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APPOINTMENTS

Mount Holyoke College
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2017 — ongoing.

Brown University
Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2013 — 2017.

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2012.
Dissertation: ‘Chance, Indeterminacy, and Explanation’
Committee: Brad Skow, Robert Stalnaker, Ned Hall

Cornell University
B.A. in Physics, Philosophy, 2005.
Summa Cum Laude

AOS

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Physics.

AOC

Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language, Applied Ethics.

AWARDS

Visiting Fellowship at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Spring 2017.

Henry Merritt Wriston Fellowship. Brown University. 2016 — 2017.

The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Junior Faculty Teaching Fellow. Brown University. 2014 — 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

— PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES —

‘Laws and their instances.’ *Philosophical Studies*. 2018.

‘Actualism without Presentism? Not by way of the Relativity Objection.’ *Nous*. 2018.

‘Actualism without Presentism? Not by way of the Grounding Objection’

Erkenntnis. 2018.

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies.' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 2017.

'A Naturalist's Guide to Objective Chance.' *Philosophy of Science*. 2017.

'Temporal Ersatzism.' *Philosophy Compass*. 2017.

'The Metaphysical Consequences of Counterfactual Skepticism.' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 2015.

'Chance, Possibility, and Explanation.' *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*. 2013.

— NON PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES —

'Laws of Nature.' *Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*, Mike Raven (ed). Forthcoming.

'Deterministic Chance.' *Routledge Handbook in Philosophy of Physics*. Alastair Wilson and Eleanor Knox (eds). Forthcoming.

'Impossible Worlds and Metaphysical Explanation: Comments on Kment's *Modality and Explanatory Reasoning*.' *Analysis*. 2016. (Co-authored work with Christopher Hill, Brown University.)

— BOOK REVIEWS —

'Review of Alastair Wilson (ed.), *Chance and Temporal Asymmetry*.' *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. 2015.

— OTHER SCHOLARSHIP —

'What is chance?' (A Wireless Philosophy video.)

'Compatibilism about Chance and Determinism.' (An entry for *Auxiliary Hypotheses*, the blog of the British Journal for the Philosophy of Science.)

A Middle Ground for Metaphysics. (My contribution to Meena Krishnamurthy's *Featured Philosoph-her* blog series.)

PRESENTATIONS

— PAPERS —

'Temporal Ersatzism and Relativity' at the International Association for the

Philosophy of Time Conference in Boulder, Colorado, June 2019.

'The Governing Conception of Laws' at the FraMEPhys Workshop on Grounding and Laws at Birmingham University, United Kingdom, June 2019.

'The Governing Conception of Laws' at the Humean Laws Workshop at Harvard University, May 2019.

'The Governing Conception of Laws' at the Metro Area Philosophy of Science Group at NYU, April 2019.

'The Governing Conception of Laws'. Keynote at the MARI Graduate Conference at UMass Amherst, April 2019.

'Mooreanism in Metaphysics from Mooreanism in Physics'. Colloquium talk at the University of Vermont. March 2019.

'What Was and What Could Be: What Makes Time Different from Modality'. Colloquium talk at Amherst College. March 2019.

'Mooreanism in Metaphysics from Mooreanism in Physics' at the MITing of the Minds Conference at MIT, January 2019.

'Mooreanism in Metaphysics from Mooreanism in Physics' at the Metaphysics Ranch Conference, January 2019.

'The Explanatory Role Argument and the Metaphysics of Deterministic Chance' at the 34th Committee on the History and Philosophy of Science Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder. October 2018.

'Explanatory Adequacy as a Constraint on Scientifically Respectable Metaphysical Theories' at the Explanations Across the Disciplines Conference, Middlebury College. September 2018.

'Mooreanism in Metaphysics from Mooreanism in Physics'. Colloquium talk at Vassar College, October 2017.

'Deterministic Chance as Emergent Chance' at the Foundations of Probability Seminar at Rutgers University. September 2017.

'Actualism, Presentism, and Relativity' at the SPAWN conference, Syracuse University. June 2017.

'Actualism, Presentism, and Relativity' at the 4th International Association for the Philosophy of Time Conference. June 2017.

'Laws and their Instances'. Inaugural Balter Distinguished Lecture at UNC Chapel Hill. April 2017.

'Temporal Ersatzism', at the Philosophy of Time Society Group Meeting, Pacific APA, April 2017.

'Laws and their Instances'. Metaphysics on the Mountain II, Sun Valley, ID, March 2017.

'Laws and their Instances'. Colloquium talk at University of Colorado Boulder, February 2017.

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies'. RISD Digital+Media Visiting Speaker Series, November 2016.

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies. Colloquium talk at CUNY Graduate Center, September 2016.

'From Observables to Ontology in Quantum Mechanics' at the Grounding in the Quantum World Workshop, University of Neuchatel, September 2016.

'Laws and Their Instances' at the Ground in Philosophy of Science Conference, University of Geneva, September 2016.

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies' at the 2016 Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference, University of Geneva, September 2016

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies' at the Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, University of British Columbia, August 2016.

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies' at the Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, University of Cambridge, June 2016.

'Deterministic Chance as Emergent Chance' at the Chance Encounter Workshop, University of Groningen, Netherlands, June 2016.

'Production and the Passage of Time' as a part of the time and causation panel at the International Association for the Philosophy of Time Meeting, June 2016.

'Actualism without Presentism? Not by way of the Relativity Objection'. Early Career Workshop in Metaphysics, Fordham University, April 2016.

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies' at the Philosophy Desert Workshop, April 2016.

'Actualism without Presentism? Not by way of the Relativity Objection'. Colloquium talk at Dartmouth College, April 2016.

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies'. Colloquium talk at UMass Amherst, February 2016.

'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies'. Colloquium talk at Rhode Island

College. February 2016.

'Deterministic Chance as Emergent Chance' at the Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science. October 2015.

'A Scientific Realist's Guide to Objective Chance' at The Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference, Rutgers Newark. September 2015.

'A Scientific Realist's Guide to Objective Chance' at The Young Philosophers Lecture Series, DePauw University. September 2015.

'Temporal Uniformity and the Governing Conception of Laws', MIT Work In Progress Seminar. February 2015.

'Actualism without Presentism? Not by way of the Grounding Objection' at the Philosophy Mountain Workshop. February 2015.

'Actualism without Presentism? Not by way of the Grounding Objection'. Faculty keynote address at the Schapiro Graduate Conference at Brown University. November 2014.

'Chance as Explanation' at the Chance and Conditionals Workshop, University of London. June 2014.

'Simplicity and Skepticism in Quantum Mechanics' at the Brown University Physics Colloquia Series. 2013.

'The Metaphysical Implications of Counterfactual Skepticism' at Brown University. 2012.

'The Metaphysical Implications of Counterfactual Skepticism' at Tufts University. 2011.

'The Metaphysical Implications of Counterfactual Skepticism' at Weber State University. 2011.

'The Metaphysical Implications of Counterfactual Skepticism' at Colorado College. 2011.

'Chance, Indeterminacy, and Explanation' at Franklin and Marshall College. 2011.

— COMMENTS —

Comments on Laura Reutsche, 'Do Pions Exist.' The Philosophy Mountain Workshop. March 2019.

Comments on L.A. Paul, 'Reverse Engineering the Self'. The New England Metaphysics Workshop at Rhode Island College. November 2018.

Comments on Jonah Nagashima, 'Against Humean Compatibilism'. The Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference. August 2018.

Comments on Erica Schumener, 'Explaining Identity and Distinctness'. The Philosophy Mountain Workshop. March 2018.

Comments on Barry Loewer, 'Laws and Natural Properties'. Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science. University of Colorado Boulder. October 2017.

Comments on Michael Townsen Hicks, 'What Humean Laws Can't Explain'. 3rd Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference. Fordham University. October 2017.

Comments on Benjamin Henke's, 'Nomological Contingency and Scientific Essentialism'. Pacific APA. April 2017.

Comments on Craig Callender's, 'Explaining the Temporal Value Asymmetry'. The Philosophy Mountain Workshop. February 2016.

Comments on Jessica Wilson's 'Quantum Metaphysical Indeterminacy'. The Ranch Metaphysics Conference. January 2016.

Comments on Karen Lewis, 'Elusive Counterfactuals'. The Philosophy Mountain Workshop. January 2014.

— SEMINAR & READING GROUP VISITS —

Ned Markosian's undergraduate Metaphysics seminar at UMass for a discussion of my papers 'Mooreanism in Metaphysics from Mooreanism in Physics' and 'Laws and their Instances'. April 2019.

Peter Lewis's senior seminar on quantum ontology at Dartmouth College for a discussion of my paper, 'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies'. November 2018.

Adam Elga and Boris Kment's graduate seminar on chance and causation at Princeton University for a discussion of my papers, 'A Naturalist's Guide to Objective Chance', 'The Governing Conception of Laws' and 'The Explanatory Role Argument and the Metaphysics of Deterministic Chance. November 2018.

Michaela McSweeney's graduate seminar on metaphysics at Boston University for a discussion of my papers 'Against Radical Quantum Ontologies' and 'A Naturalist's Guide to Objective Chance'. November 2017.

The Rutgers Philosophy of Science Reading Group for a discussion of my paper 'A Naturalist's Guide to Objective Chance'. October 2017.

Sam Levey's seminar at Dartmouth College for a discussion of my 'Actualism, Presentism, and the Grounding Objection'. April 2016.

Phil Bricker's graduate seminar at UMass Amherst for a discussion of my 'Actualism without Presentism? Not by way of the Relativity Objection'. December 2016.

TEACHING

— AT MOUNT HOLYOKE —

PHIL 104, Science & Human Values, Spring 2019.

PHIL 222, Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics, Spring 2019.

PHIL 395, Honors Thesis Supervision, Fall 2018 - Spring 2019.

PHIL 210, Logical Thought, Fall 2018.

PHIL 350, Seminar: Philosophy of Time, Fall 2018.

PHIL 210, Logical Thought, Fall 2017.

PHIL 272, Metaphysics, Fall 2017.

— AT BROWN —

PHIL 1620, Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics, Spring 2016.

PHIL 2200, Graduate Proseminar, Spring 2016.

PHIL 1990, Undergraduate Independent Study, Spring 2016.

PHIL 0060, Modern Science and Human Values, Fall 2015.

PHIL 2010B, Grad. Seminar: Physics as Metaphysics, Fall 2015.

Philosophy of Time Seminar, SIPP@Brown, Summer 2015.

PHIL 1990, Undergraduate Independent Study, Spring 2015.

PHIL 1660, Metaphysics, Fall 2014.

PHIL 1670, Philosophy of Time, Fall 2014.

PHIL 1990, Undergraduate Independent Study, Spring 2014.

PHIL 0060, Modern Science and Human Values, Spring 2014 (90 students).

PHIL 2010A, Grad. Seminar: Metaphysics of Chance, Spring 2014.

PHIL 1660, Metaphysics, Fall 2013.

PHIL 1670, Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics, Fall 2013.

PHIL 1990, Undergraduate Independent Study, Fall 2013.

— AT MIT —

Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics, Spring 2012.

SERVICE

— TO THE PROFESSION —

Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown (SIPP@Brown), co-founder and faculty director, 2015 — ongoing

The Philosophy Mountain Workshop, co-founder and co-organizer, 2013 — ongoing.

Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Pacific APA Group Meeting Organizer, 2017 — ongoing.

Referee, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Philosophy of Science*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Analysis*, *Oxford University Press*, *Routledge Publishing*

— AT MOUNT HOLYOKE —

Advisory Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid. 2019 - 2022.

First year advisor. 2018 - ongoing.

Philosophy Department work in progress series, organizer. 2017 - ongoing.

Philosophy Department speaker series, co-organizer. 2018 - ongoing.

— AT BROWN —

Physics and Philosophy Group, director, 2015 — 2017.

Brown National Diversity Summit session on diversity in philosophy, Co-organizer, 2015.

The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, departmental liaison, 2013 — 2017.

Physics and Philosophy concentration advisor, 2013 — 2017.

Brown-RISD Dual Degree program senior project advisor, 2014 — 2015.

First-year TEAM advisor, 2015.

First-year advisor, 2013 — 2016.

Sophomore advisor, 2014 — 2016.

Senior hiring committee, 2015.

REFERENCES

Bradford Skow, MIT — bskow@mit.edu

Robert Stalnaker, MIT — stal@mit.edu

Ned Hall, Harvard University — ehall@fas.harvard.edu

Ned Markosian, UMass Amherst — markosian@umass.edu