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CITIZENSHIP: USA

EMPLOYMENT

2017-Present Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Groningen

2015-2017 Lecturer, University of Toronto, St. George Campus

EDUCATION

2015 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Toronto
Collaborative Program in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
Thesis: *Truth and Truthmaking in Early Modern Scholasticism*.
Supervisor: Martin Pickavé

2009 M.A. in Philosophy, University of Houston

2005 B.A., Baylor University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Metaphysics

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Religion, Ancient Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS ('FC' = Forthcoming)

FC 'Francisco Suárez on Eternal Truths, Eternal Essences, and Extrinsic Being,' *Ergo*.

FC 'Descartes on Free Will and Moral Possibility', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

2016 'How Not to Be a Truthmaker Maximalist: Francisco Peinado on Truthmakers for Negative Truths', *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy*, vol. 4, 159-183.

2016 'Pedro da Fonseca', *The Cambridge Descartes Lexicon*, ed., Lawrence Nolan (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

- 2015 'Truth and Truthmakers in Early Modern Scholasticism', *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, 1 (2): 196-216.
- 2015 'An Early Modern Scholastic Theory of Negative Entities: Thomas Compton Carleton on Lacks, Negations, and Privations', *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, 23 (1): 22-45.
- 2014 'Counterfactuals without Possible Worlds? A Difficulty for Fine's Exact Semantics for Counterfactuals', *The Journal of Philosophy*, 111 (5): 276-288.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Talks (Bolded dates indicate invited talks)

- 2016** 'Francisco Suárez on Eternal Truths and Extrinsic Being', University of Groningen, The Netherlands, December 6.
- 2016** Keynote: 'Truth is a Proposition', Pedro Hurtado de Mendoza: System, Sources, and Influence, University of South Bohemia, Czech Republic, November 25-27.
- 2016 'Francisco Suárez on Eternal Truths and Extrinsic Being', Symposium: Thomas Aquinas and Francisco Suárez, Collège Universitaire Dominicain, Ottawa, November 3-5.
- 2016** 'Francisco Suárez on Grounding Eternal Truths in Extrinsic Being', Grounding in the History of Philosophy, Geneva, July 7-8.
- 2016 'Descartes on Free Will and Moral Possibility', New England Colloquium in Early Modern Philosophy, New Haven, May 17-19.
- 2016** 'Truthmakers and Negative Truths: A View from the Seventeenth Century', Columbia University, January 21.
- 2015 'A Seventeenth-Century Account of Truthmakers for Negative Truths', NEH Seminar, Between Medieval and Early Modern, Boulder, CO, July 13.
- 2015 'Moral Possibility in Descartes and the Scholastics', NEH Seminar, Between Medieval and Early Modern, Boulder, CO, July 16.
- 2015 'How Not to Be a Truthmaker Maximalist', Truth and Grounds Conference, Eidos Center for Metaphysics, Ascona, Switzerland, May 25. (Won award for best contribution *ex aequo*.)
- 2015 'Truthmaking as a Suárezian Legacy: The Semi-Extrinsic Denomination Theory of Truth', Central APA, February 18-21.
- 2014 'The Semi-Extrinsic Denomination View of Truth', Toronto Mediaeval Philosophy Colloquium, September 20.
- 2013 'How Not to Be a Truthmaker Maximalist: Francisco Peinado on Negative Truths', Princeton-Penn-Columbia Graduate Conference in History of Philosophy, April 29.

2012 'Giovannbattista Giattini on Truth and Truthmaking', Berlin-Toronto Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy Workshop, October 13.

2011 'Aristotle and Plotinus on Matter and Change', Annual Conference on Aristotle and the Aristotelian Tradition at Marquette University, June 4.

Comments

2016 Thomas Harb, 'Privations of the Soul in Aquinas', Groningen-Berlin-Toronto Colloquium in Late Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy, University of Toronto, June 11.

2013 Sebastian Bender, 'Localizing Violations of the Principle of Sufficient Reason', Groningen-Berlin-Toronto Colloquium in Late Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy, University of Groningen, December 5.

2013 Jeff McDonough, 'Leibniz, Spinoza, and an Alleged Dilemma for Rationalists', Leibniz-Spinoza Conference, March 21.

2012 Kit Fine, 'Truthmaker Semantics', One Fine Day Workshop, April 23.

AWARDS

2016 David Savan Dissertation Prize (Best Dissertation in 2014-15), University of Toronto Department of Philosophy

2015 George Paxton Young Memorial Prize in Philosophy, University of Toronto

2015 Award for Best Contribution *ex aequo*, Truth and Grounds Conference, sponsored by the Eidos Centre for Metaphysics, Congressi Stefano Franscini. Ascona, Switzerland, May 24-29.

2015 National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar Funding, 'Between Medieval and Modern: Philosophy from 1300-1700', organized by Robert Pasnau. Boulder, CO, July 2015.

2014 University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant.

2014 Journal of the History of Philosophy, Jan Wojcik Memorial Prize.

2013 Martha Lile Love Award for Excellence in Teaching Philosophy, University of Toronto Department of Philosophy.

2013 Richard M. Weaver Fellowship, Intercollegiate Studies Institute.

2011-2014 Ontario Graduate Scholarship, Visa Student Award (×2).

2010-2015 Dr. Richard Y. Yee Fellowship for Excellence in Medieval Philosophy, University of Toronto (×3).

2010 Dietrich von Hildebrand Legacy Project Graduate Student Essay Contest Winner.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor

PHL 402 Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy:
The Philosophy of Francisco Suárez (Fall 2016)

PHL 406 Seminar in Metaphysics:
Hylomorphism in Contemporary Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind (Fall 2016)

PHL 335 Philosophy of Religion: The Metaphysics of Theism (Fall 2016)

PHL 406 Seminar in Metaphysics: Truth and Ontology (Spring 2016)

PHL 331 Metaphysics Survey (Spring 2016)
 PHL 402 Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy:
 Hylomorphism and Mechanism from Aquinas to Leibniz (Fall 2015)
 PHL 310 The Rationalists (Fall 2015)
 PHL 308 The Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas (Spring 2015)
 PHL 210 17th and 18th-Century Philosophy (Summer 2013; Summer 2016)

Tutorial Leader

PHL 206 Later Medieval Philosophy (Spring 2012)
 PHL 205 Early Medieval Philosophy (Fall 2012, Fall 2010)
 PHL 235 Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2009, Fall 2011)

Teaching Assistant

PHL 313 Descartes (Fall 2011)
 PHIL 1305 Intro to Ethics (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008)
 PHIL 1301 Intro to Philosophy (Spring 2009)

LANGUAGES

Latin University of Toronto Center for Medieval Studies Ph.D. Exam
 French Basic Reading Proficiency
 Spanish Basic Reading Proficiency
 German Basic Reading Proficiency

GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN BY AREA (** indicates audit)

Ancient Philosophy

Plotinus (Lloyd Gerson)
 Aristotle's Criticism of Plato's Theory of Forms* (Lloyd Gerson)
 Plato's Late Dialogues (Cynthia Freeland)

Medieval Philosophy

Aquinas* (Martin Pickavé)
 Buridan's Philosophical Psychology* (Peter King)
 Aquinas's *de Ente et Essentia* (Peter King)
 Avicenna's Metaphysics (Deborah Black)
 Individuation and Individuality in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy (Marleen Rozemond
 and Martin Pickavé)
 History of Medieval Philosophy (Helen Hattab)

Early Modern Philosophy

Leibniz and Spinoza* (Marleen Rozemond and Karolina Hübner)
 Individuation and Individuality in Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy (Marleen Rozemond
 and Martin Pickavé)
 Bacon and Descartes: Philosophical Methods (Helen Hattab)
 The Leibniz-Clarke Correspondence (Gregory Brown)
 History of 18th-Century Philosophy (Helen Hattab)

Metaphysics

Kit Fine's Philosophy* (Jessica Wilson)
Material Constitution (Jessica Wilson)
Universals (Byeong-Uk Yi)
Laws of Nature* (Anjan Chakravartty)
Naturalism, Platonism, and Mathematical Knowledge (James Brown)
Modality and Metaphysics (James Garson)

Epistemology

Evidence and Justification (Jennifer Nagel and Jonathan Weisberg)
Knowledge and Skepticism (Bredo Johnsen)

Language and Logic

Contextualism (Diana Raffman and Jennifer Nagel)
PhD Proseminar (Jessica Wilson and Phil Kremer)
Modal Logic (James Garson)

Philosophy of Religion

Judaism in an Age of Naturalism (Michael Morgan)

Ethics

Theories of the Good (Tom Hurka)

Other Seminars

2015 'Between Medieval and Modern: Philosophy from 1300-1700', National Endowment for the Humanities, Boulder, Colorado
2012 'Analytic Theology', Toronto School of Theology
2011 'Themes in the Philosophy of Peter Geach and Thomas Aquinas', Witherspoon Institute
2011 'David Lewis', International Summer School for Cognitive Science and Semantics, Riga, Latvia

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2016 Philpapers Category Editor: Francisco Suárez, Early Modern Scholasticism
2016 Referee, *The Journal of Philosophy*
2015 Referee, *Vivarium*
2014 Organizer, Early Modern Scholastic Latin Reading Group, University of Toronto
2012 Organizer, Early Modern Scholastic Latin Reading Group, University of Toronto
2011 Writing in the Classroom Instructor Training, University of Toronto
2009 Writing in the Classroom Instructor Training, University of Toronto
2009 Academic Honesty Hearing Committee, University of Houston

REFERENCES

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