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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- metaphysics** • ground; fundamentality; social entities; artifacts; time; change
- language/mind** • representation; *de re* thought; mental states; aesthetic judgment
- epistemology** • explanation; epistemic relativism

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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CURRENT	<b>Associate Professor (tenure)</b> • <i>University of Victoria</i>	2013–
	<b>Affiliate Associate Professor</b> • <i>University of Washington</i>	2018–
PREVIOUS	<b>Assistant Professor</b> • <i>University of Victoria</i>	2009-2013
	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> • <i>University of Washington</i>	2016-2017, 2012-2013
	<b>Instructor</b> • <i>New York University</i>	2008-2009

## EDUCATION

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PHD philosophy, <i>New York University</i>	• <b>“Ontology, from a fundamentalist point of view”</b> <i>Advisers: Kit Fine (chair), Ted Sider, Crispin Wright</i>	2009
MA philosophy, <i>New York University</i>	• <b>“Madmen, martians, and mixed theories”</b> <i>Adviser: Ned Block</i>	2007
BA philosophy, <i>Reed College</i>	• <b>“A study on vagueness”</b> <i>Adviser: Mark Hinchliff</i>	2002

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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Connection Grant, <i>Social Science &amp; Humanities Research Council</i> • \$15,965	2018
Internal Research Grants, <i>University of Victoria</i> • \$23,195 [multiple awards]	2016, 2010-2014
Conference Grant, <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> • \$2000 [declined]	2014
Scholarly Travel Grants, <i>University of Victoria</i> • \$7800 [multiple awards]	2011-2016
Learning & Teaching Development Grant, <i>University of Victoria</i> • \$7500	2010
Standard Research Grant, <i>Social Science &amp; Humanities Research Council</i> • \$52,039 <i>[principal investigator: James Young]</i>	2011
Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, <i>New York University</i> • tuition/stipend	2003-2008
Dean’s Supplementary Fellowship, <i>New York University</i> • \$1000	2003
Humanistic Studies Fellowship, <i>Mellon Foundation</i> • \$17,500	2003

## HONORS & AWARDS

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Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award ( <i>New York University</i> )	2009
Graduate Forum Fellow ( <i>New York University</i> )	2007-2008
Phi Beta Kappa Society	2002
Edwin N. Garlan Memorial Prize in Philosophy ( <i>Reed College</i> )	2002
Commendation for Academic Excellence ( <i>Reed College</i> )	1998-2002
Chase Youth Award for Entrepreneurship	1998
Xerox Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences	1998
Spokane Scholars Award: 1 <sup>st</sup> Excellence in Social Sciences	1998
Phi Delta Kappa Grant for Prospective Educators	1998
Elks National Foundation “Most Valuable Student” Award	1998
Washington State Honors Award	1998
Washington State Principal’s Scholars Award	1998
National Merit Scholarship Finalist	1998

## EDITED BOOK

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- 27 • *The Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Ground*, New York: Routledge. *forthcoming*

## ARTICLES

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- 26 • “Hylomorphism without Forms? A Critical Notice of Simon Evnine’s *Making Objects and Events*”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*. *forthcoming*
- 25 • “(Re)discovering Ground”, *Cambridge History of Philosophy, 1945 to 2015*, *forthcoming*  
Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 24 • “New Work for a Theory of Ground”, *Inquiry* 60 (6): 625-655. 2017
- 23 • “Against the Semantic Orientation towards Aesthetic Judgement” in J. Young (ed.), *Semantics of Aesthetic Judgment*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2017
- 22 • “Fundamentality without Foundations”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 93 (3): 607-626. 2016
- 21 • “Ground”, *Philosophy Compass* 10 (5): 322-333. 2015
- 20 • “Is Ground a Strict Partial Order?”, *American Philosophical Quarterly* 50 (2): 191-199. 2013
- 19 • “Subjectivism is Pointless”, *Logos & Episteme* 4 (1): 733-748. 2013
- 18 • “Is Lewis’s Mixed Theory Mixed Up?”, *Theoria* 79 (1): 57-75. 2013
- 17 • “In Defence of Ground”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 90 (4): 687-701. 2012
- 16 • “Attesting the Aristotelian Future”, *Philosophia* 39 (4): 751-757. 2011
- 15 • “Can Time Pass at the Rate of 1 Second per Second?”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 89 (3): 459-465. 2011

- 14• [“There is a Problem of Change”](#), *Philosophical Studies* 155 (1): 23-35. 2011
- 13• [“Cryptographic Hash Functions Based on Artificial Life”](#), with Mark A. Bedau & Richard Crandall, PSIPRESS. 2010
- 12• [“Problems for Testimonial Acquaintance”](#), *NOÛS* 42 (4): 727-745. 2008
- 11• [“A General Framework for Evolutionary Activity Statistics”](#), with Mark A. Bedau, in W. Banzhaf et al. (eds.), *Advances in Artificial Life – ECAL 2003*: 676-685. Berlin: Springer-Verlag. 2003
- 10• [“Collective Intelligence of the Artificial Life Community on its Own Successes, Failures, and the Future”](#), with Steen Rasmussen, Gordon N. Keating, Mark A. Bedau, *Artificial Life* 9: 207-235. 2003
- 9• [“Visualizing Adaptive Evolutionary Activity of Allele Types and of Phenotypic Equivalence Classes of Alleles”](#), with Mark A. Bedau, in E. Bilotta et al. (eds.), *ALife VIII Workshops*: 119-130. Univ. of New South Wales. 2002

#### REVIEWS

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- 8• Thomas Sattig, *The Double Lives of Objects*, *Philosophical Review* 127 (1): 140-144. 2018
- 7• Fabrice Correia & Benjamin Schnieder (eds.), *Metaphysical Grounding: Understanding the Structure of Reality*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*. 2013
- 6• David Chalmers, David Manley & Ryan Wasserman (eds.), *Metametaphysics: New Essays on the Foundations of Ontology*, *Philosophy in Review* 30 (3). 2010

#### OTHER (ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES, LAB REPORTS)

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- 6• [“Kit Fine”](#), *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. *forthcoming*
- 5• [“Ontology”](#) in J. Lachs and R. Talisse (eds.), *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*. New York: Routledge. 2007
- 4• [“Substance”](#) *Encyclopedia*. New York: Routledge.
- 3• [“Consensus-building Tools for Post-wildfire Geographical Information System \(GIS\) Design”](#), with Gordon N. Keating & Steen Rasmussen, LANL License No. LA-13894-MS. 2002
- 2• [“Use of Web-based Consensus Building and Conflict Clarification Process for the Navajo Nation Governmental Efficiency Evaluation”](#), with Gordon N. Keating, Steen Rasmussen, E. Tso, J. Cocq & P. Dotson, *Appendix to ETD Environmental Consulting, Report of the Navajo Nation Council Evaluation*, LANL Report LA-UR-01-6207. 2001
- 1• [“Web-based Consensus Building and Conflict Clarification Tool for EES Division’s Strategic Planning Process”](#), with Gordon N. Keating & Steen Rasmussen, LANL License No. LA-UR-02-3830. 2001

#### IMPACT

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- Google Scholar: citations = 274, h-index = 7, i10-index = 6
  - Erdős number = 3 (P. Erdős→C. Pomerance→R. Crandall→M. Raven)

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 26 • **Comments: Martin Glazier's TBA**  
*Principle of Sufficient Reason: Then and Now* (Simon Fraser University) APR 2018
- 25 • **Hylomorphism without Forms? On Simon Evnine's *Making Objects and Events***  
*Eastern Division APA Conference* (author meets critic symposium) JAN 2018
- 24 • **Comments: Justin Zylstra's "Essence and Grounding Connections"**  
*Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference* OCT 2017
- 23 • **Comments: Bob Beddor's & Simon Goldstein's "Believing Epistemic Contradictions"**  
*Formal Epistemology Workshop* MAY 2017
- 22 • **Comments: Dana Goswick's "Hylomorphism Without Primitive Modality"**  
*Hylomorphism: Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference* MAY 2017
- 21 • **Comments: Jessica Wilson's "Grounding-based Formulations of Physicalism"**  
*21<sup>st</sup> Sociedad Filosófica Ibero Americana (SOFIA) Conference* JAN 2017
- 20 • **"Deriving *Ought* from *Is*"**  
*University of Washington PhilLunch Series* OCT 2016
- 19 • **"Challenges of Teaching Metaphysics"**  
*Situating Core Analytic Philosophy within the Liberal Arts Curriculum Workshop* AUG 2016
- 18 • **Comments: Nina Emery's "Against Radical Quantum Ontologies"**  
*Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference* AUG 2016
- 17 • **Comments: David Mark Kovacs's "Priority Monism and the Notion of Dependence"**  
*Central Division APA Conference* MAR 2016
- 16 • **"Taking to be as Making to be"**  
*LOGOS, University of Barcelona* JUN 2015  
*Artifacts and Metaphysical Explanation* MAY 2015
- 15 • **"Expressing the Truth, Describing the World"**  
*Truth and Grounds Conference (eidos – Centre of Metaphysics)* MAY 2015  
*Simon Fraser University* FEB 2015  
*University of Alberta* SEP 2014
- 14 • **"Fundamentality without Foundations"**  
*Institut Jean Nicod* JUN 2015  
*Northwest Philosophy Conference* OCT 2013  
*Reed College* OCT 2013  
*eidos Workshop in Metaphysics and Mathematics* JUN 2013  
*Australian National University* MAY 2013  
*University of Melbourne* MAY 2013  
*University of Sydney* MAY 2013
- 13 • **Comments: Tom Donaldson's "The Grounding of Arithmetic"**  
*Pacific Division APA Conference* APR 2015
- 12 • **Comments: Sean Crawford's "Propositions and the Multiple Relation Theory of Belief: Wittgenstein and Russell Reconciled"**  
*Western Canadian Philosophical Association Conference* OCT 2014
- 11 • **"Vindicating Testimonial Acquaintance"**  
*Annual Congress CPA* JUN 2013  
*Pacific Division APA Conference* APR 2013
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	<i>Northwest Philosophy Conference</i>	NOV 2011
10 •	<b>“Is Ground a Strict Partial Order?”</b> <i>Pacific Division APA Conference</i>	MAR 2013
9 •	<b>“Aesthetic Relativisms and Realities”</b> <i>Aesthetic Judgment Workshop</i>	APR 2012
8 •	<b>“Reintroducing Fundamental and Derivative”</b> <i>University of St. Andrews</i> <i>University of Edinburgh</i>	MAR 2012 MAR 2012
7 •	<b>“Science Cannot Disprove (or Prove) Free Will”</b> <i>Philosophy vs. Psychology Debate (University of Victoria)</i>	FEB 2012
6 •	<b>Comments: Kenneth Vernon’s “The Normativity of Truth”</b> <i>Northwest Philosophy Conference</i>	NOV 2011
5 •	<b>“Avoiding Incoherence in Ontology”</b> <i>Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy</i> <i>Beijing Normal University</i>	JUN 2011 APR 2011
4 •	<b>Comments: Michael Hick’s “Know-who and Testimony Mediated Acquaintance”</b> <i>Pacific Division APA Conference</i>	APR 2011
3 •	<b>“There is a Problem of Change”</b> <i>Western Canadian Undergraduate Philosophy Conference (keynote address)</i>	MAR 2010
2 •	<b>“Ontology, from a Fundamentalist Point of View”</b> <i>Vancouver Island University</i> <i>University of Victoria</i> <i>New York University Graduate Forum</i>	OCT 2009 JAN 2009 NOV 2008
1 •	<b>“Is Quantifier Variance Metaphysically Relevant?”</b> <i>Rhodes College</i> <i>Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference</i> <i>UC Davis Graduate Conference</i>	FEB 2009 NOV 2008 SEP 2008

## TEACHING

PHD THESES	<b>External Examiner</b>	James Norton (Sydney)	2017
		Justin Zylstra (Alberta)	2016
MA THESES	<b>Supervisor</b> <b>Non-supervising</b> <b>Committee Member</b>	Carolyn Garland	2013–2014
		Andrew Park	2013–2014
		Adrienne Canning Soroush Moghaddam	2011-2013 2011-2013
GRADUATE COURSES	<i>Naïve Metaphysics; Modality &amp; Essence; Metaphysical Explanation; Reference &amp; Existence; Metametaphysics; Directed Study: Metaphysics; Meaning; Masters Pro-seminar; Time, Tense, Change &amp; Persistence</i>		
UNDERGRADUATE COURSES	<i>Introduction to Philosophy; Metaphysics, History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Language; Logic; Philosophy of Language; Belief, Truth &amp; Knowledge; Philosophy of Mind; History of Ancient Philosophy</i>		
TEACHING ASSISTANCE	<i>Central Problems of Philosophy [J. Pryor], History of Modern Philosophy [W. Waxman], Ethics [E. Harman], Metaphysics [P. Unger]</i>		
OUTREACH	<b>Contributor</b>	<i>Wi-Phi: Open Access Philosophy</i>	

## SERVICE

REFEREE	<b>Grants</b>	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	
	<b>Books</b>	Emond Montgomery; Oxford University Press x4; Routledge x2; Wiley-Blackwell	
	<b>Journals</b>	<i>Acta Analytica</i> ; <i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i> ; <i>Analysis</i> x2; <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> x6; <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> x4; <i>dialectica</i> ; <i>Ergo</i> ; <i>Erkenntnis</i> x8; <i>Frontiers of Philosophy in China</i> ; <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> x3; <i>Journal of Philosophical Research</i> ; <i>The Journal of Philosophy, Inquiry</i> x2; <i>Mind</i> x8; <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> x2; <i>Philosopher's Imprint</i> x4; <i>Philosophical Papers</i> ; <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> x5; <i>Philosophical Studies</i> x10; <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i> ; <i>Ratio</i> x2; <i>Synthese</i> x5	
ADMIN	<b>Co-Editor-in-Chief</b>	<i>Metaphysics</i> (journal)	2016–
	<b>Graduate Coordinator</b>	University of Victoria	2011–2016
	<b>Committee on Committees</b>	University of Victoria	2015–2016
	<b>Colloquium Committee</b>	University of Victoria	2013–2016
	<b>Graduate Adviser</b>	University of Victoria	2014
	<b>Curriculum Committee</b>	University of Victoria	2010-2012
	<b>Admissions Committee</b>	University of Victoria	2009-2011
	<b>Hiring Committee</b>	University of Victoria	2010,2015
CONFERENCES	<b>Program Committee</b>	Pacific Division APA	2015–
	<b>Referee</b>	Vancouver Summer Philosophy	2016–
	<b>Metaphysics Coordinator</b>	Canadian Philosophical Assoc.	2012-2013
	<b>Session Chair</b>	Vancouver Summer Philosophy	2017
		Inland Northwest Philosophy	2014
		Eastern Division APA	2013
		Bellingham Summer Philosophy	2010
	<b>Co-organizer</b>	Columbia/NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference	2003-2004
SOCIETIES	<b>Founding Member</b>	Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative	
	<b>Regular Member</b>	American Philosophical Association	
CONSULTING	<b>Masters Capital Management, L.L.C.</b>		2006-2007

## REFERENCES

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