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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor (tenure track)

Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2014-Present

Visiting Assistant Professor

Department of Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania, 2013-2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Rutgers University, 2013

Graduate Certificate, Cognitive Science, Rutgers University, 2010

B.A., Philosophy and Latin, Calvin College, 2006

ARTICLES

“Singular Thoughts and Singular Propositions.” *Philosophical Studies*, 154 (2): pp. 205-222, 2011 (with Jason Stanley).

“The Problem of Lexical Innovation,” *Linguistics and Philosophy*. 39 (2): pp. 87-118, 2016.

“Coordination, Triangulation, and Language Use,” *Inquiry: An International Journal of Philosophy*, 59 (1): pp. 80—112, 2016.

“Provincialism in Pragmatics,” Forthcoming in *Philosophical Perspectives*.

“Truth and Imprecision,” Draft.

“The Evolution of Minded Communication,” Draft.

REVIEWS

Review of John Searle, “Seeing Things as They Are” (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), *The Los Angeles Review of Books*, <https://v2.lareviewofbooks.org/article/vision-science>, 2015.

Review of Robert Seyfarth and Dorothy Cheney, *The Social Origins of Language* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, Edited and introduced by Michael L. Platt, 2017) *The Quarterly Review of Biology*, 93 (3): pp. 278-279, 2018.

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- “The Social Origins of the Language Faculty”
Philosophy of Science Association, Biennial Meeting, November 2018
NC State, Logic and Cognitive Science Colloquium, August 2018
- “The Scope of Scorekeeping”
Australian National University, August 2018
- “Models of (Animal) Communication”
UCI, LPS Colloquium, October 2017
- “The Evolution of Non-Natural Meaning”
University of Connecticut, May 2018
University of Queensland, August 2017
Philosophy of Biology at Dolphin Beach, August 2017
Institute of Philosophy, London, March 2017
- “Towards a Dynamic Metasemantics”
Center for Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo, March 2017
- “‘Derangement’ Defanged”
University of South Florida, November 2016
- “Communication and Convention, Revisited”
Center for Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo, June 2013
- “How to Build a Public Language”
University of Pennsylvania, October 2013
University of California at Los Angeles, March 2013
University of Massachusetts at Amherst, January 2013
- “Linguistic Conventions and The Problem of Lexical Innovation”
University of Pennsylvania, Institute for Research in Cognitive Science, September 2013
Rutgers Center For Cognitive Science, September 2012
- “Truth and Imprecision”
Northwestern University, January 2014
University of Notre Dame, February 2013
Texas Tech University, February 2013
University of Kansas, January 2013
- “Possible Worlds in Perspective: An Alternative Approach to Content”
Rutgers Center For Cognitive Science, September 2011

“Meanings on the Fly: Vagueness and the Dynamic Lexicon”
Arché Research Center, University of St. Andrews, May 2008

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

“California Philosophy Workshop,” La Kretz Center for California Conservation Science, Malibu CA, June 2017 and October 2018.

“Intentional Signs among Humans and Other Animals,” at University of California, Los Angeles, CA., June 2016.

“Moving Parts: Literature and Philosophy,” University of California, Los Angeles, CA. May 1-2, 2015 (with Anahid Nersessian)

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

UCLA Faculty Research Grant, 2015—2016

Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, 2012—2013

Mellon Dissertation Writing Grant, Summer 2011

Rutgers University, Center for Cultural Analysis: Graduate Fellow, 2009—2010

TEACHING

UCLA

“Evolution of Language” (upper division), Spring 2018

“Evolutionary Game Theory, (graduate), Fall 2017

“Philosophy of the Social Sciences (upper division), Fall 2017

“The Evolution of Cognition” (graduate), Spring 2017

“Introduction to Philosophy of Mind” (lower division), Spring 2017, Spring 2015

“Meaning and Communication” (lower division), Spring 2016, Spring 2018

“Language and the Social” (graduate), Fall 2015

“The Modularity of Mind” (upper division), Fall 2015

“Animal Communication” (upper division), Spring 2015

“Truth and Imprecision” (graduate), Fall 2014

“Logic, Semantics, and Vagueness” (upper division), Fall 2014

University of Pennsylvania

“Frege, Wittgenstein, and Analytic Philosophy” (upper division), Spring 2014

“Philosophy of Mind” (upper division), Spring 2014

“Meaning Change and Scientific Theory” (major’s seminar), Fall 2013

“Philosophy of Language” (upper division), Fall 2013

Rutgers University

“Minds, Machines, and Persons” (upper division), Spring 2011

“Philosophy of Language” (lower division), Fall 2010

STUDENT ADVISING

Dissertation Co-Chair

Eric Tracy

Kim Johnson

Dissertation Committee Member

Ian Boon

Gabriel Dupre

Alejandro Suleman Erut (Anthropology)

Ashley Feinsinger

Gabbrielle Johnson

William Kowalsky

Andrew Lavin

Olufemi Taiwo

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Mentor

Michael Holmes

Benjamin Genta

Undergraduate Student Research Program

Sara Azmoudeh (Democracy and Information Flow)

Alexis Cabrera (Evolution of Language)

David Dixon (Language of Thought)

Alison Fitch (The Embodied Mind)

Michael Holmes (Oppression and Social Convention)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Colloquia Committee, UCLA, 2016—Present

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016-2017

Hiring Committee, UCLA, 2015-2016, 2016-2017

Placement Committee, University of Pennsylvania, 2013—2014

Colloquia Committee, University of Pennsylvania, 2013—2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Executive Committee, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2014—2018

Program Chair, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2013—2014

Referee: Oxford University Press, *Mind*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind and Language*, *Journal of Logic and Language*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Erkenntnis*.