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Education

- **PhD Philosophy, University of Otago, New Zealand (2022-2025)**

Dissertation: *Eternalism: A Defence* [[available here](#)]

Supervisors: Prof. Heather Dyke and Emeritus Prof. James Maclaurin

Committee: Prof. Adrian Bardon (Wake Forest University), Prof. Kristie Miller (University of Sydney), and Prof. Zach Weber (University of Otago)

- **MA Philosophy, Federal University of Goiás, Brazil (2018-2020)**

Thesis: *Bertrand Russell's Concept of Time: From Platonism to Constructivism* [[available here](#)]

Supervisor: Prof. Guilherme Ghisoni da Silva

Committee: Prof. André Porto (Federal University of Goiás) and Prof. Bento Prado de Almeida Ferraz Neto (Federal University of São Carlos)

- **BA (Hons) Philosophy, Federal University of Goiás, Brazil (2014-2017)**

Thesis: *Bertrand Russell's Notion of Sense-data: The Rejection of Metaphysical Entities*

Supervisor: Prof. Guilherme Ghisoni da Silva

Committee: Prof. André Porto (Federal University of Goiás) and Prof. Araceli Velloso (Federal University of Goiás)

Areas of Specialisation (AoS)

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Science, History of Analytic Philosophy

Areas of Competence (AoC)

Philosophy of Mind, Ethics, Critical Thinking, Philosophy of Language

Research Interests

My research interests primarily lie in metaphysics, particularly at the intersection of the philosophy of time, physics, and mind, approached from a naturalistic perspective. I am also interested in the implications of metaphysical theories of time for other areas, including moral responsibility within a deterministic reality and the notion of death in light of the view that all moments exist eternally.

Publications

- [3] “The Dynamic Block Universe: Change Independent of Passage.” (2026) *Ratio: An International Journal of Analytic Philosophy*: <https://doi.org/10.1111/rati.70033>
- [2] “The Non-Reductionist View of the Self in Tension with the Block Universe.” (2026) *Acta Analytica: International Periodical for Philosophy in the Analytical Tradition*: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-026-00688-0>
- [1] “The Theory of Change and the Critique of the Concept of Substance in Russell.” (2017) *Revista Inquietude*, 8 (1), 109-110: [available here](#)

Under Review

- “There Are No Saints Among Us: Against Four-dimensional Endurantism”
- “The Rise of the Present Moment as a Cognitive Error”
- “Rethinking the Relationship Between Passage and Change: The Case for Explanatory Independence”
- “Conceivability Does Not Entail Possibility: A Case Against Modal Realism”

Works in Progress / Writing

- “The Non-Identity Problem Through the Lens of the B-theory”
- “The Primitiveness of Identity in the Quantum World”
- “The Metaphysics of Time Travel in light of Cinema” (Target: *Junctures: The Journal for Thematic Dialogue, Special Issue on Art+Time*. Guest Editor: Prof. David Hutchinson)

Public Engagement

- “*Once Upon a Time*.” New Zealand International Science Festival, 2026: [forthcoming]
- “*A Brief Introduction to the Philosophy of Time*.” Public Seminar, Dunedin School of Art, 2026: [available here](#)
- “*It’s about time*.” Otago Bulletin Board, 2023: [available here](#)

Academic Talks

- “*I Could Not Have Done Otherwise: A Case Against Possibilia*”, Otago Philosophy Seminar, University of Otago, 2026: [available here](#)
- “*Eternalism: A Defence*”, Otago Philosophy Seminar, University of Otago, 2025.
- “*Temporal Passage in the B-Theory: Beyond the static and dynamic distinctions*”, NZAP (New Zealand Association of Philosophers), University of Otago, 2024.
- “*Analysing Ordinary Changes in a Static Reality*”, NZAP (New Zealand Association of Philosophers), Massey University, 2022.
- “*The Self: Subjectivity within the Temporal Debate*”, Postgraduate Philosophy Seminar, University of Otago, 2024.
- “*Eternalism and Death*”, Postgraduate Philosophy Seminar, University of Otago, 2024.
- “*The Present Moment*”, Postgraduate Philosophy Seminar, University of Otago, 2023.
- “*Temporal Logic: Eternalism and Temporalism*”, Postgraduate Philosophy Seminar, University of Otago, 2023.
- “*The Timelessness of Sentences*”, XXVI Philosophy Week of the Federal University of Goiás, Federal University of Goiás, 2019.
- “*Absolute Time in the Platonist-Russellian Period*”, XI Internal Seminar of the Postgraduate Programme in Philosophy, Federal University of Goiás, 2018.

Teaching

Current Positions

- Tutor, *Critical Thinking* (PHIL 105), University of Otago, 2026.
- Teaching Assistant, *Critical Thinking* (PHIL 100), Massey University, 2026.

Previous Positions

- Teaching Assistant, *Metaphysical Questions* (PHIL223/323), University of Otago, 2026.
- Tutor, *Mind and Reality* (PHIL 101), University of Otago, 2023-2025.
- Tutor, *Ethical Issues* (PHIL 103), University of Otago, 2023-2025.
- Teaching Fellow, *Metaphysical Questions* (PHIL 223/323), University of Otago, 2023-2024.
- Teaching Assistant, *Critical Thinking* (PHIL 100), Massey University, 2022-2023.

Service

- *Test Invigilator*, FYHS English Diagnostic Tests, University of Otago, New Zealand, 2026.
- *Coordinator*, Postgraduate Philosophy Seminar, University of Otago, New Zealand, 2024–2025.

Scholarships, Grants, and Awards

- Postgraduate Publishing Bursary Scholarship, University of Otago, 2025.
- Travel Grant, University of Otago, 2022.
- Doctoral Scholarship, University of Otago, 2022–2025.
- Master Scholarship, National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), Federal University of Goiás, 2018–2020.
- 1st Place, MA Selection Process, Federal University of Goiás, 2018.
- Undergraduate Research Scholarship, Institutional Program for Scientific Initiation Scholarships, Federal University of Goiás, 2015–2017.

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

- Philosophy of Time Society (Member): philtimesociety.com

Languages

- Portuguese (Native)
- English (Fluent)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

Additional Information

- First-generation academic
- Committed to equity and diversity
- Experience working in interdisciplinary and international academic environments

Referees

- Professor Heather Dyke (Philosophy Department, University of Otago)
Email: heather.dyke@otago.ac.nz
- Professor Kristie Miller (Philosophy Department, University of Sydney)
Email: kristie.miller@sydney.edu.au
- Professor Zach Weber (Philosophy Department, University of Otago)
Email: zach.weber@otago.ac.nz