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- EMPLOYMENT** **California Baptist University** (2019 –)
▪ Assistant Professor of Philosophy
- EDUCATION** **University of Southern California** (2013 – 2019)
▪ Ph.D., Philosophy
• 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](#), [Ethics](#), [Logic](#), [Medieval Philosophy](#), [Modern Philosophy](#), [Philosophy of Language](#), [Philosophy of Religion](#), [Philosophy of Science](#)
- PUBLICATIONS**
- [4] “[Composition and the Logic of Location: An Argument for Regionalism](#)” *Mind* (2020), 129(513): 159-178, 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.
- 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)**
- “Explaining Harmony”
[28] Central APA; *Chicago, IL* (Feb 2020).
- “On the Contingency and Vagueness of Where I Am”
[27] New York University; *Columbia/NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference* (April 2019).
[26] Eastern APA (symposium); *New York City, NY* (Jan 2019), *2019 Sanders Graduate Student Award*.
[25] Stanford University; *Berkeley Stanford Davis Graduate Philosophy Conference* (May 2018).
[24] University of Milan, Italy; *Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference* (Aug 2018).
- “What is it to be Located?”
[23] University of Oxford; *21st Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference* (Nov 2017).
[22] University of St. Andrews, Scotland; *10th Arché Graduate Conference* (Oct 2017).

[21] Central APA (symposium); *Chicago, IL* (Feb 2018).

“Enduring through Gunk”

[20] University of Oxford; *19th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference* (Nov 2015).

[19] University of California, Berkeley; *BSD Graduate Conference* (Apr 2016).

[18] Alghero, Italy; *Metaphysics of Space, Time, and Spacetime Conference* (Jun 2016).

[17] Virginia Tech; *Graduate Conference in Contemporary Analytic Metaphysics* (Nov 2015).

[16] Pacific APA; *San Francisco, CA* (Mar 2016).

“Locating Gunky Water and Wine”

[15] University of Oxford; *17th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference* (Nov 2013).

[14] Central APA; *Chicago, IL* (Feb 2014).

“Mereological Harmony and the Nature of Spacetime”

[13] University of Oxford; *16th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference* (Nov 2012).

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

“Mirror Realism”

[11] Pacific APA; *San Francisco, CA* (Mar 2013).

[10] Western Washington University; *Northwest Student Philosophy Conference* (May 2012).

[9] Yale University; *Yale/UConn Graduate Conference* (Apr 2012).

[8] Stanford University; *Berkeley/Stanford/Davis Graduate Conference* (Apr 2012).

[7] University of Colorado, Boulder; *Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference* (Apr 2012).

“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

[4] S. Lee’s “*Tropes of Mereology: A Theory of Facts and Truth-Making*”, *Pacific APA* (Apr 2020).

[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

California Baptist University

(2019 –)

▪ Twentieth Century Philosophy (Fall 2020)

▪ Logic (Fall 2020)

▪ Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2020)

▪ Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2020)

▪ Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2020)

▪ Metaphysics (Spring 2020)

▪ Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2020)

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- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2020)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2019)
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Johns Hopkins University, *Center for Talented Youth* (2012 – 2019)

- Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer 2019) – *No Evals from CTY.*
- Logic: Principles of Reasoning (Summer 2018)
- 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 Damjanovic, 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
- 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

*An asterisk designates an audited course.

- 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

Acta Analytica
American Philosophical Quarterly
Analysis
Analytic Philosophy
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Dialectica
Ergo (×2)
Erkenntnis (×6)
European Journal of Analytic Philosophy
Inquiry
Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy
Journal of Philosophy
Mind (×3)
Noûs
Pacific Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Quarterly
Philosophical Studies (×3)
Res Philosophica
Synthese (×2)
Thought

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

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