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**SPECIALTIES**      Philosophy of Language and Philosophical Logic

**COMPETENCIES**      Metaphysics & Epistemology, and History of Analytic Philosophy

**EMPLOYMENT**      [2013–now]      Lecturer (assistant professor), University of Edinburgh

                                 [2012–2013]      Visiting Lecturer, University of Illinois, Department of Philosophy

**EDUCATION**      The Australian National University. Ph.D., Philosophy, 2012

- Dissertation: *Monsters and communication: The semantics of contextual shifting and sensitivity*
- Supervisor: David Chalmers [External examiners: Jason Stanley and Seth Yalcin]

University of California, Santa Barbara. Graduate coursework, Philosophy, 2005–2008

University of Colorado. M.A., Philosophy, 2004

University of Oregon. B.A., Philosophy, 2002

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Journal Articles*

- [1] Monsters and the theoretical role of context  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming. [with D. Ball]
- [2] A bridge from semantic value to content  
*Philosophical Topics*, forthcoming (edited by J. Stanley)
- [3] Does semantic relationism solve Frege's puzzle?  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, forthcoming. [with B. Pickel]
- [4] Against the Russellian open future  
*Mind*, forthcoming. [with A. Schoubye]
- [5] The antinomy of the variable: A Tarskian resolution  
*Journal of Philosophy*, 2016, 113(3): 137-170. [with B. Pickel]
- [6] The history of the use of  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ -notation in natural language semantics  
*Semantics and Pragmatics*, 2016, 9(12).

- [7] Well-founding grounding grounding  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2016, 45(4): 349-379. [with G. Rabin]
- [8] Descriptions which have grown capital letters  
*Mind & Language*, 2015, 30(3): 292-319.
- [9] Two-dimensional semantics and the nesting problem  
*Analysis*, 2014, 74(2): 210-224. [with D. Chalmers]
- [10] Dangerous reference graphs and semantic paradoxes  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2013 42(5): 727-765. [with L. Rabern and M. Macauley]
- [11] Monsters in Kaplan's logic of demonstratives  
*Philosophical Studies*, 2013, 164(2): 393-404.
- [12] Against the identification of assertoric content with compositional value  
*Synthese*, 2012, 189(1): 75-96.
- [13] Propositions and multiple indexing  
*Thought*, 2012, 1(2): 116-124.
- [14] A simple solution to the hardest logic puzzle ever  
*Analysis*, 2008, 68(298): 105-112. [with L. Rabern]

*Volume Contributions*

- [15] Reviving the parameter revolution in semantics  
*The Science of Meaning*, 2017, OUP. [with B. Pickel and J. Dever]
- [16] Index, context, and the content of knowledge  
*The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*, 2017 (edited by J. Ichikawa).
- [17] Assertion and content  
*Oxford Handbook on Assertion*, in progress (edited by S. Goldberg)

IN REVIEW

- [1] Binding bound variables.
- [2] The myth of occurrence-based semantics. [with B. Pickel]
- [3] Future contingents and the logic of temporal omniscience. [with P. Todd]

EDITED VOLUMES

- [1] *The Science of Meaning*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming. [with D. Ball]

TEACHING

University of Edinburgh (Lecturer, Course Organizer)

EUSA Teaching Award Nominee: 2013–2017

- Advanced Philosophy of Language (2013–2017)
- Puzzles and Paradoxes (2015–2017)
- Symbolic Logic (2013–2017)

University of Illinois (Lecturer) 2012–2013

- Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Ethics; Techniques of Argumentation

- SUPERVISION**
- PhD dissertation committee, Eric Mack, *Models of propositional content*, 2015, University of Illinois.
  - MSc dissertation supervisor, (2016, 2016, 2015, 2014), University of Edinburgh.
  - Undergrad dissertations: Various topics including relativism, proper names, vagueness, definite descriptions, and two-dimensional semantics.
- GRANTS**
- PPLS Teaching & Learning Initiative Fund, £3000 ( $\exists$ LOGIC: A web-based logic application)
  - Mind Association Conference Grant on *Variables*, £700, (with B. Pickel and A. Schoubye)
  - Scots Philosophical Association Grant on *Variables*, £1000, (with B. Pickel and A. Schoubye)
  - PPLS, University of Edinburgh, Pilot Project Grant £1650 (with B. Pickel and A. Schoubye)
- ACADEMIC SERVICES**
- Refereeing: *Philosophical Review*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophers Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Synthese*, *Studia Logica*, *Dialectica*, *Thought*, *Acta Analytica*, and *Erkenntnis*.
  - Conferences and workshops organized:
    - *Edinburgh Language Workshop 2*, University of Edinburgh.
    - *Edinburgh Language Workshop 1*, University of Edinburgh.
    - *Variables*, University of Edinburgh, June 2015.
    - *Philosophy of Semantics*, University of St. Andrews, May 2013.
  - Member of the editorial panel, *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, 2012–present.
  - PhilPapers editor (2009–present): Context-Dependence, Indexicals and Demonstratives.
  - ANU Philosophy Society convener, Canberra, Australia, 2009–2010.
- PRESENTATIONS (RECENT)**
- “A bridge from semantic value to content”, The Jowett Society, Oxford University, October 21, 2016.
  - “The myth of occurrence-based semantics”, What is Said—What is Meant, Berlin, Germany, September 9-13 2016.
  - “Quantifiers vs intensional operators: a distinction without difference”, Workshop on Operators vs Quantifiers, Barcelona, Spain, July 1, 2016.
  - “Binding across quantifiers concealed in diamonds”, MCMP Colloquium in Mathematical Philosophy, Munich, Germany, June 9, 2016.
  - “Variables under epistemic modals”, M&E Group, University of Toronto, Canada, October 2015.
  - “A solution to the problem of recurring demonstratives”, Pacific APA, Vancouver, Canada, April 2015.
  - “Semantic pluralism and the meaning of  $x$ ”, Semantic Pluralism Workshop, Konstanz, Germany, January 19, 2015.
  - “The compositionality argument for temporalism”, Arché Tense in Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, June 5, 2014.
  - “Propositional content under contextual shifting and updating”, Meaning Sciences Workshop, Berkeley, CA, March 9, 2014.
  - “The antinomy of the variable: renewed and resolved”, LEM, The Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, University of London, November 2013.

REFERENCES

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