

**IAN PROOPS CV: April 2021**

**AOS:** Kant; History of Analytic Philosophy

**AOC:** Early Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion  
Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics

**PUBLICATIONS****BOOKS**

*The Fiery Test of Critique: A reading of Kant's Dialectic.* (OUP, April 2021)

Logic and Language in Wittgenstein's "*Tractatus*" (Studies in Philosophy), R. Nozick, ed. (New York, Garland), 2000.

**ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS**

2015. "Kant on the Ontological Argument," *Noûs*, vol. 49.1, March, 1–27.
2014. "Russellian Acquaintance Revisited," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, vol. 52.4., October, 779–811.
2014. "Kant on the Cosmological Argument," *Philosophers' Imprint*, vol. 14, no. 12, May, 1–21.
2011. "Russell on Substitutivity and the Abandonment of Propositions," *The Philosophical Review*, 120: 2, 151–205.
2010. "Kant's First Paralogism," *The Philosophical Review* 119:4, 449–495.
2007. "Russell and the Universalist Conception of Logic," *Noûs*, 41: 1, 1–32.
2006. "Russell's Reasons for Logicism," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 44:2, 267–92.
2005. "Kant's Conception of Analytic Judgment," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, vol. 70, no. 3, 588–612.
2004. "Wittgenstein on the Substance of the World," *European Journal of Philosophy*, 12: 1, 106–126.
2003. "Kant's Legal Metaphor and the Nature of a Deduction," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 41: 2, 209–29.
2001. "The New Wittgenstein: a Critique," *European Journal of Philosophy*, 9: 3, 375–404.

**PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-EDITED VOLUMES**

"Kant on Enlightenment", forthcoming in the *Oxford Handbook of Kant*, edited by Anil Gomes and Andrew Stephenson.

"How does a tautology say nothing?", forthcoming in a volume on Wittgenstein's *Notebooks 1914–1916*, edited by Mathieu Marion and Jimmy Plourde

2015. “Certainty, Error, and Acquaintance in Russell’s *Problems of Philosophy*” *New Essays on Bertrand Russell’s The Problems of Philosophy*, edited by Bernard Linsky and Donovan Wishon, CSLI Publications, 45–63.
2013. “What is Frege’s ‘Concept horse Problem’?” in Michael Potter and Peter Sullivan, eds., *Wittgenstein’s Tractatus: History and Interpretation*, Oxford University Press,
2011. “Logical Atomism in Russell and Wittgenstein,” in Marie McGinn and Oskari Kuusela, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Wittgenstein*, Oxford University Press, 214–239.
2002. “The *Tractatus* on Inference and Entailment,” in Erich Reck, ed., *From Frege to Wittgenstein: Essays on Early Analytic Philosophy* (Oxford University Press), 283–307.
2001. “Logical Syntax in the *Tractatus*,” in Richard Gaskin, ed., *Grammar in Early Twentieth-Century Philosophy* (Routledge), 163–181.
1997. “The Early Wittgenstein on Logical Assertion,” *Philosophical Topics*, 25: 2, 121–144.

### ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

2017. “Wittgenstein’s Logical Atomism,” entry in the *Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*, (Revision. Original version published in 2004).

### CRITICAL NOTICES AND BOOK REVIEWS

2017. Review of José Zalabardo’s *Representation and Reality in Wittgenstein’s Tractatus*, *Philosophical Review* (forthcoming).
2006. “Soames on the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Moore and Russell,” *Philosophical Studies*, 129: 627–35 (Critical notice).
1999. “Review of John Koethe’s *The Continuity of Wittgenstein’s Thought*,” *Mind*, Vol. 108, Number 432, 773–77

### EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D., Philosophy, June 1998  
 Oxford University, B.Phil., Philosophy, 1989  
 Oxford University, B.A., Politics, Philosophy and Economics, 1989 (exams sat 1987)

### EMPLOYMENT

University of Texas at Austin, Full Professor, 2011—present  
 University of Texas at Austin, Associate Professor (tenured), 2009—2011  
 University of Michigan, Associate Professor (tenured), 2004—2008  
 University of Michigan, Assistant Professor, 1998—2004

### PROFESSIONAL HONOURS AND GRANTS

GlaxoSmithKlein Fellow, National Humanities Center, 2012–2013.

Supplemental College Research Fellowship, University of Texas, Austin, 2012–2013.

Dean’s Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2009.

Excellence in Education Award, University of Michigan, School of Literature, Science and Arts, 2007.

Rackham Summer Fellowship and Grant, University of Michigan, Summer 2000.

## PAST PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Autonomous University of Barcelona, “The Inestimable World: Kant’s Resolution of the Mathematical Antinomies”, September
- 2019 UC Irvine, Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science, “Two Theories of Meaning in Russell’s ‘On Denoting’”, May
- 2019 UC Irvine, Department of Philosophy, ““The Inestimable World: Kant’s Resolution of the Mathematical Antinomies”, May
- 2018 Oxford University, Merton College, Kant workshop, “Kant’s Reform of Physico-Theology in *The Only Possible Basis*”, May 19<sup>th</sup>
- 2018 Oxford University, Jowett Society, “The Inestimable World: Kant’s Resolution of the Mathematical Antinomies”, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- 2017 New York University, Conference on Issues in Modern Philosophy, “Comments on Eric Watkins”, November 10<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup>
- 2017 Notre Dame University, Department of Philosophy, September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 2017 “How does a tautology say nothing?”, Conference: *Wittgenstein Notebooks 1914–1916*, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 “Kant’s Early Conception of Philosophical Method”, Pacific APA meetings, Seattle, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Critic on ‘Author vs. critics panel’ on José Zalabardo’s *Reality and Representation in Wittgenstein’s “Tractatus”*, Central APA meetings, Kansas City, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 2016. “Kant’s Resolution of the Mathematical Antinomies”, University of Texas Kant workshop, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2015. Princeton University, presentation in Desmond Hogan’s Graduate Seminar on Kant, March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014. “Two Theories of Meaning in Russell’s Gray’s Elogy Discussion,” Dubrovnik, History of Analytic Philosophy conference, June 9<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014. “Might I be Many? Kant on the Second Paralogism,” University of Stockholm, departmental colloquium, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2014. "Might I be Many? Kant on the Second Paralogism," University of Manchester, departmental colloquium, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
2014. "Might I be Many? Kant on the Second Paralogism," University of Cambridge, Moral Sciences Club, May 13<sup>th</sup>.
2014. "Kant on the Cosmological Argument," University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 7<sup>th</sup>.
2013. "Kant on the Cosmological Argument", University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, departmental colloquium, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
2013. "Russellian Acquaintance," Fifth Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Orange Beach, Alabama, May, 20<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup>.
2013. "Russellian Acquaintance," Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy, University of Indiana, Bloomington, May 10<sup>th</sup>.
2013. "Kant on the Cosmological Argument," North Carolina State University, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
2013. "Russellian Acquaintance," Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, New Orleans, Central APA, February, 22<sup>nd</sup>.
2012. "Russellian Acquaintance as Perfect Knowledge," University of Mississippi, Centenary Conference on Russell's *Problems of Philosophy*, November 29<sup>th</sup>–December 1<sup>st</sup>
2011. "Russellian Acquaintance," Princeton University, departmental colloquium, November 18<sup>th</sup>.
2011. "Russellian Acquaintance," workshop on History of Analytic Philosophy at the Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science at the University of California–Irvine, May 28<sup>th</sup>.
2011. "Kant on the Ontological Argument," Invited Paper Session, APA Pacific Division, San Diego, April 20<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>th</sup>.
2011. "Russellian Acquaintance in its Historical Context," symposium on Acquaintance, at the University of Texas at Austin, March 26<sup>th</sup>.
2008. "Russell's Ontological Development," Wesleyan University, philosophy department colloquium, April 30<sup>th</sup>.
2008. "Russell's Ontological Development," Brown University, talk given in Richard Heck's graduate seminar, April 9<sup>th</sup>.
2008. "Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV," University of California–Berkeley, Working Group on the History and Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics and Science, invited talk, March 12<sup>th</sup>.
2008. "Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV," Yale University, philosophy department colloquium, March 6<sup>th</sup>.
2007. "Interpreting Kant's First Paralogism," University of Texas, Austin, philosophy department colloquium, December 7<sup>th</sup>.
2007. "Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV," Johns Hopkins University, philosophy department colloquium, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

2007. “Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV,” University of Sheffield, philosophy department colloquium, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
2007. “Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV,” University of London, Institute of Philosophy, colloquium, May 31<sup>st</sup>.
2006. “What is Frege’s ‘Concept *horse* Problem?’,” Universities of Utrecht and Leiden, Zeno Institute Lecture, June 6<sup>th</sup>.
2006. “What is Frege’s ‘Concept *horse* Problem?’,” University of Southampton, philosophy department colloquium, May 30<sup>th</sup>.
2006. “What is Frege’s ‘Concept *horse* Problem?’,” University of Toronto, Analytic Philosophy Group, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
2006. “Russell’s ‘Gray’s Elegy Argument.’” Talk given in Jason Stanley’s Graduate Seminar, Rutgers University, March 20<sup>th</sup>.
2005. “Frege and Wittgenstein on Logical Category Distinctions,” University of Stirling, International Conference on Wittgenstein’s *Tractatus*, September.
2005. “Kant’s Conception of Analytic Judgment,” University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, philosophy department colloquium, April.
2004. “Kant’s Conception of Analytic Judgment,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, philosophy department colloquium, November 12<sup>th</sup>.
2004. “Russell and the Universalist Conception of Logic,” Northwestern University, philosophy department colloquium, May 28.
2004. “Wittgenstein’s Logical Atomism,” University of Stirling, Wittgenstein workshop, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
2004. “Wittgenstein’s Logical Atomism,” University of Chicago, Wittgenstein workshop, March 5.
2003. “Wittgenstein’s Logical Atomism,” Ohio State University, Logic, Language and Science Colloquium, November 24.
2003. “Kant’s Conception of Analytic Truth,” University of California–Berkeley, Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
2003. “Wittgenstein’s Argument for Substance,” University of Uppsala, philosophy department colloquium, 13<sup>th</sup> May.
2003. “Wittgenstein’s Argument for Substance,” University of Stockholm, philosophy department colloquium, 8<sup>th</sup> May.
2003. “Wittgenstein’s Argument for Substance,” Oakland University, philosophy department colloquium, March 17.
2002. “Russell on Logic and the Logical Constants,” University of Liverpool, philosophy department colloquium, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
2001. “Why was Russell a logicist?” University of Cambridge, Moral Sciences Club, October 9<sup>th</sup>..

2001. "Analysis and Tractarian Nonsense," University of Stirling, department colloquium, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
2000. "Wittgenstein's 'theory of symbolism' and the theory of types," International symposium on Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*, University of Utrecht, June 17<sup>th</sup>.
1998. "The 'Question of Fact' in Kant's Deduction of the Categories," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, May.
1998. "The *Tractatus* on the Justification of Deduction," invited talk, University of Michigan, department of philosophy, Ann Arbor, January, 20<sup>th</sup>.
1997. "The *Tractatus* on the Justification of Deduction," invited talk, department of philosophy, Cornell University, January, 15<sup>th</sup>.
1989. "Kant's Transcendental Idealism," presented at Wolfson College Philosophy Society, Oxford University, Trinity Term.

### **OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

"*The Sorrows of Young Werther* and the *Sturm und Drang* Movement," a talk for the "Voltaire's Coffees" series (Plan II Students' Association), January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Talk at the Max Kade German House, "Wittgenstein," Fall 1999, Fall 2000.

### **PRE-PROFESSIONAL HONOURS AND AWARDS**

R. M. Martin Prize Fellow in Philosophy, Harvard University, 1996–7.

Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, Fall 1996.

Harvard Bechtel Prize, 1996–7 (for the best essay by a graduate student in philosophy).

Harvard Bechtel Prize, 1994–5.

Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching: Three times winner: Logic, fall 1994; Plato, spring 1994; Frege, Russell & Early Wittgenstein, Fall 1995.

Lina Kahn Prize for Metaphysics, Columbia University, 1990.

President's Fellowship, Columbia University, 1989–90.

British Academy Major State Studentship, Wolfson College, Oxford University, 1987–9.

Thackeray Essay Prize, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford (college essay prize), Michaelmas 1986.

Aline Lion Philosophy Prize, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, Michaelmas, 1986.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Avid Program: Eastside Memorial High School, Austin TX (outreach teaching, High School juniors, Spring 2016; Spring 2017)

“Odyssey” outreach/continuing education talk, “Is God Possible?” October 19, 2010.

## LANGUAGES

German, French, Latin

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

I am currently serving on three Ph.D. dissertation committees on the topics of:  
Kant on consciousness, Buddhist Philosophy of the self, and Evolutionary Debunking Arguments

### *University of Texas courses—past and present*

#### *Graduate Level*

Leibniz’s Metaphysics, Graduate Seminar (co-taught with Katherine Dunlop), Fall 2014.

Russell 1900–1914, Graduate Seminar, Fall 2011.

Kant’s *Critique of Pure Reason*, Graduate Seminar, Fall 2009; Fall 2013 (co-taught with Katherine Dunlop), Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2021

Dissertation Seminar, Spring, 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2020 (co-taught with Katherine Dunlop)

#### *Undergraduate Level*

Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit* (Upper-division, writing-intensive undergraduate class), Fall 2010.

Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes–Kant), Spring 2011, Spring 2012; Spring 2014.

Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes–Berkeley), Spring 2018, 2017.

Honors Plan II. Problems of Knowledge and Valuation, Part I (Philosophical Problems) Fall 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010, 2009,

Honors Plan II. Problems of Knowledge and Valuation, Part II. (Descartes, Metaphysics, Contemporary Moral Problems, Spring 2021, 2020, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2009.

Introduction to Philosophy (Large introduction, 240 students), Spring 2010.  
Introduction to Philosophy (small introduction), Fall 2016.

### *Michigan (and Yale) courses*

Philosophy of Language (graduate seminar), Fall 2000, Win 2006.

Philosophy 597: Mind and Language (graduate proseminar), co-taught with Allan Gibbard, Fall 1999; and with Boris Kment (Metaphysics and Language), Fall 2006.

Philosophy 520, 517: Wittgenstein (graduate seminar), Win 1999, Fall 2003.

Philosophy 405b (Yale): Logical Atomism in Russell and Wittgenstein (grad. Seminar), Win 2008.

Philosophy 492: Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Fall 1998, Fall 2003, Win 2005, Win 2007 (lecture course for grads. and undergrads.).

Philosophy 458: Kant, (lecture course for grads. and undergrads.), Win 2000, Win 2002, Win 2003, Win 2004, Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Win 2008 (Yale, essentially the same course, PHIL 204b).

Philosophy 402: Undergraduate seminar: Topic: “The Self”: Win 2002, Win 2003, Win 2004.

Philosophy 389: Philosophy of Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, Win 2005.

Philosophy 297: Honors Introduction to Philosophy (small problems-based discussion class; topics God, Free Will, Ethics), Fall 1998, Win 1999, Fall 1999, Fall 2000, Fall 2001, Fall 2003.

Philosophy 232: Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy, (intro. with enrolment of 180–260 students; topics God, Free Will, Ethics), Win 2000, Win 2006, Win 2007, Fall 2007.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### *Editorial service and advisory boards*

*Review of Symbolic Logic*: Founding Co-Editor (History of Analytic Philosophy), 2008–2014.

*Philosophy Compass*: Section Editor (History of Analytic Philosophy), 2006–2017.

*Analytic Philosophy* (formerly *Philosophical Books*): Member of Editorial Board, 2009–present.

*The Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy*, Member of Advisory Board, 2010–present.

*The University of Iowa Tractatus Map* project, Member of Advisory Board, 2016—present.

### *Other service to the profession*

Referee for six promotion reviews (three to Associate Professor, three to Full Professor).

External examiner, University of St Andrews, Summer 2017.

External Committee Member, Brown University.

Member of the Advisory Board to the Program Committee of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association (2005–2008).

Panel chair, 2007 APA Central Division, Symposium on Kant

Panel chair, 2006 APA Central Division, Colloquium on Epistemology, Logic and Language

Panel chair, 2003 APA Pacific Division, Symposium on Carnap and Wittgenstein.



Panel chair, 2002 APA Eastern Division, Symposium on Kant and Analytic Philosophy.

Panel chair, 1999 APA Central Division, Colloquium on Philosophy of Mathematics.

*Referee for the following presses and journals:*

Referee for presses (book manuscripts and book proposals):

*Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Continuum.*

Referee for journal articles: *The Philosophical Review, Noûs, Mind, Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie, Philosophers' Imprint, Journal of the History of Philosophy, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Analytic Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, European Journal of Philosophy, The Philosophical Quarterly, Theoria, The Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, History and Philosophy of Logic, American Philosophical Quarterly, Kantian Review.*

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, UT AUSTIN**

Graduate Student Executive Committee, 2014–2019, Fall 2017 Chair

Graduate Admissions, Spring 2014.

Research committee, Fall 2009–Spring 2012.

Plan II Honors advising, Fall 2010–Spring 2012

Acting Placement Officer, Fall 2011.

### **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, UT AUSTIN**

College of Liberal Arts, Comprehensive Periodic Review Committee (i.e., post-tenure review), 2015–2017.

### **DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR**

Summer Associate Chair, 2007.

*Committees served on:*

Undergraduate Studies (chair and honors advisor); Graduate Studies;

Recruitment; Graduate Admissions; Graduate Student Instructor Training and Evaluation;

Tenure Review; Summer “Core Areas” recruitment (Chair).

*Reading groups organized:* Leibniz (2002); Set Theory (2000),

Wiggins’s *Sameness and Substance* (1999).

### **COLLEGE OF LITERATURE, SCIENCE AND ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR**

Mellon Fellowship selection committee, Rackham, Winter 2006.

“Honors Kick-off” presentation, Fall 2006.

Honors Faculty Fellow, University of Michigan Honors Program, 2003–2004.

Session facilitator, CRLT/Rackham Seminar on College Teaching, May 2002.

Member of undergraduate recruitment faculty panel, March 2002.

Co-organiser of department’s contribution to concentration fair, Win 2002, Win 2004.

Organizer of philosophy department’s participation in “Cornucopia” Humanities Open Day, Fall 2000, Fall 2001.

Participant in the above event: Fall 2000, Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Fall 2005 (Talk: "Is God Possible?").