

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**J.L. Dowell**  
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**EDUCATION**

*University of Pittsburgh*  
Ph.D. in Philosophy 2002

*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*  
M.A. in Philosophy 1992

*The Johns Hopkins University*  
B.A. in Philosophy and International Studies 1989  
Departmental Honors in Philosophy

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

*Syracuse University*  
Associate professor 2013-present

*University of Edinburgh, Eidynd Centre*  
Regular Distinguished Visiting Professor 2013-2016

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*  
Associate professor 2008- 2013

*University of Nebraska-Lincoln*  
Assistant professor, 2007-2008

*Bowling Green State University*  
Assistant professor, 2002-2007

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Ethics

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Truth-assessment Methodology and the Case against the Relativist Case Against Contextualism about Deontic Modals”, *Res Philosophica*, special volume on the Nature of Necessity, forthcoming.

“The Language of Reasons and ‘Ought’s” (with Aaron Bronfman) *Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*, ed. Daniel Star, Oxford, forthcoming.

“Contextualism about Epistemic Modals”, *Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*, ed. Jonathan Ichikawa, Routledge, forthcoming.

“Advice for Nonanalytical Naturalists” (with David Sobel), *Reading Parfit*, ed. Simon Kirchin, Routledge.

“The Metaethical Insignificance of Moral Twin Earth”, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, vol. 11, ed.

Russ Shafer-Landau, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 1-27.  
[https://www.academia.edu/7198904/The Metaethical Insignificance of Moral Twin Earth](https://www.academia.edu/7198904/The_Metaethical_Insignificance_of_Moral_Twin_Earth), 2014 winner of the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics, <http://www.marcsandersfoundation.org/sanders-prizes/metaethics/metaethics-prize-winners/>)

“Contextualism about Deontic Conditionals” (with Aaron Bronfman) *Deontic Modality*, eds. Nate Charlow and Matthew Chrisman, Oxford University Press, 2016, pp. 117-142.  
[https://www.academia.edu/7203834/Contextualism about Deontic Conditionals](https://www.academia.edu/7203834/Contextualism_about_Deontic_Conditionals)

“Flexible Contextualism about Deontic Modals: A Puzzle about Information-sensitivity” (Special issue of *Inquiry* devoted to Contextualism and Relativism, volume 56, No.s 2-3, eds. Herman Cappelen and Stewart Shapiro, 2013, pp.149-178.  
[https://www.academia.edu/3885829/Flexible Contextualism about Deontic Modals A Puzzle about Information-sensitivity](https://www.academia.edu/3885829/Flexible_Contextualism_about_Deontic_Modals_A_Puzzle_about_Information-sensitivity) )

“Contextualist Solutions to Three Puzzles about Practical Conditionals”, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, volume 7, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau, 2012, pp.271-303.

“A Flexibly Contextualist Account of Epistemic Modals”, *Philosopher’s Imprint*, 2011, pp.1-25.  
[https://www.academia.edu/1125714/A Flexible Contextualist Account of Epistemic Modals](https://www.academia.edu/1125714/A_Flexible_Contextualist_Account_of_Epistemic_Modals)

“Empirical Metaphysics: The Role of Intuitions about Possible Cases in Philosophy”, *Philosophical Studies*, BSPC 2007 volume, July 2008, Volume 140, Issue 1, pp.19-46.

“A Priori Entailment and Conceptual Analysis: Making Room for Type-C Physicalism”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 2008, Volume 86, Issue 1, pp.93-111.  
[https://www.academia.edu/3079697/A priori Entailment and Conceptual Analysis Making Room for Type-C Physicalism](https://www.academia.edu/3079697/A_priori_Entailment_and_Conceptual_Analysis_Making_Room_for_Type-C_Physicalism) )

“Serious Metaphysics and the Vindication of Reductions”, *Philosophical Studies*, May 2008, Volume 139, Issue 1, pp.91-110.  
[https://www.academia.edu/3093768/Serious Metaphysics and the Vindication of Reductions](https://www.academia.edu/3093768/Serious_Metaphysics_and_the_Vindication_of_Reductions)

“Methodology for Metametaphysics” (co-authored with Sean Foran), *Philosophical Topics*, volume 35, Issue 1/2, 2007, pp.19-41.

“Formulating Physicalism”, *Philosophical Studies*, October 2006, Volume 131, Issue 1, pp.1-23.

“The Physical: Empirical, Not Metaphysical”, *Philosophical Studies*, October 2006, Volume 131, Issue 1, pp.25-60. [https://www.academia.edu/6213443/The Physical Empirical Not Metaphysical](https://www.academia.edu/6213443/The_Physical_Empirical_Not_Metaphysical) )

“Making It Totally Explicit”, *Philosophical Papers*, July 2006, Volume 35, Number 2, pp.137-170.

“From Metaphysical to Substantive Naturalism: A Case Study”, *Synthese*, January 2004, Volume 138, No. 2, pp. 149-173.

## VOLUMES EDITED

*Formulating Physicalism*, *Philosophical Studies*, special volume, October 2006.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Ethical Naturalism, *International Encyclopedia of Ethics*, ed. Hugh LaFollette, 2013.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Confusion of Tongues: A Theory of Normative Language*, Stephen Finlay (*Mind*, forthcoming.) (3,500 words)

Review of *Epistemic Modality*, eds. Andy Egan and Brian Weatherson, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2012.

<https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/32182-epistemic-modality/>

Review of *Physical Realization* by Sydney Shoemaker, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, vol. 22, no. 3, pp.327-337.

## PRESENTATIONS

TBA, *department colloquium*, University of Connecticut-Storrs, Oct. 6, 2017.

TBA, *workshop on ethics and uncertainty*, ANU-RSSS, July 24-25, 2017.

TBA, *Leverhulme Authors and Papers Seminar*, Oxford University, May 12, 2017.

Commentator for Gideon Rosen, *Oberlin Colloquium on Metaethics*, May 5-7, 2017.

Contextualist Explanations of Recent Epistemic and Deontic Modals Data, *Experimental Research on Contextualism and Relativism Workshop*, NYC, March 11, 2017.

“The Linguistic Case for Expressivism Reconsidered”, *Chapel Hill Metaethics Workshop* 2016, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, December 3, 2016.

“On the Truth-assessment Methodology and the Linguistic Data for Expressivism”, refereed abstract, *Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (PhLiP)*, Tarrytown, NY, September 22-25, 2016.

“Methodology for Semantic Theorizing: The Case of Deontic Modals”, *Deontic Logic and Normative Systems*, conference held at University of Bayreuth, July 18-21, 2016 (keynote address).

“Expressivism about Deontic Modals: The Case Against the Alleged Linguistic Evidence For”, *Expressivism Conference*, Lingnan University, June 5-9/16

“Methodology for Semantic Theorizing: The Case of Deontic Modals”, Arche, University of St. Andrews, May 12, 2016

“Methodology for Semantic Theorizing: The Case of Deontic Modals”, *Language Workshop*, University of Edinburgh, May 9 2016.

“Methodology for Semantic Theorizing: The Case of Deontic Modals”, *Henle Conference on the Nature of Necessity*, Saint Louis University, April 22-23, 2016.

Symposiast, *Author Meets Critic Symposium for Krista Lawlor’s Assurance*, American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 30-April 3, 2016.

“Methodology for Semantic Theorizing: The Case of Deontic Modals”, *department colloquium*, Duke University, 3/25/16.

“Methodology for Semantic Theorizing: The Case of Epistemic Modals”, *department colloquium*, University of Rochester, 3/18/16.

“Methodology for Semantic Theorizing: The Case of Epistemic Modals”, *department colloquium*, Colgate University, 2/26/16.

“Methodology for Semantic Theorizing: The Case of Epistemic Modals”, *department colloquium*, Southern Methodist University, 2/12/16.

“When are Truth-assessments Data for Semantic Theorizing about Epistemic Modals?”, *philosophy of language workshop*, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico Instituto de Investigaciones Filosoficas, Oct. 1-2, 2015.

“When are Truth-assessments Data for Semantic Theorizing about Epistemic Modals?”, *OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference*, June 15-19, 2015.

“When are Truth-assessments Data for Semantic Theorizing about Epistemic Modals?”, *department colloquium*, University of Leeds, 6/5/15.

“When are Truth-assessments Data for Semantic Theorizing?”, *Semantics Workshop*, Rutgers University, 5/5/15.

“The Metaethical Insignificance of Moral Twin Earth”, *lunchtime talk*, New York University, Nov. 7, 2014.

“The Metaethical Insignificance of Moral Twin Earth”, *department colloquium*, University of Arizona-Tucson, Oct. 31, 2014.

“The Metaethical Insignificance of Moral Twin Earth”, *Wisconsin Metaethics Workshop*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Sept. 12-14, 2014. <https://sites.google.com/site/wiscmew/#TOC-Program>.

“The Metaethical Insignificance of Moral Twin Earth”, *Umea Workshop on Disagreement*, University of Umea, June 6-7, 2014.

“Squaring Contextualism about Deontic Modals with Moral Realism”, *Normativity and Modality Conference*, Eidyn Centre, University of Edinburgh, May 9-11, 2014.

Masters Class on Modality (co-taught with Alex Silk), University of Edinburgh, May 8, 2014.

Millikan, Metaethics, and Moral Twin Earth, *Department Colloquium*, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, March 28, 2014.

Millikan, Metaethics, and Moral Twin Earth, *Syracuse University Graduate Student Conference*, Syracuse University, Feb. 28-March 1, 2014. (keynote address)

Millikan, Metaethics, and Moral Twin Earth, *Department Colloquium*, Cornell University, March 2014.

Remarks on the Relationship Between Semantics and Metaethics, *Symposium on metaethics and philosophy of language*, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Baltimore, December 27-30, 2013.

“Millikan, Metasemantics, and Metaethics”, *Workshop on Metaethics*, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, December 6-7, 2013.

“Flexible Contextualism about Deontic Modals”, *Workshop on Modality*, Cornell University, November 9-10, 2013.

“Should we accord our intuitions in Moral Twin Earth thought experiments probative value?”, *Workshop on Normative Language*, Arche Centre, University of St. Andrews, October 26-27, 2013.

“Should we accord our intuitions in Moral Twin Earth thought experiments probative value?”, *Grounding and Fundamentality in Metaphysics and in Ethics*, Bogazici University, October 10-12,

2013 (keynote address).

“Flexible Contextualism about Priority Modals”, *Fourth PERSP Metaphysics Workshop*, University of Barcelona, May 16-17, 2013.

“Contextualism about Deontic Modals, Inheritance, and Iffy ‘Ought’s” (co-authored with Aaron Bronfman), *Evaluative Language Seminar*, University of Edinburgh, May 10, 2013.

“Contextualism about Deontic Modals, Inheritance, and Iffy ‘Ought’s” (co-authored with Aaron Bronfman), *Workshop on Semantics and Logic of Deontic Modals*, Northwestern, April 19, 2013.

“Advice for Nonanalytical Naturalists” (with David Sobel), *New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics*, February 2013.

“Advice for Nonanalytical Naturalists” (with David Sobel), *Department Colloquium*, Ohio State University, Nov. 2 2012.

“Flexible Contextualism about Deontic Modals”, *presentation for Philosophy of Language and Ethics groups*, Ohio State University, November 2, 2012.

“Flexible Contextualism about Deontic Modals”, *2012 Carolina Metaphysics Workshop* (<http://carolinametaphysicsworkshop.unc.edu/speakers.shtml>), University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, June 25-28.

“Flexible Contextualism about Deontic Modals”, *2012 OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference on Contextualism and Relativism* (<https://philosophy.osu.edu/dubrovnik-conference>), Dubrovnik, June 11-15.

“Contextualism and Disagreement”, *Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature*, Oslo, May 24, 2012.

“Contextualism and Disagreement”, *Research Seminar in Practical Philosophy*, University of Uppsala, Uppsala, May 18, 2012

“Contextualism about Deontic Modals”, *2012 Inland Philosophy Conference on Pragmatism, Law, and Language* (<http://www.webpages.uidaho.edu/impc/15th-2012/>), University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho, March 23-25.

“Some Challenges to Contextualism about Deontic Modals”, *LACSI Conference on Meaning in Context* (<http://www.ncsu.edu/chass/philo/documents/ContextConf.Information.pdf>) North Carolina State University, September 23-24, 2011.

Commentator on “Value and the Regulation of Attitudes for Correctness: The Case of the Sentiments”, Justin D’Arms, *New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics*, February 2011.

“Contextualist Solutions to Three Puzzles about Practical Conditionals”, refereed abstract, *the Seventh Annual Metaethics Workshop*, September 2010, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“Flexible Contextualism about ‘Ought’ and Attitude-attributions”, refereed symposium, *American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, April 2010.

“Flexible Contextualism about ‘Ought’ and Attitude-attributions”, *New Orleans Invitational Seminar in Ethics*, March 2010.

“Flexible Contextualism about ‘Ought’ and Attitude-attributions”, University of Leeds, *Moral Semantics Workshop*, March 2010.

“A Flexibly Contextualist Account of Epistemic Modals”, University of Leeds, *Metaphysics and Epistemology Workshop*, March, 2010.

“A Flexible Contextualist Account of ‘Ought’”, University of Kansas, Lawrence, October 2009.

“A Flexible Contextualist Account of ‘Ought’”, Australian National University, Research School of Social Sciences, Philosophy Program,

“A Defense of Canonical Contextualism about Epistemic Modals”, University of Sydney, August 12, 2009.

“A Flexible Contextualist Account of ‘Ought’”, *Evolution, Emotions, and Metaethics Philosophy Workshop*, University of Sydney, August 6-7, 2009.

“Methodology for Metametaphysics”, *Philosophical Methodology Seminar*, Arche Research Centre, St. Andrews University, December 2008.

“A Defense of Canonical Contextualism about Epistemic Modals” *Contextualism and Relativism Workshop II: Epistemic Modals*, Arche Research Centre, St. Andrews University, November 2008. (<http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~arche/events/event?id=95>).

“A Defense of Canonical Contextualism about Epistemic Modals”, University of Stirling, November 2008.

“A Defense of Canonical Contextualism about Epistemic Modals”, University of Edinburgh, November 2008.

“Empirical Metaphysics: The Role of Intuitions about Possible Cases in Philosophy,” *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference 2007*, main program.

Commentator on “Ontological Anti-Realism”, David Chalmers, *10th Annual Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, March 2007.

“Empirical Metaphysics: The Role of Intuitions about Possible Cases in Philosophy”, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, February 2007.

“Meaning, Reason, and Modality”, colloquist, *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting*, April 2006.

Commentator on "Mental Causation, Reduction, and Supervenience", Eric Hiddleston, *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting*, March 2006.

“Serious Metaphysics and the Vindication of Explanatory Reductions”, *University of Cincinnati*, department colloquium, March 2006.

Commentator on "Naturalism, Explanation, and Identity", Thomas Polger and Robert Skipper, *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, June 2005.

“A Formulation of the Thesis of Physicalism”, *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, March 2005.

“A Priori Entailment and Conceptual Analysis: Making Room for Type-C Physicalism”, *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, July 9-11, 2004

“Is the Phenomenal A Priori Entailed by the Physical?” *American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting*, April 2004.

“Can a Non-reductive Theory of Content be Naturalist?” *Australian National University*, June 2003.

“Making It Totally Explicit” *Australian National University*, May 2003.

“Can a Non-reductive Theory of Content be Naturalist?” *Monash University*, April, 2003.

“Can a Non-reductive Theory of Content be Naturalist?” *University of Otago*, February, 2003.

“Can a Non-reductive Theory of Content be Naturalist?” *Georgia State University*, November 2002.

“Can a Non-reductive Theory of Content be Naturalist?” *University of Arizona*, January 2002.

Commentator on Bryan Belknap’s “McDowell on Perceptual Experience”, *American Philosophical Association Central Division*, May 2001.

“Kripke, Brandom, and the Robust Explanation Requirement”, *Bowling Green State University*, April 2001.

“From Metaphysical to Substantive Naturalism: A Case Study”, *University of Cincinnati*, March 2001.

“From Metaphysical to Substantive Naturalism: A Case Study”, *University of Pittsburgh*, faculty/student colloquia, February 2001.

“Is Bias Always Bad? Longino’s Feminist Philosophy of Science”, *Aquinas College*, Women’s Studies Program, March 2000.

Chair and Commentator, Conference on Feminist Ethics and Social Policy, *University of Pittsburgh*, Panel on Multiculturalism, November 1993.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Deontic Modals* (under contract with Oxford University Press)

## AWARDS

2014 recipient of the Marc Sanders Prize in Metaethics

(<http://www.marcsandersfoundation.org/sanders-prizes/metaethics/metaethics-prize-winners/>)

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

*Epistemic Modals*, Second Annual Chambers Philosophy Conference, (with John Gibbons), University of Nebraska-Lincoln, April 2010.

Participants:

Keith DeRose, Yale University

Kai von Fintel, MIT

Thony Gillies, University of Michigan

Angelika Kratzer, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

John MacFarlane, UC-Berkeley

Robert Stalnaker, MIT

Eric Swanson, University of Michigan

*Physicalism*, Bowling Green State University, April 1-3, 2005.

Participants:

David Chalmers, Australian National University

Janice Dowell, Bowling Green State University

John Hawthorne, Rutgers University

Frank Jackson, Australian National University

Noa Latham, University of Calgary  
Andrew Melnyk, University of Missouri-Columbia  
Jessica Wilson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Gene Witmer, University of Florida  
Sara Worley, Bowling Green State University

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Committee, DEON 2016, *13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Deontic Logic and Normative Systems*, 2015-2016.

Subject Editor (Metaphysics), *Thought*, 2015-2016

Member, Editorial Panel of Referees, *Thought*, 2013-present

Chair, Program Committee, *American Philosophical Association*, Central Division, 2015

Member, Program Committee, *American Philosophical Association*, Central Division, 2012

Occasional referee for  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy*  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy*  
*Ethics*  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*  
*Journal of Philosophical Research*  
*Mind*  
*Oxford University Press*  
*Philosophical Papers*  
*Philosophical Review*  
*Philosophical Studies*  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*  
*Synthese*  
*Thought*

Occasional conference referee for  
*Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*  
*International Conference on Deontic Logic and Normative Systems*

#### DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2016  
Scholarship and Research Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University 2015-present  
Graduate Admissions Committee, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2013-2014 and 2015-2016  
Department Executive Committee, Philosophy, Syracuse University, 2013-2014 and 2015-2016  
Placement Officer, Philosophy, UNL 2009, 2011  
Speakers Committee, Philosophy, UNL 2009-2013  
Metaphysics and Epistemology Area Committee, Philosophy, UNL 2007-2008, 2009-present  
Undergraduate Advisor, Philosophy, UNL 2007-2008  
Hiring Committee, Philosophy, BGSU 2004-2005, 2006-2007  
Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee, BGSU 2003-2006  
Undergraduate Advisor, Philosophy, BGSU 2003-2006

#### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Visiting Fellow, *Research School of Social Sciences-Philosophy Program*, Australian National University, June-July 2017.



Regular Distinguished Visiting Faculty, *Eidyn Centre, University of Edinburgh*, 2013-2016.

Fellow, Enhancing Research Excellence Program, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*, 2012-2013.

Visiting Scholar, *Arche Research Centre, University of St. Andrews*, October-December 2008.

Visiting Fellow, *Research School of Social Sciences-Philosophy Program, Australian National University*, January-August 2003.

American Dissertation Fellow, *the American Association of University Women Educational Foundation*, 1999-2000

Colloquist, *National Endowment for the Humanities*, summer seminar, “Moore and Wittgenstein On Certainty” with Avrum Stroll, summer 1998

Teaching Fellow, *University of Pittsburgh*, 1992-1993

Teaching Assistant, *University of Pittsburgh*, 1993-1994, 1995-1996, Spring 1997, 1998-2001

Teaching Fellow, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*, 1989-1992

Departmental Honors in Philosophy, *the Johns Hopkins University*, 1989

#### REFERENCES

##### *Research references*

Frank Jackson (Princeton University, [fcjack321@gmail.com](mailto:fcjack321@gmail.com))  
Gideon Rosen (Princeton University, [grosen@princeton.edu](mailto:grosen@princeton.edu))  
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##### *Former colleagues*

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