.

Ordinary objects as ersatz constructions. Columbia University, January 2014.

Comments on Griffith. Metaphysics Colloquium, Eastern APA, December 2013.

Ordinary objects as ersatz constructions. Formal Metaphysics Workshop, ARCHÉ, University of St Andrews, November 2013.

Defending the junk argument. Philosophy Society Colloquium, Oxford University, November 2013.

Neo-Fregean composition as identity. Themes From Baxter II, EIDOS, University of Geneva, October 2013.

Inconsistent boundaries. Metaphysical Indeterminacy Workshop VI, Leeds University, October 2013.

On the analyticity and necessity of mereological principles: the case of Weak Supplementation. Necessity, Analyticity, & the Apriori, MMM-PPP Joint Workshop, University of Oslo, June 2013.

Defending the junk argument. PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, University of Barcelona, April 2013.

Inconsistent boundaries. 25 Years In Contradiction, Glasgow University, December 2012.

From truth pluralism to ontological pluralism and back again. Marie Cure Workshop on Truth Pluralism, University of Aberdeen, October 2012.

Parts as counterparts. Glasgow University, October 2012.

Parts as counterparts. PETAF Modality Workshop, Stockholm University, June 2012.

Parts as counterparts. Metaphysical Indeterminacy Workshop III, Leeds University, March 2012.

Truth pluralism and quantification. Leeds University, February 2012

Parts as counterparts. University of Toronto, January 2012

Comments on McDaniel and Saucedo. Symposium on Composition as Identity, Eastern APA, December 2011

Paraconsistent or paracomplete? Closing the gaps. Foundations of Logical Consequence Workshop: Paradox and Revision, ARCHÉ, University of St Andrews, April 2011

Validity for strong pluralists. Northern Institute of Philosophy, January 2010

Whose boundary line is it anyway? Mereology Workshop, University of St Andrews, October 2009

Broad possibility. Reason, Intuition, Objects: the Epistemology & Ontology of Logic, SUNY at Buffalo, October 2007

## TEACHING

MLitt *Philosophy of Logic: Parts in Metaphysics and Semantics* [co-taught], University of St Andrews, Fall 2018

MLitt *Philosophy of Logic: Vagueness and the Semantic Paradoxes* [co-taught], University of St Andrews, Spring 2016

MLitt *Contemporary Texts in Metaphysics* [co-taught], University of St Andrews, Spring 2014

*Advanced Logic*, University of St Andrews, Spring 2014, 2016

*Intermediate Logic*, University of St Andrews, Fall 2015, 2016, 2018

*Philosophy of Logic*, University of St Andrews, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2019

*Language & Reality* [co-taught], University of St Andrews, Fall 2012-2013

*Formal & Philosophical Logic*, University of St Andrews, Fall 2012-2014

PhD *Substructural Logics* [mini-course], Northern Institute of Philosophy, 2012

PhD *Sets, Lattices, & Algebras* [mini-course], Northern Institute of Philosophy, 2011

PhD *Non-Classical Logics* [mini-course], Northern Institute of Philosophy, Fall 2010

PhD *Non-Classical Truth Theories* [co-taught summer school], Northern Institute of Philosophy, 2011

MLitt *Seminar in Metaphysics*, University of Aberdeen, Spring 2012

*Reason & Argument* [co-taught], University of Aberdeen, Fall 2010

*Classical First-Order Logic*, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Fall 2007

*Problems of Philosophy*, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Summer 2009

*Philosophy & Social Ethics*, University of Connecticut, Fall 2008 – Spring 2010

*Thesis Supervision*, University of St Andrews

- *PhD*: Filippo Casati (1st), Travis Manuel (1st), Fenner Tanswell (1st), Martin Lipman (2nd), Alessandro Rossi (2nd), Michael Traynor (2nd), Ashley Watkins (2nd)

- *MLitt*: Jonathan Dittrich, Benjamin Marschall, Francesco Nappo, Eric Eck, Cassi Roberts

- *MA*: Robin Hughes, Josephine Buerger, Samantha Bennett, Luisa Hill

*Thesis Supervision*, University of Aberdeen

- *PhD*: Casper Storm Hansen (2nd)

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

Leverhulme Research Fellowship [£45k] 2017-2018.

Classical Theism Project Summer Stipend [$4k], University of St Thomas and the John Templeton Foundation, 2016

Associate Fellow (honorary), Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, 2012 – 2015

Scots Philosophical Association Conference Support Grant, Fall 2013

Runner-up for the Younger Scholars Prize in Metaphysics, Mark Sanders Foundation, Spring 2011

British Academy Small Research Grant (co-applicant) [£7k], Spring 2011

Arché Exchange Scholarship, University of St Andrews and University of Connecticut, Fall 2009

Research Fellowship, University of Connecticut Philosophy Department, Summer & Fall 2008

Teaching Mentor Certification, University of Connecticut Institute of Teaching and Learning, Spring 2008

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

*Thesis Examination*

– Andy Yu, DPhil at Oriel College, Oxford University, 2016

– Bruno Jacinto, PhD at University of St Andrews, 2016

– Marco Grossi, MPhil a University of St Andrews, 2018

Journal Referee for *Acta Analytica, American Philosophical Quarterly, Analysis, Analytic Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Logic, dialectica, Erkenntnis, Journal of Philosophy, Logique et Analyse, Mind, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Review of Symbolic Logic, Synthese, Thought.*

Book Referee for *Bloomsbury, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge.*

Grant referee for *European Research Council, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research.*

Editorial Board member for *Philosophical Quarterly.*

Workshop Organiser, Mereology, Arché, 2014

Workshop Organiser, Formal Metaphysics, Arché, 2013

Conference Co-organiser, Early Career Conference, Northern Institute of Philosophy, 2012

Workshop Organiser, Truth, Paradox & Abstraction, Northern Institute of Philosophy, 2011

Convener, *Truth & Paradox*, Pilot Project Seminar, Northern Institute of Philosophy, 2010–2012

Academic Advisor, University of St Andrews, 2013–2014

Academic Advisor, University of Connecticut College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2007–2009

Referee, Arché Graduate Conference, 2012–2014

Referee, Yale/UConn Graduate Conference, 2007–2009

TA Mentor, University of Connecticut, 2008–2009

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

*American Philosophical Association,* since 2006

*Association for Symbolic Logic,* since 2008

*Society for Exact Philosophy,* since 2011

*University of Connecticut Group in Mathematical & Philosophical Logic,* 2008–2010