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curriculum vitae

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Appointments

- 2015 – Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh
- 2015 – Resident Fellow, Center for the Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh
- 2018 – Associate Director, Center for the Philosophy of Science, University of Pittsburgh
- 2018 – Secondary Appointment, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Philosophy of Science

Education

- 2016 Ph.D. (defended in Fall 2015) in Philosophy, New York University. Dissertation Title: *Identity, Intrinsicity, and Laws of Nature*. Dissertation Committee: David Chalmers, Kit Fine (chair), Ted Sider.
- Fall 2011 Visiting Student, Cornell University
- Win 2011 & Sum 2009 Visiting Student, Australian National University.
- 2008 B.A. *Summa Cum Laude* in Philosophy (with highest honors) and History, New York University

Areas of specialization

Metaphysics

Areas of competence

Philosophy of Science (general)

Publications

- (in prep) “Physicalism without Ground” (this is for an invited volume called *Grounding and Consciousness*).
- (in prep) “Ground and Identity” for the *Routledge Handbook on Ground*
- (fthc) “Building and Surveying: Relative Fundamentality in Bennett’s *Making Things Up*,” *Analysis*
- 2017 “Laws of Nature, Explanation, and Semantic Circularity,” *The British Journal for Philosophy of Science*
- 2017 “The Metaphysics of Identity,” *Philosophy Compass*

Grants, honors & awards

- 2014-15 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship
- 2012-13 Graduate Student Fellow, New York Institute of Philosophy: Foundations of Epistemology
- 2010 New York University Travel Grant
- 2008-13 MacCracken Dissertation Fellowship, New York University
- 2008 elected *Phi Beta Kappa*
- 2007 Salomonowitz Memorial Prize, awarded by the New York University Philosophy Department (one recipient per year)
- 2007 John W. Wilkes Memorial Prize, awarded by the New York University History Department

Presentations

- 2019 TBA, University of Maryland, College Park (colloquium)
- 2019 TBA, Conference on Philosophical Methodology
- 2018 Commentary on Trenton Merricks' "TBA", 2018 New England Workshop on Metaphysics
- 2018 Commentary on Agustín Rayo's "TBA", University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Colloquium
- 2018 "Properties, Facts, and Object-Identity", Objects and Properties: Generating Dialogue, University of Cambridge
- 2018 "Grounding and Identity", Hamburg Workshop on Ground, PHLOX
- 2018 "Explaining Identity and Distinctness".
April 2018 Conference on the Principle of Sufficient Reason, Simon Fraser University
March 2018 Philosophy Mountain Workshop, Telluride, Colorado
- 2017 "Against Fundamental Identity and Distinctness", Conference on Personal Identity, Paros, Greece
- 2017 Commentary on Chris Dorst's "Why are the Laws so Useful?" CU Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science, University of Colorado Boulder.
- 2017 "A Minimal Account of Governance"
Dec. 2017 Iris Einheuser Memorial Lecture, Duke University
June 2017 SPAWN workshop, Syracuse University
April 2017 Junior Metaphysics Workshop, Virginia Tech
- 2016-7 "Physicalism without Ground"
June 2017 Pre-Tenure Workshop for Women in Philosophy, University of Utah
Jan. 2017 Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
June 2016 "Physicalism without Grounding", Grounding and Consciousness Conference University of Birmingham
- 2017 "Commentary on Jonathan Schaffer's 'The World for Explanation' " Sociedad Filosófica Ibero Americana (SOFIA) XXI Conference
- 2016 "Intrinsicity, Grounding, and Parthood" Workshop on the Metaphysics of Ground University of Texas at Austin
- 2016 "Commentary on Ted Sider's 'Object-Free Ontology'", American Philosophical Association Meeting, Central Division
- 2015 "Hempel, Explanation and Circularity"
University of Toronto M &E Group
Hempel and Beyond Workshop, University of Cologne
- 2015 "Commentary on Jon Litland's "Bicollective Ground" American Philosophical Association Meeting, Pacific Division
- 2015 "Silliness, Loneliness, and Intrinsicity"
University of Notre Dame
University of Pittsburgh
Northern Illinois University
Yale University
- 2014 "Explaining Identity and Distinctness" Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University
- 2014 "Grounding Questions" Recent Work on the Logic of Ground Workshop, University of Oslo
- 2013

“How the Laws of Nature Govern” Women in Metaphysics Retreat and Workshop (supported by the Princeton, Rutgers, and NYU philosophy departments)

- 2012 Commentary on Ryan Perkins’ “Of Grounding and Explanation” 12th Annual Columbia-NYU Philosophy Conference, New York University
- 2011 “Truthmaking: Problems with the Monistic Approach” Australian National University, Kioloa Postgraduate Conference.
- 2011 “Exploring Hyperintensional Approaches to Intrinsicity” Australian National University Philosophy Society Seminar.
- 2010 Commentary on Karen Bennett’s “Construction Area (No Hard Hat Required)” Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University

Teaching

UNDERGRADUATE

- Sl7,18 F 18 Freedom and Determinism (Pitt)
- Spr 2018 Introduction to Philosophical Problems (Pitt)
- Fall 2016,17 Metaphysics (Pitt)
- Fall 2015,16 Concepts of Human Nature (Pitt)
- Spr 2014 Introductory Logic (NYU)
- Sum 2013 Epistemology (NYU)
- Sum 2012 Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)

GRADUATE (ALL AT PITT)

- Fall 2017 Laws of Nature
- Spring 2017 The Metaphysics of Relations
- Spring 2016 Metaphysics Seminar: Explanation and Fundamentality

MISCELLANEOUS

- Sum 2018 “Laws of Nature”, Pittsburgh Summer Program 2: A Summer Program in Philosophy of Science for Underrepresented Groups

Supervising

GRADUATE

- Fall 2016-8 Comprehensive examination committee member for Leona Mollica, Annika Froese, and Alnica Visser.
- 2016-?? Teaching Mentor for Jasmin Özel, Maximillion Tegtmeier, Alnica Visser, Shivam Patel, Elena Garadja

UNDERGRADUATE

- Sum 2017 (Undergraduate) Jennifer Liu, “Scaling from Micro to Macro: Philosophical Investigations of the Living Through Art”, Brackenridge Summer Fellowship

Department and Professional Service

- 2018-19 Faculty Liaison, Pitt Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison Committee
- 2018-19 Member, Pitt Faculty Search Committee
- 2017-18 Co-Director, Pitt Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2017-19 Member, Pitt Colloquium Committee
- Fall 2017 Leader, *Shut Up and Write*, Pitt Philosophy

- 2016-18 Faculty Ambassador, Pitt Undergraduate Philosophy Club
 2016-17 Faculty Liaison, Pitt Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison Committee
 2016-17 Scribe, Pitt Graduate Admissions Committee
 2016-?? Planning Committee, *Midwest Annual Metaphysics Workshop*
 2015-16 Member, Pitt Colloquium Committee
 2015 Co-organizer (with Zee R. Perry), Workshop on the Metaphysics of Quantity at NYU
 2012 Assistant Organizer, *California Metaphysics Conference at USC*
 2012-13 Member, NYU Colloquium Committee
 2010-12 Co-organizer, *NYU Metaphysics Bootcamp Workshop*
 2009-10 Member, NYU Committee on Women and Minority Hiring
 2009 Co-organizer, *9th Annual NYU-Columbia University Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy*
- ongoing Referee for: *Dialectica* (2013, 2018), *Erkenntnis* (2014), *Inquiry* (2018), *Philosophers' Imprint* (2017), *Philosophical Quarterly* (2018), *Philosophical Studies* (2014, 2016, 2017), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2017), *Philosophy of Science* (2018), *Res Philosophica* (2015), *Synthese* (2017), *Thought* (editorial panel member: 2015-18)

References

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