

Curriculum Vitæ

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Employment

- Associate Professor (with tenure), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007 - present
- Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003 - 2007
- Assistant Professor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1999 - 2003

Education

- Ph.D., Philosophy, Stanford University, 1999.
 - Dissertation: *Ontology and Objectivity* Co-supervised by Solomon Feferman and John Perry. Stanford 1999.
- M.A., Philosophy (major), Logic, and Mathematics (minors), University of Munich, Germany, 1994.

Areas of Specialization

- Metaphysics, philosophy of language, philosophy of mathematics.

Areas of Competence

- Epistemology, mathematical logic, philosophy of logic.

Honors and Awards

- “Innocent statements and their metaphysically loaded counterparts” selected by the *Philosopher’s Annual* as “one of the ten best articles published in philosophy in 2007”, (2008).
- Winner of the *Phillip and Ruth Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement*. “Highest research award for early to mid career faculty at the University of North Carolina”, (2007).

- Winner of the fourth *APA Article Prize* for “Inexpressible Properties and Propositions”, awarded by the American Philosophical Association for “the best article published in the previous two years.” (2006).
- Winner of the first *Oxford Studies Younger Metaphysician Prize* for “Inexpressible Properties and Propositions” awarded by the Editorial Board of Oxford Studies in Metaphysics for a paper by a philosopher within ten years of the PhD, (2004).
- “Proof-Theoretic Reduction as a Philosopher’s Tool” selected by the *Philosopher’s Annual* as “one of the ten best articles in philosophy to appear in the year 2000.”, (2001).
- Wolfgang-Stegmüller-Preis for *Ontology and Objectivity*. Awarded by the German Analytic Philosophy Society for “outstanding work by a philosopher under age 40.”, (2000).

Publications

- Books
 - *Ontology and the Ambitions of Metaphysics* in preparation
 - *Empty Names, Fiction and the Puzzles of Non-Existence*, (co-editor) with A. Everett. CSLI Publications, 2000.
- Articles
 - “Ambitious, yet modest, metaphysics” forthcoming in D. Chalmers, D. Manley, and R. Wasserman (eds.) *Metametaphysics*. Oxford University Press
 - “The Meta-Problem of Change” forthcoming in *Noûs*
 - “Validity, Paradox, and the Ideal of Deductive Logic” in *Revenge of the Liar*, JC Beall (ed.) Oxford University Press, 2008.
 - “Innocent Statements and their Metaphysically Loaded Counterparts” *The Philosophers’ Imprint* vol. 7, no. 1. (February 2007): <http://www.philosophersimprint.org/007001/>
* Reprinted in *The Philosopher’s Annual* 2008.
 - “From Remnants to Things, and back again” in *Meanings and other Things: essays on Stephen Schiffer*. (with a reply by Stephen Schiffer). G. Ostertag (ed.). MIT Press. 2007.
 - “Schiffer’s New Theory of Propositions” in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. (with a reply by Stephen Schiffer in the same volume). vol. LXXIII. July 2006. Pages 211 - 17.

- “Number Determiners, Numbers, and Arithmetic” *The Philosophical Review*. vol 114.2. April 2005. (actual publication date is Fall 2006). Pages 179 - 225.
- “Supervenience and Object Dependent Properties” *The Journal of Philosophy*, vol. **CII**, no 1, January 2005. Pages 5 - 32.
- “Inexpressible Properties and Propositions” *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, vol. 2, D. Zimmerman (ed.) Oxford University Press. 2006. Pages 155 - 206.
 - * Winner of the *Oxford Studies Younger Metaphysician Prize*
 - * Winner of the *APA Article Prize*
- “A Puzzle about Ontology” *Nouûs* vol. 39, no. 2. 2005. Pages 256 - 83.
 - * reprinted in Italian translation as “Un enigma per l’ontologia” in *Rivista di Estetica*. vol. 46:2 pp. 41-69. 2006.
- “Logic and Ontology” (13,000 word survey article), 2004. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. 2004.
- “Proof-Theoretic Reduction as a Philosopher’s Tool” *Erkenntnis* **53**, 2000. Pages 127-146.
 - * reprinted in *The Philosopher’s Annual* **XXIII**, 2001.
- “Quantification and Non-Existent Objects” in *Empty Names, Fiction and the Puzzles of Non-Existence*, edited by A. Everett and T. Hofweber, CSLI Publications, 2000. Pages 249 - 273.
- “Contextualism and the Meaning-Intention Problem” In *Cognition, Agency and Rationality*, edited by K. Korta, E. Sosa and J. Arrozola, Kluwer, 1999. Pages 93-104.

- Reviews and other publications

- “Review of Graham Priest’s *Towards Non-Being*” *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, vol 14:1. 2008. Pages 116-18.
- “Review of Jody Azzouni’s *Defeating Existential Consequence*” *The Philosophical Review*, vol 116.3. 2007. Pages 465-67.
- “Review of Wolfgang Künne’s *Conceptions of Truth*” *The Philosophical Review* vol. 114.1. 2005. Pages 136-39.
- “Consistency, Existence, and the Philosophical Ambitions of Proof Theory.” (Abstract) *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, vol 10.3. September 2004. Pages 442-3.
- “Review of James R. Brown’s *Philosophy of Mathematics*” *The British Journal of the Philosophy of Science*, **52**, 2001. Pages 413-416.

- “Review of John Burgess and Gideon Rosen’s *A Subject with no Object*” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, **LXII**, 2001. Pages 723-727.
- “Much ado about Nothing” (with A. Everett). Introduction to *Empty Names, Fiction and the Puzzles of Non-Existence*, edited by A. Everett and T. Hofweber, CSLI Publications, 2000. Pages ix - xxi.
- “Equivalence Principles and Neo-Fregean Approaches to the Philosophy of Mathematics.” (Abstract) *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, 2000.
- “Numbers and Number Determiners” (Abstract) *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, vol. 4.2, June 1998. Page 213.
- “Nominalismus” *Enzyklopädie der Philosophie*, Felix Meiner Verlag, 1999. [in German]

Talks

- Invited Talks

- TBA, philosophy department colloquium, NC State University (9/2008)
- “Ambitious, yet modest, metaphysics” eidos Metaphysics Conference, Geneva. (7/2008)
- “Semantics, ontology, and the ambitions of metaphysics” *Semantics and Philosophy in Europe*, Paris. (5/2008)
- “The ideal of deductive logic”, philosophy department colloquium, Ohio State University. (4/2008)
- “Ambitious, yet modest, metaphysics”, Arizona Ontology Conference. Tucson, Arizona (1/2008)
- “Numbers and the Philosophy of Mathematics” Hettleman Prize talk. UNC. (2008)
- “From *Remnants* to *Things*, and back again”. Presented at a conference in honor of Stephen Schiffer, Pecs, Hungary. (5/2007)
- “The Ideal of Deductive Logic”, Invited talk, Dubrovnik Conference. (5/2007)
- “Ontology as a Philosopher’s Project”, 10th Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference on Meta-Metaphysics. (04/2007)
- “The Ideal of Deductive Logic”, NYU, Philosophy department colloquium. (4/2007)
- “Abandoning the Ideal of Deductive Logic” presented at:
 - * Rutgers, philosophy department colloquium (2/2007)
 - * ECU, philosophy department colloquium. (11/2006)

- * UNC, philosophy department colloquium. (10/2006)
- “Logicism without Logic” presented at:
 - * University of California at Santa Barbara. Philosophy department colloquium. (5/2006)
 - * University of California at Irvine. Logic and philosophy of science department colloquium. (4/2006)
 - * MIT. Philosophy department colloquium. (4/2006)
 - * Princeton University. Philosophy department colloquium. (3/2006)
 - * Workshop on logicism. Joint meeting of the NC-SC philosophy societies. Columbia. (2/2006)
 - * University of Paris, 1. IHPST colloquium. (1/2006)
- “Number Words and Non-referring Terms” Workshop on non-referring terms. University of Paris, 1. (1/2006)
- “Ontology as a Philosophical Project” University of Pennsylvania. Philosophy department colloquium. (11/2005)
- “The Meta-Problem of Change” 8th Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference on “Time and Identity”. (4/2005)
- “Formal Tools and the Philosophy of Mathematics” presented at Solomon Feferman’s retirement symposium, Stanford. (1/2004)
- “Ontological Questions” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (3/2003)
- “Inexpressible Properties” Presented at:
 - * Syracuse University (9/2002)
 - * University of Manitoba (9/2002)
- Colloquium on Logicism. Philosophy of Mathematics Spring Seminar. University of Notre Dame. (2/2002)
- “Number Determiners, Numbers, and Basic Arithmetic” Midwest Philosophy of Mathematics Workshop. University of Notre Dame. (9/2001)
- “Fictionalism, Pretense, and Semantics” Symposium on Semantic Pretense. Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA). (12/2000)
- “Innocent Statements and their Metaphysically Loaded Counterparts” New York University. (2/99)
- “A Puzzle about Ontology” Presented at:
 - * University of Alberta, Edmonton (10/2000)
 - * University of Lethbridge (10/2000)
 - * University of Southern California (2/99)
 - * University of Notre Dame (2/99)

- * University of Texas, Austin (1/99)
- * Yale University (1/99)
- * University of California, Santa Cruz (1/99)
- * University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1/99)
- “Compositionality and the Alleged Explanatory Role of a Compositional Semantics” Presented at CogLunch 98, an interdisciplinary lecture series in Cognitive Science, CSLI, Stanford. (5/98)
- “Objects and Objectivity” Departmental Colloquium, Philosophy Department, Stanford University. (5/98)
- “Does a Compositional Semantics Play an Explanatory Role?” Symposium on Compositionality, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information, ESSLLI 97, Aix-en-Provence, France. (8/97)
- “Contextualist Theories of Knowledge and of Knowledge Ascriptions” Co-Main Invited Address in the section “Knowledge in Context” of the International Conference in Cognitive Science, ICCS-97, San Sebastian, Spain. (5/97)
- “Inferential Role and Domain Conditions” 6th Workshop in Logic, Language and Computation, CSLI, Stanford. (5/97)
- Contributed Talks
 - Refereed Conferences
 - * “Inexpressible Properties” presented at GAP 4, the fourth international congress of the German Analytic Philosophy Society. (9/2000)
 - * “Equivalence Principles and Neo-Fregean Approaches to the Philosophy of Mathematics” presented at the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. (6/ 2000)
 - * “Supervenience and Object-Dependent Properties” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA), San Francisco. (4/2000)
 - * “Inexpressible Properties” Pacific Division Meeting of the APA, Berkeley. (4/99)
 - * “Numbers and Number Determiners” Spring Meeting of the Association for Symbolic Logic, Los Angeles. (3/98)
 - * “Proof-Theoretic Reduction as a Nominalist’s Tool” Workshop on Notions of Reduction in Mathematics and Philosophy, Munich, Germany. (9/97)
 - * “Abriß eines nominalistischen Programms” Third International Conference of the German Analytic Philosophy Society, GAP 3, Munich, Germany. (9/97)

- * “Inferential Role and Domain Conditions” Workshop on Quantification, Collectivity and Reciprocals, European Summer School in Logic, Language and Information, ESSLLI 97, Aix-en-Provence, France. (8/97)

- Other Talks

- Comments on Cian Dorr and on Matti Eklund at the *Metaphysical Mayhem*, Rutgers. (5/2008)
- Comments on Sam Scott’s “Saying something about Santa Claus” Pacific APA meeting, San Francisco. (3/2005)
- Comments on Susan Vineberg’s “Nominalism and Naturalism in the Philosophy of Mathematics” Pacific APA meeting, San Francisco. (3/2001)
- “Quantification and Non-Existent Objects” Conference on Empty Names, Fiction, and the Puzzles of Non-Existence, CSLI, Stanford. (3/98)
- “Numbers and Number Determiners” Stanford Logic Lunch. (2/98)

Fellowships

- Spray Randleigh Fellowship (2007)
- Junior Faculty Development Award (2004)
- Rackham Summer Interdisciplinary Institute Faculty Fellowship (2002)
- Rackham Summer Fellowship (2001)
- Mellon Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (1998-1999).
- Dissertation Fellowship, Stanford University (1994-1998).

Teaching experience

- Courses taught
 - University of North Carolina
 - * The domain and methods of metaphysics (graduate seminar) (Spring 2007)
 - * Topics in Mathematical Logic (Fall 2006)
 - * Kenan Seminar in the Philosophy of Logic (with Keith Simmons) (Graduate seminar) (Fall 2005)
 - * Meta-metaphysics (Graduate seminar) (Spring 2005)

- * Introduction to Mathematical Logic (Fall 2004) (Fall 2005) (Fall 2007) (Graduate seminar)
- * Introduction to Mathematical Logic online (Fall 2004) (Fall 2005) (Spring 2005) (Spring 2006) (Summer 2006) (Fall 2006) (Spring 2007) (Summer 2007)
- * Introduction to Mathematical Logic (Fall 2004) (Fall 2006) (Spring 2007)
- * Recent Work in Ontology (Graduate Seminar) (Spring 2004)
- * Philosophy of Time (Fall 2003)
- * Honors Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2003) (Spring 2004)
- University of Michigan
 - * Philosophy of Mathematics (Winter 2003)
 - * Objectivity (Graduate seminar) (Fall 2002)
 - * Knowledge and Reality (Fall 2002)
 - * Mathematical Logic (Winter 2001)
 - * Proseminar (Graduate level survey of contemporary philosophy of language and philosophy of mind) (Fall 2000)
 - * Neo-Carnapian Approaches to Ontology (Graduate seminar) (Winter 2000)
 - * Metaphysics. (Fall 99) (Winter 2001)
 - * Honors Introduction to Philosophy. (Fall 99) (Winter 2000) (Fall 2000) (Winter 2003)
- Stanford University
 - * Science, Philosophy and God. (Summer 98)

Professional Service

- Referee for:
 - Book manuscripts: Oxford University Press, CSLI Publications, Blackwell Publishers.
 - Major Grants: European Science Foundation
 - Articles: *Mind*, *Philosophia Mathematica*, *Studia Logica*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *British Journal of the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Philosophical Association*, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *The Monist*, *Dialectica*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- Co-Organizer of a workshop on the Philosophy of Logic, Chapel Hill, 2004.
- Co-Organizer of the Conference *Empty Names, Fiction and the Puzzles of Non-Existence*. Stanford, 1998.