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**AOS** Metaphysics, philosophy of action, philosophy of language

**AOC** Early modern philosophy, ethics, meta-ethics

**EDUCATION** 2012–2016 PhD. Philosophy, University of Toronto  
Supervisors: Sergio Tenenbaum; Jessica Wilson

**EMPLOYMENT** 2020– Assistant Professor  
Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University

2018–2020 SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary

2016–2018 Lecturer  
Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto

## PUBLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

**Books** 2021 [Negative Actions: Events, Absences, and the Metaphysics of Agency](#)  
Cambridge University Press

**Articles** 2021 Attempts.  
*Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming)

[Composition as identity, now with all the pluralities you could want.](#)  
*Synthese* (forthcoming)

Counting composites.  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming)

2019 [How to identify wholes with their parts.](#)  
*Synthese* (forthcoming in Special Issue: Mereology and Identity)

2017 [How to identify negative actions with positive events.](#)  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 96 (1): 87–101. 2018.

2016 [The logical form of negative action sentences.](#)  
*Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 46 (6): 855–876. 2016.

2015 [Con-reasons and the causal theory of action.](#)  
*Philosophical Explorations* 18 (1): 20–33. 2015.

**Discussions** 2021 Mereological destruction and relativized parthood: A reply to Costa and Calosi.  
*Erkenntnis* (forthcoming)

2020 [Two problems for the constitution view of omissions: A reply to Palmer.](#)  
*Erkenntnis* (forthcoming)

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<sup>1</sup> In cases of discrepancy between online and print publication, publications are listed according to the earlier publication date.

**AWARDS AND HONOURS**

- 2018–2020 Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2013–2016 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2016 Graduate Student Travel Stipend  
American Philosophical Association
- 2015 Placed in Top 25, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada  
“Storytellers” Competition. Video available at:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/jonathandpayton/research>.
- 2014 Graduate Student Travel Stipend  
American Philosophical Association

**PRESENTATIONS****Invited**

- 2021 Ontological commitments: Existential, universal, and particular.  
*Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University (Feb 2021)*
- 2020 Counting composites.  
*Department of Philosophy, Bilkent University (Apr 2021)*
- Negative actions: Metaphysics and logical form.  
*Workshop on Language and Metaphysics (Banff, AB, Canada; Feb 2020)*
- 2019 Composition, counting, and commitment.  
1. *Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta (Feb 2019)*  
2. *Philosophy and Linguistics Workshop, University of Calgary (Feb 2019)*
- The things we do and our doings of them: The difference and why it matters.  
*Apeiron Society for the Practice of Philosophy (Calgary, AB, Canada; Oct 2019)*
- 2018 How to identify wholes with their parts.  
*Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary (Sept 2018)*

**Conferences**

- 2021 Composition as identity, now with all the pluralities you could want.  
*American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (Online; Apr 2021)*
- Composition is plethologically (but not ontologically) innocent.  
*Society for Exact Philosophy (Online; May–Aug 2021)*
- Ontological commitments: Existential, universal, and particular  
*Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association (Online; Jul 2021)*
- 2020 Counting composites.  
*American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Chicago, IL; Feb 2020)*
- 2019 All actions are attempts.  
1. *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association (Durham, UK; Jul 2019)*  
2. *American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Denver, CO; Feb 2019)*
- Composition, counting, and commitment.  
*Society for Exact Philosophy (Toronto, ON, Canada; May 2019)*
- 2018 How to identify wholes with their parts.  
*Western Canadian Philosophical Association (Calgary, AB, Canada; Oct 2018)*
- Mere manifestations of agency?  
*American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (San Diego, CA; Mar 2018)*

- Proportionality and omissions reconsidered.
1. *Canadian Philosophical Association (Montreal, QC, Canada; Jun 2018)*
  2. *Society for Exact Philosophy (Storrs, CT; May 2018)*
  3. *American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Chicago, IL; Feb 2018)*
- 2017 Agent-causation, negative actions, and ‘mere intentional behaviour’.
1. *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association (Edinburgh, UK; Jul 2017)*
  2. *Canadian Philosophical Association (Toronto, ON, Canada; Jun 2017)*
- How to identify many things with one.  
*Society for Exact Philosophy (Calgary, AB, Canada; May 2017)*
- 2016 Many-one identity in plural logic.
1. *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association (Cardiff, UK; Jul 2016)*
  2. *Canadian Philosophical Association (Calgary, AB, Canada; Jun 2016)*
- Negative actions and causal powers.  
*American Philosophical Association, Central Division (Chicago, IL; Feb 2016)*
- 2015 Adverbs of negative action.  
*Society for Exact Philosophy (Hamilton, ON, Canada; May 2015)*
- Omissions, agency, and causal powers.  
*Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association (Coventry, UK; Jul 2015)*
- 2014 Seeing negative actions.  
*Canadian Philosophical Association (St. Catherines, ON, Canada; Jun 2014)*
- True for lack of falsemakers?  
*American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (San Diego, CA; Apr 2014)*
- Commentaries**
- 2019 Claudio Calosi & Damiano Costa, ‘The multilocation dilemma’.  
*Society for the Metaphysics of Science (Toronto, ON, Canada; Nov 2019)*
- 2018 Eric Bohner, ‘The luck objection to agent-causal libertarianism’.  
*Western Canadian Philosophical Association (Calgary, AB, Canada; Oct 2018)*
- Phil Corkum, ‘Salience and metaphysical explanation’.  
*Canadian Philosophical Association (Montreal, QC, Canada; Jun 2018)*
- 2016 Zach Blaesi, ‘Some puzzles about reasons’.  
*Graduate Conference in Philosophy, University of Toronto (May 2016)*
- 2015 David Horst, ‘Enkratic agency’.  
*Guest lecture, PHL 475 ‘Reflection’, University of Toronto (Mar 2015)*
- 2014 Nicholas Leonard, ‘Eliminative individualism’.  
*Canadian Philosophical Association (St. Catherines, ON, Canada; Jun 2014)*
- Anandi Hattiangadi, ‘Expressivism and the problem of intentionality’ (with Dominic Alford-Duguid).  
*Graduate Conference in Philosophy, University of Toronto (May 2014)*
- Andrea Viggiano, ‘On a proposal about the content of moral explanatory claims’ (with Anderson Christie).  
*Graduate Conference in Philosophy, University of Toronto (May 2014)*
- TEACHING**
- 2020–  
Bilkent  
University
- PHL306 – Philosophy of language  
PHL244 – Social and political philosophy, part I (x2)  
PHL243 – Social and political philosophy, part II (x2)

	2016–2018	PHL408 – Seminar in philosophy: Actions and omissions
	University of Toronto	PHL407 – Seminar in ethics: Meta-ethics
		PHL375 – Ethics
		PHL341 – Freedom, responsibility, and human action
		PHL311 – The empiricists (x2)
		PHL240 – Persons, minds, and bodies
		PHL210.1 – 17 <sup>th</sup> - and 18 <sup>th</sup> -century philosophy, part I
		PHL210.2 – 17 <sup>th</sup> - and 18 <sup>th</sup> -century philosophy, part II
<b>SUPERVISION/ EXAMINATION</b>	2021	Roohollah Haghshenas, <i>Towards a Better Understanding of Morally Responsible Agency</i> MA Thesis, Bilkent University. Examiner.
		Utku Sonsayar, <i>Is Relativized BSA Anti-Realist?</i> MA Thesis, Bilkent University. Examiner.
<b>PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>Affiliations and Positions</b>	2019–	Associate, Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative
	2015	Seminars in Philosophy Research Assistant to Phil Clark (Toronto)
	2013–2014	Co-Ordinator, 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy, <i>Normativity: Action, Mind, and Language</i> (University of Toronto)
		Research Assistant to Byeong-uk Yi (Toronto)
	2012–2013	Assistant Co-Ordinator, 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy, <i>What's Virtue Got to Do with It?</i> (University of Toronto)
<b>Refereeing</b>	2021	<i>Acta Analytica, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Review of Metaphysics, Social Theory and Practice</i>
	2020	<i>Analysis; Canadian Journal of Philosophy (x2); Ergo; Erkenntnis (x2); Inquiry; Philosophers' Imprint; Philosophical Studies; Philosophical Quarterly; Synthese; Topoi</i>
	2019	<i>Dialectica (x2); Ergo; Southern Journal of Philosophy; Synthese (x2)</i>
	2018	<i>Analysis; Philosophical Studies; Synthese; Thought</i>
	2017	<i>Acta Analytica; Dialogue; Synthese</i>
	2016	<i>Dialectica (x2)</i>
	2015	<i>Philosophical Studies</i>
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	2016–2017	Attended workshop series run by the Teaching & Learning Community of Practice, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, University of Toronto.