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AOS      Philosophy of Language and Philosophical Logic

AOC      Metaphysics & Epistemology, and History of Analytic Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT      [2019–now]      Reader, University of Edinburgh, Philosophy

                         [2013–2019]      Lecturer, University of Edinburgh, Philosophy

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

EDUCATION      The Australian National University. PhD, Philosophy, 2012

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

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

University of Colorado. MA, Philosophy, 2004

University of Oregon. BA, Philosophy, 2002

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Journal Articles*

- [1] Future contingents and the logic of temporal omniscience.  
*Noûs*, forthcoming. [with P. Todd]
- [2] Binding bound variables in epistemic contexts  
*Inquiry*, forthcoming.
- [3] Monsters and the theoretical role of context  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2019, 98(2): 392-416. [with D. Ball]
- [4] Against the Russellian open future  
*Mind*, 2017, 126(504): 1217-1237. [with A. Schoubye]
- [5] A bridge from semantic value to content  
*Philosophical Topics*, 2017, 45(2): 181-207.
- [6] Does semantic relationism solve Frege's puzzle?  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2017, 46(1): 97-118. [with B. Pickel]

- [7] The antinomy of the variable: A Tarskian resolution  
*Journal of Philosophy*, 2016, 113(3): 137-170. [with B. Pickel]
- [8] The history of the use of  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ -notation in natural language semantics  
*Semantics and Pragmatics*, 2016, 9(12).
- [9] Well-founding grounding grounding  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2016, 45(4): 349-379. [with G. Rabin]
- [10] Descriptions which have grown capital letters  
*Mind & Language*, 2015, 30(3): 292-319.
- [11] Two-dimensional semantics and the nesting problem  
*Analysis*, 2014, 74(2): 210-224. [with D. Chalmers]
- [12] Dangerous reference graphs and semantic paradoxes  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2013 42(5): 727-765. [with L. Rabern and M. Macauley]
- [13] Monsters in Kaplan's logic of demonstratives  
*Philosophical Studies*, 2013, 164(2): 393-404.
- [14] Against the identification of assertoric content with compositional value  
*Synthese*, 2012, 189(1): 75-96.
- [15] Propositions and multiple indexing  
*Thought*, 2012, 1(2): 116-124.
- [16] A simple solution to the hardest logic puzzle ever  
*Analysis*, 2008, 68(298): 105-112. [with L. Rabern]

*Volume Contributions*

- [17] Reviving the parameter revolution in semantics  
*The Science of Meaning*, 2018, Oxford University Press. [with B. Pickel and J. Dever]
- [18] Index, context, and the content of knowledge  
*The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*, 2017 (edited by J. Ichikawa).
- [19] Semantic monsters  
*The Routledge Handbook on Linguistic Reference*, forthcoming (edited by S. Biggs & H. Geirsson)

EDITED VOLUMES  
AND PROCEEDINGS

- [1] *The Science of Meaning: Essays on the Metatheory of Natural Language Semantics*, Oxford University Press, 2018. [with D. Ball]
- [2] *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*, 2018 (co-edited with Chris Cummins, Caroline Heycock, Hannah Rohde, and Robert Truswell), [semanticsarchive.net/Archive/DRjNjViN/](http://semanticsarchive.net/Archive/DRjNjViN/)

IN REVIEW

- [1] Frege and saving substitution (*revise and resubmit*).
- [2] A note on the nesting problem for two-dimensionalism.
- [3] Against Fregean Quantification.
- [4] The myth of occurrence-based semantics.
- [5] The paradox of self-blame.

## TEACHING

University of Edinburgh (Lecturer, Course Organizer)

- Philosophy of Language (2013–2018), honours course, 25–30 students
- Puzzles and Paradoxes (2015–2019), honours course, 25–35 students
- Symbolic Logic (2013–2019), sub-honours course, 400+ students
- Mind, Matter, and Language (2018–2019), sub-honours course, 200+ students
- Philosophy of Linguistics (co-taught with Geoff Pullum) (2018–2019), MSc course, 15 students
- Contemporary Debates in Language (2019–2020), MSc course, 15 students
- The Philosophy of David Lewis (2019–2020), honours course, 15–25 students

Dartmouth College (Visiting Professor) 2017

- Puzzles and Paradoxes

University of Illinois (Lecturer) 2012–2013

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

## SUPERVISION

- DPhil external examiner, James Kirkpatrick, *Essays on Genericity*, 2019, University of Oxford.
- PhD committee, Eric Mack, *Models of Propositional Content*, 2015, University of Illinois.
- MSc dissertation supervisor, University of Edinburgh, (x7).
- Undergrad dissertations: Various topics including logic of vagueness, future contingents, understanding, proper names, definite descriptions, Frege, modality, and two-dimensional semantics.

## GRANTS

- Teaching & Learning Initiative Fund, £3000 ( $\exists$ LOGIC: A web-based logic application)
- Mind Association and Scots Philosophical Association Grants, *Variables Workshop*, £1700
- Pilot Project Grant, University of Edinburgh, £1650

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Associate Editor, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, 2019–present.
- Treasurer, Scots Philosophical Association (2017–2020)
- Editorial panel, *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, 2012–present.
- PhilPapers editor (2009–present): Context-Dependence, Indexicals and Demonstratives.
- Conferences and workshops organized:
  - *Edinburgh Philosophy of Language Workshop* (x2), University of Edinburgh.
  - *Variables*, University of Edinburgh, June 2015.
  - *Philosophy of Semantics*, University of St. Andrews, May 2013.
- Refereeing: *Philosophical Review*, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophers Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Synthese*, *Studia Logica*, *Dialectica*, *Thought*, *Acta Analytica*, *Erkenntnis*, among others.

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- “Against Fregean Predicate Logic”, Workshop on Identity and Quantification, University of Birmingham, December 17–18, 2018.
- “Toward a solution to the nesting problem for two-dimensionalism”, Workshop on Philosophical Applications of Modal Logic, University of Oslo, June 13–14, 2018.
- “Future contingents and temporal omniscience”, Dartmouth Sapientia Lecture Series, Hanover, NH, August 8, 2017.
- “The myth of occurrence-based semantics”, Context and variables workshop, All Souls College, Oxford, May 13 2017.
- “A bridge from semantic value to content”, The Jowett Society, Oxford University, October 21, 2016.

REFERENCES

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