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Research Interests

Pragmatism, History of Analytic Philosophy, C.S. Peirce, Frank Ramsey, Philosophy of Medicine, Ethics and Political Philosophy

Education**University of Oxford**

1984-1988 D.Phil in Philosophy

Columbia University

1983-1984 M.A. in Philosophy

University of Lethbridge

1979-1983 B.A. in Philosophy (*'With Great Distinction'*)

Academic and Administrative Appointments

Current	University Professor and Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto
2019-2020	Acting Director, Institute for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, University of Toronto
2009-2013	Vice-President and Provost, University of Toronto
2008-09	Interim Provost, University of Toronto
2007-08	Deputy Provost, University of Toronto
2006-07	Acting Vice-President and Principal, University of Toronto, Mississauga
2003-06	Dean, University of Toronto, Mississauga
2000-03	Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
1998-00	Graduate Coordinator and Associate Chair, Department of Philosophy
1990---	Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
1988-90	Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Queen's University
1988-90	Graduate Coordinator: Philosophy Department, Queen's University
1985-88	Lecturer and tutor, Balliol College, Oxford
1987	Lecturer, Sub-Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford

Selected Awards, Honours, Visiting Positions

- 2019-20 Honorary Fellow, Balliol College, Oxford (induction October 2019)
- 2017-18 Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
- 2017-18 Visiting Fellow, Oxford Centre for Life Writing
- 2017 Appointed University Professor, University of Toronto
- 2016-17 Humboldt Research Prize, Free University, Berlin
- 2014-15 Visiting Fellow Commoner, Trinity College, Cambridge
- 2013 (fall) Visiting Professor of Philosophy, New York University
- 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Lethbridge
- 2010-11 President, Charles S. Peirce Society
- 2008 'Experience, Narrative, and Ethical Deliberation' selected by *The Philosopher's Annual* as one of the 10 best papers in philosophy in 2008.
- 2007 University of Toronto Student's Administrative Council Award
- 2006 University of Toronto Student's Administrative Council Equity Commission Certificate, for enhancing student life and diversity on campus
- 2005 Alberta Centennial Medal
- 2001 Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada
- 1999 Overseas Visiting Fellow, St. John's College, Cambridge
- 1992 Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow, held at the Goethe University, Frankfurt
- 1988 Queen's National Scholar, Queen's University
- Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Lethbridge
- 1984 Rhodes Scholarship
- 1982 Gold Medal, University of Lethbridge, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Publications

Books

- *Frank Ramsey: A Sheer Excess of Powers*. Oxford University Press (in press, publication date February 2020).
- *Cambridge Pragmatism: From Peirce and James to Ramsey and Wittgenstein*, Oxford University Press (2016)
- *The American Pragmatists*, Oxford University Press (2013)
- *Truth and the End of Inquiry: A Peircean Account of Truth*, Oxford University Press (1991 and 2004 expanded edition)
- *Truth, Politics, Morality: Pragmatism and Deliberation* Routledge (2000)
- *Verificationism: Its History and Prospects* Routledge (1995)

Edited Volumes

- *The Practical Turn: Pragmatism in the British Long 20th Century. Proceedings of the British Academy*, Cheryl Misak and Huw Price (eds). Oxford University Press (2018)
- *The Oxford Handbook of American Philosophy* Oxford University Press (2008)
- *New Pragmatists*, Oxford University Press (2007)

- *The Cambridge Companion to Peirce*, Cambridge University Press (2004)
- *Pragmatism*, supplementary volume of the Canadian Journal of Philosophy (1999)

Articles (reviews not included, sole author unless specified)

- 'James and British Philosophy'. *Oxford Handbook of William James* (forthcoming).
- 'The Impact of Pragmatism'. *The Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945-2015* (forthcoming)
- 'The Pragmatist Theory of Truth', *Oxford Handbook of Truth*, Michael Glazberg (ed). 2018.
- 'Dewey on the Authority and Legitimacy of Law. *Oxford Handbook of John Dewey*, ed. Steven Fesmire, Oxford University Press, 2018.
- 'There Can Be No Difference Anywhere that Doesn't Make a Difference Somewhere, *Transactions of the C.S. Peirce Society*, 54/3, 417-429. 2018.
- 'Late Analytic Philosophy', *Philosophical Inquiries*, special issue on *History of Late Analytic Philosophy*. Paulo Triodi and Guido Bonino Paulo (eds). 6/1.
- 'The Pragmatist Theory of Truth' in the *Oxford Handbook of Truth*, Michael Glanzberg, ed., 283-307, Oxford University Press, 2018.
- 'Russell and the Pragmatists', *The Bloomsbury Companion to Bertrand Russell*, R. Wahl (ed), London: Bloomsbury, 2018.
- 'Peirce and Ramsey on Truth and Norms' in *Pragmatism and the European Traditions*, Maria Baghramian and Sarin Marchetti (eds), 155-168, Routledge, 2018.
- 'Patient and Family Engagement in the ICU. Untapped Opportunities and Underrecognized Challenges', Burns, K.E.A., Misak, C., Herridge M., Meade M.O., Oczkowski, S. *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. 198(3):310-319, 2018.
- Balas MC, Weinhouse GL, Denehy L, Chanques G, Rochweg B, Misak CJ, Skrobik Y, Devlin JW, Fraser GL. Interpreting and Implementing the 2018 Pain, Agitation/Sedation, Delirium, Immobility, and Sleep Disruption Clinical Practice Guideline. *Crit Care Med*. 2018 Sep; 46(9):1464-1470. PMID: 30024427.
- Devlin JW, Skrobik Y, Rochweg B, Nunnally ME, Needham DM, Gélinas C, Pandharipande PP, Slooter AJC, Watson PL, Weinhouse GL, Kho ME, Centofanti J, Price C, Harmon L, Misak CJ, Flood PD, Alhazzani W. Methodologic Innovation in Creating Clinical Practice Guidelines: Insights From the 2018 Society of Critical Care Medicine Pain, Agitation/Sedation, Delirium, Immobility, and Sleep Disruption Guideline Effort. *Crit Care Med*. 2018 Sep; 46(9):1457-1463. PMID: 29985807.
- Devlin JW, Skrobik Y, Gélinas C, Needham DM, Slooter AJC, Pandharipande PP, Watson PL, Weinhouse GL, Nunnally ME, Rochweg B, Balas MC, van den Boogaard M, Bosma KJ, Brummel NE, Chanques G, Denehy L, Drouot X, Fraser GL, Harris JE, Joffe AM, Kho ME, Kress JP, Lanphere JA, McKinley S, Neufeld KJ, Pisani MA, Payen JF, Pun BT, Puntillo KA, Riker RR, Robinson BRH, Shehabi Y, Szumita PM, Winkelman C, Centofanti JE, Price C, Nikayin S, Misak CJ, Flood PD, Kiedrowski K, Alhazzani W. Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pain, Agitation/Sedation, Delirium, Immobility, and Sleep Disruption in Adult Patients in the ICU. *Crit Care Med*. 2018 Sep; 46(9):e825-e873. PMID: 30113379
- Devlin JW, Skrobik Y, Gélinas C, Needham DM, Slooter AJC, Pandharipande PP, Watson PL, Weinhouse GL, Nunnally ME, Rochweg B, Balas MC, van den Boogaard M, Bosma KJ, Brummel NE, Chanques G, Denehy L, Drouot X, Fraser GL, Harris JE, Joffe AM, Kho ME, Kress JP, Lanphere JA, McKinley S, Neufeld KJ, Pisani MA, Payen JF, Pun BT, Puntillo KA, Riker RR, Robinson BRH, Shehabi Y, Szumita PM, Winkelman C, Centofanti JE, Price C, Nikayin S, Misak CJ, Flood PD, Kiedrowski K, Alhazzani W. Executive Summary: Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pain, Agitation/Sedation, Delirium, Immobility, and Sleep

Disruption in Adult Patients in the ICU. *Crit Care Med.* 2018 Sep; 46(9):1532-1548. PMID: 30113371.

- 'Criticalism versus Deliberativism' Special Issue on Futility, *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*, 408-415, 2017.
- 'Pragmatism' *Cambridge History of Moral Philosophy*, edited by Sacha Golub and Jens Timmerman, Cambridge University Press, 521-535, 2017.
- 'Acute respiratory distress syndrome' Laffey, John, Misak, Cheryl, Kavanagh, Brian *BMJ* 2017; 359 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.j5055> (Published 16 November 2017)
- 'Ramsey's 1929 Pragmatism', *The Practical Turn: Pragmatism in the British Long 20th Century. Proceedings of the British Academy*, C. Misak and H. Price (eds). Oxford University Press, 11-29, 2017.
- 'What Makes Peirce a Great Philosopher?' in *What Makes A Philosopher Great? Thirteen Arguments for Twelve Philosophers*. Stephen Hetherington, ed. Routledge, 227-246, 2017.
- 'Peirce and Ramsey: Truth, Pragmatism, and Inference to the Best Explanation', *New Essays on Inference to the Best Explanation*, T. Poston and K. McCain (eds), Oxford University Press, 25-39, 2017.
- 'Wittgenstein and Pragmatism', Bakhurst, David and Misak, Cheryl, *The Blackwell Companion to Wittgenstein*, Hans-Johann Glock and John Hyman (eds), 731-746, 2017.
- 'Frank Ramsey and the Entanglement of Analytic Philosophy with Pragmatism' in Aaron Preston (ed), *Analytic Philosophy: An Interpretive History*, 131-146, Routledge, 2017.
- 'A Pragmatist Account of Legitimacy and Authority' in *Pragmatism and Justice*, David Rondel and Susan Dieleman (eds), 295-307, Oxford University Press, 2017.
- 'Ramsey's Cognitivism: Truth, Ethics and the Meaning of Life, Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement, Volume 78 July 2016, pp. 251-263.
- 'C.S. Peirce on Necessity', Catherine Legg and Cheryl Misak, in *Logical Modalities from Aristotle to Carnap: The Story of Necessity*, ed. M. Cresswell and E. Mares, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 256-279, 2016.
- 'The Subterranean Influence of Pragmatism on the Vienna Circle: Peirce, Ramsey, Wittgenstein', *Journal of the History of Analytic Philosophy*. 4/5, pp 1-15, 2015.
- 'Engaging Survivors of Critical Illness in Health Care Assessment and Policy Development: Ethical and Practical Complexities' Clay, Alison and Misak, Cheryl *Annals of the American Thoracic Association*. First published online August 30, 2016: doi:[10.1513/AnnalsATS.201606-497OI](https://doi.org/10.1513/AnnalsATS.201606-497OI)
- 'Pragmatism and the Naturalist Project in Ethics and Politics: Lessons from Peirce, Lewis and Ramsey', *Political Studies Review*, 14/1, 2016, pp 7-16.
- 'Oakeshottian Pragmatism: Conversation or Inquiry?', *Education and Conversation*, David Bakhurst and Paul Fairfield (eds). Bloomsbury, 2016. Pp. 47-61.
- 'Pragmatism and the Function of Truth' in *Meaning Without Representation Essays on Truth, Expression, Normativity, and Nature*, Steven Gross, Nicholas Tebben, and Michael Williams (eds), Oxford University Press, 262-279, 2015.
- 'Medically Inappropriate or Futile Treatment: Deliberation and Justification', Misak, Cheryl J.; White Douglas B.; Truog, Robert D., *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, 41/1, pp 90-114, 2016.
- 'Peirce, Kant and What We Must Assume' in R. Stern and G. Gava (ed) *Pragmatism, Kant, and Transcendental Philosophy*. London: Routledge, 85-94, 2016.
- 'Klein on James on the Will to Believe', *HOPOS: The Journal of the International Society of the History of Philosophy of Science*, 5/1, 118-128, 2015.
- 'Medical Futility: A New Look at an Old Problem'. Misak, Cheryl J.; Truog Robert D. and White Douglas B. *Chest*, 46/6, 2014, 1667-1672.
- 'An official ATS/AACN/ACCP/ESICM/SCCM Policy Statement: Responding to Requests for

- Potentially Inappropriate Treatments in Intensive Care Units'. Bosslet GT, Pope TM, Rubenfeld G, Lo B, Truog R, Rushton C, Curtis JR, Ford DW, Osborne M, Misak C, Au DH, Azoulay E, Brody B, Fahy B, Hall J, Kesecioglu J, Kon AA, Lindell K, White DB. *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* 15;185/10: 1117-24, 2015.
- 'Pragmatist Epistemology and Democratic Theory: A Reply to Eric MacGilvray', Misak, Cheryl and Talisse, Robert, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, 266-376, 2014.
 - 'Survival and Recovery: A Patient's Perspective', *The Legacy of Critical Care: A Textbook of Post-ICU Medicine*, Oxford University Press, 123-13-, 2014.
 - 'Language and Experience for Pragmatism', *European Journal of Pragmatism and American Philosophy*, Symposia. Language or Experience: Charting Pragmatism's Course for the 21st Century, vol. 6, no. 2, 28-39, 2014.
 - 'Exploding a Myth: C.I. Lewis, Pragmatism and the Given', *Filozofia*, 4, 332-341, 2014.
 - 'Peirce on Non-Accidental Causes of Belief', *The Peirce Quote Book*, De Gruyter 2013.
 - 'Reply to Levine, Margolis and Malrieux', *European Journal of Pragmatism*, vol. 2, 2013, pp 131-136.
 - 'The Pragmatist Project in Political Philosophy', *Routledge Companion of Political and Social Philosophy*, 656-666, 2013.
 - 'Reply to Four Instructive Critics', *Transactions of the C.S. Peirce Society*, 434-442, 2013.
 - Peirce on Non-Accidental Causes of Belief, *The Peirce Quote Book*, 2013.
 - 'Pragmatism and Analytic Philosophy' *Oxford History of Analytic Philosophy*, M. Beaney, ed. 1098-1117, 2013.
 - 'Rorty, Pragmatism and Analytic Philosophy': *Humanities: Special Issue on the Legacy of Richard Rorty*, 2/3, 369-383, 2013.
 - 'Donald Davidson's Place in the History of Pragmatism', *Cognito*, 13/2, 271-278, 2013.
 - 'Cheryl Misak' *Peirce: 5 Questions*, edited by Frederik Stjernfelt, Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen and Francesco Bellucci, Automatic Press, 2012.
 - Tonell, Mark R., Curtis, Randall J., Guntupalli, Kalpalatha K., Rubenfeld, Gordon D., Arroliga, Alejandro C., Brochard, Laurent, Douglas, Ivor S., Gutterman, David D., Hall, Jesse R., Kavanagh, Brian P., Mancebo, Jordi, Misak, Cheryl J., Simpson, Steven Q., Slutsky, Arthur S., Suffredini, Anthony F., Thompson, B. Taylor, Ware, Lorraine B, Wheeler, Arthur P., Levy, Mitchell M. "An Official Multi-Society Statement: The Role of Clinical Research Results in the Practice of Critical Care Medicine", *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, 185/10, May 15, 2012.
 - 'Hundert Jahre Pragmatismus', *Die Gegenwart des Pragmatismus*, Suhrkamp, Hartmann, M, Liptow, J, and Willaschek, M. 62-81, 2012.
 - 'American Pragmatism and Indispensability Arguments', Presidential Address, *Transactions of the C. S. Peirce Society*, vol. 27, no.3, 261-73, 2011.
 - 'ICU Acquired Weakness: Obstacles and Interventions for Rehabilitation', *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, 183(7), April 2011: 845-6.
 - 'Pragmatist Epistemology', *Routledge Companion to Epistemology*, 2010.
 - 'The Pragmatic Maxim: How to Get Leverage on a Concept', *Harvard Review of Philosophy* Fall, 2010, vol. xvii.
 - 'Richard Rorty's Place in the Pragmatist Pantheon', *The Philosophy of Richard Rorty, Library of Living Philosophers*, Open Court, 2010.
 - 'Compromised Autonomy and the Seriously Ill Patient', Tonelli, MR and Misak, CJ, *Chest*, 137/4, 2010: 926-931.
 - 'Narrative Evidence and Evidence Based Medicine', *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*, 16/2, 392-397, 2010.
 - 'Cognitive Dysfunction After Critical Illness: Measurement, Rehabilitation, Disclosure', *Critical Care*, 13/4, 312-317, 2009.

- 'Experience, Narrative, and Ethical Deliberation', *Ethics*, 118/4, 614-632, 2008.
- 'Anti-Metaphysics: Verificationism and Pragmatism', *Routledge Companion to Metaphysics*, 2008.
- 'A Culture of Justification: The Pragmatist's Epistemic Argument for Democracy', *Episteme*, 5/1, 94-105, 2008.
- 'Pragmatism on Solidarity, Bullshit, and other Deformities of Truth', *Midwest Studies in Philosophy: Truth and its Deformities*, vol. 32, 111-121, 2008.
- 'Truth and Deliberative Virtue' in *Truth and Public Space*, Routledge, 2008.
- 'The Reception of Classical American Pragmatism', in *Oxford Handbook of American Philosophy*, 2008.
- 'Truth and Our Practices: Why the Naturalist Can't Do Without Truth', *Reason and Emancipation: Essays on the Philosophy of Kai Nielsen*, Prometheus, 2008.
- 'Pragmatism and Deflationism', *New Pragmatists*, Oxford University Press, 2007.
- 'Isaac Levi and his Pragmatist Lineage', *Knowledge and Inquiry: Essays on the Philosophy of Isaac Levi*, Philosophers and their Critics series, Cambridge University Press 2006.
- 'Scientific Realism, Anti-Realism and Empiricism', *A Companion to Pragmatism*, Blackwell, 2006.
- 'Truth in Science and Ethics', *Science: A Challenge to Philosophy?, Proceedings of the XV Internordic Philosophical Symposium*, Peter Lang, 2006.
- 'Rescher and Objective Pragmatism', *Contemporary Pragmatism*, 2/2, 25-33, 2005.
- 'ICU Psychosis and Patient Autonomy: Some Thoughts from the Inside', *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, vol. 30, 411-430, 2005.
- 'Pragmatism and Pluralism', *Transactions of the C.S. Peirce Society*, xli/1, 129-135, 2005.
- 'The Critical Care Experience', *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, vol. 170 (4), 2004.
- 'C. S. Peirce on Vital Matters', *The Cambridge Companion to Peirce*, Cambridge University Press, 2004.
- 'C.S. Peirce', *The Cambridge Companion to Peirce*, Cambridge University Press, 2004.
- 'Making Disagreement Matter', *Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 18/1, 9-22, 2004
- 'Naturalisierung der Wahrheit: Pragmatismus und Deflationismus' in *Pragmatisch Denken*, Suhrkamp, 2003.
- Review Article of Joseph Raz, Engaging Reason, *University of Toronto Law Journal*
- 'How Not to Think of Convergence on the Truth', *The Modern Schoolman*, 76/2-3, 2001: 133-140, 1999.
- 'Peirce', *Companion to Philosophy of Science*, Basil Blackwell, 1999.
- 'Deflating Truth: Pragmatism vs. Disquotationalism', *The Monist*, 81/3, 407-425, 1998.
- 'Pragmatism, Empiricism, and Morality' S. Lovibond and S. Williams (eds.) *Nature, Truth and Value: Essays for David Wiggins*, Basil Blackwell, 1996.
- 'Pragmatism and The Transcendental Turn in Truth and Ethics', *Transactions of the C.S. Peirce Society*, 30/4, 739-775, 1994.
- 'American Pragmatism: Peirce', *Routledge History of Philosophy*, vol.VII, The Nineteenth Century, Routledge, 1994.
- 'A Peircean Account of the Truth of Moral Judgements' *Peirce and Value Theory: On Peircean Ethics and Aesthetics*, 39-49, John Benjamins, 1994.
- 'Pragmatism in Focus', *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science* vol.25, no.1, 1994.
- Critical Notice of B. Ellis Truth and Objectivity, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, pps.365-379, 1992.
- 'Pragmatism and Bivalence', *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* vol.4, no.2, pps. 171-179, 1990.

- Review Article of Code et.al. eds, *Feminist Perspectives: Philosophical Essays on Method and Morals*, Queen's Quarterly, Winter 1990.
- 'Peirce, Levi, and the Aims of Inquiry', *Philosophy of Science*, 54/2, 256-265 1987.
- 'Compromising on Truth and Reality', *Doxa*, vol.6, pps.17-28, 1985.

Teaching (Undergraduate and Graduate):

American pragmatism, epistemology, moral philosophy, philosophy of medicine/bioethics

Graduate Supervision:

Supervision of theses on C.S. Peirce, Truth, William James, Wittgenstein, Dispositional Accounts of Belief, Santayana etc.

Recent PhD supervisions:

Glenn Tiller (tenured at Texas A&M)

Diana Heney (tenure track at Vanderbilt University)

Current PhD supervisions

C Dalrymple-Fraser

Griffin Klemick

Jessica Wright

Soroush Marouzi

Grants (Principal Investigator, unless otherwise noted):

2015-2020 SSHRC Insight Grant: Cambridge Pragmatism, \$93,940

2017-2019, CIHR, Knowledge to Action Grant, 'The implementation of a family and patient involvement tool in Intensive Care Units in Ontario', \$ 200,000. (Collaborator: Principal Investigator: Simon Kitto)

2017- CIHR Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research: 'The SuDDICU study- A study of the impact of preventative and therapeutic antibiotics on antibiotic resistance and outcome in the critically ill in intensive care', (Collaborator: Principal Investigator: Brian Cuthbertson)

2008-2010 SSHRC Capturing the Outcomes and Impacts of Publicly Funded Research Initiative: Humanities on Performance Indicators \$25,000

2002-2006 SSHRC Standard Research Grant: Reasons and belief \$25,900

1997-2001 SSHRC Standard Research Grant: The True, The Just: The Good: A Pragmatist View \$8,800

1994-1997 SSHRC Standard Research Grant Pragmatism: Experience, Truth and Morality \$8000

Talks and Lectures:**2018-19**

- 'Ramsey and the Vienna Circle', Auckland University, University of Glasgow

2017-18

- 'Ramsey's Contributions to Mathematics and Its Foundations, with Biographical Asides', University of Oxford, Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar
- 'Frank Ramsey: A Sheer Excess of Powers' Oxford Centre for Life Writing
- 'Ramsey and the Vienna Circle: Not What You Think' McGill Philosophy Department Colloquium, Western Philosophy Department Colloquium, and Conference on European Pragmatism, Vienna.
- 'The Foundations are so Philosophical' IHPST, University of Toronto

2016-17

- 'Ramsey's 1929 Pragmatism', Stanford University; Lund University; University of Helsinki
- 'Ramsey, Wittgenstein and Pragmatism' Munich School of Philosophy; The Free University Berlin; Humboldt University Berlin
- 'Ramsey and the Vienna Circle: Friend or Foe?', The Vienna Circle Institute, Vienna
- 'Pragmatism and the Legitimacy of Law', The University of Potsdam; The Free University Berlin
- 'William James and British Philosophy', University of Florence

2015-16

- 'The Subterranean Influence of Pragmatism on the Vienna Circle', University of Calgary
- 'Was Ramsey Really an Emotivist and Is There Really Nothing to Discuss?' Queens University Kennedy Lecture
- 'Cambridge Pragmatism: From the Cam to the Charles' Larwill Lecture, Kenyon College
- 'ICU Delirium and Patient Autonomy', with James Jackson, Vanderbilt Medical School, Berry Public Lecture, Vanderbilt University
- 'The Moral Landscape of Engaging Patients' Society for Critical Care Medicine meetings, Orlando.

2014-15

- 'Pragmatism: Local or Global', The Reaches of Pragmatism Summer Institute, Dublin, Opening Address
- 'Peirce and Ramsey on Truth and Norms', Peirce Centennial (Keynote Address); Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy (Keynote Address)
- 'A Pragmatist, Naturalist Account of Authority and Legitimacy', Collège de France, American Political Science Association Meetings.
- 'Was Ramsey Really an Emotivist and Is There Really Nothing to Discuss?', The Idea of Pragmatism Conference, Sheffield University.
- 'Ramsey's 1929 Pragmatism', Pragmatism and the Long British 20th Century, British Academy Dawes Hickes Symposium; Sheffield University
- 'Cambridge Pragmatism: Peirce and Ramsey vs. James and Wittgenstein', Ecole Normale Supérieure
- 'Cambridge Pragmatism', Trinity Philosophy Society

- 'Ramsey's Cognitivism: Truth, Ethics and the Meaning of Life', Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge; UCL Institute of Education; Royal Holloway
- 'Ramsey and Wittgenstein on Generalizations and Hypotheses', Serious Metaphysics Society, University of Cambridge
- 'The Subterranean Influence of Pragmatism on the Vienna Circle', Cambridge Philosophy of Science Society; University of Hertfordshire, Roma Tre University, Birmingham University
- 'The True and the Good: Ramsey's Pragmatist Account of Truth and Norms', Royal Institute of Philosophy
- 'Cambridge Pragmatism: From the Charles to the Cam, and Back Again', Trinity Fellows Research Seminar
- 'Delirium in the ICU', Keynote Address, American Delirium Society, Baltimore
- 'Symptom Assessment in the ICU', American Thoracic Society meetings, San Diego.
- 'Medically Futile and Inappropriate Treatment', University of Louvain.

2013-14

- 'Pragmatism and Naturalism in Ethics and Politics: Lessons from Peirce, Lewis and Ramsey', University of Frankfurt; Vanderbilt University.
- 'Peirce and Ramsey on Truth and Norms', NYU; Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy; New York Pragmatist Forum.
- 'A New Take on Futility', NYU Bioethics Centre.
- 'America the Philosophical', panel with Anita Allen, Peter Capatano (NYT) and Carlin Roman, Philadelphia Public Library.
- 'William James on Belief', APA Pacific Division Meetings.

2012-13

- Keynote Address: Conference on *Truth, Morality and Democracy: Themes from Cheryl Misak's Work*, St. Andrews University
- 'Peirce and Ramsey on Truth and Norms', University College Dublin.
- 'ICU Delirium' and ICU Acquired Weakness', Canadian Critical Care Society
- 'ICU Acquired Weakness': Plenary Address, Society for Critical Care Medicine annual meeting, San Juan.

2011-12

- 'Cambridge Pragmatism: Ramsey and Peirce on Truth': Columbia University; University of Cambridge; University of Vienna.
- ICU Delirium and Patient Autonomy': Grand Rounds, Faculty of Medicine, Emory University.

2010-11

- 'Pragmatism and Indispensability Arguments': New School for Social Research; Presidential Address, C.S. Peirce Society, Pacific APA meetings.
- 'The Flight From Metaphysics: Pragmatism and Minimalism', University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.
- 'Naturalism and the Function of Truth': Conference on *Naturalism Without Mirrors*, Zurich.
- 'Canadian Critical Care Collaborative': Action on ICU Delirium', Webinar.
- 'ICU Delirium and Patient Autonomy': Women's College Hospital Toronto, Grand Rounds.

2009-10

- 'ICU Acquired Weakness: Obstacles and Interventions': American Thoracic Society Meetings.

- ‘Cognitive Dysfunction after Critical Illness: Confounding Factors’: University of Arkansas Medical School.

2008-09

- ‘The Pragmatic Maxim: How to Get a Fix on a Concept’: University of Zurich.
- ‘Evidence, and Evidenced Based Medicine’: University of Toronto.

2007-08

- ‘Narrative and Ethical Objectivity’: University of Alberta; Queen’s University, Bunting Memorial Lecture; University of Cape Town.
- ‘The Quantum Mechanic’s Method of Constructing Truth and Reality’, The Quantum Foundations Seminar, Perimeter Institute.

2006-07

- ‘Revisiting The Will to Believe’: Canadian Philosophical Association.
- ‘One Hundred Years of Pragmatism’: Conference on *Pragmatism 100 Years Later: An Old Name for some New Ways of Thinking*, University of Frankfurt.
- ‘Visiting Faculty for *Pragmatism: A Living Tradition*’: National Endowment for Humanities Summer Seminar, University of New Mexico.
- ‘Cognitive Dysfunction after Critical Illness: Ethical and Methodological Issues’, Panel on Acute Brain Dysfunction in the ICU, American Thoracic Society.
- ‘Narrative’: Keynote Address, Prairie Provinces Undergraduate Philosophy Association
- ‘The Reception of Early American Pragmatism’, Vanderbilt University.
- ‘William James on Overbelief and Regulative Assumptions’, Central Division APA.
- ‘ICU Delirium and Patient Autonomy’, NorthNetwork; Physiotherapy Department, Toronto Western Hospital.

2005-06

- ‘Truth and Deliberative Virtue’, University of Leuven.
- ‘ICU Delirium and Patient Autonomy’, Toronto Critical Care Medicine Symposium; the Heart and Circulation Symposium, University Health Network, Toronto.
- ‘Narrative, Objectivity, and Ethical Deliberation’, University of St. Andrews; Sheffield University.

2004-05

- ‘Talisie on Truth and Democracy’, Vanderbilt University.
- ‘Truth in Science and Ethics’, Keynote Address, Inter-Nordic Philosophy Symposium
- ‘Truth and Deliberative Virtue’: University of Victoria.
- ‘How to be an Empiricist in Bioethics’, Murphy Ethics Center, Tulane University.
- ‘ICU Psychosis and Patient Autonomy’, Critical Care Grand Rounds, University of Alberta Hospital; Keynote Address, Symposium on Evolving Critical Issues, University of Alberta Hospital; keynote Address, Canadian Association of Critical Care Nursing conference on Evolutions in Critical Care, Toronto; Canadian Society of Respiratory Therapists, Edmonton.

2003-04

- ‘Pragmatism and Minimalism’, Central European University, Budapest.
- ‘Peirce, Wittgenstein, and Definition’, University of Quebec at Montreal.
- ‘Practice and Presupposition’, conference on *Analytic Pragmatism*, Lublin, Poland.

- 'Making Disagreement Matter, Pragmatism and Deliberative Democracy': Trent University.
- 'Pragmatism and Deliberative Democracy', Colby College.
- 'Truth and Our Practices: Why the Naturalist Can't Do Without Truth', conference in honour of Kai Neilson, Concordia University.
- 'The ICU Experience: Lessons from the Inside', Affirming an Ethic of Care Conference, Centre for Clinical Ethics, Toronto; Joint Centre for Bioethics, University of Toronto; Critical Care Grand Rounds: St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

2002-03

- 'Pragmatism and Minimalism': University of Auckland; University of Otago; Canterbury University.
- 'Pragmatism, Naturalism and Deflationism', conference on Pragmatism and Naturalism, University of Sydney; McMaster University.

2000-01

- 'Peirce and Ethics': keynote address, conference on Pragmatism, Sao Paulo; York University.

1999-00

- 'Conflict, Morals and Modesty', St. John's Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University; Jowett Society, University of Oxford.
- 'Underdetermination, Regret, and Tragic Choice', St. Andrews University.
- 'Pragmatism and Moral Conflict', Sheffield University.
- 'Verificationism and Moral Judgement', University of Reading.
- 'Pragmatism at the Turn of Two Centuries', University of Lethbridge.
- 'Truth, Conflict, and Morality', University of Lethbridge.

1998-99

- 'Difference, Conflict and Modesty', Queen's University.

1997-98

- 'Naturalism and Verificationism', Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meetings.
- 'Pragmatism, Disquotationalism and Moral Judgement', University of Cape Town.
- 'Truth': Philosophical Society, University of Cape Town.

1996-97

- 'Deflating Truth: Pragmatism and Disquotation', SUNY Buffalo.
- 'Pragmatism and Democracy', American Political Science Association Meetings.

1995-96

- 'The True and the Just: A Pragmatist View', Bryn Mawr.
- 'Pragmatism, Truth, and the Worthwhile', C.S. Peirce Society, APA meetings, New York; York University.

1994-95

- 'Deliberative Democracy', University of the Witwatersrand.
- 'The Justification of Deliberation', University of Waterloo.

1993-94

- 'Pragmatism, Empiricism and Morality', University of Frankfurt, Seminar of Jurgen Habermas.

1992-93

- 'Pragmatism, Empiricism and Morality', University of Western Ontario.
- 'Some Remarks on Truth and the End of Inquiry', SUNY Buffalo.
- 'What Can She Know?', Canadian Philosophical Association Meetings.

1990-91

- 'Pragmatism, Spurious Questions and Counterfactual Bravado', University of Toronto.

1989-90

- 'A Peircean Account of the Truth of Moral Judgements', C.S. Peirce Sesquicentennial Congress, Harvard University.
- 'Anti-Realism and the Status of Theories', InterUniversity Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Dubrovnik.
- 'Morality and Long Run Agreement', University of Ottawa.
- 'Pragmatism, Spurious Questions and Counterfactual Bravado', York University; Queen's University, Kingston.

1988-89

- 'Truth and the End of Inquiry', University of the Witwatersrand.

1987-88

- 'Morality and Long-Run Agreement', University of Warwick; Linacre Philosophy Society, University of Oxford.
- 'Truth and the End of Inquiry', University of Toronto; Queen's University, Kingston.

1985-86

- 'Peirce, Levi and the Aims of Inquiry', InterUniversity Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Dubrovnik.

1984-85

- 'Compromising on Truth and Reality', International Union for the History and Philosophy of Science, Veszprem, Hungary.
- 'Peirce, Levi and the Revision of Belief', Canadian Philosophical Association.

1983-84

- 'Putnam's Internalism', InterUniversity Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Dubrovnik.
- 'Peirce and Meaning', World Congress of Philosophy, Montreal.
- 'Relativism Without Anarchy', Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy.

1982-83

- 'Peirce and Meaning', Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy.

Service external to the University of Toronto:

- Canadian Critical Care Trials Group, Patient and Family Partnership Group, 2014-present

- Society for Critical Care Medicine, Thrive! Supporting Patients After Critical Illness Task Force, 2014-present
- *BMJ-Rapid Recommendations: Corticosteroid therapy for sepsis and septic shock guideline*, panel member, 2017.
- Editorial Board, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 2016-present
- Editorial Board, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2016-present
- Editorial Board: *Cognito*, 2002- present
- Editorial Board: *Contemporary Pragmatism* 2002-present
- Board: *Philosophical Gourmet Report* 2002-present
- Board, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto 2008-2015
- Advisory Committee: Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies 2007-2012
- President, C.S. Peirce Society 2010-2011
- Executive Editor, Canadian Journal of Philosophy 1992-2008
- Critical Notice Editor, Canadian Journal of Philosophy 1998-2008
- Adjudicating Committee: Lynch Award in Bioethics, Royal Society of Canada 2002-06
- Executive: C.S. Peirce Society 2000-2004
- Adjudicator: Charles S. Peirce Society Essay Prize, 2000-2004
- Critical Care Committee, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, 2000 – 2011
- 2000-2004 Medical-Surgical ICU Accreditation Team, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, 2002-2003
- Critical Care Department Accreditation Team, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, 2002-2003
- Critical Care Task Force: Patient Care Model Subcommittee, St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, 2000-2002