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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2008 - Assistant Professor, Syracuse University
2006-2008 Assistant Professor, University of Kansas

EDUCATION

2000-2006 Ph.D. in Philosophy, Rutgers University, October 2006
2000 B.A., Specialist in Philosophy, with high distinction, University of Toronto

DISSERTATION

Oct. 2006 *Referentialism without Compromise: Semantics at the Intersection of Mind and Language*
Committee: Jerry Fodor, Barry Loewer, Stephen Neale, Georges Rey

PUBLICATIONS

2014 "Keeping (Direct) Reference in Mind". *Noûs* 48(2), pp. 342-367.
2013 "Concepts". *Oxford Bibliographies* (published online Sept. 30, 2013) <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195396577/obo-9780195396577-0220.xml>
2012 "Review of 'The Extended Mind', Edited by Richard Menary." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*: 1-3.
2011 "Higher-level Concepts and Their Heterogeneous Implementations: A Polemical Response to Edouard Machery's *Doing Without Concepts*". *Philosophical Psychology*, 24(1), 119-133.
2010 "Review of David Thompson, Daniel Dennett". *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=20167>.
2010 "Unity Amidst Heterogeneity in Theories of Concepts". *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 33(2-3), 210-211. [Commentary on Machery, *Doing Without Concepts* (OUP)]
2010 "Concept Referentialism and the Role of Empty Concepts". *Mind & Language*, 25(1), 89-118.

- 2009 “Referring When Push Comes to Shove”. In *New Waves in the Philosophy of Language* (pp. 60-86). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2009 “What Concepts Do”. *Synthese*, 170(2), 289-310.

PRESENTATIONS / COMMENTS / CHAIRED SESSIONS

- 2014 “The Concept of a Concept, in Philosophy, Psychology, and (Hopefully) Beyond. Faculty Brown-bag Series at the SU Humanities Center, January 16.
- 2014 “Doing Without Propositions”, invited presentation at the *Language, Cognition, and Context Conference* in Villa de Leyva, Colombia, May 32.
- 2014 Chaired symposium session at Central APA (Caplan & Tillman, “Not the optimistic type”), February 22.
- 2012 Comments on TIAN Ping, "Teleology of action and creation of virtuous character". Rutgers/Beijing Normal Mind and Language Workshop, September 2012.
- 2012 “Frege’s Problem Psychologized”. Invited colloquium at Southern Methodist University, April 2012.
- 2012 “A Big Contentious Picture: Language, Mind, Concepts, Reference”. Invited talk for the SU Undergraduate Philosophy Club.
- 2011 “Keeping (Direct) Reference in Mind”. Invited colloquium at University of Ottawa, March 2011.
- 2010 Commentary on Marco Santambrogio, “Direct Reference, Empty Names, and Church’s Translation Argument”. Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Reference and Referring, May 2010.
- 2010 “Representation and Mental Processes: Unity Amidst Heterogeneity in the Study of Concepts”. University at Buffalo Cognitive Science Colloquium, January 2010.
- 2010 “Metaphysical Implications of Zeno Paradoxes”. Invited talk for the Syracuse University Philosophy Club, February 2010
- 2009 “Reference and the Kitchen Sink”. (1) Invited colloquium at CUNY Graduate Center, November 2009; (2) Graduate Student Internal Speaker, SU Philosophy Department, November 2009.
- 2009 “Keeping Reference in Mind”. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division meeting, April 2009.
- 2008 “Theories of Concepts: New Approaches, Old Mistakes”. Presented at Syracuse University, University of Western Ontario, University of Washington, Ohio University, and Lafayette College; Spring 2008.
- 2008 Commentary on Charles Hermes, “Finks, Masks, Mimics, and Freedom”. American Philosophical Association, Central Division meeting, February 2008.
- 2008 “Concept Referentialism”. Kansas Philosophical Society Meeting, February 2008.

- 2007 “The Primacy of Reference”. Univ. of Kansas Linguistics Department Colloquium, April 2007.
- 2007 “Theories of Concepts”. Univ. of Kansas Cognitive Psychology Proseminar, April 2007.
- 2006 “The Role of Empty Concepts”. The Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, May 2006.
- 2006 Commentary on Imogen Dickie, “Informative Identities in Frege”. The Canadian Philosophical Association Conference, May 2006.
- 2005 “The Fragility of Frege’s Problem”. Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, October 2005.
- 2005 “Austere Semantics”. Rutgers Departmental Colloquium, May 2005.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Frege’s Problem Psychologized” [R&R, in progress]
- “Computation and Globality” [tentative title, in progress]
- “The heterogeneity of cognitive structures: conceptual eliminativism, pluralism, or higher-level unity?” [in progress]

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Member of American Philosophical Association

Refereeing for journals and conferences: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of the Philosophy of Science*, *Mind*, *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Synthese*, Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Book refereeing: Oxford University Press, MIT Press

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2013 Syracuse University Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, Spring 2013.
- 2009 Awarded (with Alyssa Ney, Univ. of Rochester) \$18,000 as part of a CNY Humanities Corridor Mellon Grant administered by the Humanities Center at Syracuse University to finance a course that we co-taught across the two institutions in Fall 2009.
- 2009 Tolley Summer Mini-Grant (Syracuse University Humanities Center)
- 2007 Univ. of Kansas New Faculty General Research Grant

GRADUATE ADVISING

Ph.D. committees

- 2014 Mihnea Capraru, "The Sundial Tribe and the Labyrinth of Purpose" (Passed with distinction February 17, 2014)
- 2012 Anthony Fischer, "Ideology, Structure, and Truth-Making" (Defended: August 18, 2012)
- 2010 Steffen Borge, "Speakers' Meaning: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language" (Defended Summer 2010)
- 2008 Keith Coleman, "The Logical Problem of Identity," (Univ. of Kansas, Defended Spring 2008)

"Special paper" committees

Justin Pannell (2014), Joe Hedger (2010), Mihnea Capraru (2010)

M.A. committees

- 2014 Member of Kevin Sadekoski's MA committee (defended May 6)
- 2007 Member of two Master's examination committees at Univ. of Kansas.

Teaching mentoring

- Spring 2014 Teaching Mentor for Arturo Castellanos, Dante Dauksz, Li Kang
- Spring 2013 Teaching Mentor for Andy Specht
- Fall 2012 Teaching Mentor for PHI 251 TAs (Mihnea Capraru, Steve Steward, Justin Pannell).
- 2008/2009 PHI 107 Teaching Assistant Mentorship Program
- 2006-2008 PHIL 140 Teaching Assistant Supervisor (Univ. of Kansas)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Member of Department Executive Committee (2010/2011, 2012/2013, 2013-2014)
- Director of Undergraduate Studies for the Philosophy Department (2012 through present)
- Advisor for Logic Minor (2012 through present)
- Co-organizer of SPAWN 2011 (Topic: Philosophy of Language), the annual conference held at the Philosophy Department at Syracuse University (August 2011)
- Member of Peterfreund Prize Committee (2011 through present)
- Philosophy Department Chair Search Committee (2010/2011)
- (Co-)organizer of Philosophy Department Colloquium Series (2009-2011)
- Faculty Coordinator for Graduate Student ABD Workshop (2009-2011)
- Teaching Assistant Faculty Mentor for PHI107 (2008-2009)

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Philosophy Department (Univ. of Kansas) (2007-2008)
Philosophy Department Search Committee (Univ. of Kansas) (2007/2008)
Faculty advisor for Undergraduate Philosophy Club (Univ. of Kansas) (2007/2008)
Redesign of Philosophy Department website (Univ. of Kansas) (2006/2007)
Philosophy Department Academic Program Committee (Univ. of Kansas) (2007/2008)
Philosophy Department Planning Committee (Univ. of Kansas) (2006-2008)
Philosophy Department Graduate Admissions & Awards (Univ. of Kansas) (2006/2007)
Philosophy Department Robinson Essay Award Committee (Univ. of Kansas) (2006/2007)
Philosophy Department Committee on Undergraduate Awards (Univ. of Kansas) (2006/2007)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member of the Linguistic Studies Program and Faculty Advisor for Masters students in the Logic & Language Concentration (2012/2013)
Member of Humanities Council (representing Logic Minor) (2012/2013, 2013/2014)
First-Year Advisor (Fall 2009 and continuing)
Renée Crown Honor's Program Capstone Prize Committee (Spring 2011).
CAS101 (First-Year Forum) Instructor (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2013)
Organized public lecture series: "Philosophy in Practice." In cooperation with the Hall Center for the Humanities. Speakers: Jerry Fodor, Stephen Neale, Scott Soames. (2008)
Ellsworth Faculty Forum representative (Univ. of Kansas) (2007)
Representative to the Kansas Board of Regents Core Competencies Group (2007)
Ambassador to the Univ. of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence (2007)

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate seminars

PHI 750: Concepts and Mental Content (Fall 2014)
PHI 750: Propositions (Fall 2012)
PHI 750: Concepts (Fall 2011)
PHI 750: Reference and Representation (Fall 2010)
PHI 750: Reductionism (with Alyssa Ney, Fall 2009)
PHI 750: Language of Thought (Fall 2008)
PHIL850: 'Super-seminar' in Philosophy of Language and Mind (KU, Spring 2008)
PHIL877: Topics in Philosophy of Mind: Concepts (KU, Fall 2006)

Undergraduate and cross-listed undergraduate/graduate courses

PHI 109: (Honors) Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2009)

PHI 251: Formal Logic (Fall 2009)

PHI 377: Philosophy of Psychology (Fall 2012, Fall 2010)

PHI 533: Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2010, Spring 2011)

PHI 565: Philosophy of Language (Spring 2009, Spring 2010, Spring 2011)

PHIL140: Introduction to Philosophy (KU, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007)

PHIL654: Philosophy of Mind (KU, Spring 2007)

Supervised independent studies

PHI 690: Special Sciences (Joe Hedger)

PHIL600: Readings in Philosophy: The OBJECT Concept (KU, Fall 2007)

PHIL900: Research in Philosophy: Problems with Direct Reference (KU, Spring 2007)

ACADEMIC REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST