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EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor in Philosophy (tenure track)	Washington University in St Louis	2004–Present
Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow	University of Alberta	2005
Ph.D. in Philosophy	Princeton University	2004
M.A. in Philosophy	Princeton University	2002
M.A. (First Class Hons.) in German and Philosophy	University of St Andrews, Scotland	1999

Languages: German

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Philosophy of Logic

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Logic, History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics, Metaethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Literature.

BOOKS

Truth in Virtue of Meaning: a defence of the analytic/synthetic distinction, Oxford University Press, 2008

The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language, co-edited with Delia Graff. Expected publication: 2010

New Waves in Philosophical Logic, co-edited with Greg Restall. Expected publication: 2010-11.

PAPERS

- “Analyticity in Externalist Languages” — in *New Waves in the Philosophy of Language*, edited by Sarah Sawyer, expected publication 2009.
- “Epistemic Viciousness in the Martial Arts” — in *Martial Arts and Philosophy*, edited by Graham Priest and Damon Young, expected publication 2009.
- “One True Logic?” — *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, April 2008.
- “Knowledge by Indifference” — (with John Doris), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, September 2008
- “The Analytic/Synthetic Distinction” — Blackwell’s *Philosophy Compass*, August 2007
- “In Defence of Hume’s Law” — Forthcoming in the collection *Hume, ‘Is’ and ‘Ought’: New Essays*, ed. Charles Pigden, (MacMillan-Palgrave)
- “Barriers to Implication” — (with Greg Restall) Forthcoming in *Hume, ‘Is’ and ‘Ought’: New Essays*, ed. C. Pigden, (MacMillan-Palgrave)

BOOK REVIEWS

Warren Goldfarb's *Deductive Logic* — published in *The Australasian Journal of Logic*, Vol. 3, 2005

PRESENTED PAPERS

- “Indexicals, Context Sensitivity and Implication” — Stanford University, April 2009
- “Analytic Truth and Necessary Truth” — Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference
LaTrobe University, Melbourne, July 2008
- “The Analytic-Synthetic Distinction” — University of Connecticut, Storrs, September 2007
- “Practicing Evil?” — Pacific APA, San Francisco, May 2007
- “One True Logic?” — Mathematical Methods in Philosophy Conference at the Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Innovation, Alberta, Canada, February 2007
- Commentary on Williamson's “Conceptual Truth” — Eastern APA, Washington D.C., December 2006
- “Truth in Virtue of Meaning” — Colloquium talk for The Jowett Society, Oxford University, October 2006
- “Knowledge by Indifference” — Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, ANU, Canberra, July 2006
- Commentary on van Bentham Panel Session on Blogging — Formal Epistemology Workshop, May 2006
- “Truth in Virtue of Meaning” — Pacific APA, March 2006
- “True Contradictions” — University of British Columbia Colloquium, February 2006
- “Barriers to Implication” — University of Alberta Colloquium, January 2006
- “Truth in Virtue of Meaning” — University of Alberta Colloquium, October 2005
- “Truth in Virtue of Meaning” — University of Calgary Colloquium, October 2005
- “Perry's Law” — Australian National University RSSS seminar series, July 2005
- “Perry's Law” — NotYass Seminar, Australian National University, July 2005
- “Barriers to Inference” — Australasian Association of Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Sydney, July 2005
- “Truth in Virtue of Meaning” — Formal Epistemology Workshop, University of Texas, May 2005
- “Truth in Virtue of Meaning” — University of Alberta Colloquium, April 2005
- “Pejoratives” — Syracuse Summer Workshop on the A Priori, August 2004
- “Quine on Definition” — Inference and Meaning Workshop, Melbourne University, July 2004
- “Hume's Law” — AAP, South Molle Island, Australia, July 2004
- “Hume's Law” — University of California at Santa Cruz, March 2004
- “Hume's Law” — University of Massachusetts at Amherst, February 2004
- “Hume's Law” — Virginia Commonwealth University, February 2004
- “Hume's Law” — Washington University in St Louis, February 2004
- “True Contradictions” — Davidson College, January 2004
- “Hume's Law” — University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, January 2004
- “In Defence of Hume's Law” — University of Waterloo, Ontario, January 2004
- “Analytic Justification” — Monash University Staff Colloquium, July 2003
- “Truth In Virtue of Meaning” — AAP, Adelaide, Australia, July 2003
- Reply to Love's “Knowing How, Knowing that” — Princeton-Rutgers Grad Student Conference, March 2003
- “In Defence of Hume's Law” — *Hume, Rationality, 'Is' and 'Ought'* Conference at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, January 2003.
- “Blue Gold, Robot Cats” — Melbourne University, August 2002.
- “In Defence of Hume's Law” — AAP, Christchurch, New Zealand, July 2002.
- “Truth and Inconsistency” — AAP, Hobart, Australia, July 2001.

HONOURS AND APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Fellowship at Tilburg Center for Logic and the Philosophy of Science in the Netherlands, Fall 2009
 Visiting Scholar in the Philosophy Department at Berkeley, Spring 2009
 Washington University in St Louis Nominee for NEH Summer Stipend 2008
 Washington University in St Louis Faculty Summer Grant, 2008
 Visiting Scholar, Durham University, UK, July & August 2007
 Killam Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow, Canada, 2005
 Visiting Scholar, University of Melbourne, July & August, 2004–06, 2008
 Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellow, Princeton University, 2003–2004
 Visiting Scholar, University of Melbourne & Monash University, Australia, July & August, 2003
 Award from the Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel, Princeton, 2003
 Princeton Philosophy Department Conference Travel Grants, 2002 & 2003
 Princeton Graduate School Summer Grants, 2001–2003
 Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University, 1999–2003
 Visiting Scholar, University of Melbourne, Australia, July & August, 2001 & 2002
 Visiting Scholar, University of Queensland, July & August, 2000
 Philosophy Department Summer Grant, Princeton, 2000
 Bruce of Grangehill and Falkland Prize for Logic, University of St Andrews, 1996

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

PHIL 4051 *Philosophy of Logic (Washington University in St Louis)*

An introduction to the philosophy of logic aimed at graduate students and upper-level under-graduates. Topics covered included the relation of logic to reasoning, the definition of logical consequence, the status of modal logic, critiques of classical logic, and logical pluralism. Assessment was by way of problem sets and a final term paper. (fall 2008)

PHIL 100 *Introduction to Logic and Critical Analysis (Washington University in St Louis)*

An introductory course in formal logic, covering semantics and proof systems for truth-functional and first-order predicate logics, as well as some basic metatheoretical techniques, and culminating in a proof of the completeness of our first-order proof system (fall 2008)

PHIL 301 *Symbolic Logic (Washington University in St Louis)*

An intermediate course in logic for students who have already taken at least one logic course. Topics covered included proof by induction, expressive adequacy, duality, first-order model theory, and a variety of styles of proof system. (spring 2008)

PHIL 306 *Philosophy of Language (Washington University in St Louis)*

An upper level undergraduate course in contemporary analytic philosophy of language, focusing on the topics of reference, meaning and truth (spring 2008)

PHIL 502 *Proseminar: Frege and his Successors (Washington University in St Louis)*

A graduate level course beginning with the *Foundations of Arithmetic* and studying important contributions to analytic philosophy, both in the philosophy of language and the philosophy of mathematics (fall 2007)

PHIL 100 *Introduction to Logic and Critical Analysis (Washington University in St Louis)*

An introductory course in formal logic, covering semantics and proof systems for truth-functional and first-order predicate logics, as well as some basic metatheoretical techniques, and culminating in a proof of the completeness of our first-order proof system (fall 2007)

PHIL 4065 *Advanced Philosophy of Language (Washington University in St Louis)*

A graduate level course of which the first half was spent studying first order modal logic, and the second half studying areas of the philosophy of language where some technical knowledge of modal logic can help, including demonstratives, vagueness and relativism. Assessment was by way of problem sets and one paper. (spring 2007)

PHIL 100 *Introduction to Logic and Critical Analysis (Washington University in St Louis)*

An introductory course in formal logic, covering semantics and proof systems for truth-functional and first-order predicate logics, as well as some basic metatheoretical techniques, and culminating in a proof of the completeness of our first-order proof system (spring 2007)

PHIL 521 *Language and Knowledge (Washington University in St Louis)*

A graduate seminar focusing on areas in philosophy of language that have been important to epistemology in recent times. Topics included the analytic/synthetic distinction, two-dimensionalism and contextualism. (fall 2006)

PHIL 307 *Metaphysics and Epistemology* (Washington University in St Louis)

An upper level undergraduate course in contemporary metaphysics and epistemology, focusing on the topics of existence, possibility, time, personhood, skepticism and justification (fall 2006)

PHIL 500 *Time and Time Travel* (Washington University in St Louis)

An independent study for an undergraduate major focusing on the consequences of the special theory of relativity for accounts of time, persistence through time, and time travel. (fall 2006)

PHIL 306 *Philosophy of Language* (Washington University in St Louis)

An upper level undergraduate course in contemporary analytic philosophy of language, focusing on the topics of reference, meaning and truth (spring 2006)

PHIL 100 *Introduction to Logic and Critical Analysis* (Washington University in St Louis)

An introductory course in formal logic, covering semantics and proof systems for truth-functional and first-order predicate logics, as well as some basic metatheoretical techniques, and culminating in a proof of the completeness of our first-order proof system (spring 2006)

PHIL 307 *Metaphysics and Epistemology* (Washington University in St Louis)

An upper level undergraduate course in contemporary metaphysics and epistemology, focusing on the topics of existence, possibility, time, personhood, skepticism and justification (fall 2004)

PHIL 100G *Introduction to Logic and Critical Analysis* (Washington University in St Louis)

An introductory course in formal logic, covering semantics and proof systems for truth-functional and first-order predicate logics, as well as some basic metatheoretical techniques, and culminating in a proof of the completeness of our first-order proof system (fall 2004)

PHI 203 *Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology* (Princeton University)

Led three weekly discussion sections and graded undergraduate work for Professor Gideon Rosen (spring 2002)

PHI 201 *Introductory Logic* (Princeton University)

Led two weekly discussion sections, presented one lecture and graded undergraduate work for Professor Delia Graff (spring 2001)

PHI 320 *Philosophy and Literature* (Princeton University)

Led three weekly discussion sections and graded upper level undergraduate work for Professor Bas van Fraassen (fall 2000)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2004–09 (Washington University in St Louis)

Referee for Blackwell, Routledge, the *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, the *Canadian*

Journal of Philosophy, *Synthese*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy Compass* and the *Journal of*

Member of the Metaphysics and Epistemology Hiring Committee

Undergraduate Major Advisor

Faculty Co-ordinator for *Philosophia*, the undergraduate philosophy society.

Chapter advisor for Phi Sigma Tau, the national philosophy honours society

Pre-2004 (Princeton University)

Elected Graduate Representative, Philosophy Department, Princeton, 2000–2001

Philosophy Department Appointments Committee, Princeton, 2000–2001

PhilSoc (Graduate Philosophy Colloquium) Coordinator, Princeton, 1999–2000

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT: *Analyticity, Meaning and Paradox*

Some philosophers claim that sentences like ‘all bachelors are unmarried’ are analytic, where this is to say that they are true in virtue of meaning and that anyone who understands one can know that it is true. Some claim in addition that the notion of analyticity can be used to solve problems in epistemology. In the last century however, the work of Quine and Putnam led many to doubt such claims and to suspect that there is no analyticity, only an illusion of analyticity to be explained.

I think that there is something to Quine and Putnam’s objections. Moreover, I think that they are of help in formulating a better account of analyticity. The core of my dissertation is an account of the analytic/synthetic distinction which uses recent developments in the philosophy of language—including Russellian semantics, distinctions between different kinds of meaning, two-dimensional modal logic and the distinction between analyticity, necessity and a priority—to defend a theory which covers both the traditional necessary analytic truths such as ‘all vixens are female’ and Kaplan’s examples of the *contingent* analytic such as ‘I am here now’, ‘ $\ulcorner \text{that}[\alpha] = \alpha \urcorner$ ’ and ‘Snow is white iff actually, now, snow is white.’

I use the account to provide solutions to problems in philosophical logic concerning the correct accounts of vagueness, inconsistency and modality. I also show how it can be used to provide a solution to the Liar paradox.

PRIMARY ADVISOR: Scott Soames
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