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Academic appointments:

Summer 2013 –, Chair Professor of Theoretical Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University

Summer 2007 – Summer 2014, Associate Professor, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University.

Summer 2005 – Summer 2007, Assistant Professor, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University.

Spring 2009, Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Harvard University.

Summer 2002 – Summer 2005, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Colorado at Boulder.

Fall 2001 – Spring 2002, Adjunct teaching, Philosophy, Institute of Humanities, University of Iceland.

Fall 2000 – Summer 2001, Visiting Assistant Professor, William Paterson University of New Jersey.

Education:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Ph.D. in Philosophy, August 2000

Stockholms universitet, Stockholm, Sweden

“Filosofie Magister” (M.A.), June 1995

Göteborgs universitet, Göteborg, Sweden

“Filosofie Kandidat” (B.A.), June 1994

Monographs:

Alien Structure: Language and Reality, Oxford University Press, Oxford, forthcoming.

Choosing Normative Concepts, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2017. (Book symposium published in *Inquiry*. Reviews published or forthcoming in *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Philosophical Review*, *Utilitas*, *Analysis* and *Pro-Fil*.)

Forthcoming article:

“Carnapian Frameworks Revisited”, in Panu Raatikainen (ed.), *Essays in the Philosophy of Language*, *Acta Philosophica Fennica*.

“Normative Concepts”, in David Copp and Connie Rosati (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Metaethics*, Oxford University Press.

“Normative Properties”, in Anthony Fisher and Anna-Sofia Maurin (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Properties*, Routledge.

“Should Moral Intuitionism Go Social?”, *Noûs*. Coauthored with Marvin Backes and Eliot Michaelson. (Published online first 2022.)

“Edwards on Truth Pluralism”, *Inquiry*, book symposium on Douglas Edwards’ *The Metaphysics of Truth*. (Published online first 2022.)

Published work:

“Schmoughs for Naught? Reply to Vermaire”, *Journal of Philosophy* 120 (2023).

“Possible Limits of Conceptual Engineering: Magnetism, Fixed Points and Inescapability”, *Argumenta* 16 (2023).

“Thomasson on Modal Language”, in Miguel Garcia-Godinez (ed.), *Thomasson on Ontology*, Palgrave MacMillan, 2023.

“Who Cares If We’re Not Fully Real: Comments on Kris McDaniel’s *The Fragmentation of Being*”, *Philosophical Studies* 179 (2022). Book symposium in Kris McDaniel’s *The Fragmentation of Being*.

“Thin Entities”, *Theoria* 89 (2022). Special issue on Oystein Linnebo’s *Thin Objects*, edited by Massimiliano Carrara and Luca Zanetti.

“Reply to Hernandez and Laskowski”, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 37 (2021).

“Conceptual Engineering in Philosophy”, in Justin Khoo and Rachel Sterken (eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of Social and Political Philosophy of Language*, Routledge, 2021.

“Collapse and the Varieties of Quantifier Variance”, in James Miller (ed.), *The Language of Ontology*, Oxford University Press, 2021.

“The Existence of Personites”, *Philosophical Studies* 177 (2020): 2051-71. (Published online open access: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11098-019-01298-w>.)

“Reply to Critics”, *Inquiry* 63 (2020). (In a book symposium on my *Choosing Normative Concepts*. Replies to Leary, McDaniel, McPherson and Plunkett.)

“The Metametaphysics of Neo-Fregeanism”, in Ricki Bliss and James Miller (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, 2020.

“The Normative Pluriverse”, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 18 (2020).
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“Variance Theses in Ontology and Metaethics”, in Alexis Burgess, Herman Cappelen and David Plunkett (eds.), *Conceptual Ethics and Conceptual Engineering*, Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Att betvivla begreppen”, årsbok 2018-219, Kungliga Humanistiska Vetenskapssamfundet i Uppsala.

- “Incoherentism and the Sorites Paradox”, for Elia Zardini and Sergi Oms (eds.), *The Sorites Paradox*, Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- “Alien Structure and Themes from Analytic Philosophy”, *Giornale di Metafisica* 41 (2019).
- “Reply to Bykvist and Olson”, *Utilitas* 31 (2019). (Reply to Krister Bykvist and Jonas Olson’s review of my *Choosing Normative Concepts*.)
- “What is Deflationism About Truth?”, *Synthese* 198 (2021): 631-45. Also printed in Douglas Edwards (ed.), *Truth: A Contemporary Reader*, Bloomsbury, 2019.
- “Ramsey and Alien Structure”, in Tobias Hansson Wahlberg and Robin Stenwall (eds.), *Maurinian Truths – Essays in Honour of Anna-Sofia Maurin on her 50th Birthday*. Published by the Department of Philosophy, Lund University, 2019.
- “Inconsistency and Replacement”, *Inquiry* 62 (2019): 387-402. (Symposium on Kevin Scharp’s *Replacing Truth*)
- “Regress, Unity, Facts, and Propositions”, *Synthese* 196 (2019): 1225-47.
- “Modesty, Esotericism and Ineffability: Remarks on Hofweber”, *Analysis* 78 (2018): 291-303.
- “En värld som utgörs av begrepp: G.E. Moores tidiga metafysik”, in George Masterton, Keizo Matsubara and Kim Solin (eds.), *Från Skaradjäkne till Uppsalaprofessor* (Festschrift for Lars-Göran Johansson), Uppsala Philosophical Studies, 2017.
- “Review Essay: Thickness and Evaluation”. Critical notice of Pekka Väyrynen, *The Lewd, the Rude and the Nasty* (OUP, 2013), *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2017.
- “Hale and Wright on the Metaontology of Neo-Fregeanism”, in Philip Ebert and Marcus Rossberg (eds.), *Abstractionism*, Oxford University Press, 2016.
- “Carnap’s Legacy for the Contemporary Metaontological Debate”, in Stephan Blatti and Sandra Lapointe (eds.), *Ontology after Carnap*, Oxford University Press, 2016.
- “Kripke, normativitet och meaning”, *Filosofisk tidskrift*, 2016. (In Swedish.)
- “Intuitions, Conceptual Engineering, and Conceptual Fixed Points”, in Christopher Daly (ed.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophical Methods*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.
- “Rayo’s Metametaphysics”, *Inquiry* 57 (2014): 483-97.
- “Replacing Truth?”, in Alexis Burgess and Brett Sherman (eds.), *Metasemantics*, Oxford University Press, 2014.
- “On Quantification and Ontology”, *Oxford Handbooks Online* (2014), www.oxfordhandbooks.com.
- “Carnap’s Metaontology”, *Noûs* 47 (2013): 229-49.
- “Evaluative Language and Evaluative Reality”, in Simon Kirchin (ed.), *Thick Concepts*, Oxford University Press, 2013.

- “Williams on the Normative Silence of Indeterminacy”, *Analysis* 73 (2013): 264-71.
- “Trends and Progress in Philosophy”, *Metaphilosophy* 44 (2013): 276-92.
- “Metaphysical Vagueness and Metaphysical Indeterminacy”, *Metaphysica* 14 (2013): 165-79.
- “The Multitude View on Logic”, in *New Waves in Philosophical Logic*, edited by Greg Restall and Gillian Russell, Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.
- “Multitude, Tolerance and Language-Transcendence”, *Synthese* 187: 833-47. (Special volume, The Philosophy of Logical Consequence and Inference, edited by Sten Lindström, Erik Palmgren and Dag Westerståhl.)
- “Alternative Normative Concepts”, *Analytic Philosophy* 53 (2012): 139-57.
- “Theories of Truth”, in *Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language*, edited by Delia Graff Fara and Gillian Russell, Routledge, 2012.
- “Recent Work on Vagueness”, *Analysis Reviews* 71 (2011): 352-63.
- “Being Metaphysically Unsettled: Barnes and Williams on Metaphysical Indeterminacy and Vagueness”, *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, vol. 6 (2011), edited by Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman.
- “What are Thick Concepts?”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 41 (2011): 25-49.
- “Vagueness and Second-Level Indeterminacy”, in *Cuts and Clouds*, edited by Richard Dietz and Sebastiano Moruzzi, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2010.
- “Rejectionism About Truth”, in *New Waves in Truth*, edited by Nikolaj Jang Pedersen and Cory Wright, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.
- “On Some Recent Criticisms of the ‘Linguistic’ Approach to Ontology”, *Dialectica* 63 (2009): 313-23.
- “The Frege-Geach Problem and Kalderon’s Moral Fictionalism”, *Philosophical Quarterly* 59 (2009): 705-12.
- “Bad Company and Neo-Fregean Philosophy”, *Synthese* 170 (2009): 393-414. (Special issue focusing on the Bad Company objection to Neo-Fregean philosophy of arithmetic, edited by Øystein Linnebo.)
- “Förkastliga värdebegrepp och Karl Marx antimoralism”, *Filosofisk Tidskrift* (2009). (In Swedish.)
- “Carnap and Ontological Pluralism”, in *Metametaphysics*, edited by David Chalmers, David Manley, and Ryan Wasserman, Oxford University Press, 2009.
- “Reality and Thought”, in John Shand (ed.), *Central Issues of Philosophy*, Blackwell, 2009.
- “Reply to Beall and Priest”, *Australasian Journal of Logic* 6 (2008): 94-106. (Available on the web at http://www.philosophy.unimelb.edu.au/ajl/2008/2008_8.pdf.)

“The Liar Paradox, Expressibility, Possible Languages”, in *The Revenge of the Liar*, edited by J. C. Beall, Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Deconstructing Ontological Vagueness”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 38 (2008): 117-40.

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“The Ontological Significance of Inscrutability”, *Philosophical Topics* 35 (2007): 115-34. (Actual date of publication: 2010.)

“The Picture of Reality as an Amorphous Lump”, in Ted Sider, John Hawthorne and Dean Zimmerman (eds.), *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, Blackwell, 2007.

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“Sider on Existence”, *Noûs* 41 (2007): 519-28. (With David Liebesman.)

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“Metaontology” *Philosophy Compass*, Blackwell, <http://www.blackwell-compass.com/subject/philosophy/>, March 2006.

“Schiffer on Vagueness” *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 87 (2006): 12-23.

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“Fiction, Indifference, and Ontology”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 71 (2005): 557-79. [Italian translation, “Finzione, Indifferenzia e Ontologia” published in *Rivista di Estetica* 32 (2006): 71-92.]

“What Vagueness Consists in”, *Philosophical Studies* 125 (2005): 27-60.

“Personal Identity, Concerns, and Indeterminacy”, *The Monist* 87 (2004): 489-511. Special issue on personal identity, edited by Tamar Gendler and Dean Zimmerman.

“Personal Identity and Conceptual Incoherence”, *Noûs* 36 (2002): 465-85.

“Inconsistent Languages”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 64 (2002): 251-75.

“Deep Inconsistency”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 80 (2002): 321-31.

“A Vindication of Tarski’s Claims About the Liar Paradox”, in Timothy Childers and Ondrej Majer (eds.), *The Logica Yearbook 2001*, Prague: Filosofia, pp. 49-55. (Proceedings of the Logica 2001 conference in Zahradky, Czech Republic.)

“Is Hintikka’s Logic First-Order?”, *Synthese* 131 (2002): 371-88. (With Daniel Kolak.)

“Peter van Inwagen on Material Beings”, *Ratio* 15 (2002): 245-56.

“Paradoxer: en allmän diagnos”, *Filosofisk tidskrift* 23 (2002): 42-52.

“Supervaluationism, Vagueifiers, and Semantic Overdetermination”, *Dialectica* 55 (2001): 363-78.

“The Aims of Logical Empiricism as a Philosophy of Science”, *Acta Analytica* 15 (2000): 137-59.

“On How Logic Became First-Order”, *Nordic Journal of Philosophical Logic* 1 (1996): 147-67.

Book reviews:

Review of Oystein Linnebo, *Thin Objects*, Oxford University Press, 2018, *Philosophical Review* 130 (2021).

Review of Simon Kirchin, *Thick Evaluation*, Oxford University Press, 2017, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2018). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Amie Thomasson, *Ontology Made Easy*, Oxford University Press, 2015, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2017). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Nikolaj Pedersen and Cory Wright (eds.), *Truth and Pluralism: Current Debates*, Oxford University Press, 2013, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2014). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Alexis Burgess and John Burgess, *Truth*, Princeton University Press, 2011, *History and Philosophy of Logic* 33 (2012): 106-8.

Review of Eli Hirsch, *Quantifier Variance and Realism: Essays in Metaontology*, Oxford University Press, 2011, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Timothy Williamson, *The Philosophy of Philosophy*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2008, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88 (2010): 752-4.

Review of Heather Dyke, *Metaphysics and the Representational Fallacy*, Routledge, 2007, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2008). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Fraser MacBride (ed.), *Identity and Modality*, Oxford University Press, 2006, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2007). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Stewart Shapiro, *Vagueness in Context*, Oxford University Press, 2006. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2006). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Review of Crispin Wright, *Saving the Differences*, Harvard University Press, 2003. *Philosophical Review* 113 (2004): 288-92.

Review of William Alston (ed.), *Realism and Antirealism*, Cornell University Press, 2002. *Dialogue* 44 (2005):786-88.

Review of J.C. Beall (ed.), *Liars and Heaps*, Oxford University Press, 2003. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2004). (Available on the web at <http://ndpr.nd.edu/>.)

Edited volumes:

J. Skilters, M. Eklund, O. Jónsson and O. Wiegand (eds.), *Paradox: Logical, Cognitive and Communicative Aspects (Proceedings of the First International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication)*, University of Latvia Press, Riga, Latvia, 2006. Proceedings from conference on Paradoxes, Riga, Latvia, November 2005.

S. Lapointe, M. Eklund and A. Thomasson (eds.), *200 Years of Analytic Philosophy. Proceedings of the 4th Symposium for Cognition, Logic and Communication*, in *The Baltic Yearbook of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, 2008.

Talks:

“Choosing Normative Concepts – and Metaphysical Ones, Too”, Metaphysics on the Mountain 4: Value and Reality, Sun Valley, Idaho, March 2023.

“More and More”, Steve Yablo Celebration, MIT, March 2023.

“Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Innovation”, Workshop: Science, Agency, Responsibility, Linköping University, December 2022.

“Alien Structure: Language and Reality”, colloquium talk, University of Toronto, December 2022, online.

“Alternative Concepts, Ardour and Elusive Questions”, colloquium talk, Ohio State University, November 2022, online.

“Truth Pluralism Generalized”, Truth and Objectivity: 30 Years, University of Bologna, November 2022.

“Expressivism and Alternative Normative Concepts”, Normativity in Rome, Sapienza University, Rome, June 2022.

“Normativity, Ardour and Elusive Questions”, NYU-Columbia workshop on normativity, May 2022.

“Normative Properties”, *Properties: An Online Workshop*, May 2022.

“Alien Structure: Language and Metaphysics”, ALEF seminar, January 2022.

“Alien Structure: Language and Metaphysics”, colloquium talk, Ashoka University, January 2022.

“Possible Limits of Conceptual Engineering”, Conceptual Engineering Online Seminar @ Arché Research Centre & University of Zurich, December 2021.

“Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Innovation”, *Pluralist Approaches to Conceptual Engineering*, Lissabon, December 2021.

“Possible Limits of Conceptual Engineering: Magnetism, Fixed Points and Inescapability”, *The manifest image and the scientific image: objects, properties and relations*, Florence, November 2021.

“Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Innovation”, ConceptLab Hong Kong, University of Hong Kong, November 2021.

“Conceptual Engineering: Pro and Con”, Delft University of Technology, colloquium talk, November 2021.

“Alien Structure: Language and Reality”, *Alternative Approaches to Metaphysics*, University of Zurich, September 30-October 2, 2021.

“Ontology and Top-Down Metasemantics”, *Abstract Objects: Deflationist Approaches*, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, September 2021.

“Maps, Predication and Alien Languages”, *BSA Connections: Conceptual Engineering and Aesthetics*, Cambridge, UK, August 2021.

“Maps, Predication, and Alien Structure”, colloquium talk, Bilkent University, April 2021.

“Conceptual Engineering: A Partial Defense”, at the e-workshop *Conceptual Engineering: Feasibility & Normativity*, Bielefeld University, March 2021.

“Normativity and Ardour”, colloquium talk, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, November 2020. (Online.)

“Normativity and Ardour”, colloquium talk, Yale University, October 2020. (Online.)

“Normativity and Ardour”, Higher Seminar of Practical Philosophy, University of Gothenburg, September 2020. (Online.)

“The Injunction to Conceptually Engineer”, 10th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, August 2020. (Held online.)

“Metaethics and the Space of Normative Concepts, colloquium talk, University of Calgary, March 2020.

“Ontology and Alien Languages”, Central APA, Chicago, February 2020.

“Expressivism and Alternative Concepts”, at the conference Normativity in Philosophy, Seoul National University, January 31-February 1, 2020.

“Metaethics, Xenolinguistics and Experimental Philosophy”, workshop on philosophy of language and metaethics, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, January 2020.

“Alternative Concepts, Realism, and Relativism”, workshop on normativity, University of Helsinki, December 2019.

“Authoritative Normativity”, colloquium talk, Bielefeld University, November 2019.

“Authoritative Normativity”, Third Annual Frankfurt Metaethics Conference – *What is Normativity?*, September 2019.

“Att betvivla begreppen”, inträdesföreläsning, Kungliga Humanistiska Vetenskapssamfundet i Uppsala, March 2019.

“Alien Structure”, Workshop, *The Possibility of Metaphysics*, University of Duesseldorf, January 31 – February 1 2019.

“Unfettered Conceptual Engineering”, Workshop *Foundations of Conceptual Engineering*, New York University, September 2018.

“Epistemology, Normativity, and Conceptual Engineering”, Workshop *Normativity and the A Priori*, Stockholm University, August 2018.

“The Existence of Personites”, Ontoformat Metaphysical Seminar, University of Milan, May 2018.

Reply to commentators at a author-meets-critics session on my *Choosing Normative Concepts*, Pacific APA, San Diego, March 2018, with commentators William FitzPatrick, Stephanie Leary and Tristram McPherson.

“Normativity and Conceptual Engineering” workshop at the University of Duisburg-Essen, January 2018.

“The Existence of Personites”, *Deflationism in Metaphysics*, University of Vienna, December 2017.

“Carnap and Anti-Ontology”, *Debating Debates* (organized by New College of the Humanities (NCH) and the Duesseldorf Centre for Logic and Philosophy of Science), London, November 2017.

“Personites and Existence”, Arché 10th Graduate Conference, Keynote talk, University of St Andrews, October 2017.

“Alien Structure”, *The Language of Ontology*, Trinity College Dublin, September 2017.

“Personal Identity; Normativity, Indeterminacy, Convention”, University of Geneva, May 2017.

“Logic, Truth, Norms: Down the Rabbit Hole”, Workshop *Pluralisms*, Bonn, March 2017.

“Variance Theses in Ontology and Metaethics”, Conceptual Engineering workshop, Zermatt, Switzerland.

“Variance Theses in Ontology and Metaethics”, Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, February 2017.

“Personal Identity and the Basis of Prudential Concern”, University of Tübingen, January 2017.

“Ontology XL”, Nordic Network in Metaphysics, University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway, October 2016.

“Variance Theses in Ontology and Metaethics”, Trinity College Dublin, October 2016.

“Making Sense of Logical Pluralism”, Workshop *Logical Space: Logical and Metaphysical Issues*, UNAM, Mexico City, September 2016.

“Variance Theses in Ontology and Metaethics”, Conceptual Engineering workshop, CSMN, University of Oslo, June 2016.

“Carnap Transposed: Metaontology and Metaethics”, workshop *Metaphysics After Carnap*, University of Leeds, June 2016.

“Epistemology and Inconsistent Concepts”, Epistemic Incoherence workshop, St Andrews, December 2015.

“What is Deflationism about Truth?”, colloquium talk, University of Tampere, November 2015.

“Variance Theses in Ontology and Metaethics”, colloquium talk, Cornell University, October 2015.

“Truth*and Rightness*”, OSU/Maribor/Rijeka Philosophy Conference in Dubrovnik, Croatia, June 2015

“What is Deflationism About Truth?”, colloquium, Umeå University, April 2015

“Russell, Bradley och den analytiska filosofins ursprung: Bradleys regress och Russells respons”, Filosofiska Föreningen, Umeå University, April 2015

“Possible Concepts”, keynote presentation at NordPhil (student conference), Oslo, April 2015.

“Incoherentism About Vagueness”, Philosophy of Mathematics seminar, University of Oxford, March 2015

“How to Be Against What is Plainly Right”, Colloquium talk, CEU, Budapest, January 2015.

“Descriptive and Normative Logical Pluralism”, Logical pluralism workshop, Neuchatel, Switzerland, December 2014.

“Normative Role”. Conference on aesthetic normativity, Uppsala University, October 2014.

“Normativity and the Epistemic”, ExGen expressivism workshop, Uppsala University, May 2014.

“Neo-Fregeanism and Obstacles to Existence”, Conference talk, Abstraction: Philosophy and Mathematics, University of Oslo, May 2014.

“The Meaning-Inconsistency View on the Semantic Paradoxes”, Colloquium talk, Gothenburg University, May 2014

“Fictionalism and Ontological Deflationism”, Keynote talk, The Bucharest-Budapest Workshop in Philosophy (workshop theme: fictionalism), CEU, Budapest, April 2014.

“Normative Indeterminacy and Normative Arbitrariness”, Colloquium talk, University of Helsinki, March 2014.

“Alternative Normative Concepts”, Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland, February 2014.

“Carnap and Contemporary Metaontology”, workshop, Gothenburg University, January 2014.

“Normative Indeterminacy and Normative Arbitrariness”, workshop on indeterminacy and normativity at the University of Leeds, December 2013

“Filosofen som begreppsingenjör”, inaugural lecture, Uppsala University, November 2013.

“Vagueness and the Objects of Thought”, talk at Stockholm University, November 2013.

“Slurs, Dirty Words, and Thick Concepts”, Filosofiska föreningen (Philosophy Club), Uppsala University, November 2013.

“On Quantification and Ontology”, talk at Stockholm University, October 2013.

“The Limits of Conceptual Engineering”, workshop on conceptual revisionism at University of Oslo, October 2013.

“Semantic and Metaphysical Normativity”, conference on realism and antirealism, Venice, September 2013.

“Remarks on Some Bradleian Regresses”, Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, Notre Dame, September 2013.

Talk at book symposium on Jody Azzouni’s *Talking About Nothing*, Central APA, New Orleans, February 2013.

“Metaphysical Vagueness and Metaphysical Indeterminacy”, symposium on vagueness and ontology, GAP 8, Konstanz, Germany, September 2012.

“Presentationalism in Metaethics”, colloquium talk, University of Leeds, September 2012.

“The Ontologese Quantifier, workshop on the foundations of ontology, Manchester, UK, September 2012.

“The Ontologese Quantifier”, PERSP Metaphysics workshop, Barcelona, Spain, May 2012.

“Intuitions, Conceptual Engineering, and Conceptual Fixed Points”, University of Vermont, May 2012.

Talk at the conference *Editor’s Cut – The Future of Philosophical Research according to Journal Editors*, London, January 2012.

“On the Epistemology of Basic Belief-Forming Methods”, Epistemology of Logic workshop, St Andrews, October 2011.

“The Inconsistency View on the Semantic Paradoxes”, philosophy of logic seminar, St Andrews, October 2011.

Comments on Burgess & Burgess’ *Truth*, conference on truth, Princeton University, April 2011.

“Carnap’s Legacy for Ontology”, Symposium on Carnap’s legacy for metaontology, Central APA, Minneapolis, March-April 2011.

“Evaluative Language and Evaluative Reality”, Oxford University, Jowett Society, January 2011.

“On the Idea that Being is Easy”, Institute of Philosophy, University of London, January 2011.

“Regress, Unity, Facts and Propositions”, colloquium talk at University of Nevada at Las Vegas, November 2010.

“On the Idea that Being is Easy”, vagueness and metaphysics workshop, Logos, Barcelona, September 2010.

Comments on Claudine Verheggen, “Semantic Normativity and Naturalism”, Pacific APA, San Francisco, April 2010.

“Misevaluation, Moral Semantics and Moral Realism”, workshop on value concepts organized by Pekka Väyrynen. University of Leeds, March 2010.

“Carnap’s Metaontology”, University of Leeds, March 2010.

“Carnap’s Metaontology”, Brown University, February 2010.

“Rejectionism about Truth”, Eastern APA, NYC, December 2009.

“Objectionable Concepts, Moral Semantics, and Moral Realism”, Boston University, December 2009.

“Objectionable Concepts, Moral Semantics, and Moral Realism”, SUNY-Albany, November 2009.

“The Contemporary Debate over Ontology”, University of Minnesota, November 2009.

“Regress, Unity, Facts and Propositions”, “Rejectionism about Truth”, “The Multitude View on Logic”, Grupo de Acción Filosófica, Buenos Aires, October 2009.

Book symposium on Amie Thomasson’s *Ordinary Objects*, Pacific APA, Vancouver, April 2009.

“Misevaluation and Moral Realism” colloquium talk, Brandeis University, February 2009.

“On Some Recent Criticisms of the ‘Linguistic’ Approach to Ontology”, University of Iceland, November 2008.

“Carnap, Quine and Ontology”, workshop on Quine’s philosophy, Helsinki, November 2008.

“Carnap och Quine om Ontologi” and “Rättvisa, Ohövlighet och Perversion”, Umeå University, November 2008.

“Language Pluralism in Metaontology and Metaethics”, Stockholm University, November 2008.

“On Rivalry Between Logics”, at the workshop *Philosophy of Logical Consequence*, Uppsala, October 31-November 2, 2008.

“Anti-Realism and Pluralism in Ontology and Ethics”, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, April 2008.

“Neo-Fregeanism and the Neutralist Conception of Quantification”, workshop on abstract entities in semantics and mathematics, Paris, Feb./March 2008.

“Neo-Fregeanism and Metaontology”. Symposium on “Metaontology and Mathematics”, Eastern APA, Baltimore, December 2007. With Crispin Wright as co-symposiast and Øystein Linnebo as commentator.

“The Descriptive and the Evaluative”, Aarhus University, Denmark, May 2007.

“The Ontological Significance of Inscrutability”, invited symposium talk, Central APA, Chicago, April 2007.

“Existence, Quantification and Shallow Ontology”, INPC Conference, Metametaphysics, Boise, Idaho, Spring 2007.

“Carnap and Ontological Pluralism”, Dartmouth College, January 2007.

“Maximalist Ontology”, Syracuse University, March 2006.

“Neo-Fregean Ontology”, Rochester University, March 2006.

“Neo-Fregean Ontology”, Stockholm University, February 2006.

Comments on Joseph Tolliver’s “The Metaphysics of Occupants of Fiction”, Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2006.

“The Liar Paradox, Expressibility, Possible Languages”, Paradox conference, Riga, Latvia, November 2005.

“Deconstructing Ontological Vagueness” Central APA, Chicago, invited symposium talk on ontological vagueness and the problem of the many, April 2005.

“The Deflationary Conception of Ontology”, colloquium talk, University of Michigan, March 2005.

“The Inconsistency View on Vagueness” (Arché workshop on vagueness); “Vagueness and Second-Level Indeterminacy” (presentation at vagueness seminar), St Andrews, February 2005.

“The Deflationary Conception of Ontology”, University of Edinburgh, February 2005.

“Universalist Ontology”, MIT alumni conference, MIT, January 2005.

“Universalist Ontology”, colloquium talk, Gothenburg University, Sweden, October 2004.

“Universalist Ontology”, colloquium talk, University of Oslo, Norway, September 2004.

“Justice, Phlogiston, and Perversion”, values center talk, University of Colorado at Boulder, September 2004.

“The Picture of Reality as an Amorphous Lump”, II Meeting on Pragmatism: Hilary Putnam’s Pragmatism, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, May 2004.

“So-Called “Vague Objects””, Central APA, Chicago, April 2004.

“Concepts: Some Foundational Issues”, Institute of Cognitive Science, University of Colorado at Boulder, March 2004.

“Objects”, Society for Exact Philosophy, May 2003.

“Comments on Eric Marcus”, Pacific APA, San Francisco, March 2003.

“Shooting the Referee: Metasolutions to the Liar”, Recent Thoughts on the Liar Paradox, Buffalo, October 2002.

“Theories of Meaning and Theories of Vagueness”, ECAP IV, Lund, Sweden, June 2002.

“Chomsky’s Critique of the Methodology of Philosophy of Language”, University of Iceland, November 2001.

“A Vindication of Tarski’s Claims About the Liar Paradox”, Logica 2001, Zahradky, Czech Republic, June 2001.

“. . . eller vad vanliga konkreta object inte skulle kunna vara?” (“. . . Or What Ordinary, Concrete Objects Could Not Be?”), invited keynote talk for the session on Epistemology, Filosofidagarna (meeting of the Swedish Philosophical Association), Stockholm, June 2001.

“Comments on Pogge”, Conference on Global Ethics, New Jersey City University, March 2001.

“Chomsky’s Critique of the Methodology of Philosophy of Language”, William Paterson University, Department of Philosophy colloquium series, March 2001.

“Peter van Inwagen on Material Beings”, New Jersey Regional Philosophy Conference, November 2000.

“The predicate ‘true’ and the concept of truth”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Spring 1997.

“Comments on Andrew Mills’ ‘Speakers, Hearers and the Prospects for Linguistic Cognitivism’”, Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Spring 1997.

“Begreppet sanning och predikatet ‘sann’”, Filosofidagarna i Lund (meeting of the Swedish Philosophical Association), Summer 1997.

Conferences organized:

Organizer, with Daniel Berntson: Workshop on Alien Structure: Language and Reality, April 2023.

Organizer, with Katharina Felka: Normativity workshop (under the auspices of the project The Varieties of Normativity), December 2017

Organizer, with Jonathan Shaheen: Workshop in ontology and metaontology (under the auspices of the project The Lightness of Being), November 2017.

Organizer, with Daniel Fogal: Normativity workshop (under the auspices of the project The Varieties of Normativity), April 2017

Organizer, with Tobias Wilsch: Metaontology workshop (under the auspices of the project *The Lightness of Being*), November 2016.

Organizer, with Tobias Wilsch: Metaontology workshop (under the auspices of the project *The Lightness of Being*), September 2016.

Organizer, with Daniel Fogal: Normativity workshop (under the auspices of the project *Varieties of Normativity*), May 2016.

Organizer, with Daniel Fogal: Normativity workshop (inaugural workshop for the project *Varieties of Normativity*), February 2016.

Organizer, with Tobias Wilsch: Metaontology workshop (inaugural workshop for the project *The Lightness of Being*), November 2015.

Organizer, with Anna-Sofia Maurin: Inaugural workshop of the Nordic Network of Metaphysics, October 2015.

Co-organizer, with William Starr and Sarah Murray, *Alternatives: Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy*, April 2011.

Workshop on evaluative and expressive language, Cornell University, April 2008. Main speakers: Christopher Potts, Mark Richard and James Dreier.

Workshop on complex demonstratives, Cornell University, April 2007. Main speakers: David Braun and Jeffrey King.

Co-organizer, conference on Paradoxes, University of Latvia, November 2005.

Research grants

The project *Alien Structure: Language and Reality* (with postdoc Daniel Berntson), financed by Vetenskapsrådet (5 040 000 SEK). Main applicant and principal investigator. 2022-2024.

The project *Varieties of Normativity* (coapplicants Elisabeth Schellekens Dammann and Folke Tersman; postdocs Daniel Fogal and Katharina Felka), financed by Vetenskapsrådet (5 295 000 SEK). Main applicant and principal investigator. 2015-2018.

The project *The Lightness of Being* (guest researchers Oystein Linnebo and Agustín Rayo; postdocs Tobias Wilsch and Jonathan Shaheen), financed by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (4 066 000 SEK). Main applicant and principal investigator. 2015-2018.

Grant supervision
Marvin Backes, Wenner-Gren Foundation. 2020-2022.

Miguel dos Santos, Marie Curie fellowship, Uppsala University, 2021-.

Delia Belleri, Marie Curie fellowship, Uppsala University, 2022-

Teaching:

Uppsala University:

Metaphysics, Fall 2023.

Conceptual Engineering, Spring 2023.

Philosophical Perspectives II: Central texts in analytic philosophy, Spring 2022 and Fall 2023.
Verkligheten 2.0: Filosofi och virtuell verklighet (Reality 2.0: Philosophy and Virtual Reality), Fall 2021.
Language and Reality, Spring 2021.
Philosophical Perspectives II: Realism and relativism, Spring 2021.
Problem och paradoxer (Problems and Paradoxes), Fall 2018, Spring 2020.
Kunskap och verklighet (Knowledge and Reality), Spring 2017. (Co-taught with Nils Franzén.)
The Philosophy of David Lewis, Fall 2016.
Truth, Spring 2016.
Metaontology: Themes from Carnap and Quine, one-week masters course, Fall 2015.
Kunskapsteori (Epistemology), Spring 2015
Philosophical Logic, Fall 2014.
Classics of Analytic Philosophy, Spring 2014.
CM-seminarium (for thesis-writing advanced undergraduates and master students). Fall 2013-Spring 2015, Spring 2018 - Spring 2019.
Philosophy of Language. Fall 2013, Spring 2021.

Cornell University:

Graduate seminar in Philosophy of Logic, *The Liar and Sorites Paradoxes*. Fall 2011.
Graduate seminar in Philosophy of Language, *Themes from Kripkenstein*, Fall 2009.
Mid-20th Century Analytic Philosophy, Spring 2008.
Origins of Analytic Philosophy, Fall 2007, Spring 2010, Spring 2013.
Puzzles and Paradoxes, Fall 2007, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2013.
Graduate seminar in Metaphysics, *Realism and Truth*, Fall 2006.
Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 2007, Spring 2008.
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind, Summer 2006.
Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Summer 2006.
Contemporary Ethical Theory (Metaethics), Spring 2006.
Philosophy of Language, Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Spring 2011.
Freshman writing seminar, Fall 2005.

Harvard University:

Graduate seminar on Metaontology, Spring 2009.
Philosophy of Mathematics, Spring 2009.

University of Colorado at Boulder:

Graduate seminar in Metaphysics, *Approaches to Ontology*, Spring 2005
Graduate seminar in Metaphysics, *Proseminar in Metaphysics*, Fall 2004.
Graduate seminar in Philosophical Logic, *The liar and sorites paradoxes*, Spring 2004.
Introduction to Symbolic Logic, Spring 2004, Spring 2005.
Philosophy of mind (for graduate students and upper-level undergraduate students), Fall 2003.
Graduate seminar in Metaphysics, *Realism and Truth*, Spring 2003.
Metaphysics, Fall 2002.
Philosophy and the Sciences, Fall 2002, Summer 2005.
Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Summer 2005.

University of Latvia:

Intensive course on the liar and sorites paradoxes, Fall 2005.

University of Iceland:

Mind, Language and Cognitive Science, Spring 2002.
Introduction to Philosophy for Humanities and Social Science majors, Spring 2002.

William Paterson University

Philosophy of Science, Spring 2001.

Introduction to Logic Fall 2000, Spring 2001. (In the spring this was taught as an online course.)

Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Summer 2001.

Departmental and university service:

Head of Department, Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University, April 2017 – April 2023.

Member of the faculty board, Faculty of Arts, Uppsala University, August 2020 –.

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Philosophy, Uppsala University, 2014 – 2017.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sage School of Philosophy, Cornell University, 2007 – 2008.

Other professional service:

Journal refereeing: *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Noûs*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Dialogue*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Acta Analytica*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Erkenntnis*, *Theoria*, *Philosophia*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Crítica*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Legon*, *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Legal Theory*, *Logic and Logical Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Philosophy & Technology*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

Other refereeing: Oxford University Press; Routledge; MIT Press; Cambridge University Press; Princeton University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; Springer; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; European Research Council; Estonian Academy of Sciences; Czech Academy of Sciences; Vetenskapsrådet; Foundation for Polish Science, SASPRO Slovak Academy of Sciences Programme, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies.

Editor, *Philosophical Review*, 2009 – 2013. (Editor in chief 2012-3.) Associate editor for *Philosophical Review*, 2013-.

Area editor (Metaphysics), *Ergo*, 2018 –.

Member of the Editorial Committee for the *Nordic Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 1995 – 2001.

Member of the Editorial Board for the *Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic and Communication*.

Member of the APA Committee on Journal Practices, 2010 – 2011.

Member of the APA Eastern Division Program Committee, 2012-2014. (Chair 2013-14.)

External examiner, applications for Professorship in Theoretical Philosophy, Gothenburg University, 2011.

External examiner, applications for Lectureship in Philosophy, Umeå University, 2016.

External examiner, applications for Lectureship in Philosophy, Linköping University, 2016.

Member of the MIT Linguistics and Philosophy Visiting Committee, 2016–.

External examiner, applications for Lectureship in Philosophy, Umeå University, 2020.

External examiner, applications for tenure-track/tenured position in Philosophy, Tampere University, 2020.

Member of the board of *Svenske filosofi*, 2023 –.

Current graduate student supervision (as main advisor):

Andrea Crepoli, Uppsala philosophy PhD program

Åke Gafvelin, Uppsala philosophy PhD program

Carl Montan, Uppsala philosophy PhD program

Tobias Alexius, Uppsala philosophy PhD program

PhD theses supervised as main advisor:

Henrik Rydéhn, Uppsala University, *In Virtue Of - Determination, Dependence, and Metaphysically Opaque Grounding*. (2019)

Nils Franzén, Uppsala University, *Sense and Sensibility: Four Essays on Evaluative Discourse*. (2018)

Zee Abrahams, Cornell University, *Papers on Context and Lexical Meaning*. (2012)

Theodore Korzukhin, Cornell University, *Indicative and Subjunctive Conditionals*. (2012)

Brent Kyle, Cornell University, *Knowledge as a Thick Concept*. (2011)

David Liebesman, Cornell University, *The Nature of Predication*. (2009)

Raul Saucedo, Cornell University, *Things, Places and Possibilities: Metaphysical Essays*. (2009)

PhD theses supervised as committee member

David Fielding, Cornell University, *Words and Doing Things: What Meanings Can Do and the Role of Motivational States in Determining Meaning*. (2018)

Yuna Won, Cornell University, *Semantic and Metaethical Puzzles about Normative Language*. (2018)

Jeff Snapper, University of Notre Dame, *Ontological Commitment, Paraphrase, and Nihilism*. (2017)

Eric Epstein, Cornell University, *Truth and Belief: Case Studies in Conceptual Engineering*. (2017)

David Kovacs, Cornell University, *Explanation, Dependence, and Ontology: Essays in Meta-metaphysics*. (2016)

Eric Rowe, Cornell University, *Deflationary Metaphysics*. (2015)

Nathaniel Bulthuis, Cornell University, *Walter Burley on the Metaphysics of the Proposition and Its Relation to Language and Thought*. (2014)

Subrena Smith, Cornell University, *Philosophy Evolving: The Perils of Evolutionary Explanation*. (2013)

Andrew Alwood, Cornell University, *The Imperative Topic of Normative Language*. (2011)

Nathaniel Jezi, Cornell University, *Moral Objectivity, Autonomy, and Reasons: The Constructivist Challenge to Realism*. (2011)

Eyja Brynjarsdóttir, Cornell University, *Instances of Instantiation*. (2007)

Dan Korman, University of Texas at Austin, *The Naïve Conception of Material Objects: A Defense*. (2007)

Bryan Hall, University of Colorado at Boulder, *Kant, Realism and Antirealism*. (2005)

External examiner/opponent/ examination board member

I have been external examiner, opponent or examination board member at PhD defenses held at Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Durham University, Lund University, University of Oxford, University of Leeds, University of Tartu, University of Gothenburg, University of Bucharest, Trinity College Dublin, University of Oslo, University of Bologna, University of Bergen and University of Jyväskylä.