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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

AUGUST 2014–PRESENT Assistant Professor of Philosophy  
Hunter College, CUNY

## EDUCATION

JUNE 2014 PhD, Philosophy & Interdisciplinary Concentration in Cognitive Science  
Graduate Center, City University of New York

MAY 2007 BA, Philosophy (Honors)  
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver BC

## SUMMER SCHOOLS

JUNE 2016 Central European University Summer School  
'Understanding Communication and Understanding Minds'. Budapest, Hungary

AUGUST 2012 Fourth International Summer School in Cognitive Science and Semantics  
'Theories of Communication'. Riga, Latvia

JUNE 2010 Central European University Summer School  
'Meaning, Context, and Intention'. Budapest, Hungary

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language, History of Analytic Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Logic

## DISSERTATION

Speech Act Theoretic Semantics

COMMITTEE Stephen Neale (advisor), E. Lepore, M. Devitt, G. Ostertag, D. Rosenthal  
DEFENSE April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Reference and Cognitive Architecture** (tentative title)  
Forthcoming in a Fall 2017 edition of *Croatian Journal of Philosophy*;  
Final version due in September 2017

**A Puzzle about Context and Communicative Acts**  
Submitted; forthcoming in a special issue of *Protosociology* on the publicity of meaning.

**Intentionalism vs. The New Conventionalism**  
*Croatian Journal of Philosophy* 16 (2), 2016, 173–201.

**The History and Prehistory of Natural Language Semantics**  
Forthcoming in *Innovations in the History of Analytic Philosophy*, edited by Christopher Pincock and Sandra Lapointe (under contract with Palgrave Macmillan).

**Speech Acts: The Contemporary Theoretical Landscape**  
Forthcoming in *New Work on Speech Acts*, OUP (see below), coauthored with Daniel Fogal and Matt Moss (I am first author). (Final draft submitted in Spring 2017; awaiting proofs.)

### ***New Work on Speech Acts***

**Volume** co-edited with Daniel Fogal and Matt Moss, under contract with Oxford University Press. Containing 14 new essays by Elisabeth Camp; Nate Charlow; Mitch Green; Peter Hanks; Rae Langton; Mary Kate McGowan; Sarah Murray & Will Starr; Geoff Nunberg; Paul Portner; Craige Roberts; Jennifer Saul; Robert Stalnaker; Matthew Stone & Ernie Lepore; and Seth Yalcin. (Current status: final versions submitted to OUP; projected release in early 2018.)

**Review of *Imagination and Convention: Distinguishing Grammar & Inference in Language*, by Ernie Lepore and Matthew Stone.**  
forthcoming in *Philosophical Review*. Final draft submitted and proofs corrected.

**Review of *Metasemantics: New Essays on the Foundations of Meaning*, edited by Alexis Burgess and Brett Sherman**  
*Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (published online in April 2016; print version forthcoming).

**Review of *Meaning: A Short Introduction*, by Paul Elbourne**  
*Mind* 124 (495), July 2015, 908–11. doi:10.1093/mind/fzv047

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

**Wittgenstein, Austin, and the Origins of Speech-Act Theory**  
Revised and Resubmitted; co-authored with Elmar Unnsteinsson (UC Dublin/U of Iceland)

**Convention, Causation, and Grounding** (tentative title)  
Under Review.

**Semantics without Semantic Content**  
Under Review

**Imperatives and Intention-Based Semantics**  
Under Review

**We Talk to People, not Contexts**  
Under Review

### **Determinations of Meaning**

In progress; co-authored with Stephen Neale (CUNY Graduate Center)

### **Requests, Commands, and Threats**

In progress; co-authored with Rachel McKinney (Pittsburgh)

### ***Speech Acts: An Intentionalist Theory***

Working title for a book manuscript in progress.

## **SELECTED TALKS**

### **Imperatives and Intention-Based Semantics**

Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistic Philosophy, Tarrytown, NY, 15 Oct. 2017

The Nova Scotia Meaning Workshop, Shobac, Nova Scotia, 26 July 2017

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, NYU, 30 Jan. 2017

### **We Talk to People, Not Contexts**

Conference on Defective Communication, U of Oslo, 16 June 2017

Guest session of Elisabeth Camp's graduate seminar, Rutgers University, 22 March 2017

American Pragmatics Association. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. 4-6 November 2016

### **Semantics without Semantic Content**

Guest Class of Justin Khoo's Grad. Seminar on Philosophy of Language, MIT, 13 Dec. 2016

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Francisco, April 2016

### **Prior Theories, Passing Theories, and Compositional Semantics**

Conference on Davidson's 'A Nice Derangement of Epitaphs', U of South Florida. 19 Nov. 2016

### **Reference, Utterance Design, and Cognitive Architecture**

Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 2016

### **Wittgenstein, Austin, and the Origins of Speech-Act Theory (with Elmar Unnsteinsson)**

Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Denver, CO., 18 June 2016

### **Meaning Intentions and Compositional Semantics (with Stephen Neale)**

Pragmasophia Conference, Palermo, Sicily, 19 May 2016

Mayfest/PHLING Conference on Context, University of Maryland, 7 May 2016

### **Requests, Commands, and Threats (with Rachel McKinney)**

MIT Philosophy Working Papers Group, 28 April 2016.

### **Respect the Black Box: A Commentary on Lepore & Stone's *Imagination and Convention***

Philosophy of Language and Linguistics Conference, Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 2015

### **The History and Prehistory of Natural Language Semantics**

McMaster University. Hamilton, Ontario, January 2015

### **Compositional Semantics and the Black Box**

CUNY Pragmatics Workshop. CUNY Graduate Center. New York, October 2014

### **Semantics without Semantic Content**

Western Canadian Philosophical Association. University of British Columbia, October 2014

Western University PhilMilCog Graduate Conference. London, Ontario, May 2013

### **Imperatives in Speech-Act-Theoretic Semantics**

New York University, May 2014

Hunter College, January 2014

University of Pennsylvania, January 2014

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, January 2014

### **Extracted Speech in Defective Contexts (with Rachel McKinney)**

American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego, April 2014

### **The Origins of Semantic Content in Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Logic**

Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy. Indiana University, May 2013

### **Grice on the Composition of Timeless Meaning**

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. San Francisco, March 2013.

(Part of a group session on Grice with Kent Bach and Stephen Neale.)

### **Grice as an Act-Theoretic Semanticist**

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop. March 2013

### **Lewis and Grice on What Constitutes Linguistic Meaning**

Western Canadian Philosophical Association. Victoria, BC, October 2012

### **Act-Theoretic Semantics and the Syntax/Semantics Interface**

Summer School in Cognitive Science and Semantics. Riga, Latvia, July 2012

### **Rediscovering Grice on Timeless Meaning**

Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy. McMaster University, May 2012

### **Why Semanticists Should Care about Metasemantics**

CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series, March 2012

### **In Virtue of What Does a Sentence have Meaning in a Group of Speakers?**

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division. Seattle, April 2012

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop. September 2011

### **Meaning, Content, and Illocution**

Conference on Meaning, Context, and Implicit Content. Chateau C erisy, France, June 2011

### **Foundations for a Gricean Theory of Linguistic Meaning**

UCLA/USC Graduate Philosophy Conference. February 2011

### **Kripke on the Nature of Representation**

Cape Breton University Colloquium. Sydney, NS, January 2011

### **Some Overlooked Aspects of Linguistic Meaning**

Atlantic Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting. Kings College, October 2010

### **A Logic for Talking about Things that Don't Exist**

UWO Logic, Mathematics, and Physics Graduate Philosophy Conference. April 2009

### **Contextualism and Semantic Methodology**

CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series, July 2009

## TEACHING

SPRING 2016 **Graduate Seminar on 'Intention and Acts of Meaning', CUNY Graduate Center**  
Seminar on topics in semantics and pragmatics. Co-taught with Stephen Neale.

2014-PRESENT **Assistant Professor, Hunter College**  
Designed and taught the following courses:

**PHILO 101: Introduction to Philosophy**

Four sections, 2016-17. I have also designed and taught an online version in Fall 2017.

**PHILO 201: Knowledge and Reality**

Introduction to 20<sup>th</sup>-Century metaphysics and epistemology. Six sections, 2014-2016

**PHILO 268: Philosophical Psychology**

Intermediate survey of philosophies of mind, psychology, and cog sci. Spring 2017.

**PHILO 275: Symbolic Logic**

Survey of sentential and first-order logic. Fall 2017.

**PHILO 364: Philosophy of Language**

Advanced survey. Fall 2014 and Fall 2016

**PHILO 380.81: Bertrand Russell**

Advanced seminar. Spring 2015 and Spring 2017.

**PHILO 394.84: Speech Acts**

Advanced undergraduate seminar on approaches to speech-act theory. Fall 2015.

**PHILO 492.03: Language and Social Construction**

Directed reading on philosophy of language and social metaphysics. Fall 2015.

**PHILO 492.03: Independent Study Supervision**

Spring 2015 (2); Fall 2015; Spring 2016 (2); Fall 2016; Spring 2017

**PHILO 494.03: Honors Thesis Supervision**

Fall 2016; Spring 2016; Spring 2017 (2)

FALL 2013-SPRING 2014 **Adjunct Lectureship, Hunter College**

Designed and taught sections of Philosophy 103: Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking and Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy.

2009-2012 **Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Brooklyn College**

Designed and taught a total of fourteen sections of Philosophy 3210: Reasoning, Philosophy 3314: Business: Moral Issues, and CORC 1210: Knowledge, Reality, and Value

2006 **Teaching Assistantship, Simon Fraser University**

Led six discussion sections, did all grading, held office hours, attended lectures for Philosophy 001: Critical Thinking and Philosophy 110: Introduction to Logic and Reasoning.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

SPRING 2017 **Undergraduate Research Grant**

Hunter College, held with three undergraduates, Noah van Genabeek, Lauren Spencer, and Emily Stone (\$5300)

2016–19 **Icelandic Research Fund Grant #163132-051** (Coinvestigator; PI: Elmar Unnsteinsson)  
Title: “Confused Intentions and the Prospects of a Metasemantics for Singular Terms”.

**SPRING 2016 Undergraduate Research Grant**

Hunter College, held with three undergraduates, Emily Corvi, Joanna Trimble, and Tomoko Sawada (\$5300)

**SPRING 2015 Undergraduate Research Grant**

Hunter College, held with two undergraduates, Alexis Vigo and Boris Ayala (\$3650)

**2013–2014 Dissertation Fellowship**

CUNY Graduate Center (\$22,000)

**2010 AND 2012 Doctoral Student Research Grants**

CUNY Graduate Center (\$1500 and \$1200)

**2009–2012 SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship (#752-2009-0684)**

Award held at CUNY Graduate Center (\$60,000)

**2008–2012 Kripke Center Research Assistantship**

Saul Kripke Center, CUNY Graduate Center

**2008–2013 Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship**

Philosophy Program, CUNY Graduate Center (~\$95,000 + tuition)

**2003–2007 National Shrum Entrance Scholarship**

Simon Fraser University (\$26,000)

## **GRADUATE COURSEWORK** (\*audit)

2013 **Conditionals\*** (Robert Stalnaker, Columbia), **Quine and Sellars\*** (David Rosenthal), **Mind and Language Seminar\*** (Stephen Neale & Stephen Schiffer, NYU)

2012 **Knowledge First Epistemology\*** (Jason Stanley, Rutgers), **Topics in Philosophy of Language\*** (Jeff King, Rutgers), **The Evolution of Meaning\*** (Peter Godfrey-Smith), **Descriptions\*** (Gary Ostertag)

2011 **Philosophy of Biology\*** (Godfrey-Smith), **Singular Thought\*** (Stanley and King, Rutgers), **Linguistic Pragmatism** (Neale), **Propositions** (Ostertag)

2010 **Linguistic Pragmatism** (Michael Devitt), **Marx’s Capital** (David Harvey), **Aristotle and Contemporary Virtue Ethics** (Iakovos Vasiliou), **Meaning and Interpretation** (Neale and Noël Carroll), **Scientific Realism** (Devitt)

2009 **Meaning and Concepts** (Christopher Peacocke and Paul Horwich, NYU/Columbia), **Paraconsistency and Dialetheism** (Graham Priest), **Philosophy of Language** (Neale), **Epistemology** (Michael Levin), **Personhood in Philosophy and Law** (Samir Chopra)

2008 **The Psychological Reality of Language** (Devitt), **Quine and Sellars on Mind and Language** (Rosenthal), **Semantics and Pragmatics** (Neale and Schiffer, NYU), **Sentence Processing\*** (Janet Fodor)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

**JULY 2017 Co-Host, Organizer**

Nova Scotia Meaning Workshop (A philosophy/linguistics conference held in rural Nova Scotia. More info here: <http://danielwharris.com/nsconf/index.html>.)

**SEPTEMBER 2014–2016 Co-Creator, Co-Organizer**

CUNY Junior Philosophy Faculty Workshop

(A monthly workshop at which assistant professors of philosophy from various CUNY Colleges take turns presenting their work.)

**SEPTEMBER 2013 Co-Creator, Co-Organizer, Webmaster**

New Work on Speech Acts Conference, Columbia University

<http://newworkonspeechacts.com>

**2012–2014 Website Creator, Designer**

Website about Donald Davidson for Ernie Lepore, The New York Times

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/05/30/a-great-day-for-philosophy/>

**2012–2014 Editorial Assistant, Typesetter, Designer**

Journal of the History of Analytical Philosophy

**2011–PRESENT Co-Founder, Co-Organizer, Webmaster**

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop

(A speaker series that has hosted over 150 talks by philosophers and linguists from around the world. More info on our website: <http://nylanguageworkshop.tumblr.com>)

**2011–PRESENT Referee**

For Mind & Language; Ergo; Philosophical Review; Philosophical Studies; Philosophers Imprint; Social Theory and Practice; Journal of Philosophical Research; The Philosophical Forum; Oxford University Press

## **REFERENCES**

Available on request.