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EDUCATION	University of Southern California 2013 – 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ph.D., Philosophy (in progress)<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissertation: <i>What it is to be Located</i>• Advisers: John Hawthorne, Gabriel Uzquiano
	University of California, Davis 2010 – 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ M.A., Philosophy
	California State University, Los Angeles 2008 – 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ M.A., Philosophy
	California Baptist University 2004 – 2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ B.A., Philosophy▪ B.A.T., Theology
RESEARCH	Areas of Specialization <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Metaphysics, Epistemology Areas of Competence <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Applied Ethics (including Bioethics, Environmental Ethics), Ethics, History of Western Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion
PUBLICATIONS	[3] “Enduring through Gunk.” <i>Erkenntnis</i> (forthcoming). [2] “What is Mereological Harmony?” (2016). <i>Synthese</i> 193(6): 1949-1965. [1] “Locating Gunky Water and Wine” (2014). <i>Ratio</i> 27(3): 306-315.
UNDER REVIEW	Four papers (names omitted for blind review). R&R at Mind.
TALKS (REFEREED)	“On the Contingency and Vagueness of Where I Am” [27] Eastern APA (symposium); <i>New York City, NY</i> (Jan 2019). [26] Stanford University; <i>Berkeley Stanford Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference</i> (May 2018). [25] University of Milan, Italy; <i>Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference</i> (Aug 2018). “What is it to be Located?” [24] University of Oxford; <i>21st Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference</i> (Nov 2017). [23] University of St. Andrews, Scotland; <i>10th Arché Graduate Conference</i> (Oct 2017). [22] Central APA (symposium); <i>Chicago, IL</i> (Feb 2018). “Enduring through Gunk” [21] University of Oxford; <i>19th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference</i> (Nov 2015). [20] University of California, Berkeley; <i>BSD Graduate Conference</i> (Apr 2016). [19] Alghero, Italy; <i>Metaphysics of Space, Time, and Spacetime Conference</i> (Jun 2016). [18] Virginia Tech; <i>Graduate Conference in Contemporary Analytic Metaphysics</i> (Nov 2015). [17] Pacific APA; <i>San Francisco, CA</i> (Mar 2016). “Locating Gunky Water and Wine” [16] University of Oxford; <i>17th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference</i> (Nov 2013). [15] Central APA; <i>Chicago, IL</i> (Feb 2014). “Mereological Harmony and the Nature of Spacetime” [14] University of Oxford; <i>16th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference</i> (Nov 2012).

[13] University of Cologne, Germany; *LEMMing Graduate Conference* (Nov 2012).

“Mirror Realism”

- [12] Pacific APA; *San Francisco, CA* (Mar 2013).
- [11] Western Washington University; *Northwest Student Philosophy Conference* (May 2012).
- [10] Yale University; *Yale/UConn Graduate Conference* (Apr 2012).
- [9] Stanford University; *Berkeley/Stanford/Davis Graduate Conference* (Apr 2012).
- [8] University of Colorado, Boulder; *Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference* (Apr 2012).
- [7] University of California, Davis; *Department Workshop* (Sep 2011).

“Burge’s Contextual Theory of Truth and the Super-Liar Paradox”

- [6] Hejnice, Czech Republic; *2011 Logica Symposium* (Jun 2011).
- [5] Georgia State University; *Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Conference* (Mar 2011).
- [4] Arizona State University; *Southwest Graduate Conference* (Mar 2011).
- [3] University of California, Berkeley; *Berkeley/Stanford/Davis Graduate Conference* (Apr 2010).

“Demonstratives, Direct Reference, and Cognitive Significance”

- [2] Honolulu, HI; *Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities* (Jun 2010).

“Contextual Truth Theories and the Liar Paradox”

- [1] Honolulu, HI; *Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities* (Jun 2010).

**TALKS
(INVITED)**

“What is it to be Located?”

- [4] University of Lugano, Switzerland (Nov 2017).
- [3] California State University, Los Angeles; *Colloquium* (Nov 2017).

“Three Questions about Stoic Blends”

- [2] University of Oxford; *Stoic Mereology: Ancient and Contemporary Perspectives* (Mar 2017).

“Mereological Harmony and the Nature of Spacetime”

- [1] University of Belgrade, Serbia (Nov 2012).

COMMENTS

- [3] “Comments on Anthony Fisher’s *Against Primitivism about Truth*” San Francisco, CA; *APA, Pacific Division* (Apr 2012).
- [2] “Comments on Joshua Hollowell’s *Incompatibilism and the Exclusion Thesis*” University of California, Davis; *Berkeley/Stanford/Davis Graduate Conference* (Apr 2012).
- [1] “Comments on Jacob Caton’s *Common Knowledge, Coordination, and Context*” Arizona State University; *Southwest Graduate Conference* (Apr 2012).

**HONORS
& AWARDS**

- (2018) USC Flewelling Summer Award
- (2018-2019) USC Graduate School Final Year Fellowship
- (2013-2018) APA Graduate Student Travel Award; ×5
- (2012) Philosophy Department Travel Fellowship; *Department of Philosophy, University of California, Davis*
- (2012) Graduate Student Travel Award; *Office of Graduate Studies, University of California, Davis*
- (2010) Ryan and Jack O’Shaughnessy Scholarship; *Department of Philosophy, California State University, Los Angeles*
- (2010) Special Recognition in Graduate Studies; *Department of Philosophy, California State University, Los Angeles*
- (2008) Valedictorian/Outstanding Senior Award; *California Baptist University*
- (2008) President’s Award for Excellence in Writing; *California Baptist University*
- (2008) Philosophy Departmental Award (Outstanding Senior); *California Baptist University*
- (2008) Alpha Chi Honor Society; *California Baptist University*

WORKSHOPS

Metaphysical Mayhem, Invited Participant; *Rutgers University* (2014).

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

University of Southern California

2014 – Present

Teaching Assistant

- Issues in Space and Time (Shieva Kleinschmidt)
- The Meaning of Life (Edwin McCann)
- Science, Religion, and the Making of the Modern Mind (Zlatan Damjanovic)
- Existentialism, Death, and Meaninglessness (Edwin McCann)
- Contemporary Moral and Social Issues (Jacob Ross)
- Mind and Self: Modern Conceptions (Jacob Ross)

University of California, Davis

2010 – 2013

Instructor

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Critical Reasoning

Teaching Assistant

- Space and Time (Cody Gilmore)
- Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Robert May)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Cody Gilmore)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Adam Sennet)
- Critical Reasoning (Brian Coffey)

California State University, Los Angeles

2009 – 2010

Teaching Assistant

- Moral Social Issues in a Multicultural Society
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Critical Thinking
- Comparative Religions
- Human Diversity and Justice

Johns Hopkins University, Center for Talented Youth

2012 – 2018 (Summers)

Instructor

- Logic: Principles of Reasoning
- Big Questions

California Baptist University

2009

Instructor

- Comparative Religions

**GRADUATE
COURSEWORK**

Metaphysics

- Independent Research: Persistence (John Hawthorne), USC
- Independent Research: Time and Modality (Gabriel Uzquiano), USC
- Time and Modality* (James Van Cleve), USC
- Fineness of Grain* (Jeremy Goodman), USC
- Absolute Generality and Cardinality Worries* (John Hawthorne and Gabriel Uzquiano), USC
- Independent Research: Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology (Jeff Russell), USC
- Mereology/Location and Objectivity without Objects (James Van Cleve and Shieva Kleinschmidt), USC
- Personal Identity/Ontology* (Cody Gilmore), UC Davis
- Metametaphysics* (Cody Gilmore), UC Davis
- Mereology and Location (Cody Gilmore), UC Davis
- Physicalism (Bernard Molyneux), UC Davis
- Independent Research: Modal Metaphysics (Mark Balaguer), CSULA

Epistemology

- Topics in Epistemology (John Hawthorne), USC
- Topics in Epistemology* (John Hawthorne), USC
- Quantity, Measurement, and Credence (Kenny Easwaran), USC
- Epistemic Paradoxes (Bernard Molyneux), UC Davis

* An asterisk designates an audited course.

Logic

- The Limits of Logic (Jeff Russell), USC
- Modal Logic (Gabriel Uzquiano), USC
- Set Theory* (Aldo Antonelli), UC Davis
- Gödel's Incompleteness Theorems* (Aldo Antonelli), UC Davis
- Modal Logic* (Aldo Antonelli), UC Davis
- Metalogic (Aldo Antonelli), UC Davis
- Non-Classical Logics* (Aldo Antonelli), UC Davis
- Computability Theory (Aldo Antonelli), UC Davis

Philosophy of Language

- Vagueness* (Andrew Bacon and John Hawthorne), USC
- Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature (Scott Soames and Gabriel Uzquiano), USC
- De Se Attitudes (Michael Glanzberg), UC Davis
- Plurals and Plural Quantification (Adam Sennet), UC Davis
- Counterfactuals* (Adam Sennet), UC Davis
- Theories of Truth and the Semantic Paradoxes (Terence Parsons), UCLA
- Demonstrative Thoughts (David Pitt), CSULA

Ethics and Political Philosophy

- Contemporary Ethical Theories (Stephen Finlay), USC
- Introduction to Contemporary Philosophical Literature: Value Theory (Mark Schroeder and Gary Watson), USC
- Philosophy of Law: Contemporary Moral Issues (Andrei Marmor), USC
- Agency and Autonomy (Marina Oshana), UC Davis
- Anarchism and State Legitimacy (Mohammed Abed), CSULA
- Personal Identity/Autonomy (Talia Bettcher), CSULA

History of Philosophy

- Descartes' Epistemology (GJ Matthey), UC Davis
- Aristotle on Truth (Jan Szeif), UC Davis

SERVICE

Journal Referee

Dialectica, Ergo, Erkenntnis (×2), *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (initial referee), *Philosophical Studies, Synthese*

Conference Referee

USC/UCLA Graduate Philosophy Conference (2013-2017), Berkeley/Stanford/Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference (2011-2012)

Conference Organizer

USC/UCLA Graduate Philosophy Conference (2016), (co-organizer)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association

REFERENCES

John Hawthorne, Professor of Philosophy, USC

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Gabriel Uzquiano, Professor of Philosophy, USC

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Shieva Kleinschmidt, Associate Professor of Philosophy, USC

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Jeffrey Sanford Russell, Associate Professor of Philosophy, USC

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Cody Gilmore, Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Davis

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Stephen Finlay (teaching), Professor of Philosophy, USC

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