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Curriculum Vitae

Sage School of Philosophy
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Professional experience:

Summer 2007 –, Associate Professor, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University.

Spring 2009, Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University.

Summer 2005 – Summer 2007, Assistant Professor, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University.

Summer 2002 – Summer 2005, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder.

Fall 2001 – Spring 2002, Temporary position, Philosophy, Institute of Humanities, University of Iceland.

Fall 2000 – Summer 2001, Visiting Assistant Professor, William Paterson University of New Jersey.

Education:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Ph.D. in Philosophy, August 2000

Stockholms universitet, Stockholm, Sweden

“Filosofie Magister” (M.A.), June 1995

Göteborgs universitet, Göteborg, Sweden

“Filosofie Kandidat” (B.A.), June 1994

Areas of specialization:

Philosophy of Language; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Logic.

Published articles:

“Carnap and Ontological Pluralism”, in *Metametaphysics*, edited by David Chalmers, David Manley, and Ryan Wasserman, Oxford University Press, 2009.

“Reality and Thought”, in John Shand (ed.), *Central Issues of Philosophy*, Blackwell, 2009.

“Reply to Beall and Priest”, *Australasian Journal of Logic* 6 (2008): 94-106. (Available on the web at http://www.philosophy.unimelb.edu.au/ajl/2008/2008_8.pdf.)

“The Liar Paradox, Expressibility, Possible Languages”, in *The Revenge of the Liar*, edited by J. C. Beall, Oxford University Press, 2008.

- “Deconstructing Ontological Vagueness”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 38 (2008): 117-40.
- “Putnam on Ontology”, Maria Uxia Rivas Monroy, Concepcion Martinez Vidal and Celeste Cancela (eds.), *Following Putnam's Trail: On Realism and Other Issues*, Rodopi, 2008. (Proceedings from conference on Hilary Putnam's pragmatism in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, May 2004.)
- “The Picture of Reality as an Amorphous Lump”, in Ted Sider, John Hawthorne and Dean Zimmerman (eds.), *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, Blackwell, 2007.
- “Meaning-Constitutivity”, *Inquiry* 50: 559-74. Special issue edited by Douglas Patterson.
- “Characterizing Vagueness”, *Philosophical Compass*, <http://www.blackwell-compass.com/subject/philosophy/>, November 2007.
- “Sider on Existence”, *Noûs* 41 (2007): 519-28. (With David Liebesman.)
- “Fictionalism”, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/fictionalism>, published March 30, 2007.
- “Neo-Fregean Ontology”, *Philosophical Perspectives*, 20, *Metaphysics*, (2006), ed. John Hawthorne.
- “Metaontology” *Philosophy Compass*, Blackwell, <http://www.blackwell-compass.com/subject/philosophy/>, March 2006.
- “Schiffer on Vagueness” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 87 (2006): 12-23.
- “The Liar Paradox and Metaphysics”, in J. Skilters, M. Eklund, O. Jonsson and O. Wiegand (eds.), *Paradox: Logical, Cognitive and Communicative Aspects* (Proceedings of the First International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication), University of Latvia Press, Riga, Latvia, 2006, pp. 25-31.
- “Fiction, Indifference, and Ontology”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 71 (2005): 557-79. [Italian translation, “Finzione, Indifferenzia e Ontologia” published *Rivista di Estetica* 32 (2006): 71-92.]
- “What Vagueness Consists in”, *Philosophical Studies* 125 (2005): 27-60.
- “Personal Identity, Concerns, and Indeterminacy”, *The Monist* 87 (2004): 489-511. Special issue on personal identity, edited by Tamar Gendler and Dean Zimmerman.
- “Personal Identity and Conceptual Incoherence”, *Noûs* 36 (2002): 465-85.
- “Inconsistent Languages”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 64 (2002): 251-75.
- “Deep Inconsistency”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 80 (2002): 321-31.
- “A Vindication of Tarski's Claims About the Liar Paradox”, in Timothy Childers and Ondrej Majer (eds.), *The Logica Yearbook 2001*, Prague: Filosofia, pp. 49-55. (Proceedings of the Logica 2001 conference in Zahrady, Czech Republic.)
- “Is Hintikka's Logic First-Order?”, *Synthese* 131 (2002): 371-88. (With Daniel Kolak.)

“Peter van Inwagen on Material Beings”, *Ratio* 15 (2002): 245-56.

“Paradoxer: en allmän diagnos”, *Filosofisk tidskrift* 23 (2002): 42-52.

“Supervaluationism, Vagueifiers, and Semantic Overdetermination”, *Dialectica* 55 (2001): 363-78.

“The Aims of Logical Empiricism as a Philosophy of Science”, *Acta Analytica* 15 (2000): 137-59.

“On How Logic Became First-Order”, *Nordic Journal of Philosophical Logic* 1 (1996): 147-67. (Available on the web at <http://www.hf.uio.no/filosofi/njpl>)

Forthcoming articles:

“On Some Recent Criticisms of the ‘Linguistic’ Approach to Ontology”, *Dialectica*.

“The Frege-Geach Problem and Kalderon’s Moral Fictionalism”, *Philosophical Quarterly*.

“Vagueness and Second-Level Indeterminacy”, Richard Dietz and Sebastiano Moruzzi (eds.), *Cuts and Clouds*, Oxford University Press.

“Bad Company and Neo-Fregean Philosophy”, forthcoming in a special issue of *Synthese*, focusing on the Bad Company objection to Neo-Fregean philosophy of arithmetic, edited by Oystein Linnebo.

“Förkastliga värdebegrepp och Karl Marx antimoralism”, *Filosofisk Tidskrift*, forthcoming. (In Swedish.)

“The Ontological Significance of Inscrutability”, *Philosophical Topics*, forthcoming.

Work in progress:

“Multitude, Tolerance and Language-Transcendence”, for special volume of *Synthese*, edited by Sten Lindström, Erik Palmgren and Dag Westerståhl.

“Metasolutions to the Liar”

“Hale and Wright on the Metaontology of Neo-Fregeanism” for *Abstractionism in Mathematics – Status Belli*, edited by Philip Ebert and Marcus Rossberg.

Paper on truth (tentative title: “Rejectionism About Truth”) for *New Waves on Truth*, edited by Nikolaj Jang Pedersen and Cory Wright.

Paper on philosophy of logic (tentative title: “The Multitude View on Logic”), for *New Waves on Philosophy of Logic*, edited by Greg Restall and Gillian Russell.

“Regress, Unity, Facts and Propositions”

Book reviews:

Review of Timothy Williamson, *The Philosophy of Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

Review of Heather Dyke, *Metaphysics and the Representational Fallacy*, Routledge, 2007, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2008). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Fraser MacBride (ed.), *Identity and Modality*, Oxford University Press, 2006, Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (2007). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Stewart Shapiro, *Vagueness in Context*, Oxford University Press, 2006. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (2006). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Crispin Wright, *Saving the Differences*, Harvard University Press, 2003. *Philosophical Review* 113 (2004): 288-92.

Review of William Alston (ed.), *Realism and Antirealism*, Cornell University Press, 2002. *Dialogue* 44 (2005):786-88.

Review of J.C. Beall (ed.), *Liars and Heaps*, Oxford University Press, 2003. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews (2004). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Edited volume:

J. Skilters, M. Eklund, O. Jonsson and O. Wiegand (eds.), *Paradox: Logical, Cognitive and Communicative Aspects (Proceedings of the First International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication)*, University of Latvia Press, Riga, Latvia. Proceedings from conference on Paradoxes, Riga, Latvia, November 2005.

Talks:

Colloquium talk, Brown University, February 2010. To be given.

“Rejectionism about Truth”, session at Eastern APA, NYC, December 2009. To be given.

Colloquium talk, University of Minnesota, November 2009. To be given.

Colloquium talks, Buenos Aires, October 2009. To be given.

Book symposium on Amie Thomasson’s *Ordinary Objects*, Pacific APA, Vancouver, April 2009.

“Misevaluation and Moral Realism” colloquium talk, Brandeis University, February 2009.

“On Some Recent Criticisms of the ‘Linguistic’ Approach to Ontology”, University of Iceland, November 2008.

“Carnap, Quine and Ontology”, workshop on Quine’s philosophy, Helsinki, November 2008.

“Carnap och Quine om Ontologi” and “Rättvisa, Ohövlighet och Perversion”, Umeå University, November 2008.

“Language Pluralism in Metaontology and Metaethics”, Stockholm University, November 2008.

“On Rivalry Between Logics”, at the workshop *Philosophy of Logical Consequence*, Uppsala, October 31-November 2, 2008.

“Anti-Realism and Pluralism in Ontology and Ethics”, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, April 2008.

“Neo-Fregeanism and the Neutralist Conception of Quantification”, workshop on abstract entities in semantics and mathematics, Paris, Feb./March 2008.

“Neo-Fregeanism and Metaontology”. Symposium on “Metaontology and Mathematics”, Eastern APA, Baltimore, December 2007. With Crispin Wright as co-symposiast and Oystein Linnebo as commentator.

“The Descriptive and the Evaluative”, Aarhus University, Denmark, May 2007.

“The Ontological Significance of Inscrutability”, invited symposium talk, Central APA, Chicago, April 2007.

“Existence, Quantification and Shallow Ontology”, INPC Conference, Metametaphysics, Boise, Idaho, Spring 2007.

“Carnap and Ontological Pluralism”, Dartmouth College, January 2007.

“Maximalist Ontology”, Syracuse University, March 2006.

“Neo-Fregean Ontology”, Rochester University, March 2006.

“Neo-Fregean Ontology”, Stockholm University, February 2006.

Comments on Joseph Tolliver’s “The Metaphysics of Occupants of Fiction”, Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2006.

“The Liar Paradox, Expressibility, Possible Languages”, Paradox conference, Riga, Latvia, November 2005.

Lecture series, “Paradox: An Overview”, University of Latvia, October 31–November 4 2005.

“Deconstructing Ontological Vagueness” Central APA, Chicago, invited symposium talk on ontological vagueness and the problem of the many, April 2005.

“The Deflationary Conception of Ontology”, colloquium talk, University of Michigan, March 2005.

“The Inconsistency View on Vagueness” (Arché workshop on vagueness); “Vagueness and Second-Level Indeterminacy” (presentation at vagueness seminar), St Andrews, February 2005.

“The Deflationary Conception of Ontology”, University of Edinburgh, February 2005.

“Universalist Ontology”, MIT alumni conference, MIT, January 2005.

“Universalist Ontology”, colloquium talk, Gothenburg University, Sweden, October 2004.

“Universalist Ontology”, colloquium talk, University of Oslo, Norway, September 2004.

“Justice, Phlogiston, and Perversion”, values center talk, University of Colorado at Boulder, September 2004.

“The Picture of Reality as an Amorphous Lump”, II Meeting on Pragmatism: Hilary Putnam’s Pragmatism, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, May 2004.

“So-Called “Vague Objects””, Central APA, Chicago, April 2004.

“Concepts: Some Foundational Issues”, Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, March 2004.

“Objects”, Society for Exact Philosophy, May 2003.

“Comments on Marcus”, Pacific APA, San Francisco, March 2003.

“Shooting the Referee: Metasolutions to the Liar”, Recent Thoughts on the Liar Paradox, Buffalo, October 2002.

“Theories of Meaning and Theories of Vagueness”, ECAP IV, Lund, Sweden, June 2002.

“Chomsky’s Critique of the Methodology of Philosophy of Language”, University of Iceland, November 2001.

“A Vindication of Tarski’s Claims About the Liar Paradox”, Logica 2001, Zahradky, Czech Republic, June 2001.

“. . . eller vad vanliga konkreta object inte skulle kunna vara?” (“. . . Or What Ordinary, Concrete Objects Could Not Be?”), invited keynote talk for the session on Epistemology, Filosofidagarna (meeting of the Swedish Philosophical Association), Stockholm, June 2001.

“Comments on Pogge”, Conference on Global Ethics, New Jersey City University, March 2001.

“Chomsky’s Critique of the Methodology of Philosophy of Language”, William Paterson University, Department of Philosophy colloquium series, March 2001.

“Peter van Inwagen on Material Beings”, New Jersey Regional Philosophy Conference, November 2000.

“The predicate ‘true’ and the concept of truth”, Harvard–MIT Fifth Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Spring 1997.

“The predicate ‘true’ and the concept of truth”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Spring 1997.

“Comments on Andrew Mills’ ‘Speakers, Hearers and the Prospects for Linguistic Cognitivism’”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Spring 1997.

“Begreppet sanning och predikatet ‘sann’”, Filosofidagarna i Lund (meeting of the Swedish Philosophical Association), Summer 1997.

Conferences organized:

Workshop on evaluative and expressive language, Cornell University, April 2008. Main speakers: Christopher Potts, Mark Richard and James Dreier.

Workshop on complex demonstratives, Cornell University, April 2007. Main speakers: David Braun and Jeffrey King.

Co-organizer, conference on Paradoxes, University of Latvia, November 2005.

Teaching:

Cornell University:

Seminar on themes from Kripkenstein, Fall 2009.
Mid-20th Century Analytic Philosophy, Spring 2008.
History of Analytic Philosophy, Fall 2007.
Puzzles and Paradoxes, Fall 2007, Fall 2009.
Graduate seminar in Metaphysics, Realism and Truth, Fall 2006.
Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 2007, Spring 2008.
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind, Summer 2006.
Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Summer 2006
Contemporary Ethical Theory (Metaethics), Spring 2006.
Philosophy of Language, Fall 2005, Fall 2006.
Freshman writing seminar, Fall 2005.

Harvard University:

Graduate seminar on Metaontology, Spring 2009.
Philosophy of Mathematics, Spring 2009.

University of Colorado at Boulder:

Graduate seminar in Metaphysics, Approaches to Ontology, Spring 2005
Graduate seminar in Metaphysics, Proseminar in Metaphysics, Fall 2004.
Graduate seminar in Philosophical Logic, The liar and sorites paradoxes, Spring 2004.
Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Spring 2004, Spring 2005.
Philosophy of mind (for graduate students and upper-level undergraduate students), Fall 2003.
Graduate seminar in Metaphysics, Realism and Truth, Spring 2003.
Metaphysics, Fall 2002.
Philosophy and the Sciences, Fall 2002, Summer 2005.
Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Summer 2005.

University of Iceland:

Mind, Language and Cognitive Science, Spring 2002.
Introduction to Philosophy for Humanities and Social Science majors, Spring 2002.

William Paterson University

Philosophy of Science, Spring 2001.
Introduction to Logic Fall 2000, Spring 2001. (In the spring this was taught as an online course.)
Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Summer 2001.

Professional service:

Journal refereeing: Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Synthèse, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Studies, Noûs, Mind, Philosophical Quarterly, Dialogue, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Acta Analytica, Philosophical Review, Journal of Philosophical Research, Erkenntnis, Theoria, Philosophia.
Other refereeing: Oxford University Press; Routledge; Princeton University Press; Palgrave Macmillan.

Member of the Editorial Committee for the Nordic Journal of Philosophical Logic, 1995 – 2001.

Current graduate student supervision:

Brent Kyle, Cornell PhD program, Thick Concepts and Knowledge.
Zachary Abrahams, Cornell PhD program.
Theodore Korzukhin, Cornell PhD program.

PhD theses supervised:

David Liebesman, Cornell PhD Program, *The Nature of Predication*.

Raul Saucedo, Cornell PhD Program, *Things, Places and Possibilities: Metaphysical Essays*.

Other theses supervised:

“Problems and Misinterpretations of Two-Dimensional Semantics”, Brian Rabern, MA Thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder.

“On What There Is (Really!)”, Maxwell Pines, Honors Thesis, University of Colorado at Boulder.