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## **Areas of Specialization:**

Metaphysics, Logic

## **Areas of Competence:**

Epistemology, Philosophy of Science

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## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

<b>University of Pennsylvania:</b>	Associate Professor of Practice	2025-Present
<b>University of California, San Diego:</b>	Assistant Professor in Political Science	2020-2025
<b>University of California, San Diego:</b>	Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy	2018-2020
<b>Yale University:</b>	Ph.D. in Philosophy	2018
<b>Reed College:</b>	B.A. in Philosophy	2011

## PUBLICATIONS

<i>Unstructured Purity</i>		2025
<b>Noûs</b> , Forthcoming		
<i>Haecceities and the Triviality of the Identity of Indiscernibles</i>		2025
<b>Synthese</b> , Vol. 205 No. 113		
<i>Definition by Proxy</i>		2025
<b>Philosophical Studies</b> , Vol. 182 Pg. 629-53		
<i>Indiscernibility and the Grounds of Identity</i>		2024
<b>Philosophical Studies</b> , Forthcoming		
<i>The Levels of Scientific Disciplines</i>		2024
<b>Topoi</b> , Vol. 44 Pg. 273-85		
<i>Monism and the Ontology of Logic</i>		2024
<b>Extreme Philosophy, Bold Ideas in the Spirit of Progress</b>		
Ed, Stephen Heatherington. Routledge		
<i>The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis</i>		2023
<b>The Review of Symbolic Logic</b> , Vol. 16 No.2 Pg.603-23		
<i>Definition</i>		2022
<b>Philosophical Studies</b> , Vol. 179 Pg. 3019-36		
<i>Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories</i>		2022
<b>Erkenntnis</b> , Vol. 87 Pg. 161-80		
<i>Knowledge is Closed under Analytic Content</i>		2021
<b>Synthese</b> , Vol. 199 Pg. 5339-53		
<i>Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics</i>		2020
<b>Journal of Philosophical Logic</b> , Vol. 50, Pg. 97-115		
<i>Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge</i>		2018
<b>Synthese</b> , Vol 198, Pg. 1481-505		
<i>On Question-Begging and Analytic Content</i>		2018
<b>Synthese</b> , Vol. 197, Pg. 1149-63		
<i>The Unreliability of Foreseeable Consequences, a Return to the Epistemic Objection</i>		2015
<b>Ethical Theory and Moral Practice</b> , Vol. 18, Pg. 759-66		

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Unstructured Purity <i>Metaphysics Workshop, UC Berkeley</i>	2025
Unstructured Purity <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2025
Definition by Proxy <i>Metaphysics Workshop, Princeton University</i>	2024
Definition by Proxy <i>Colloquium, Oriel College, Oxford University</i>	2022
The New Paradox of Analysis <i>Central Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2021
Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories <i>Department Colloquium, University of California, San Diego</i>	2019
The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>Department Colloquium, Reed College</i>	2018
Dewey, Confucius and the Aims of Education <i>Conference on Educational Reform, Hangzhou Normal University</i>	2016

## SUBMITTED PRESENTATIONS

The Grounds of Nonground <i>Central Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2025
The Grounds of Nonground <i>Inaugural Workshop, Association of Analytic Metaphysics in the Italian-Speaking World</i>	2024
The Higher-Order Foundations of Arithmetic <i>Workshop on Ground and Metaphysical Explanation, University of Bristol</i>	2024
Indiscernibility and the Grounds of Identity <i>Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2024
The Triviality of the Identity of Indiscernibles <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2024
Higher-Order Counterfactual Logic <i>Ten Years of Modal Logic as Metaphysics, University of Hamburg</i>	2023
Indiscernibility and the Grounds of Identity <i>Workshop on Ground and Metaphysical Explanation, University of Southampton</i>	2023
Definition by Proxy <i>Central Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2023
The Triviality of the Identity of Indiscernibles <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, University of New Hampshire</i>	2022
Definition by Proxy <i>Higher-Order Metaphysics Workshop, University of Southern California</i>	2022
The Levels of the Empirical Sciences <i>Central Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2022
Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics <i>Conference on Mathematical and Numerical Inspirations in Philosophy, Stanford University</i>	2020
Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics <i>13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics, Cambridge University</i>	2020
Does Definition Admit of Substitution?	2020

<i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	
Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories <i>Society for the Metaphysics of Science, University of Toronto</i>	2019
The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology</i>	2019
The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>Truthmaker Semantics: Applications in Philosophy and Linguistics, Hamburg University</i>	2019
The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, University of Vermont</i>	2018
The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis <i>Conference on Essence and Language, Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative</i>	2018
Verifying Physicalism <i>Workshop on the History &amp; Metaphysics of the Concept of Laws of Nature, Central European University</i>	2018
Question-Begging and Analytic Content <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México</i>	2018
Question-Begging and Analytic Content <i>Central Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2018
Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge <i>Philosopher's Cocoon, University of Tampa</i>	2017
Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge <i>Epistemic Virtues and Epistemic Skills, Bled Epistemology Conference, Slovenia</i>	2017
Computability and Conceivability <i>Conference on Evidence and Imagination, Graz University</i>	2016
Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, Keene State University</i>	2016
Concerning the Nature of Definition <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, Bates College</i>	2015
Ethical Atomism and the Immorality of Hypocrisy <i>Conference for Young Analytic Philosophers, Salzburg</i>	2015
Hypocrisy: The Tribute Vice Pays to Virtue <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Syracuse University</i>	2015
The Myth of Balanced Consequences <i>British Society for Ethical Theory, Cambridge University</i>	2014
Epistemic Contextualism <i>Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Pacific University</i>	2009

## COMMENTARIES

Metaphysical Determination, General and Specific, by Javah Xie <i>Metaphysics in the Blue Ridge Workshop</i>	2025
Equivalence and Theory Expansion, by Diego Arana <i>Central Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2024
Tropes of Mereology: A Theory of Facts and Truth-Making, by Aviv Hoffman <i>Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2021
Compliance and Command, by Kit Fine <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Yale University</i>	2016
Diamonds are Forever, by Cian Dorr <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Yale University</i>	2015
Natural Kinds Light, by Ásta Kristjana Sveinsdóttir <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2012
Explanatory Kinds: A Definition of Normality for Generics, by Bernard Nickel <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*All experience is as the primary instructor at the University of California, San Diego*

<b>Ethics and Society I</b>	2021, 2022, 2023 & 2025
<b>Ethics and Society II</b>	2021, 2022, 2023 & 2025
<b>Critical Reasoning and Consumption</b>	2021, 2022 & 2023
<b>Symbolic Logic</b>	2019

## ACADEMIC AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

<b>Organizer</b> <i>UC San Diego Metaphysics Workshop</i>	2024
<b>Faculty Executive Committee</b> <i>Warren College: UC San Diego</i>	2023-2025
<b>Alumni Steering Committee</b> <i>Reed College</i>	2024
<b>Graduate Student Faculty Advisor</b> <i>UC San Diego Department of Political Science</i>	2021-2024
<b>Organizer</b> <i>UC San Diego Metaphysics Working Group</i>	2018-2024
<b>Journal Reviewer</b> <i>Mind, Journal of Philosophy (x2), Philosophical Studies (x4), Journal of Philosophical Logic, Philosophical Quarterly (x2), Analysis (x5), Synthese (x10), Erkenntnis, Dialectica (x2), Inquiry, Open Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Research, Ergo (x2), Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Studia Semiotyczne, Argumenta, Acta Analytica</i>	
<b>External Reviewer</b> <i>Swiss National Science Foundation, Junior Research Fellowship for Magdalen College Oxford University, Spring Centennial Center Research Grants for the American Political Science Association</i>	