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### **Academic Appointments**

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2004-present)
  - Professor (2013-present)
  - Associate Professor (2006-2013)
  - Assistant Professor (2004-06)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, Assistant Professor (1999-04)
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Visiting Instructor (1998-99)

### **Education**

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph. D. in Philosophy (1999)
- Brown University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, with Honors in Philosophy (1994)

**Areas of Specialization:** Metaphysics, Gender Studies

### **Publications**

#### **Book**

- *Dispositional Pluralism* (forthcoming from Oxford University Press).

#### **Chapters and Articles**

1. “Real Potential,” in *Handbook on Potentiality*, Kristina Engelhard, ed., (forthcoming).
2. “Powers in Contemporary Thought,” in *Powers* (Oxford Philosophical Concepts Series) Julia Jorati, ed., (forthcoming).
3. “Feminist Metaphysics: Can This Marriage be Saved?” in *Bloomsbury Companion to Analytical Feminism* Pieranna Garavaso ed. (forthcoming).
4. “Resurgent Powers” in *Causal Powers in Science: Blending Historical and Conceptual Perspectives*, Oxford University Press, Benjamin Hill, Henrik Lagerlund, and Stathis Psillos eds., (forthcoming).
5. “Indirect Directedness,” *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, (2017).
6. “A Dispositional Account of Gender,” *Philosophical Studies*, (2015).
7. “Dispositions and Potentialities,” in *Potentiality: Metaphysical and Bioethical Dimensions*, John Lizza, ed., (2014).
8. “How to Activate a Power,” in *Metaphysics and Science*, Stephen Mumford and Matthew Tugby, eds., Oxford University Press, (2013).
9. “Causes as Powers,” with Anna Marmodoro, Stephen Mumford, and Rani Anjum, *Metascience*, (2013).
10. “Response to Kadri Vihvelin’s ‘Counterfactuals and Dispositions’,” *Philosophical Studies*, (2012).

11. "Dispositions," *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, (2011).
12. "Manifestations as Effects," in *The Metaphysics of Powers: Their Grounding and Their Manifestations*, Anna Marmodoro, ed., Routledge, (2010).
13. "Dispositional Pluralism," in *Debating Dispositions*, Damschen, Schnepf, and Stuber, eds., DeGruyter, (2009).
14. "Dispositions, Causation, and Reduction," in *Dispositions and Causes*, Toby Handfield, ed., Oxford University Press, (2009).
15. "Gender Identity Disorder," in *Establishing Medical Reality: Essays in the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Biomedical Science*, Harold Kincaid and Jennifer McKittrick, eds., Springer, (2007).
16. "Establishing Medical Reality," with Harold Kincaid, in *Establishing Medical Reality: Essays in the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Biomedical Science*, Harold Kincaid and Jennifer McKittrick, eds., Springer, (2007).
17. "Rosenberg on Causation," *Psyche: Symposium on Gregg Rosenberg's A Place for Consciousness*, (2006).
18. "Liberty, Gender, and the Family," in *Liberty and Justice*, Tibor Machan, ed., Hoover University Press, (2006).
19. "Are Dispositions Causally Relevant?" *Synthese*, (2005).
20. "Introduction to *Dispositions and Laws of Nature*," *Synthese*, (2005).
21. "A Defense of the Causal Efficacy of Dispositions," *Sats: Nordic Journal of Philosophy*, (2004).
22. "A Case for Extrinsic Dispositions," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, (2003); Reprinted in *Dispositionen*, Barbara Vetter, Stephan Schmid, eds., Suhrkamp Verlag GmbH, (2013).
23. "The Bare Metaphysical Possibility of Bare Dispositions" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, (2003).
24. "Reid's Foundation for the Primary Quality / Secondary Quality Distinction," *Philosophical Quarterly*, (2002); Reprinted in *The Philosophy of Thomas Reid: A Collection of Essays*, John Haldane and Stephen Read, eds., Blackwell, (2003).

### **Edited Collections**

25. *Establishing Medical Reality: Essays in the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Biomedical Science*, Harold Kincaid and Jennifer McKittrick, eds., Philosophy and Medicine Series, Springer, (2007).
26. *Dispositions and Laws of Nature*, *Synthese* special issue, (2005).

### **Reviews**

27. Barbara Vetter's *Potentiality: From Dispositions to Modality*, *Erkenntnis* (forthcoming).
28. Kadri Vihvelin's *Causes, Laws, & Free Will*, *Ethics* (2015).
29. "Causes as Powers," with Anna Marmodoro, Stephen Mumford, and Rani Lil Anjum, *Metascience* (2013).
30. Stephen Mumford and Rani Lill Anjum's *Getting Causes from Powers*, *Analysis Reviews* (2013).
31. Max Kistler and Bruno Gnessounou's *Dispositions and Causal Powers*, *Notre Dame*

*Philosophical Reviews* (2008).

32. Ryan Nichol's *Thomas Reid's Theory of Perception*, *Philosophical Books*, (2008).

33. Gideon Yaffe's *Manifest Activity: Thomas Reid's Theory of Action*, *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2007).

## **Talks**

### **Invited**

- “Powers in Contemporary Thought,” Ohio State University (2018)
- “Whites, Women, and Witches,” Reed College (2017)
- “Theories of Dispositions and a Dispositional Theory of Gender,” Theories of Dispositions and Dispositional Theories Workshop, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, Norway (2016)
- Two day roundtable discussion of my research with students and faculty in the Metaphysics Reading Group at the University at Buffalo (2016)
- “Properties, Dispositions, and Conditionals,” Workshop on Exploring Dispositions: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, Humboldt University, Germany (2016)
- “Theorizing ‘the Before’”
  - Session on Social Construction and Social Ontology, Eastern APA (2016)
  - University of Kansas (2015)
- “Dispositional versus Mechanistic Explanations in Science,” Causation in Science, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (2014)
- “Powers in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century,” Causal Powers in Science, Rothman Institute, University of Western Ontario (2014)
- “Genders as Extrinsic Dispositions”/“Toward a Dispositional Account of Gender”
  - Workshop on Causal Powers, University of Western Ontario (2014)
  - Pacific APA (2014)
  - Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, Notre Dame (2013)
- “Real Potential,” Philosophy of Perspectival Facts and Thoughts Research Group, University of Barcelona, Spain (2013)
- “Dispositions and Potentiality,” University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2012)
- “Dispositional Essentialism without Necessitarianism,”
  - Keynote address at “Dispositions: A Workshop with Jennifer McKittrick,” University of Cologne, Germany, Causation, Laws, Dispositions, Explanation at the Intersection of Science and Metaphysics Research Group (2012)
  - Dispositions Workshop, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, Norway (2010)
- “How to Activate a Power,” Plenary session at Metaphysics of Science Conference, Nottingham UK (2009)
- “Are Physical Impossibilities Metaphysically Possible?”
  - Cologne University, Germany (2009)
  - University of Warsaw, Poland (2009)
- “Manifestations as Effects,” Powers: Their Grounding and Their Realization Conference, University of Oxford, UK (2008)

- “Dispositional Pluralism,” Debating Dispositions Conference, Wittenberg, Germany (2006)
- “Gender Identity Disorder,”
  - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2006)
  - Philosophical Issues in the Biomedical Sciences Conference, UAB (2004)
- “Dispositions, Causes, and Reduction,”
  - Dispositions and Causes Conference, University of Bristol, UK (2005)
  - University of Nebraska-Omaha (2005)
  - University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2005)
- “Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation,” UNL Women’s Studies Colloquium (2005)
- “Liberty, Gender, and the Family,” Molinari Society Symposium, APA Eastern Division Meeting (2004)
- “A Critique of Gender Difference Research,” Progress Studies Group, Mountainbrook, AL (2004)
- “Analyzing ‘Causally Relevant Properties,’” University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2003)
- “Are Dispositions Causally Relevant?” Dispositions and Laws of Nature Conference, University of Alabama at Birmingham, (2003)
- “What is Causal Relevance?” Presidential Address, Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (2001)
- “Thomas Reid on Secondary Qualities,” National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Thomas Reid (2000)
- “Virtual Associations and the Social Norms That Govern Them,” Free Associations and Civil Society Conference, Institute for Civil Society (2000)
- “Extrinsic Dispositions,”
  - Auburn University (1999)
  - University of Massachusetts-Amherst (1999)
- “A Defense of the Causal Efficacy of Dispositions”
  - Florida International University (1999)
  - Saint Louis University (1999)
  - University of Alabama at Birmingham (1999)

### **Refereed Conference Presentations**

- “Feminist Metaphysics: Can this Marriage be Saved?” Society for Analytical Feminism Conference, University of Massachusetts – Lowell (2016)
- “Resurgent Powers,” Eleventh International History of Philosophy of Science conference, University of Minnesota (2016)
- “Investigating ‘the Before’” Hypatia Conference: Exploring Collaborative Contestations and Diversifying Philosophy (2015)
- “Butler’s Attributes,” Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies Conference, Pennsylvania State University (2012)
- “Dispositions, Causes, and Reduction,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2006)
- “Defending Your Character: A Reply to Harman”

- Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (2003)
- Mid-South Conference (2002)
- “What is Causal Relevance?” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2002)
- “Extrinsic Dispositions,”
  - Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2000) (winner of Griffith Award for best paper).
  - Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (1999)
- “Fragility Causes Breaking: A Defense of the Causal Efficacy of Dispositions” Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy (1997)

### **Invited Commentaries**

- Comments on David Blanks’ “A Closer Look at Causal Bases and Its Implications for Reducing Dispositions” APA Central Division Meeting (2014)
- Comments on Sean Drysdale Walsh’s “What Can/Ought I Do?” APA Pacific Division Meeting (2012)
- Comments on Kadri Vihvelin’s “Counterfactuals and Dispositions,” APA Pacific Division Meeting (2011)
- Comments on Roderick Long’s “Market Anarchism as Constitutionalism,” APA Eastern Division Meeting (2008)
- Comments on Neil Williams’ “Intrinsic Powers,” APA Central Division Meeting (2007)
- Comments on Christopher Hitchcock’s “Prevention, Preemption, and the Principle of Sufficient Reason,” Workshop on Causation, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (2007)
- Comments on Jesse Prinz’s “The Normativity Challenge,” Conference on Virtue Ethics and Moral Psychology, University of Denver (2005)
- Comments on Justin Teihien’s “Against Proportionality,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2005)
- Comments on Andrew Melnyk’s “Some Evidence for Physicalism,” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2002)

### **Honors**

- CAS International Travel Grant, UNL \$1500 (2016)
- Guest Fellowship, University of Cologne, Germany, Causation, Laws, Dispositions, Explanation at the Intersection of Science and Metaphysics Research Group: \$3000 for travel and honorarium (2012)
- British Society for the Philosophy of Science travel grant: \$1500 to travel to Oxford for Powers Conference (2008)
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Distinguished Member (2003)
- Faculty Development Grant, University of Alabama-Birmingham (2002-03)
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology’s Griffith Award (2000)

## **Service**

### **Philosophy Department**

- Chair (2017-present)
- Summer Chair (2016, 2017)
- Interim Chair (Spring 2014)
- Graduate Committee
  - Graduate Advisor (2013-present)
  - History Committee (2012-present)
  - Coordinator, Epistemology and Metaphysics Committee (2004-2012)
  - Recruitment (2004-09)
- Search Committees
  - Philosophy of Mind (2016)
  - Chamber's Professor (2013)
  - History of Early Modern Philosophy (2012)
  - Ethics (2008)
  - Chambers' Professors (2004-07)
- Organizer, Chamber's Philosophy Conference / Midwest Annual Workshop on Metaphysics (2016)
- Faculty Senate (2005-07, 2009-14)
- Speaker Committee (2004-2012, 2014-2017)
- Co-organizer, Fifth Annual Chambers Philosophy Conference: Necessity (2013)
- Reading Groups
  - Feminism (2017)
  - Butler (2012)
  - Foucault (2011)
  - Metaphysics (2010)

### **Women's and Gender Studies**

- Program Faculty (2004-present)
- Gender and Science Matters Research Group (2009-present)
- Advisory Board (2011-15)
- Promotion and Tenure Committee (2011-15)
- Awards and Scholarship Committee (2005)

### **College and University**

- Promotion and Tenure Committee (2008-12)
  - Chair (2011-12)
- College Curriculum Committee (2007-08)
- Graduate Student Grant Committee (2006-08)
- Faculty Advisor for Registered Student Organizations
  - UNL Skeptics (2012)
  - Slutwalk-Lincoln (2011-13)
  - Society for Free Inquiry on Campus (2005-07)

### **Professional Service**

- Editorial review panel, special volume *Australian Philosophical Review* (2017)
- Research partner on grant proposal to Danish Research Council: “Dispositions - at the interface between knowledge and reality” (2016-17)
- American Philosophical Association Member (1999-present)
  - Central Division Program Committee (2013-14)
- Referee for Philosophy Journals
  - *American Philosophical Quarterly*
  - *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
  - *British Journal for Philosophy of Science*
  - *Ergo*
  - *Erkenntnis*
  - *Journal of Philosophical Research*
  - *Mind*
  - *Nous*
  - *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*
  - *Philosophical Quarterly*
  - *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
  - *Philosophy Compass*
  - *Synthese*
- Guest Editor, *Synthese* (2005)
- Review of Book Proposals, Oxford University Press
- External Review for promotion and tenure
  - Baylor University
  - University of Denver
  - State University of New York at Buffalo
- Molinari Society
  - Vice President (2008-14)
  - Secretary-Treasurer (2002-08)
  - Meeting Chair (2005, 2016)
- Alabama Philosophical Association
  - Director of Public Relations (2002-04)
  - President (2001)
  - Vice President (2000)
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
  - Governing Council (2003-06)
  - Program Committee (2004-06)
  - Griffith Committee (2001-06)
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar Participant (2000)

### **Teaching**

#### **Undergraduate**

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Medical Ethics
- Practical Reasoning

## McKittrick *curriculum vitae*

- Metaphysics
- Metaphysics of Personhood
- Feminist Philosophy/ Philosophy of Feminism
- Sex, Gender and Science
- Philosophy of Science
- History of Early Modern Philosophy
- Undergraduate Seminar

### **Graduate**

- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Science
- History of Early Modern Philosophy
- Advanced Metaphysics:
  - Causation and Causal Relevance
  - Dispositions
  - Metaphysics of Science
  - Dispositions and Causes
  - Social Construction and Feminist Metaphysics
  - Free Will
  - Grounding
- Advanced Social and Political Philosophy:
  - Feminism
  - Race
- Independent Studies
  - Feminism
  - Perception of Gender, Race, and Intersectionality

### **Advising**

- Supervisor on 7 Ph.D. dissertations (3 completed)
  - Christopher Gibilisco (2016)
  - Maria Zavada (2013)
  - William Bauer (2010)
  - Chelsea Richardson (in progress)
  - Virendra Tripathi (incomplete)
  - Clifford Hill (incomplete)
  - Claire La France (incomplete)
- Reader on 8 Ph.D. dissertations (6 completed)
  - Tony Kerr (University of Tasmania, 2015)
  - Danielle Hampton (2015)
  - Andrew Jaeger (2014)
  - Masaya Honda (2013)
  - Patty Steck (2010)
  - Edward Abplanalp (2010)
  - Shane George (in progress)
  - Christopher Richards (incomplete)



McKitrick *curriculum vitae*

- Member of 6 M.A. committees
  - Hassan Alsharif
  - Chelsea Richardson
  - Stephanie Shipp
  - Clare La France
  - Clifford Hill
  - Kimberly Radford
- Outside reader on 1 Physics Ph.D. dissertation
- Outside reader on 1 Biochemistry Ph.D. dissertation
- Advisor on 2 undergraduate honors theses (1 completed)