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- EDUCATION**
- University of Southern California** (2013 – 2019)
- Ph.D., Philosophy (in progress)
    - Dissertation: *What it is to be Located*
    - Advisers: John Hawthorne, Gabriel Uzquiano
- University of California, Davis** (2010 – 2013)
- M.A., Philosophy
- California State University, Los Angeles** (2008 – 2010)
- M.A., Philosophy
- California Baptist University** (2004 – 2008)
- B.A., Philosophy
  - B.A.T., Theology
- RESEARCH & TEACHING WEBPAGES**
- Areas of Specialization**
- [Metaphysics](#), [Epistemology](#)
- Areas of Competence**
- [Ancient Philosophy](#), [Applied Ethics](#), [Bioethics](#), [Environmental Ethics](#), [Ethics](#), [Logic](#), [Medieval Philosophy](#), [Modern/Contemporary Philosophy](#), [Philosophy of Language](#), [Philosophy of Religion](#), [Philosophy of Science](#)
- PUBLICATIONS**
- [4] [“Composition and the Logic of Location: An Argument for Regionalism”](#) *Mind* (forthcoming), with Cody Gilmore.
  - [3] [“Enduring through Gunk”](#) *Erkenntnis* (2018), 83(4): 753-771.
  - [2] [“What is Mereological Harmony?”](#) *Synthese* (2016), 193(6): 1949-1965.
  - [1] [“Locating Gunky Water and Wine”](#) *Ratio* (2014), 27(3): 306-315.
- UNDER REVIEW**
- Three papers (names omitted for blind review).
- 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).
- TALKS (REFEREED)**
- “On the Contingency and Vagueness of Where I Am”
- [27] Eastern APA (symposium); *New York City, NY* (Jan 2019), *2019 Sanders Graduate Student Award*.
  - [26] Stanford University; *Berkeley Stanford Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference* (May 2018).
  - [25] University of Milan, Italy; *Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference* (Aug 2018).
- “What is it to be Located?”
- [24] University of Oxford; *21<sup>st</sup> Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference* (Nov 2017).
  - [23] University of St. Andrews, Scotland; *10<sup>th</sup> Arché Graduate Conference* (Oct 2017).
  - [22] Central APA (symposium); *Chicago, IL* (Feb 2018).
- “Enduring through Gunk”
- [21] University of Oxford; *19<sup>th</sup> Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference* (Nov 2015).

- [20] University of California, Berkeley; *BSD Graduate Conference* (Apr 2016).
- [19] Alghero, Italy; *Metaphysics of Space, Time, and Spacetime Conference* (Jun 2016).
- [18] Virginia Tech; *Graduate Conference in Contemporary Analytic Metaphysics* (Nov 2015).
- [17] Pacific APA; *San Francisco, CA* (Mar 2016).

“Locating Gunky Water and Wine”

- [16] University of Oxford; *17<sup>th</sup> Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference* (Nov 2013).
- [15] Central APA; *Chicago, IL* (Feb 2014).

“Mereological Harmony and the Nature of Spacetime”

- [14] University of Oxford; *16<sup>th</sup> Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference* (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).

**COMMENTS**

- [3] A. Fisher’s “*Against Primitivism about Truth*”, *Pacific APA* (Apr 2012).
- [2] J. Hollowell’s “*Incompatibilism and the Exclusion Thesis*”, *BSD Grad Conference* (Apr 2012).
- [1] J. Caton’s “*Common Knowledge, Coordination, and Context*”, *Southwest Grad Conf.* (Apr 2012).

**WORKSHOPS**

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

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Primary Instructor**

Johns Hopkins University, *Center for Talented Youth* (2012 – 2018)

- Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer 2018) – *No Evals from CTY.*
- Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer 2017)
- Big Questions (Summer 2016)
- Big Questions (Summer 2015)
- Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer 2014)
- Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer 2013)
- Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer 2012)

University of California, Davis (2011 – 2012)

- Introduction to Philosophy (Summer 2012) – *Evals: 4.13/5.*
- Critical Reasoning (Summer 2011) – *Evals: 4.6/5.*

California Baptist University (2009)

- Comparative Religions (Summer 2009) – *No Evals Taken at CBU.*

## Teaching Assistant

University of Southern California

(2014 – 2018)

- Issues in Space and Time  
(Shieva Kleinschmidt, Spring 2017 – *Evals: 4.83/5; 4.78/5*)
- The Meaning of Life  
(Ed McCann, Spring 2016 – *Evals: 4.67/5; 4.46/5*)
- Science, Religion, and the Making of the Modern Mind  
(Zlatan Damnjanovic, Fall 2015 – *Evals: 4.64/5; 4.44/5*)
- Existentialism, Death, and Meaninglessness  
(Ed McCann, Summer 2015 – *Evals: 4.85/5*)
- Contemporary Moral and Social Issues  
(Jake Ross, Spring 2015 – *Evals: 4.29/5; 4.18/5*)
- Mind and Self: Modern Conceptions  
(Jake Ross, Fall 2014 – *Evals: 4.6/5; 4.27/5*)

University of California, Davis

(2011 – 2013)

- Introduction to Philosophy  
(Cody Gilmore, Spring 2013 – *Evals: 3.95/5*)
- Introduction to Philosophy  
(Cody Gilmore, Spring 2012 – *Evals: 4.44/5; 4.31/5*)
- Introduction to Symbolic Logic  
(Robert May, Spring 2012 – *Evals: 4.42/5; 4.29/5*)
- Introduction to Philosophy  
(Adam Sennet, Fall 2011 – *Evals: 4.8/5; 4.29/5*)
- Introduction to Philosophy  
(G.J. Matthey, Spring 2011 – *Evals: 4.66/5; 4.6/5*)

California State University, Los Angeles

(2009 – 2010)

- Moral Social Issues in a Multicultural Society – *No Evals Taken at CSULA.*  
(Richard Dean, Summer 2010)
- Introduction to Philosophy  
(David Pitt, Spring 2010)
- Critical Thinking  
(Ronald Houts, Fall 2009)
- Comparative Religions  
(Sheila Price, Summer 2009)
- Human Diversity and Justice  
(Bruce Atta, Spring 2009)

## 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

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\*An asterisk designates an audited course.

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

### 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
- 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

### HONORS & AWARDS

(2019) Sanders Graduate Student Award  
 (2018) USC Flewelling Fellowship  
 (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*

### SERVICE

#### Journal Referee

*American Philosophical Quarterly, Dialectica, Ergo, Erkenntnis* (×2), *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Mind, 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)*

**MEMBERSHIPS** American Philosophical Association

**REFERENCES**

<b>John Hawthorne</b> , Professor of Philosophy, USC	Email: <a href="mailto:jhawthor@usc.edu">jhawthor@usc.edu</a>
<b>Gabriel Uzquiano</b> , Professor of Philosophy, USC	Email: <a href="mailto:uzquiano@usc.edu">uzquiano@usc.edu</a>
<b>Shieva Kleinschmidt</b> , Associate Professor of Philosophy, USC	Email: <a href="mailto:sjk@parthood.com">sjk@parthood.com</a>
<b>Jeffrey Sanford Russell</b> , Associate Professor of Philosophy, USC	Email: <a href="mailto:jeff.russell@usc.edu">jeff.russell@usc.edu</a>
<b>Cody Gilmore</b> , Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Davis	Email: <a href="mailto:gilmore@ucdavis.edu">gilmore@ucdavis.edu</a>
<b>Stephen Finlay</b> (teaching), Professor of Philosophy, USC	Email: <a href="mailto:finlay@usc.edu">finlay@usc.edu</a>