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## **Appointments**

- 2018– University of Hamburg  
Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter in Philosophy
- 2017–18 Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)  
Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas  
Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy
- 2015–17 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy

## **Education**

- 2008–15 New York University  
PhD in Philosophy  
Dissertation: *Noncausal Explanation*  
Committee: Kit Fine (chair), Ted Sider, Michael Strevens
- 2002–6 Yale University  
BA *summa cum laude* in Mathematics and Philosophy
- 2004–5 University of Oxford  
Visiting Student in Mathematics and Philosophy

## **Areas of Specialization**

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science

## **Areas of Competence**

Logic, Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Language, History of Philosophy

## **Honors and Awards**

- 2017–18 Beca Posdoctoral, IIFs UNAM
- 2015–17 UNC Residential Fellowship, John Templeton Foundation

- 2014–15 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, NYU
- 2013 Global Research Initiative Fellowship, NYU
- 2008–14 Henry M MacCracken Fellowship, NYU
- 2008–12 Jacob K Javits Fellowship, US Department of Education
- 2005 Phi Beta Kappa, Yale University

## Publications

- Forthcoming “The Difference between Epistemic and Metaphysical Necessity.” *Synthese*.
- Forthcoming “Being Someone Else.” In *Becoming Someone New: Essays on Transformative Experience, Choice, and Change*, eds. Enoch Lambert and John Schwenkler. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2017 “Essentialist Explanation.” *Philosophical Studies* 174: 2871–2889.
- 2016 “Laws and the Completeness of the Fundamental.” In *Reality Making*, ed. Mark Jago, 11–37. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

## Selected Work Under Review

“Ground and Explanation.” Commissioned for the *Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*, ed. Mike Raven. London: Routledge.

## Presentations

- 2018 “What Time Is It in Other Possible Worlds?” (invited)  
APA Eastern Division
- “Ground and Explanation” (invited)  
Workshop on Metaphysical Grounding, University of Hamburg
- “The Standpoint Challenge to the PSR” (invited)  
The Principle of Sufficient Reason: Then and Now, Simon Fraser University
- “Essence and Actuality”  
Workshop on Necessity and Essence, University of Tübingen
- Comments on Andreas Ditter’s “Constitutive Essence”  
Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative, University of Victoria
- 2017 “Being Someone Else” (invited)  
APA Pacific Division
- “Being Someone Else”  
Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, University of Leeds

- “The Necessity of Determinism”  
Society for the Metaphysics of Science, Fordham University
- “Fake News and the Real World”  
Journalism and the Search for Truth in an Age of Social Media, Boston Univ.
- Comments on Gideon Rosen’s “Normative Grounding”  
SOFIA XXI: Grounding, Huatulco, Mexico
- Comments on Hedda Hassel Mørch’s “Phenomenal Powers Panpsychism”  
Grounding and Consciousness, La Pietra, Florence
- 2016 “Essentialist Explanation”  
Ground, Essence and Modality Conference, University of Helsinki
- “Essentialist Explanation”  
APA Pacific Division
- Comments on Jennifer Wang’s “Fundamentality and Modal Freedom”  
Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
- 2015 “Explanation, Actualist Possibility and Tomorrow’s Sea Battle”  
APA Pacific Division
- “Grounding and Essentialist Explanation”  
Workshop on Grounding and Fundamentality, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2014 “Explanation, Actualist Possibility and Tomorrow’s Sea Battle”  
Iowa Philosophical Society
- Comments on Jonathan Payton’s “True for Lack of Falsemakers?”  
APA Pacific Division
- 2013 “Laws and the Completeness of the Fundamental”  
Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews
- 2012 Comments on Jonathan Schaffer’s “The Action of the Whole”  
Reality Making, University of Nottingham
- 2011 “Grounding and Necessitation”  
Workshop on Grounding and Fundamentality, CUNY Graduate Center

## Teaching

- 2018 Explanation and Ground (graduate course)
- 2016 Metaphysics  
Making Sense of Ourselves
- 2013 History of Ancient Philosophy
- 2012 History of Modern Philosophy
- 2011 Logic

## Teaching (as Preceptor)

- 2013 Central Problems in Philosophy (Helen Yetter-Chappell)
- 2012 Existentialism and Phenomenology (John Richardson)
- 2011 History of Ancient Philosophy (James Stazicker)  
Central Problems in Philosophy (Jim Pryor)
- 2010 Metaphysics (Peter Unger)

## Outreach Teaching

- 2011 Guest Lecturer on Philosophy of Mathematics  
Essex Street Academy, New York
- 2008 Guest Lecturer on Philosophy of Mathematics  
High School for Science, Mathematics and Engineering, New York

## Service

- 2017 Co-organizer, Themes in Transformative Experience (Pacific APA pre-conference)  
Assistant Organizer, Ranch Metaphysics Workshop
- 2016 Organizer, Transformative Experience Working Group, UNC–Chapel Hill
- 2013 Conference Organizer, The Philosophy of Kit Fine, NYU
- 2012–13 Curriculum Committee, NYU
- 2010–11 Colloquium Committee, NYU

## Other Employment

- 2006–8 Oundle School, Oundle, UK  
Peter Ling Fellow  
Taught secondary school mathematics and led regular discussion groups on topics in mathematics and philosophy.

## References

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