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EDUCATION

Ph. D	1986 UC, Berkeley (Philosophy)
½ MA	1980 University of Pune, India (Philosophy)
B.Sc.	1979 University of Toronto (Math & Philosophy)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2008-20XX	Professor, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
2005-2008	Chair, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
2004-2005	Head of Philosophy Section, MIT
2001-20XX	Full Professor, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
1998-2001	Assoc. Professor, Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT
1992-1998	Assoc. Professor, Philosophy, U of Michigan
1991-1992	Visiting Asst Professor, Philosophy, U of Toronto
1986-1992	Asst Professor, Philosophy, U of Michigan

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophical Logic

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mathematics

COURSES TAUGHT

Lower Division

Introduction to Philosophy
Symbolic Logic
Paradox & Infinity
Relativism, Reason, & Reality

Upper Division

Metaphysics
Philosophy of Logic
Knowledge & Reality
Mathematical Logic
Realism & Nominalism
Metaphor & Ontology
Modal Logic
Topics in the Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of Mathematics

Graduate Level

Response-Dependent Concepts
Causation
De Re Modality
Metaphysics of Mind
Objects & Objectivity
Truth, Being, & All That

Things, Properties, & All That
Fiction & Presupposition
Aboutness

PUBLICATIONS

IN PRINT

- "Soames on Kripke," Philosophical Studies (2007)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," in A. Byrne and J. Thomson, Content and Modality (Oxford, 2006)
- "No Fool's Cold: Notes on Illusions of Possibility," in M. Garcia-Carpintero and J. Macia, ed. Two Dimensional Semantics (Oxford, 2006)
- "Circularity and Paradox," in T. Bolander, V. F. Hendricks, and S. A. Pedersen, ed. Self-Reference (CSLI Press, 2006)
- "The Myth of the Seven," in M. Kalderon, ed. Fictionalism in Metaphysics (Oxford, 2005)
- "Advertisement for a Sketch of an Outline of a Proto-Theory of Causation," in John Collins, Ned Hall, and L.A. Paul (eds.) Causation and Counterfactuals (MIT Press, 2004)
- "Almog on Descartes's Mind and Body," Philosophy and Phenomenological Research (2005), p. 70
- "New Grounds for Naive Truth Theory," in J.C. Beall (ed.), Liars and Heaps (OUP, 2004)
- "Causal Relevance," in Philosophical Issues 13 (2003)
- "Tables Shmables," review of D. Wiggins, Sameness and Substance Renewed, in Times Literary Supplement (2003)
- "De Facto Dependence," Journal of Philosophy 99 (2002), pp. 130-148
- "Abstract Objects: A Case Study," in Andrea Bottani, Massimiliano Carrara, and Pierdaniele Giaretta (ed.) Individuals, essence and identity: Themes of analytic metaphysics (Kluwer, 2002)
- "Go Figure: A Path Through Fictionalism," Midwest Studies in Philosophy 25 (2002)
- "Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda," T. Gendler and J. Hawthorne, ed. Conceivability and Possibility (OUP, 2001)
- (with Agustin Rayo) "Nominalism Through De-Nominalization," Nous (2000)
- "A Paradox of Existence," in T. Hofweber, ed. Empty Names, Fiction and the Puzzle of Existence (CSLI, 2000)
- "Apriority & Existence," in P. Boghossian and C. Peacocke, ed. New Essays on the A Priori (OUP, 2000)
- "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Thinkers," Proceedings of the 20th World Congress of Philosophy, vol. 11 (2000)
- "Superproportionality & Mind-Body Relations," Theoria (2000)
- "A Reply to New Zeno," in Analysis 60 (2000), pp. 148-151
- "Red, Bitter, Best," critical notice of F. Jackson, From Metaphysics to Ethics, in Philosophical Books 41 (2000)
- "Textbook Kripkeanism & the Open Texture of Concepts," in Pacific Philosophical Quarterly 81 (2000), pp. 98-122
- "Intrinsicness," Philosophical Topics 26 (officially 1998, really 2000), pp. 479-504
- "Self-Knowledge & Semantic Luck: Comments on Boghossian," in Philosophical Issues (1999)
- "Concepts & Consciousness: Comments on Chalmers, The Conscious Mind," in Philosophy & Phenomenological Research (1999)
- "The Strange Thing About the Figure in the Bathhouse" (not my title!!), review of A. Thomasson, Fiction & Metaphysics, Times Literary Supplement (1999)
- "Essentialism," in the Encyclopedia of Philosophy (1998)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Supp. Volume 72 (1998), pp. 229-261
- "Wide Causation," Philosophical Perspectives 11 (1997), pp. 251-281

- "How in the World?" Philosophical Topics 24 (1996), pp. 255-286
- "Singling out Properties," Philosophical Perspectives 9 (1995), pp. 477-502
- "Definitions, Consistent and Inconsistent," Philosophical Studies 72 (1993), Special Issue on Definition, pp. 147-175
- "Hop, Skip and Jump: The Agonistic Conception of Truth," Philosophical Perspectives 7 (1993), pp. 371-396
- "Paradox without Self-Reference," Analysis 53 (1993), pp. 251-2
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Philosophy & Phenomenological Research 53 (1993), pp. 1-42
- "Review of Alan Sidelle, Necessity, Essence, and Individuation ," Philosophical Review 101 (1992), pp. 878-881
- "Mental Causation," Philosophical Review 101 (1992), pp. 245-280, reprinted in Philosopher's Annual XV (1992) and David Chalmers, ed. Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings (Oxford 2002)
- "Cause and Essence," Synthese 93 (1992), pp. 403-449
- "The Real Distinction Between Mind and Body," Canadian Journal of Philosophy, supp. vol. 16 (1990), pp. 149-201
- "Truth, Definite Truth, and Paradox" (abstract of comments on Vann McGee), Journal of Philosophy 86 (1989), pp. 539-541
- "Review of Graeme Forbes, The Metaphysics of Modality ," Journal of Philosophy 85 (1988), pp. 329-337
- "Identity, Essence, and Indiscernibility," Journal of Philosophy 84 (1987), pp. 293-314, reprinted in Philosopher's Annual X (1987), and Jaegwon Kim & Ernie Sosa, ed., Metaphysics: An Anthology (Blackwell, 1999)
- "Truth and Reflection," Journal of Philosophical Logic 14 (1985), pp. 297-349
- "Grounding, Dependence, and Paradox," Journal of Philosophical Logic 11 (1982), pp. 117-137
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- *TO APPEAR*
- (with Gideon Rosen) "Solving Caesar, with Metaphysics" in a collection of papers on the work of Crispin Wright edited by Alexander Miller
- "Content Carving," in a volume for Hans Herzberger edited by Achille Varzi
- "Must Existence-Questions Have Answers?," in an Oxford volume on metaontology edited by David Chalmers, David Manley, and Ryan Wasserman
- "A Problem about Permission & Possibility," in a volume on epistemic modals ed. by Andy Egan
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- *WORK IN PROGRESS*
- "Unimaginability"
- "What is Left Over?"
- "Partial Truth"
- "Aboutness"
- "Beyond Rigidification"
- "Parts of Contents"
- "Causation As A Disposition To Lose E On Losing C"

TALKS

- Comments on Fine and Sider, APA (December 2008)
- Minicourse on Aboutness, Barcelona (November 2008)
- ???, NYU (October 2008)
- ???, UW, Madison (September, 2008)
- ???, Metaontology Conference, Barcelona (June 2008)
- ???, Princeton University, Hempel Lectures (March 2008)
- ???, U of Alberta, Edmonton (November 2007)
- ???, U of Alberta, Calgary (November 2007)

- ???, University of Michigan, Nelson Visitor (September 2007)
- "Make Believe & Presupposition," Mimesis, MB, & Metaphysics Conference, Leeds (June 2007)
- "Truth & Aboutness," Logica Conference, Hejnice, Czech Republic (June 2007)
- "Unexplained Modal Illusions," Pacific APA Session on Materialism after Kripke (April 2007)
- "Unimaginability," John Dewey Memorial Lecture, U of Vermont (March 2007)
- "Objective Mootness: A Metaontological Dialogue," University of Saskatchewan (March 2007)
- "Objective Mootness: A Metaontological Dialogue," Syracuse University (February 2007)
- "Objective Mootness: A Metaontological Dialogue," Auburn (February 2007)
- "What is Left Over," U of Virginia (October 2006)
- "That May Be," Arche Conference on Modality (June 2006)
- "Semantic Arithmetic," UCSB Conference on Advances in the Theory of Meaning (February 2006)
- "Limits to Imagination," University of Houston (February 2006)
- "Causation As A Disposition To Lose E On Losing C," Bristol Conference on Causation and Dispositions (December 2005)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," Brown (September 2005)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," AAUP Meetings (July 2005)
- "No Fool's Cold," ANU Conference on Philosophical Methodology (July 2005)
- "Must Existence-Questions Have Answers?," ANU Conference on Metaontology (July 2005)
- "Must Existence-Questions Have Answers?," U of London (Jacobsen Lecture) (June 2, 2005)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," Oxford (Evans Memorial Lecture) (May 31, 2005)
- "Failsafe Presuppositions & the Project of Ontology," U Mass Amherst (April 29, 2005)
- "Existential Presupposition," Cornell (March 11, 2005)
- "Metaontology," APA Session on Metaontology, with Eli Hirsch, Karen Bennett (December 30, 2004)
- "Existential Presupposition," UCSD (November 17-22, 2004)
- "Existential Presupposition," Brown (November 5, 2004)
- "Existential Presupposition", U of Pennsylvania (October 29, 2004)
- "Non-Catastrophic Presupposition Failure," Chapel Hill Colloquium (October 1, 2004)
- "Illusions of Possibility," Jean Nicod Institute (May 17, 2004)
- "Existential Presupposition," Oxford (May 14, 2004)
- "How to Win Friends...," Pitt/CMU Graduate Student Conference (March 20, 2004)
- "How to Win Friends...," Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference (February 20, 2004)
- "How to Win Friends...," Indiana (December 5, 2003)
- "How to Win Friends...," UC Davis (November 21, 2003)
- "How to Win Friends...," UC Berkeley (November 20, 2003)
- "How to Win Friends...," U Kentucky (October 24, 2003)
- "How to Win Friends & Influence Truth-Value Without Really Being," Yale (October 2, 2003)
- "Beyond Rigidification," Barcelona Conference on Predicate Reference (2003)
- "Beyond Rigidification," Ohio State (2003)
- Comments on Williamson, Knowledge and Its Limits, Rutgers Epistemology Conference (2003)
- "Why I Am Not a Nominalist," NYU Seminar on Factually Defective Discourse (2003)
- "Beyond Rigidification," Brown University (2003)
- "Content Carving for Fun and Profit," UC Irvine Logic Group (2003)
- Comments on Field, "Semantic Paradoxes & Paradoxes of Vagueness," Liars & Heaps Conference, UConn (2002)
- "Content Carving: Some Ways," Arche Conference in Foundations of Mathematics, St Andrews (2002)
- "Content Carving for Fun and Profit," UC Irvine Logic Group (2002)
- "What's Circularity Got To Do With It?" Roskilde Conference on Self-Reference (2002)
- "Illusions of Possibility," Glasgow University (2002)
- "De Facto Dependence," Edinburgh University (2002)
- "Illusions of Possibility," Greensboro Conference on Conceivability (2002)
- "De Facto Dependence," Stanford University (2002)

- "De Facto Dependence," Princeton University (2001)
- "De Facto Dependence," University of Vermont (2001)
- "De Facto Dependence," UCLA (2001)
- "Grokking Pain," UCLA (2001)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Hendrix College (2001)
- "De Facto Dependence," University of Toronto (2000)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Pacific Division APA Meetings (2000)
- "Causal Relevance: Mental, Moral, and Epistemic," Veracruz, SOFIA Conference on Metaphysics of Mind (2001)
- "Causal Relevance: Mental, Moral, and Epistemic," University College, London (2001)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Bergamo Conference on Analytic Metaphysics (2000)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Eastern Division APA Meetings (2000)
- "Go Figure: A Path Through Fictionalism," Eastern Division APA Meetings (2000)
- "Abstract Objects: A Case Study," Oaxaca, SOFIA Conference on Realism and Relativism (2000)
- "Truth and Being," 3 lectures at University of Padua (2000)
- "Causation and Consciousness," 3 lectures at University of Bologna (2000)
- "Grokking Pain," University of Barcelona (2000)
- "Modal Rationalism and Logical Empiricism: Some Similarities," NYU Consciousness Seminar (2000)
- "Modal Rationalism and Logical Empiricism: Some Similarities," SUNY Buffalo Conference on Consciousness (1999)
- "The Myth of the Seven," Tufts University Seminar on Realism (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Central Division APA Meetings (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Southern Methodist University (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," University of Colorado (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Brandeis University (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Harvard University (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Brown University Graduate Student Conference (1999)
- "A Paradox of Existence," University of Connecticut (1998)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Syracuse University (1998)
- "A Paradox of Existence," CSLI (1998)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Columbia University (1998)
- "A Paradox of Existence," Mighty Metaphysical Mayhem, Notre Dame University (1998)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Aristotelian Society Meetings (1998)
- "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Thinkers," World Congress of Philosophy (1998)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Kansas State University (1997)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Johns Hopkins University (1997)
- "Does Ontology Rest on a Mistake?" Western Michigan University (1997)
- "Textbook Kripkeanism & the Open Texture of Concepts," Conference on the A Priori, USC (1997)
- "Self-Knowledge & Semantic Luck: Comments on Boghossian," SOFIA Meetings, Barcelona (1997)
- "How in the World?" Kripke Conference, San Marino (1996)
- "How in the World?" Arizona State University (1996)
- "How in the World?" UNC Chapel Hill (1996)
- "How in the World?" Duke University (1996)
- "How in the World?" North Carolina State University (1996)
- "How in the World?" East Carolina University (1996)
- "How in the World?" York University (1995)
- "How in the World?" New York University (1995)
- "Singling out Properties" UC San Diego (1994)
- "Singling out Properties" UC Riverside (1994)
- "Singling out Properties" University of Queensland (1993)
- "Singling out Properties" Australian National University (1993)
- "Singling out Properties" Monash University (1993)

- "Definitions, Consistent and Inconsistent," University of Queensland (1993)
- Comments on Kit Fine, "Essence and Modality," APA Pacific Division Meetings (1993)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Princeton University (1993)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Harvard University (1993)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" University of Rochester (1991)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Queen's University (1991)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" University of Notre Dame (1991)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Davidson College (1991)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Wayne State University (1990)
- "Is Conceivability a Guide to Possibility?" Ohio State University (1990)
- "Mental Causation," University of Western Ontario (1991)
- "Mental Causation," UNC Chapel Hill (1991)
- "Mental Causation," Chicago Circle (1990)
- "The Real Distinction Between Mind and Body," University of Arizona (1989)
- "The Real Distinction Between Mind and Body," George Myro Memorial Conference, UC Berkeley (1989)
- Comments on Vann McGee, "Kripke's Theory of Truth," APA Eastern Division Meetings (1989)
- "Rules for Truth," Conference on the Semantics of Self-Reference, CSLI (1987)
- "Contingent Identity," UCLA (1986)
- "Contingent Identity," Brown University (1986)
- "Contingent Identity," Cornell University (1986)
- "Contingent Identity," University of Michigan (1986)
- "Contingent Identity," USC (1985)

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Philosophical Studies, Philosophical Imprint, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Advisory Committee to the APA Eastern Division Program Committee (1997-2000)

REFEREEING

Journal of Philosophical Logic, *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, *Philosophical Review*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Nous*, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Synthese*, *Manuscrito* (Brazil), MIT Press, Cambridge University Press, Harvard University Press

PH.D. STUDENTS, chair or co-chair (still working on this)

Seth Yalcin, *Inquiry and Epistemic Modality* (2008) [NYU, 2008]
 Clare Batty, *Lessons in Smelling* (2007) [U of Kentucky, 2007]
 Jason Decker, *Modality, Rationalism, Conditionals* (2007) [Carleton, 2007]
 Bernard Nickel, *Truth in Explanation* [Harvard, 2005]
 Iris Einheuser, *Conventionalism* (2003) [Duke, 2005]
 Andy Egan, *Non-Standard Features* (2003) [U of Michigan, 2005]
 Carolina Sartorio, *The Causal and the Moral* (2003) [UW, Madison, 2005]
 James Woodbridge, *Truth as a Pretense* (2001) [UNLV, 2006]
 Matti Eklund, *Paradoxes & Foundations of Semantics* (2000) [Cornell, 2005]
 Karen Bennett, *Keeping Modality in Mind* (2000) [Princeton, 2005]
 Marc Alspector-Kelly, *Carnap's & Quine's Views on Ontology* (1998) [WMU, 2005]
 John Devlin, *Truth, Modality, and Ontology* (1998) [Arizona State, 2005]
 Paul Torek, *Something to Look Forward To: Personal Identity, Prudence, and Ethics* (1995)
 Alex Miller, *Sublimation, Reason, and Rule-Following* (1995) [Macquarie, 2005]
 Leon Porter, *Semantic Paradox and the Metaphysics of Truth* (1995)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2003)
- Michigan Humanities Fellowship (1995)
- National Humanities Center (1995)
- Teaching Award, University of Michigan (1992, 1993)
- "Mental Causation" picked for Philosopher's Annual (1992)
- Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences Fellowship (1991)
- Canada Research Fellowship (1990)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (1989)
- "Identity, Essence, & Indiscernibility" picked for Philosopher's Annual (1988)