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Areas

Language, Semantics/Pragmatics, Metaethics (AOC: Decision Theory, Epistemology, Logic)

Employment

2011– University of Toronto, Department of Philosophy. Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track).

Education

2006–11 University of Michigan. M.A. 2010, Ph.D. 2011, Philosophy.

✎ **Practical Language: Its Meaning & Use** (Chair: Allan Gibbard)

2002–05 University of Nebraska. B.A. (Highest Distinction) 2005, Philosophy and History.

Books

Deontic Modality (collection edited with Matthew Chrisman). 2016. Oxford University Press.

Articles

13. Metasemantic Quandaries. Forthcoming in *Meaning, Decision, and Norms: Themes from the Work of Allan Gibbard*, Dunaway & Plunkett eds.
12. Decision-Theoretic Relativity in Deontic Modality. Forthcoming in *Linguistics and Philosophy*.
11. Clause-Type, Force, and Normative Judgment in the Semantics of Imperatives. Forthcoming in *New Work on Speech Acts*, Fogal, Harris, & Moss (eds.), Oxford University Press.
10. **Triviality for Restrictor Conditionals**. 2016. *Noûs* 50, 533–564.
9. **Decision Theory: Yes! Truth Conditions: No!** 2016. In *Deontic Modality*, Oxford UP, 47–81.
8. **Prospects for an Expressivist Theory of Meaning**. 2015. *Philosophers' Imprint* 15(23), 1–43.
7. **The Meaning of Imperatives**. 2014. *Philosophy Compass* 9, 540–555.
6. **Logic and Semantics for Imperatives**. 2014. *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 43, 617–664.
5. **The Problem with the Frege-Geach Problem**. 2014. *Philosophical Studies* 167, 635–665.
4. **Conditional Preferences and Practical Conditionals**. 2013. *Linguistics and Philosophy* 36, 463–511.
3. **What We Know and What To Do**. 2013. *Synthese* 190, 2291–2323.
2. **Presupposition and the A Priori**. 2013. *Philosophical Studies* 165, 509–526.
1. **Restricting and Embedding Imperatives**. 2010. In *Logic, Language, and Meaning: Selected Papers from the 17th Amsterdam Colloquium*, Aloni et al. (eds.), 223–233.

Reviews

2. Mark Schroeder, *Expressing Our Attitudes: Explanation and Expression in Ethics, Vol. 2*. 2016. NDPR.
1. Mark Richard, *When Truth Gives Out*. 2014. *The Philosophical Review* 123(3), 367–71.

Talks (*† := Refereed*)

Metasemantic Quandaries

- IFILNOVA, Universidade Nova de Lisboa (December 2017)
- Conceptual Engineering Workshop, University of Toronto (December 2017)

Modal Inexpressibility

- Philosophy of Linguistics and Language, IUC Dubrovnik (September 2017)
- Conditionals and Probability Workshop, University of Leeds (June 2017)
- 3rd Belgrade Conference on Conditionals (May 2017)
- Workshop on Metaethics and The Philosophy of Language, Stanford University (December 2016)

Decision-Theoretic Relativity in Deontic Modality

- First Michigan Philosophy Alumni Conference (May 2017)
- Lingnan University Conference on Expressivism (June 2016)

Comments on Paul Portner, “On the Relation between Verbal Mood and Sentence Mood”

- 6th Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, Cornell University (November 2016)

Another Counterexample to Modus Ponens

- Philosophy of Linguistics and Language, IUC Dubrovnik (September 2016)
- 2nd Belgrade Conference on Conditionals (May 2016)
- Universität Konstanz (May 2016)

Comments on Justin Khoo, “Ambiguity in Disjunctive Antecedents”

- Dartmouth Workshop on Mind and Language (August 2016)

Clause-Type, Force, and Normative Judgment in the Semantics of Imperatives

- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (July 2016)
- Research Institute for Linguistics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences (June 2016)

How (Not) To Think About the Meaning of ‘Ought’

- DEX4, UC Davis (March 2016)
- Dartmouth Philosophy of Language Workshop (September 2015)
- Universität Konstanz (July 2015)

The Meaning of Imperatives

- Carnegie Mellon University (October 2015)
- Universität Konstanz (July 2015)
- PhLing Workshop, Northwestern University (October 2014)
- New York Institute of Philosophy Workshop on Imperatives, NYU (May 2014)

Triviality for Restrictor Conditionals

- Philosophy of Linguistics and Language, IUC Dubrovnik (September 2015)
- 1st Belgrade Conference on Conditionals (May 2015)

A Minimal, Nonpropositional Semantics and Expressivist Pragmatics for Deontic Modals

- New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, NYU (April 2014)

Deontic Modals

- Stephen Finlay’s Seminar on Deontic Modals, USC (August 2013)

Prospects for an Expressivist Theory of Meaning

- Evaluative Language Seminar Series, University of Edinburgh (April 2013)

Imperatives: A Guided Tour

- Lecture Series in Linguistics, York University (November 2012)
- Tri-campus Atelier talk, University of Toronto, Dept. of Linguistics (March 2012)

Logic and Semantics for Imperatives

- Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy, Cornell University (October 2012)

Debugging the Dynamic Analysis of Imperatives

Will Starr's Seminar on Speech Acts, Cornell University (October 2012)
Sinn und Bedeutung 17, École Normale Supérieure (September 2012) †

'Should' Is Multi-Modal

Invited Session on Deontic Modals, APA Central (February 2012). Comments on Kai von Fintel,
"The best we can (expect to) get? Challenges to the classic semantics for deontic modals".

Dynamic Analysis for Practical Language

ASL Group Session on Dynamic Semantics. APA Eastern (December 2011).

De Re, De Se, Acquaintance, and Singularity

Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics, University of Michigan (March 2011). Comments on
Dilip Ninan, "Counterfactual Attitudes and Assignment-Sensitivity".

The Language of Direction

University of Toronto (January 2011)

Steps Toward a Theory of Imperative Meaning

NYU Semantics Group, NYU, Department of Linguistics (September 2010)

Expressivism about Imperatives and 'Ought'

Arché Semantics Group, University of St Andrews (July 2010)
Semantics and Philosophy in Europe III, École Normale Supérieure (May 2010) †

Restricting and Embedding Imperatives

17th Amsterdam Colloquium, ILLC, University of Amsterdam (December 2009) †

GN'R: Appetite for Disjunction

Workshop in Philosophy and Linguistics, University of Michigan (September 2009).
Comments on Groenendijk & Roelofsen, "Inquisitive Semantics and Pragmatics"

Proper Names, Presuppositions, and the A Priori

The Arché/CSMN Grad Conference, University of St Andrews (November 2007) †
The Oxford Philosophy Grad Conference, Oxford University (November 2007) †

Honors, Awards, Grants

Jackman Humanities Institute Working Group Grant (with Michela Ippolito). Awarded 2016.
SSHRC Insight Grant. Five-year term, \$132,125. Awarded 2015.
Dean's Excellence Award. University of Toronto. Awarded 2014.
Connaught New Researcher Award. University of Toronto, Two-year term, \$10,000. Awarded 2013.
Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award (Honorable Mention).
· *Top 16 of 750 Ph.D. Dissertations at University of Michigan in 2011.*
Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship. University of Michigan (University-wide). Awarded 2011.
Charles L. Stevenson Prize. University of Michigan (Best Candidacy Dossier). Awarded 2010.
Visiting Researcher. Arché, University of St Andrews. July 2010.
Co-Editor, *The Philosopher's Annual*. 2010 & 2009.

Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (GRADUATE)

Communication (with Imogen Dickie). Fall 2017.
How To Think About Linguistic Meaning. Fall 2015.
Naming and Necessity after *Naming and Necessity* (with Benj Hellie). Spring 2014.
Conditionals. Spring 2013.
Expressivism about Meaning. Spring 2012.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (UNDERGRADUATE)

Probability and Inductive Logic (Second-Year Undergraduate). Spring 2017, Fall 2017.
Intermediate Logic (Third-Year Undergraduate). Spring 2016, Fall 2017.
Language and Oppression (Fourth-Year Undergraduate Seminar). Spring 2017.
Epistemology (Third-Year Undergraduate). Spring 2016, Fall 2014, Fall 2013, Fall 2012.
Critical Reasoning (First-Year Undergraduate). Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Fall 2013.
Philosophy of Language (Third-Year Undergraduate). Spring 2014, Fall 2011.
Puzzles and Paradoxes (Second-Year Undergraduate). Spring 2013.
Contemporary Moral Philosophy (Third-Year Undergraduate). Fall 2012.
Introduction to Philosophy (First-Year Undergraduate). Fall 2011 – Spring 2012.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Philosophy of Religion (Second-Year Undergraduate). Spring 2010.
Moral Philosophy (Second-Year Undergraduate). Winter 2010, Winter 2009.

Service

DEPARTMENTAL (UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO)

Ph.D. and M.A. Admissions Committee. 2016.
Ph.D. Placement Committee. 2011–Present.

REFEREEING

Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Dialectica; Ergo; Ethics; Journal of Logic, Language, and Information; Journal of Philosophical Logic; Linguistics and Philosophy; Mind; Noûs; Oxford University Press; Philosophers' Imprint; Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies; The Philosophical Review; Semantics & Pragmatics

CONFERENCES/GROUPS ORGANIZED

Nova Scotia Meaning Workshop. July 2017. (Co-organizers: Daniel Harris, Elmar Unnsteinsson)
3rd Belgrade Conference on Conditionals. May 2017. (Principal Organizer: Vladan Djordjevic)
What if: Counterfactual Language and Thought. Jackman Humanities Institute Working Group.
AY2016–7. (Co-organizer: Michela Ippolito)
Normativity in Language. October 2016.