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AOS Philosophical Logic and Philosophy of Language

AOC Metaphysics & Epistemology, and History of Analytic Philosophy

## EMPLOYMENT

[2013–now] Lecturer (assistant professor), University of Edinburgh, PPLS  
[2017] Visiting Professor, Dartmouth College, Department of Philosophy  
[2012–2013] Visiting Lecturer, University of Illinois, Department of Philosophy

## EDUCATION

The Australian National University. Ph.D., Philosophy, 2012  
◦ Dissertation: *Monsters and communication: The semantics of contextual shifting and sensitivity*  
◦ Supervisor: David Chalmers [External examiners: Jason Stanley and Seth Yalcin]

University of California, Santa Barbara. Graduate coursework, Philosophy, 2005–2008

University of Colorado. M.A., Philosophy, 2004

University of Oregon. B.A., Philosophy, 2002

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Journal Articles*

- [1] Monsters and the theoretical role of context  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, forthcoming. [with D. Ball]
- [2] Against the Russellian open future  
*Mind*, 2017, 126(504): 1217-1237. [with A. Schoubye]
- [3] A bridge from semantic value to content  
*Philosophical Topics*, 2017, 45(2): 181-207. (edited by J. Stanley)
- [4] Does semantic relationism solve Frege's puzzle?  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2017, 46(1): 97-118. [with B. Pickel]
- [5] The antinomy of the variable: A Tarskian resolution  
*Journal of Philosophy*, 2016, 113(3): 137-170. [with B. Pickel]
- [6] The history of the use of  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ -notation in natural language semantics  
*Semantics and Pragmatics*, 2016, 9(12).

- [7] Well-founding grounding grounding  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2016, 45(4): 349-379. [with G. Rabin]
- [8] Descriptions which have grown capital letters  
*Mind & Language*, 2015, 30(3): 292-319.
- [9] Two-dimensional semantics and the nesting problem  
*Analysis*, 2014, 74(2): 210-224. [with D. Chalmers]
- [10] Dangerous reference graphs and semantic paradoxes  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 2013 42(5): 727-765. [with L. Rabern and M. Macauley]
- [11] Monsters in Kaplan's logic of demonstratives  
*Philosophical Studies*, 2013, 164(2): 393-404.
- [12] Against the identification of assertoric content with compositional value  
*Synthese*, 2012, 189(1): 75-96.
- [13] Propositions and multiple indexing  
*Thought*, 2012, 1(2): 116-124.
- [14] A simple solution to the hardest logic puzzle ever  
*Analysis*, 2008, 68(298): 105-112. [with L. Rabern]

*Volume Contributions*

- [15] Reviving the parameter revolution in semantics  
*The Science of Meaning*, 2018, Oxford University Press. [with B. Pickel and J. Dever]
- [16] Index, context, and the content of knowledge  
*The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*, 2017 (edited by J. Ichikawa).
- [17] Assertion and content  
*Oxford Handbook on Assertion*, in progress (edited by S. Goldberg)

IN REVIEW

- [1] Binding bound variables in epistemic contexts  
*Inquiry*, Special issue on Operators and Quantifiers
- [2] The myth of occurrence-based semantics. [with B. Pickel]
- [3] Future contingents and the logic of temporal omniscience. [with P. Todd]
- [4] A proper solution to the nesting problem for two-dimensionalism

EDITED VOLUMES

- [1] *The Science of Meaning: Essays on the Metatheory of Natural Language Semantics*,  
Oxford University Press, forthcoming July 2018. [with D. Ball]

- TEACHING
- University of Edinburgh (Lecturer, Course Organizer) EUSA Teaching Award Nominee: 2013–2017
- Advanced Philosophy of Language (2013–2018)
  - Puzzles and Paradoxes (2015–2018)
  - Symbolic Logic (2013–2018)
- Dartmouth College (Visiting Professor) 2017
- Puzzles and Paradoxes
- University of Illinois (Lecturer) 2012–2013
- Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Ethics; Techniques of Argumentation
- SUPERVISION
- PhD dissertation committee, Eric Mack, *Models of propositional content*, 2015, University of Illinois.
  - MSc dissertation supervisor, (2018, 2017, 2016, 2016, 2015, 2014), University of Edinburgh.
  - Undergrad dissertations: Various topics including logic of vagueness, future contingents, proper names, definite descriptions, modality, and two-dimensional semantics.
- GRANTS
- PPLS Teaching & Learning Initiative Fund, £3000 ( $\exists$ LOGIC: A web-based logic application)
  - Mind Association Conference Grant on *Variables*, £700
  - Scots Philosophical Association Grant on *Variables*, £1000
  - PPLS, University of Edinburgh, Pilot Project Grant £1650
- ACADEMIC SERVICES
- Treasurer, Scots Philosophical Association (2017–)
  - Member of the editorial panel, *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, 2012–present.
  - PhilPapers editor (2009–present): Context-Dependence, Indexicals and Demonstratives.
  - Conferences and workshops organized:
    - *Edinburgh Language Workshop 2*, University of Edinburgh.
    - *Edinburgh Language Workshop 1*, University of Edinburgh.
    - *Variables*, University of Edinburgh, June 2015.
    - *Philosophy of Semantics*, University of St. Andrews, May 2013.
  - Refereeing: *Philosophical Review*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophers Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Synthese*, *Studia Logica*, *Dialectica*, *Thought*, *Acta Analytica*, *Erkenntnis*, among others.
- PRESENTATIONS
- “Future contingents and temporal omniscience”, Dartmouth Sapientia Lecture Series, Hanover, NH, August 8, 2017.
  - “The myth of occurrence-based semantics”, Context and variables workshop, All Souls College, Oxford, May 13 2017.
  - “Future contingents and the retrospections of god”, Edinburgh Language Workshop 2, December 1, 2016.
  - “A bridge from semantic value to content”, Glasgow University Philosophy Society, November 2, 2016.

- “A bridge from semantic value to content”, The Jowett Society, Oxford University, October 21, 2016.
- “The myth of occurrence-based semantics”, What is Said—What is Meant, Berlin, Germany, September 9-13 2016.
- “The myth of occurrence-based semantics”, Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop, Morgantown, WV, August 2-3, 2016.
- “Quantifiers vs intensional operators: a distinction without difference”, Workshop on Operators vs Quantifiers, Barcelona, Spain, July 1, 2016.
- “Binding across quantifiers concealed in diamonds”, MCMP Colloquium in Mathematical Philosophy, Munich, Germany, June 9, 2016.
- “Variables under epistemic modals”, M&E Group, University of Toronto, Canada, October 2015.
- “A solution to the problem of recurring demonstratives”, Pacific APA, Vancouver, Canada, April 2015.
- “Semantic pluralism and the meaning of  $x$ ”, Semantic Pluralism Workshop, Konstanz, Germany, January 19, 2015.
- “The compositionality argument for temporalism”, Arché Tense in Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, June 5, 2014.
- “Propositional content under contextual shifting and updating”, Meaning Sciences Workshop, Berkeley, CA, March 9, 2014.
- “The antinomy of the variable: renewed and resolved”, LEM, The Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, University of London, November 2013.
- “Tenses, sentences, and schmentences”, Workshop on Tense, Modality, and Semantic Values, University of Oslo, June 2013.
- “Propositions and reference in natural language semantics”, Arché Philosophy of Semantics Workshop, St. Andrews, May 2013.
- “Embedding and the objects of assertion”, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, July 2012.
- “Descriptions which have grown capital letters”, Pacific APA, Seattle, WA, April 2012.
- “Assertoric content and variable binding”, Leeds University, UK, February 2012.
- “Two-dimensionalism and the argument from binding”, Northern Illinois University, 2012.
- “The monstrous quantifiers of Kaplan’s LD”, Eastern APA, Washington, DC, December 2011.
- “Semantic content and variable binding”, 3<sup>rd</sup> Semantic Content Workshop, Barcelona, 2011.
- “Propositional content and compositionality”, Same-saying workshop, Sydney, 2010.
- “A puzzle about names”, ANU Philosophy Society, Canberra, 2010.

REFERENCES

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