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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
Articles

Brock, 2023. "What Matters in Survival: Self-determination and The Continuity of Life Trajectories." Acta Analytica. https://doi.org/10.1007/s12136-023-00567-y

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 2nd 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
SUNY Geneseo Research Council Research Development Award $3750

4 SUNY Geneseo Faculty Travel Awards $3400

SUNY Geneseo Foundation Presidential Summer Fellowship $3500

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

2 University of Maryland Student Summer Fellowships $6000

University of Maryland Best Incoming Graduate Student Award $500

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

Dalhousie University Best Graduate Student Essay $300

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
David Braun, Professor, Department of Philosophy, SUNY Buffalo

Peter Carruthers, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland

John Horty, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland

Peter Ludlow, Professor of Philosophy, Independent Scholar

Robert M. Martin, Department of Philosophy (retired), Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

John Perry, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University, Stanford, California

Paul Pietroski, Professor, Department of Philosophy and Linguistics, Rutgers University

Elias Savellos, Professor, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, NY