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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of Southern California</b> 2013 – 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ph.D., Philosophy (in progress)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dissertation: <i>Matter, Spacetime, and Theories of Location</i></li><li>• Advisers: John Hawthorne, Gabriel Uzquiano</li></ul></li></ul>
	<b>University of California, Davis</b> 2010 – 2013 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ M.A., Philosophy</li></ul>
	<b>California State University, Los Angeles</b> 2008 – 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ M.A., Philosophy</li></ul>
	<b>California Baptist University</b> 2004 – 2008 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ B.A., Philosophy</li><li>▪ B.A.T., Theology</li></ul>
<b>RESEARCH</b>	<b>Areas of Specialization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Metaphysics, Epistemology</li></ul> <b>Areas of Competence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Applied Ethics (including Bioethics, Environmental Ethics), Ethics, History of Western Philosophy, Logic, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion</li></ul>
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	[3] “Enduring through Gunk” (forthcoming). <i>Erkenntnis</i> . [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.
<b>TALKS</b>	“What is it to be Located?” [25] University of Oxford; <i>21<sup>st</sup> Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference</i> (Nov 2017). [24] University of St. Andrews, Scotland; <i>10<sup>th</sup> Arché Graduate Conference</i> (Oct 2017). [23] Central APA (symposium); <i>Chicago, IL</i> (Feb 2018).  “Enduring through Gunk” [22] University of Oxford; <i>19<sup>th</sup> Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference</i> (Nov 2015). [21] University of California, Berkeley; <i>BSD Graduate Conference</i> (Apr 2016). [20] Alghero, Italy; <i>Metaphysics of Space, Time, and Spacetime Conference</i> (Jun 2016). [19] Virginia Tech; <i>Graduate Conference in Contemporary Analytic Metaphysics</i> (Nov 2015). [18] Pacific APA; <i>San Francisco, CA</i> (Mar 2016).  “Inferential Knowledge and False Lemmas” [17] University of Southern California; <i>Speculative Society</i> (Mar 2015).  “Locating Gunky Water and Wine” [16] University of Oxford; <i>17<sup>th</sup> 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>16<sup>th</sup> Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference</i> (Nov 2012). [13] University of Cologne, Germany; <i>LEMMing Graduate Conference</i> (Nov 2012).  “Mirror Realism” [12] Pacific APA; <i>San Francisco, CA</i> (Mar 2013). [11] Western Washington University; <i>Northwest Student Philosophy Conference</i> (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).

**INVITED  
TALKS**

“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).

**WORKSHOPS**

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

**HONORS  
& AWARDS**

- (2013-2018) APA Graduate Student Travel Award; x4
- (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; *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*

**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 – 2017 (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
- 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

**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

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\* An asterisk designates an audited course.

- 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, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly (initial referee), Philosophical Studies*

### **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