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Employment

University of Kansas, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, August 2013 –
(*on leave 2016-2017*)

The Ohio State University, Visiting Fellow “The Emergence of Number,” 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 and Metalogic, Philosophy of Language, Ancient Philosophy,
Medieval Philosophy

Publications

(forthcoming) Nutting, Eileen S., Ben Caplan, and Chris Tillman. “Constitutive Essence and Partial Grounding.” *Inquiry*.

(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))

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*)

“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 and Chris Tillman). June 2017. Identity and Essence Workshop (Oslo, Norway).*
- “Hylomorphic 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).*

“The Nature of Rational Intuition.” April 2006. Final Honors Research Symposium, Notre Dame.*

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 “‘Perfectior’: 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.

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:

- Symbolic Logic* (second course), KU, Fall 2014, Fall 2017.
- Theory of Knowledge*, KU, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Spring 2016.
- 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.
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. (Pursuing philosophy DPhil at Manchester with Fraser Macbride)
"Passing Identities in Public: Speech Acts and Special Obligations": committee member, spring 2015 defense. (Pursuing philosophy PhD at Boston University with Ann Cudd)
* "Effects and Meaning: Metaphors as Implicit Speech Acts": spring 2014 defense. spring 2015 defense. (Continuing PhD at KU)

Senior Essay:

* "Extraordinary Modal Claims and van Inwagen's Argument for Modal Skepticism": spring 2016 defense. (Pursuing philosophy MA at Western Michigan)
* "Logic and Language: How They're Related": spring 2015 defense. (Pursuing linguistics MA at KU)
"The Metaphysical Significance of the Problem of Free Will and Determinism": reader, spring 2014 defense. (Pursuing philosophy PhD at Nebraska)

INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES:

Ontology of Mathematics, KU, Fall 2017.
Doxastic Responsibility, KU, Fall 2017.
Descartes on Ideas and Error, UCLA, Summer 2012.

TEACHING ASSISTANT: (UCLA)**Upper-Level Undergrad Courses:**

Philosophy of Language (Kripke's *Naming and Necessity*), David Kaplan and Joseph Almog, Fall 2009.
Topics in Metaphysics, Calvin Normore, Winter 2010.
Topics in Medieval Philosophy (Medieval Semantics), Terry Parsons, Winter 2009.
Topics in Medieval Philosophy (Aquinas), Calvin Normore, Spring 2008.

Survey Courses for Undergraduate Majors:

History of Modern Philosophy 1650–1800, John Carriero, Spring 2013; Deborah Brown, Spring 2010.

History of Greek Philosophy, Calvin Normore, Fall 2012; Sean Kelsey, Summer 2008.

Introductory Courses:

Introduction to Ethical Theory, Barbara Herman, Winter 2013.

Philosophy of Mind, Sarah Coolidge, Summer 2010.

Philosophy of Religion, Jessup Yenser, Summer 2009.

Philosophy of Science, Sheldon Smith, Spring 2009.

Skepticism and Rationality, Andrew Hsu, Fall 2008.

Logic—First Course, Tim Doyle, Summer 2008.

Ethical Theory—Writing Intensive, Pamela Heironymi, Winter 2008.

Beginnings of Western Philosophy, Sean Kelsey, Fall 2007.

Historical Introduction to Philosophy (Online), Brian Copenhaver, Summer 2011.

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 – 2016, 2017 –
Robinson Essay Prize Committee, 2017 – 2018.

VAP 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: (since starting at KU)

Synthese, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, Central APA meeting, Canadian Philosophical Association meetings.

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.

Editor, Philosophy, Humanities, *Notre Dame Journal of Undergraduate Research*,
2004 – 2006.