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Employment

Parental leave, 2/2019 – 7/2019.

University of Cologne
Postdoctoral Researcher, 2014 – 2016 and 2017 – present.

University of Luxembourg
Postdoctoral Researcher, 2016 – 2018.

Education

University of North Carolina: PhD in Philosophy, December 2013.

Dissertation: *Causation and other Asymmetries in Time*.

Committee: L.A. Paul (chair), Robert M. Adams, John Roberts, Marc Lange, and Matthew Kotzen.

University of Arizona, Fulbright Visiting Scholar, 2005.

Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen, Magister Artium in Philosophy and German Literature, *with distinction*, 2007.

Areas of Specialty

Metaphysics · Philosophy of Science · Philosophy of Action

Areas of Competence

Early Modern Philosophy · Philosophy of Mind

Publications

- A1. “Causation, Physics, and Fit” (2017) *Synthese* 194: 1945–1965.
- A2. “Boltzmannian Immortality” (2017) *Erkenntnis* 82: 761–776.
- A3. “The Asymmetry of Counterfactual Dependence” (2017) *Philosophy of Science* 84: 436–455.
- A4. “Die Richtung der Zeit” (2017) *Handbuch der Metaphysik*, Stuttgart: Metzler, 256–261.
- A5. “Causes as Difference-Makers for Processes” (2017) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, DOI: 10.1111/phpr.12424.
- A6. “Fundamentality and Time’s Arrow” (2018) *Philosophy of Science* 85: 483–500.
- A7. “Making Best Systems Best for Us” (2018) *Synthese*, DOI: 10.1007/s11229-018-1829-1 (with S. Jaag).
- A8. “Freier Wille und Naturgesetze: Überlegungen zum Konsequenzargument” (2019), in: Stosch et al. (eds.) *Streit um die Freiheit*. Paderborn: Schöningh (with A. Hüttemann).

- A9. "What Humeans Should Say about Tied Best Systems" (accepted for publication) Analysis (with S. Jaag).

Papers under Review

- R1. A paper about Humean Supervenience (with S. Jaag). Revise & Resubmit, *The Journal of Philosophy*.
- R2. A paper about Humean reductionism about laws (with S. Jaag). Revise & Resubmit, *Philosophical Quarterly*.
- R3. A paper about the normative significance of laws of nature (with M. T. Hicks and S. Jaag).
- R4. A paper about free will and laws of nature (with A. Hüttemann).
- R5. A paper about free will and the ability to do otherwise.

Presentations

- T1. "Humean Governing," Humean Laws Workshop, Harvard University. (scheduled for May 2019).
- T2. "Comments on R. Jaster: Agents' Abilities," G27-Treffen, Humboldt-Universität Berlin. (March 2019).
- T3. "Comments on J. Ismael: Questions about the Logic, Metaphysics, and Physics of Totality," Ranch Metaphysics Workshop 2019. (January 2019).
- T4. "Compatibilist Abilities," Workshop in Practical Philosophy, Universität Saarbrücken. (November 2018).
- T5. "Compatibilist Abilities," GAP.10, Universität zu Köln. (September 2018).
- T6. "Humean Reductionism and Iterated Counterfactuals," with Siegfried Jaag, GAP.10, Universität zu Köln. (September 2018).
- T7. "Humean Reductionism and Iterated Counterfactuals," with Siegfried Jaag, Society for the Metaphysics of Science. Milano. (August 2018).
- T8. "Causation and its Place in the Physical World," Rostock Retreat on Causality. Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research. (July 2018).
- T9. "Humean Reductionism and Iterated Counterfactuals," with Siegfried Jaag, Properties and Laws. University of Düsseldorf. (March 2018).
- T10. "Why We Cannot Control the Past," Where is there Causation?, Umeå University. (October 2017).
- T11. "Doing Otherwise in a Deterministic World," ECAP 9, Munich. (August 2017).
- T12. "Defending Dispositional Abilities," The 91st Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association 2017, The University of Edinburgh. (July 2017).
- T13. "Time's Arrow and Fundamentality," IAPT Conference, Gargnano del Garda. (June 2017).
- T14. "Defending Dispositional Abilities," Reassessing Responsibility Workshop, Cambridge University. (April 2017).
- T15. "Time's Arrow and Fundamentality," Tense and Tensibility Workshop, Universität Bonn. (March 2017).
- T16. "Making Best Systems Best for Us," Oxford University. (February 2017).

- T17. "Defaults and the Direction of Causation," The American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Baltimore (January 2017).
- T18. "Making Best Systems Best for Us," with Siegfried Jaag, Laws and Modality Workshop, University of Cologne. (December 2016)
- T19. "The Thermodynamic Asymmetry and the Direction of Time," The 18th UK and European Conference on Foundations of Physics, London School of Economics. (July 2016).
- T20. "Defaults and the Direction of Causation," Causation and its Place in the Physical World, University of Cologne (June 2016).
- T21. "Defaults and the Direction of Causation," Philosophy of Science in a Forest (PSF 2016), Doorn. (May 2016).
- T22. "Causes as Difference-Makers for Processes," Joint Meeting of the North Carolina Philosophical Society and the South Carolina Society for Philosophy, Appalachian State University. (February 2016).
- T23. "Why We Cannot Control the Past," New Developments in the Philosophy of Time, Universität Bonn. (December 2015).
- T24. "Why We Cannot Control the Past," GAP.9, Universität Osnabrück. (September 2015).
- T25. "Counterfactuals and Time-Asymmetric Practices," The Experience and Metaphysics of Time and Causation. University of Cologne. (July 2015).
- T26. "Causes as Difference-Makers for Processes," WWW/CLDE Workshop, Konstanz. (May 2015).
- T27. "Precious and Pathetic: The Value of Mortality," The Philosophy and Theology of Immortality, University of Hull. (May 2015).
- T28. "Why do Effects not Explain their Causes?," Causality and Causal Explanation in the Sciences, University of Cologne. (April 2015).
- T29. "Why do Effects not Explain their Causes?," Philosophy of Mind and Action – Stuttgart Tübingen Research Forum, Universität Stuttgart. (March 2015).
- T30. "The Arrow of Causation and its Place in the Physical World," Causation. A Workshop with Ned Hall, University of Cologne. (November 2014).
- T31. "Precious and Pathetic: The Value of Mortality," Analytical Existentialism Conference, University of Ghent. (October 2014).
- T32. "The Arrow of Causation and its Place in the Physical World," 11th National Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of L'Aquila. (September 2013).
- T33. "The Arrow of Causation and its Place in the Physical World," ECAP 8, University of Bucharest. (August 2013).
- T34. "Why We Cannot Control the Past," The Metaphysics of Free Will Conference, Chapman University. (February 2013).
- T35. "Causation: Forward and Backward," The American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, Atlanta. (December 2012).
- T36. "Causation: Forward and Backward," Work in Progress Seminar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA. (November 2011).
- T37. "Causation: Forward and Backward," Philsoc Seminar, Australian National University. (August 2011).

Grants and Awards

Best Paper Award at GAP.10 from the “German Society for Analytic Philosophy” for “Humean Reductionism and Iterated Counterfactuals” (together with S. Jaag), 2018.

Co-writer, DFG grant FOR 2495: Inductive Metaphysics, subproject “Determinism, Control, and the Consequence Argument,” 2017–2020.

Co-writer, Internal grant from the University of Luxembourg, “Freedom Rationality and Autonomy Project” (185.000 €), 2016–2018.

“Ontos-Award” from the “German Society for Analytic Philosophy” (GAP) “for an outstanding work in the field of analytical ontology and metaphysics,” 2016.

Mary Williams Fellowship, University of North Carolina, 2011.

Department Fellowship, University of Arizona, 2008.

Fulbright Scholarship, University of Arizona, 2005.

Baden-Württemberg-Stipendium, 2005.

Teaching

INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTOR

Free Will, University of Cologne, 2018.

Causation, University of Cologne, 2016.

Time and Temporal Experience, University of Cologne, 2015.

Leibniz, University of Cologne, 2015.

Introduction to Mathematical Logic, University of North Carolina, 2011 and 2013.

Early Modern Philosophy, University of North Carolina, 2012.

Experience and Reality, University of North Carolina, 2011 and 2012.

Philosophy of Religion, University of North Carolina, 2010.

Making Sense of Ourselves, University of North Carolina, 2009 and 2010.

19th Century Philosophy, University of Arizona, 2008.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Introduction to Ethics (Prof. Geoff Sayre-McCord), University of North Carolina, 2010.

Early Modern Philosophy (Prof. David Owen), University of Arizona, 2009.

Philosophical Perspectives on the Individual (Prof. Shaun Nichols), University of Arizona, 2007.

Professional Service

Organizer, “Free Will and Laws of Nature,” University of Cologne, March 2018.

Organizer, “Free Will and the Ability to do Otherwise,” University of Luxembourg, June 2017.

Organizer, "Causation and its Place in the Physical World," University of Cologne, June 2016.

Organizer "The Experience and Metaphysics of Time and Causation," University of Cologne, July 2015.

Organizer, "Causation. A Workshop with Ned Hall," University of Cologne, November 2014.

Organizer, "Carolina Metaphysics Workshop," (with L.A. Paul), January 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Analysis* (x3), *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, *Kriterion*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, and *Synthese*.

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