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### **Education**

#### **2001-2008**

PhD Philosophy, University of Maryland

(Title: It's Just Semantics: What Fiction Reveals about Proper Names. Advisor: Paul Pietroski)

#### **2000-2001**

MA Philosophy, Dalhousie University

(Title: Fictional Names as Necessarily Non-referring Definitions. Advisor Michael Hymers)

#### **1996-2000**

BA Combined Honors, Philosophy and Sociology, Dalhousie University

### **Academic Employment**

#### **2014-2021**

Assistant Professor, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, New York

#### **2012-2014**

Visiting Assistant Professor, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, New York

#### **2011-2012**

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York

#### **2010-2011**

Visiting Assistant Professor, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

#### **2008-2010**

Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

### **Areas of Specialization**

Philosophy of Language and Metaphysics

### **Areas of Competence**

Feminist Theory, Meta-ethics, First Order Predicate Logic, Deontic Logic, Tense Logic, Modal Logic, Conditional Logic, Free Logic, Philosophy of Mind, Social and Political Philosophy, Epistemic Rationality, Ethics, Applied Ethics, Kant

### **Publications**

#### ***Journal Articles***

Savage, 2024. "What Matters in Survival: Self Determination and the Continuity of Life Trajectories." *Acta Analytica*. 39(1): 37-56.

Savage, 2020. "The Truth and Nothing but the Truth: Non-literalism and The Habits of Sherlock Holmes." *Southwest Philosophy Review*. 36(2)

Savage, 2020. "How I Stopped Worrying and Started Loving 'Sherlock Holmes': A Reply to Garcia-Carpintero." *Teorema: International Journal of Philosophy*. XXXIX:1

Savage, 2011 "Proper Names and Their Fictional Uses." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 89 (4): 707-726

### **Book Reviews**

Savage. 2016. Review of Brian Hedden's *Reasons without Persons: Rationality, Identity, and Time*. Oxford. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Savage, 2017. "Not Just Another Philosophy of Language Book." Review of Source Book in the Philosophy of Language. Eds. Margaret Cameron, Benjamin Hill, and Robert J. Stainton. *Springer Graduate Texts in Philosophy*. *Metascience*. 6 (3): 519-521

### **Books**

Savage, 2020. *The Meaning of Language* 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition with Melissa Ebbers and Robert M. Martin. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press

### **Work in Progress**

#### ***Philosophy of Language***

Savage, ms. "Why the Predicativist Calling Account Fails: Names Can Never Hurt You" (under revision for resubmission)

Savage, ms. "Names Are not Predicates" (linked to on the blog "Philosophical Percolations" in August 2015)

Savage, ms. "Kypris, Aphrodite, and Venus: More Puzzles about Belief"

Savage, ms. "Four Problems for Empty Names"

Savage, ms. "Descriptive Names and Shifty Characters: A Case for Tensed Rigidity"

Savage, ms. "You Never Even Called Me by My Name: A Meta-linguistic Analysis of Competence with Proper Names"

Savage, ms. "An Integrated Interpretation of Montague Grammar"

#### ***Metaphysics***

Brock, ms. "What Matters in Survival: Self-determination and The Continuity of Life Trajectories" (resubmitted)

Savage, ms. "The Contingencies of Ontological Commitment"

Savage, ms. "It's Easy Being Free: Frankfurt's Conception of Free Will"

Savage, ms. "Free Will and Foreseeability"

#### ***Book Projects***

Savage, ms. Naming and Referring

Savage, ms. The Metaphysics and Politics of Being a Person

#### ***Miscellaneous***

Savage, ms. "The Inevitability of Death: Going from an Is to an Ought"

Savage, ms. "Against False Pretences"

Savage, ms. "The Voluntarist's Argument against Ethical and Semantic Internalism"

### **Conference Presentations**

#### **2018**

"The Metaphysics and Politics of Personhood: Issues in the Social Ontology of Persons." Social Ontology, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts

#### **2017**

Commentary on "Derogatives: Beyond Insults and Slurs," Creighton Club, Syracuse, New York

#### **2016**

"Names Are Not Predicates." Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Melbourne, Australia

"Names Are Not Predicates," Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association, San Francisco, California

Commentary on "Reflection and Responsibility for the Self," Central Division, American Philosophical Association, Chicago, Illinois

#### **2014**

"Gender and Borderline Personality Disorder" (with Jessica Heppler), Symposium: Exploring Gender, Mental Health, and Wellness, Texas State University San Marcos, San Marcos, Texas

Lecture for Undergraduates, DEX.2, University of California - Davis, Davis, California

Commentary on "Logical Validity and Expressive Words," American Philosophical Association meeting, Pacific Division, San Diego, California

#### **2013**

"Kypris, Aphrodite, and Venus: Another Puzzle About Belief," Creighton Club: New York Philosophical Association, Hobart and William Smith College, Geneva, New York

"Kypris, Aphrodite, and Venus: Another Puzzle About Belief," Western Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Commentary on Ryan Doran's "Is That a Demonstrative?" Western Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Commentary on Helen Daly's "Sex, Vagueness, and the Olympics," Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington, Pennsylvania

Workshop Paper "Literal Truth and the Habits of Sherlock Holmes," Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, Washington, Pennsylvania

Commentary on Adam Auch's "On Correctly Applying 'Aubergine': Defending Semantic Normativity," American Philosophical Association meeting, Pacific Division, San Francisco, California

#### **2012**

Commentary on Fredrik Haraldsen's "Russellian Two Dimensionalism," American Philosophical Association meeting, Central Division, Chicago, Illinois

**2011**

Chair for John Perry's "Names, Networks, and Blocks," SPAWN 2011, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

Commentary on George Belic's "Are Truth-conditional Theories of Meaning Informative?" Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, New Brunswick

**2010**

"Persons and Their Lives," Personal Identity, their Embodiments and Environments Workshop, University of Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire, UK

**2007**

"Fiction and the Character of Proper Names," Society for Exact Philosophy meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia

"A Semantics for Names with Full Benefits," American Philosophical Association meeting, Pacific Division, San Francisco, California

**2005**

"Persons and Survival," Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

Commentary on Evan Tiffany's, "Live like an Optimist, Vote like a Pessimist," Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario

"Is Knowledge Ever Required for Freedom?" Canadian Philosophical Association meeting, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Invited Presentations****2021**

"The Importance of Philosophy Language," Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

**2017**

Commentary on the Documentary "Girl Rising" sponsored by the Peace Corps, SUNY Geneseo

**2016**

"Names Are Not Predicates" University of Waikato, Waikato, New Zealand

"The Social and Political Implications of Theories of Personhood," Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

"Personal Identity," UC-Riverside, Riverside, California

**Other Presentations****2018**

"Personal Identity and the Experience Machine" Undergraduate Philosophy Club, SUNY Geneseo

"The Metaphysics and Politics of Personhood" Undergraduate Philosophy Club, SUNY Geneseo

**2015**

"The Ultimate Battle: Rap vs. The High Arts" SUNY Geneseo, Speakers' Corner, Geneseo, New York

**2013**

Research Job Presentation "Personal Identity and Fractured Selves," Philosophy Department and Women's

Studies, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, New York

“No’ Means No: Feminist and Victim Understandings of Sexual Assault” presented at Theodore Everett’s “Against “Sexual” “Assault” “Awareness”, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, New York

“Literal Truth and the Habits of Sherlock Holmes,” Job Presentation, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario

“Women in Philosophy,” Panelist, Department of Philosophy Colloquium, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, New York

**2011**

“Descriptive Names,” Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**2010**

“Fictional Names and Descriptive Names,” Job Presentation, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**2008**

“Fictional Names,” Job Presentation, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota

**2002**

“Life Trajectories: What Really Matters in Survival,” Department of Philosophy Colloquium, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Awards and Distinctions**

2019 SUNY Geneseo Research Council Research Development Award \$3750

2012-2018 4 SUNY Geneseo Faculty Travel Awards \$3400

2013 SUNY Geneseo Foundation Presidential Summer Fellowship \$3500

2008- 2010 University of Maryland 2-year Post-Doctoral Fellowship \$50,000

2002-2003 2 University of Maryland Student Summer Fellowships \$6000

2002 University of Maryland Best Incoming Graduate Student Award \$500

2001 University of Maryland 2-year Entering Graduate Student Fellowship \$28,0000

2001 Dalhousie University Best Graduate Student Essay \$300

2001 Dalhousie University Best Sociology Honors Thesis \$300

**Other Professional Activities**

Mentee at the 2013 Mentoring Project for Pre-tenure Women in Philosophy, University of Massachusetts – Amherst

Member of the Faculty Affairs Committee, SUNY Geneseo

Departmental Senate Representative, SUNY Geneseo

Member of the Commission on Diversity, SUNY Geneseo

Member of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, SUNY Geneseo

Member of the Student Affairs Committee, SUNY Geneseo

Member of Presidential Scholars Award Committee, SUNY Geneseo

Member of Women and Gender Studies Award Committee, SUNY Geneseo

Faculty Adviser for the undergraduate philosophy club, SUNY Geneseo

Faculty Adviser for undergraduate philosophy council, University of Rochester

Journal Referee for *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Minds and Machines*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Synthese*, *Southwest Philosophy Review*, *American Philosophical Association*, *Philosophy and Linguistics*

Department Assessment Coordinator, SUNY Geneseo

Book Referee for Oxford University Press

Academic advisor for undergraduates, SUNY Geneseo

Book Referee for Cambridge University Press

Chair of the Humanities Core Committee

Member of Departmental External Review Committee, SUNY Geneseo

Mentor for a female philosophy job candidate organized by The Philosophers Cocoon

Department Curriculum Assessment and Course Design

Member of the Humanities Core Committee

Member of the Student Affairs Committee

### **References**

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