

# Eileen S. Nutting

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## Employment

University of Kansas, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 2013 –  
Ohio State University, “The Emergence of Number” Project, Visiting Fellow, 2016 – 2017.

## Education

**PhD**, Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, August 2013.  
Dissertation: *Understanding Arithmetic through Definitions*  
Committee: Donald A. Martin (chair), Terence Parsons, John Carriero, Yiannis Moschovakis  
**MA**, Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, December 2008.  
Proposition: “Mathematical Knowledge, Understanding, and Descartes’ Method of Inquiry”  
Readers: John Carriero (advisor), Joseph Almog  
**BA**, *magna cum laude*, Mathematics, Philosophy, University of Notre Dame, May 2006.  
Thesis: “The Nature of Rational Intuition”  
Advisor: Michael DePaul  
Visiting Student, Mathematics and Philosophy, New College, Oxford, 2004 – 2005.

**Specialization**    Philosophy of Mathematics, Epistemology, Metaphysics

**Competence**    Logic, Philosophy of Language, Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy

## Publications

*\*invited*

(forthcoming). Nutting, Eileen S. “Field, Benacerraf, and the Agreement of Mathematicians.”  
*Synthese*.  
(forthcoming). Nutting, Eileen S. “The Limits of Reconstructive Neologicist Epistemology.”  
*The Philosophical Quarterly*. (doi: [10.1093/pq/pqy010](https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqy010))  
(forthcoming). Caplan, Ben, Chris Tillman, and Eileen S. Nutting. “Hylomorphic Propositions” in Chris Tillman (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions*.\*  
([penultimate draft](#))  
(forthcoming). Nutting, Eileen S. “Ontological Realism and Sentential Form.” *Synthese*.  
(doi: [10.1007/s11229-017-1446-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-017-1446-4))  
2018 (January) Nutting, Eileen S., Ben Caplan, and Chris Tillman. “Constitutive Essence and Partial Grounding.” *Inquiry* Vol. 61, No. 2, pp. 137–161.  
(doi: [10.1080/0020174X.2017.1392895](https://doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2017.1392895))  
2016 (August). Nutting, Eileen S. “To Bridge Gödel’s Gap.” *Philosophical Studies* Vol. 173, No. 8, pp. 2133–50. (doi: [10.1007/s11098-015-0601-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-015-0601-3))  
2015 (January 2). Nutting, Eileen S. “Review of Ram Neta (ed.) *Current Controversies in Epistemology*.” *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*.\* ([link](#))

## Presentations *\*invited; (conference/workshop host institution)*

- “On Plugging Slots: A Reply to Cody Gilmore.” Canadian Philosophical Association, June 2018. (*scheduled*)
- “An Examination of Field’s Challenge.”
- September 2017. Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, University of Kansas.
  - February 2017. Denison University.\* (*As “Field’s Challenge and Mathematical Practice.”*)
- “The Limits of Reconstructive Neologicist Epistemology.”
- June 2017. The Emergence of Number Dubrovnik Conference (Ohio State/ Maribor/ Rijeka).\*
  - April 2016. Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, University of Kansas. (*As “Against Neo-Fregean Epistemology.”*)
  - September 2015. Ohio State University.\* (*As “Against Neo-Fregean Epistemology.”*)
  - February 2013. University of Kansas.\* (*As “On Interaction Problems and Hume’s Principle.”*)
  - January 2013. UCLA. (*As “On Interaction Problems and Hume’s Principle.”*)
- “Constitutive Essence and Partial Grounding” (with Ben Caplan). June 2017. Identity and Essence Workshop (Oslo, Norway).\*
- “Hylo-morphic Propositions” (with Ben Caplan and Chris Tillman). November 2016. Workshop on the Metaphysics of Propositions (University of Manitoba).\*
- “Hilbert’s Geometry and Mathematical Truth.”
- November 2016. Philosophy of Science Association.\*
  - March 2014. Philosophy Logic/Language/Science Colloquium, Ohio State University.\*
  - March 2014. Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, University of Kansas.
  - October 2013. Montreal Inter-University Workshop on the History and Philosophy of Mathematics (McGill University).\*
- “Are the Natural Numbers Real?”
- October 2015. Miscellaneous Metaphysics Colloquium Series, Ohio State University.\*
  - November 2013. Kansas State University.\*
  - March 2012. Albritton Society, UCLA. (*As “The Naturals Amongst the Reals.”*)
- “To Bridge Gödel’s Gap.”
- June 2015. Mentoring Project for Early Career Women in Philosophy (University of Massachusetts, Amherst).
  - May 2015. Workshop on Cognition and Experience (University of Umeå, Sweden).\*
  - October 2014. Philosophy Faculty Colloquium, University of Kansas. (*As “Three Problems of (Mathematical) Knowledge.”*)
  - October 2014. Midwest Epistemology Workshop (University of Michigan).\* (*As “Three Problems of (Mathematical) Knowledge.”*)
  - October 2014. University of Missouri.\* (*As “Three Problems of (Mathematical) Knowledge.”*)
- “Avoiding Regresses in Medieval Philosophy.” February 2013. Flagler College.\*
- “A Criterion for Theories of Mathematical Knowledge.” November 2012. Albritton Society, UCLA.

“Explicit Definition and Arithmetical Proof.” November 2012. Philosophy of Language Workshop, UCLA.

“Picking Axioms: A Set Theory Primer.” November 2009. Albritton Society, UCLA.

“Understanding and World-Tracking.” July 2009. Southern California Epistemology Workshop (UCLA).\*

## Comments

On Jeff Downard’s “The Signs of Respect.” Philosophy Desert Workshop, March 2017.

On Peter Marton’s “Knowing Possibilities and the Possibility of Knowing (A Further Challenge for the Anti-Realist).” Eastern APA, January 2016.

On Daniel Bader’s “‘Perfection’: Reconciling Heaven and Resurrection in Aquinas’ ‘Treatise on Happiness.’” Pacific APA, April 2012.

On Federico Luzzi’s “Subject-Sensitive Invariantism and Knowledge from Ignorance.” UCLA/USC Graduate Student Conference, February 2010.

On Tim Button’s “‘What is an Indefinite Totality?’ How Not to Approach Indefinite Extensibility.” UCLA/USC Graduate Student Conference, February 2009.

On Errol Lord’s “On Maximal Rationality.” UCLA/USC Graduate Student Conference, February 2008.

## Presentations to KU Groups

“Mathematical Knowledge.” September 2017. Philosophy Club, University of Kansas. (Teaching-oriented presentation for undergraduates)

“Conversation with a Philosopher of Mathematics.” March 2015. Association for Women in Mathematics, University of Kansas Student Chapter. (Research-oriented presentation for undergraduates, graduates, and faculty)

“What I Wish I had Known Last August.” April 2014. Center for Teaching Excellence. (Service-oriented presentation for finishing PhD students)

## Awards

New Faculty General Research Fund Grant (\$7,725). University of Kansas, 2015.

Rudolph and Ina Carnap Essay Prize. Philosophy Department, UCLA, 2012 – 2013.

Collegium of University Teaching Fellows. UCLA, 2011 – 2012.

Philosophy Department Fellowship. UCLA, 2010 – 2011.

Robert M. Yost Prize for Excellence in Teaching. Philosophy Department, UCLA, 2010.

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship. Graduate Division, UCLA, 2007.

President’s Fellowship. Graduate Division, UCLA, 2006 – 2007.

Dockweiler Medal for Philosophy (best essay on a philosophical theme). Notre Dame, 2006.

Senior Thesis Recognition (one of five honored). Arts and Letters/Science Honors Program, Notre Dame, 2006.

Research Experience for Undergraduates in Mathematics (Dynamical Systems). National Science Foundation, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004.

R. Catesby Taliaferro Prize (best essay in the History of Mathematics). Notre Dame, 2004.

## Teaching

### COURSES TAUGHT:

#### Graduate Seminars:

- Topics in Metaphysics: Abstract Objects*, KU, Spring 2016.
- Topics in Metaphysics: Mathematical Truth*, KU, Fall 2014.

#### Mixed Undergraduate/Graduate Courses:

- Topics in Logic: Philosophical Applications*, KU, Fall 2018 (*scheduled*).
- Symbolic Logic* (second course), KU, Fall 2014, Fall 2017.
- Theory of Knowledge*, KU, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2018.
- Philosophy of Mathematics*, KU, Spring 2014.

#### Survey Courses for Undergraduate Majors:

- Ancient Philosophy*, KU, Spring 2014, Spring 2015.
- Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy* (through Descartes), UCLA, Summer 2012.

#### Introductory Courses:

- Intro to Philosophy*, KU, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018 (*scheduled*).
- Intro to Philosophy, Honors*, KU, Fall 2013.
- Infinity in Philosophy*, UCLA, Spring 2012.

ADVISING: (KU) (\* *primary advisor*)(† *mathematics department*)

#### PhD Comps and Defenses:

- \* *Language for the Literate*: spring 2015 comps, anticipated fall 2018 defense.
- Misunderstanding Davidson*: committee member, summer 2016 defense.
- Parmenides' Theistic Metaphysics*: committee member, spring 2016 defense.
- † *Convergence Properties of Hausdorff Closed Spaces*: external committee member, fall 2015 comps, spring 2016 defense.
- † *Depth and Associated Primes of Modules over a Ring*: external committee member, fall 2014 comps, spring 2016 defense.
- The Primitive Thesis: Defending a Davidsonian Conception of Truth*: committee member, fall 2013 comps, spring 2015 defense.

#### MA Thesis/T2:

- \* "Structure and Ontology: An Inquiry into Nominalist Motivations": spring 2015 defense.
- "Passing Identities in Public: Speech Acts and Special Obligations": committee member, spring 2015 defense.
- \* "Effects and Meaning: Metaphors as Implicit Speech Acts": spring 2014 defense.

#### Senior Essay:

- "An Exposition of the Heidegger-Carnap Debate": Fall 2017 defense.
- \* "Extraordinary Modal Claims and van Inwagen's Argument for Modal Skepticism": spring 2016 defense.
- \* "Logic and Language: How They're Related": spring 2015 defense.
- "The Metaphysical Significance of the Problem of Free Will and Determinism": reader, spring 2014 defense.

INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES:

*Plato and Aristotle*, KU, Spring 2018.  
*Ontology of Mathematics*, KU, Fall 2017.  
*Doxastic Responsibility*, KU, Fall 2017.  
*Descartes on Ideas and Error*, UCLA, Summer 2012.

PEDAGOGY INSTRUCTOR: (UCLA)

*Teaching College Philosophy Workshop*, Fall 2011.

## Professional Service

KU SERVICE:

Graduate Placement Director, Philosophy Department, 2015 – 2016.  
Co-Director, 2017 –  
Philosophy Department Ambassador, Center for Teaching Excellence, 2013 –  
Robinson Essay Prize Committee, 2018.  
VAP (Ethics) Search Committee Member, Philosophy Department, 2016.  
Visiting Lecture Committee Member, Philosophy Department, 2014 – 2016.  
Course Transfer Committee Member, Philosophy Department, 2013 – 2016.  
General Research Fund Committee Member, Humanities Division, 2014, 2015.  
– Committee Chair, 2015.  
Graduate Student Travel Grant Committee Member, Hall Center for the Humanities, 2014.

REFEREEING:

Journals: *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*.  
Conferences: Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meetings, 2017, 2018;  
American Philosophical Association Central Division Annual Meeting, 2017 (59 papers);  
UCLA/USC Graduate Student Conference, 2006 – 2012 (~40 papers total).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Member, Program Committee, 2017 APA Central Division Meeting, 2015 – 2017.  
Co-organizer, SoCal PhilMath + PhilLogic + FoM Workshop, 2013.  
TA Coordinator, UCLA Philosophy Department, 2011 – 2012.  
Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Philosophy Department, 2008 – 2009.  
Organizer, UCLA/USC Graduate Student Conference, 2007 – 2008.