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Employment

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, October 2017-
All Souls College, University of Oxford

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, expected June 2017
With minors in Linguistics and Mathematical Logic
Dissertation: “Coordination in Conversation”
Committee: Robert Stalnaker, Stephen Yablo, Kai von Fintel, Irene Heim, Justin Khoo

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Chicago, June 2011
General and special departmental honors (highest possible honors)

Deep Springs College, July 2007-June 2009

Areas of Specialization Philosophy of Language, Metaethics, Philosophy of Mind

Areas of Competence Epistemology, Logic, Ancient Philosophy, Ethics

Publications

“Agentive Modals”. To appear. Matthew Mandelkern, Ginger Schultheis and David Boylan. *The Philosophical Review*.

“Parsing and Presuppositions in the Calculation of Local Contexts”. To appear. Matthew Mandelkern and Jacopo Romoli. *Semantics and Pragmatics*.

“A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”. To appear. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*.

“Local Contexts: Parsing versus Structure”. To appear. Jacopo Romoli and Matthew Mandelkern. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 21*.

“Dissatisfaction Theory”. 2016. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26*. Mary Moroney and Carol-Rose Little, eds. 391-416.

“A Note on the Architecture of Presupposition”. 2016. *Semantics and Pragmatics*. 9(13).

“I Believe I Can ϕ ”. 2015. Matthew Mandelkern, Ginger Schultheis and David Boylan. Thomas Brochhagen, Floris Roelofsen and Nadine Theiler, eds. *Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*. 256-265.

Grants and Awards

American Pragmatics Association Graduate Travel Award, November 2016
Scholarship for North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, July 2016
Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, MIT, September 2015
Graduate Student Prize, UConn Logic Group Annual Workshop, May 2015
Walter A. Rosenblith Presidential Fellowship, MIT, 2012-2013
Gates Cambridge Scholar Finalist, 2012
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago, 2011
General and Special Departmental Honors in Philosophy (highest possible honors), University of Chicago, 2011
Lee Undergraduate Prize for best essay on any topic in philosophy, University of Chicago, 2011
Lee Family Prize for highest GPA among graduating philosophy majors, University of Chicago, 2011
Dunn Family Research Fellowship for research in philosophy, University of Chicago, 2011
David Blair McLaughlin Prize in Nonfiction, University of Chicago, 2011
Dean's List, University of Chicago, 2009-11
FLA Grant for language study in Germany, University of Chicago, 2010

Selected Presentations

(* indicates refereed, † indicates presented by co-author)

“Bounded Modality”

Ecole Normale Supérieure, July 2017

“Force: Topicalization, Context-Sensitivity, and Morality” (with Jonathan Phillips)

Workshop on Subjectivity and Modality, University of Chicago, May 2017*

“Asymmetry in Presupposition Projection: The Case of Conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)

Semantics and Linguistics Theory 27, University of Maryland College Park, May 2017*

“Triviality Results and the Relationship Between Logical and Natural Languages” (with Justin Khoo)

Pacific APA Colloquium Talk, Seattle, April 2017*

“Asymmetry in Presupposition Projection: The Case of Conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)

CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, March 2017*

“Asymmetry in Presupposition Projection: The Case of Conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)

Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental Approaches To Presupposition, Genoa, March 2017*†

“Bounded Modality: Epistemic Modals and Local Contexts”

Colloquium Talk, Western Michigan University, December 2016

“Bounded Modality: Epistemic Modals and Local Contexts”

PhLing Talk, Northwestern University, December 2016

“A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”

American Pragmatics Association, Indiana University, November 2016*

“Parsing, Presuppositions, and Structure in the Calculation of Local Contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)

Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, September 2016*

“A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”

- Sinn und Bedeutung 21*, University of Edinburgh, September 2016*
- “Moore Disjunctions”
North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Rutgers University, July 2016*
- “Dissatisfaction Theory”
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26, University of Texas at Austin, May 2016*
- “Parsing, Presuppositions, and Structure in the Calculation of Local Contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
University College London, May 2016†
- “A Note on the Architecture of Presupposition”
Pacific APA Colloquium Talk, San Francisco, April 2016*
- “Parsing, Presuppositions, and Structure in the Calculation of Local Contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Experimental Study of Meaning Lab, University of Pennsylvania, April 2016†
- “Parsing, Presuppositions, and Structure in the Calculation of Local Contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Ecole Normale Supérieure, March 2016†
- “Must: A User’s Guide”
Hampshire College Department of Cognitive Science, March 2016
- “Knowledge of Possibility”
Central APA Symposium Talk, Chicago, March 2016*
- “Knowledge of Possibility”
MITing of the Minds Annual Conference, MIT, January 2016
- “I Believe I Can ϕ ” (with David Boylan and Ginger Schultheis)
20th Amsterdam Colloquium, December 2015*
- “I Believe I Can ϕ ” (with David Boylan and Ginger Schultheis)
8th Semantics and Philosophy in Europe Colloquium, University of Cambridge, September 2015*
- “Knowledge of Possibility”
8th Semantics and Philosophy in Europe Colloquium, University of Cambridge, September 2015*
- “Knowledge of Possibility”
Bucharest Colloquium in Analytic Philosophy, June 2015*
- “Self-Determination and the Logic of Common Ground”
8th Workshop on Decisions, Games, and Logic, London School of Economics, June 2015*
- “Taking Things For Granted”
Going Heim: Linguistic Meaning Between Structure and Use, UConn Logic Group, May 2015*
Winner of Graduate Student Prize
- “A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
Workshop on Subjectivity and Modality, University of Chicago, April 2015*
- “A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, NYU, April 2015
- Comments on “What is the Problem of *de Se* Attitudes?”, Dilip Ninan
MITing of the Minds Conference, January 2015

“The Force and Content of Epistemic Modals”
*Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2014**

“The Force and Content of Epistemic Modals”
*UMass-Amherst Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2014**

Teaching

Full responsibility

Dynamic Semantics (with Daniel Rothschild, ESSLLI, Summer 2017)

Teaching assistant (at MIT unless otherwise noted):

Paradox and Infinity (Damien Rochford, Spring 2016; two sections, and head TA)

Problems of Philosophy (Caspar Hare, Fall 2015; writing adviser)

Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics (Bradford Skow, Spring 2015)

Justice (Katie Gallager, Fall 2014)

Classics of Philosophy (Daniel Hagen, Spring 2014)

Problems of Philosophy (Caspar Hare, Fall 2013)

Feminist Philosophy (Maria Fackler and Nick Salvato; Telluride Association Summer Program, Summer 2011)

Guest lectures:

“Agentive Modals” (for *Introduction to Semantics*, Fall 2016)

“Gödel’s First Incompleteness Theorem” (for *Paradox and Infinity*, Spring 2016)

“Expressivist Moore Sentences” (for *Metaethics*, Fall 2015)

“Dimensions of Content: Implicature” (for *Language, Information, and Power*, Fall 2015)

“Empirical Approaches to the Measurement Problem” (for *Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics*, Spring 2015)

“Rawls’ Theory of Justice” (for *Justice*, Fall 2014)

“The Human Good in the *Nicomachean Ethics*” (for *Classics of Philosophy*, Spring 2014)

Service

Reviewer for: *Mind, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Inquiry, Erkenntnis, Synthese, Journal of Philosophical Research, Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Harvard/MIT Graduate Student Conference*

Panel Member for Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI) Boston

Founder and organizer of Linguistics and Philosophy Reading Group, 2016

Organizer of the Annual MIT Linguistics and Philosophy Colloquium, 2016-17

Organizer of MATTI (weekly graduate student workshop at MIT), 2015-16

Graduate Student Representative, MIT, 2013-2014, 2014-2015

Organizer of MITing of the Minds Annual Conference, 2013

Student Member, Board of Trustees, Deep Springs College, 2008-09

Other Educational Experience

North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Rutgers, July 2016

European Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, August 2015

Visiting Student, Arché, University of St. Andrews, Spring 2015

Visiting Student, The Humboldt University of Berlin, Summer 2012

Languages

English (native speaker)

German (reading, speaking)

French (reading, speaking)

Latin (reading)
Ancient Greek (reading)

References

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