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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mathematics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE:

Logic, Advanced Logic, Set Theory  
Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language  
Modern Philosophy  
Business Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy, Ethics  
Teaching Philosophy

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (see below for other teaching experience):

Assistant Professor, Hamilton College, Beginning July 2010  
Chauncey Truax Post-Doctoral Fellow, Hamilton College, 2007-2010

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. The Graduate Center, City University of New York, February 2007.  
Dissertation: *Numbers without Science*. Adviser: David Rosenthal.  
B.A. Swarthmore College, 1988.  
Major in philosophy. Concentrations in education and mathematics.

## PUBLICATIONS

“Indispensability Arguments in the Philosophy of Mathematics, forthcoming in the *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*  
“A Cooperative-Learning Lesson Using the *Objections and Replies*,” *The APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy* 9.2, Spring 2010: 5-9.  
“Observations on Cooperative-Learning Group Assignments,” *The APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy* 9.2, Spring 2010: 2-5.  
“David Hilbert,” *The Reasoner* 3.3, March 2009.  
Entries on Alonzo Church, David Hilbert, Leopold Löwenheim, Model Theory, Semantic Trees, Thoralf Skolem, Syntax, and Variable; in *Key Terms in Logic*, Jon Williamson and Federica Russo, editors, Continuum Publishers, forthcoming.  
“Structuralism, Indispensability, and the Access Problem,” *Facta Philosophica* 9, 2007: 203-211.  
“Cooperative Learning on the First Day of Class,” *The APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy*. Spring 1998

## PRESENTATIONS

- “A Jigsaw Lesson for First-Order Logic Translations Using Identity”  
Forthcoming at the 2010 American Association of Philosophy Teachers’ Workshop  
Conference, Coastal Carolina University, July 29-August 2, 2010
- “Logic and Philosophy”  
Forthcoming at the 2010 American Association of Philosophy Teachers’ Workshop  
Conference, Coastal Carolina University, July 29-August 2, 2010
- “God or Reason? Case Studies in Jewish and Secular Ethics”  
Waldman Lecture, Temples Emanu-El and Beth El, Utica NY, May 16, 2010.  
Including Bonus Workshop: “Looking Forward, Backward, and Inward: Three  
Approaches to the Good”
- “Embracing the Cartesian Circle”  
Hamilton College, February 16, 2010
- “The Explanatory Indispensability Argument”  
APA Eastern Division Meeting, Main Program, Forthcoming December 2010  
3rd Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics,  
January 17, 2010  
Plenary talk at the First Colombian Conference in Logic, Epistemology, and  
Philosophy of Science, November 6, 2009
- “On Jokes; and Some Observations about Asymmetries in Power and Being a Jew in America”  
Hamilton College Think Tank, September 26, 2008
- “Adjudicating the Objections and Replies: A Cooperative Lesson Using the Objections and  
Replies to Descartes’s Meditations”  
2008 American Association of Philosophy Teachers’ Workshop- Conference,  
University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, August 2008
- “Intrinsic Explanation and Field’s Dispensabilist Strategy”  
The Sydney-Tilburg Conference on Reduction and the Special Sciences, Tilburg  
University, The Netherlands, April 10, 2008  
APA Eastern Division Meeting, Main Program, December 29, 2007
- “Berkeley’s Particularism and the Explanation of Taste Differences: How Can Pigs Eat  
Feces?”  
Hamilton College Think Tank, February 1, 2008
- “The Relevance of Geometry to Philosophy”  
Seminar in Modern Geometries, Hamilton College, December 3-5, 2007
- “Randomness”  
Atheists, Agnostics, and Freethinkers Meeting, Hamilton College, December 3, 2007
- “Structuralism, Indispensability, and the Access Problem”  
The New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association, March 24, 2007
- “Why the Indispensability Argument Does Not Justify Beliefs in Mathematical Objects”  
The College of Wooster, April 9, 2007  
Hamilton College, April 3, 2007  
Wabash College, March 22, 2007  
University of British Columbia Student Philosophy Conference, April 2006  
Rocky Mountain Student Philosophy Conference, March 2006

## **PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

“Formalities”

CUNY Graduate Student Colloquium Series, Spring 2005

“Three Grades of Instrumentalism”

UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2006

CUNY Graduate Conference, Spring 2005

Comments on Eric Swanson’s, “A Friendly Amendment to the Standard Analysis of Supposition”

CUNY Graduate Conference, Spring 2003

“Reductionism, Benacerraf, and Numbers”

CUNY Graduate Conference, Spring 1999

“Boundarylessness”

CUNY Graduate Student Colloquium Series, Spring 1996

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **Papers**

“Embracing the Cartesian Circle”

“Intrinsic Explanation and Field’s Dispensabilist Strategy”

“The Explanatory Indispensability Argument”

Review of Kevin J. Harrelson, *The Ontological Argument from Descartes to Hegel*, for *The APA Newsletter on Teaching Philosophy*

“The Eleatic and the Indispensabilist”

“A Jigsaw Lesson for First-Order Logic Translations Using Identity”

“Three Grades of Instrumentalism”

“Why the Indispensability Argument Does Not Generate Abstract Objects”

### **Book**

*Themes in the Objections and Replies: Objections and Replies to Descartes’s Meditations Organized Topically with New Introductory Material*

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Queens College, Fall 1999 to Spring 2000

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, College of Staten Island, Fall 1995 to Spring 1997

Graduate Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center, Fall 1993 to Spring 1995

Joel Dean Grant, Dana Internship, Research in Education, Swarthmore College, 1986-7

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

Member, American Philosophical Association (APA), 1998 to present

Member, American Association of Philosophy Teachers (AAPT), 2008 to present

Nominating Committee (2008-10); Chaired Session at Eastern APA, December 2009

Member, Mathematics Association of America (MAA), 2008 to present

Logic Puzzle Master, Union College Logic Puzzle Contest, 2008-09

Committees in the CUNY Philosophy Ph.D. Program

Student Steering Committee, Admissions Committee

Doctoral Students Council, Kornblith Chair Search Committee

## **COURSES TAUGHT IN PHILOSOPHY**

Senior Seminar: Knowledge, Truth, and Mathematics (Hamilton College)  
Senior Seminar: The Language Revolution (Hamilton College)  
Senior Seminar: Intuitions and Philosophy (Hamilton College)  
Contemporary Philosophy (Hamilton College)  
Modern Philosophy (Hamilton College)  
Logic (Hamilton College; Queens College; Hofstra University; Swarthmore College, as T.A.)  
Advanced Logic (Queens College, Hamilton College as independent studies in Gödel's Theorems and Non-classical Logics)  
Practical Logic (Hofstra University)  
Philosophy of Mind (Stern College for Women, Yeshiva University)  
Business Ethics (Queens College)  
Ethics (Queens College, Hofstra University, College of Staten Island)  
Introduction to Philosophy (Hamilton College, Queens College, Hofstra University, College of Staten Island)

## **THESES SUPERVISED OR EXAMINED**

Adviser:

Kevin Kerr, "Evidence, Inference, and Clutch Hitting: A Study In Induction and Confirmation," Honors Thesis, Hamilton College, Spring 2010

Tudor Seserman, "Not a Something, but Not a Nothing," Honors Thesis, Hamilton College, Spring 2009

Chris Boveroux, "Internal or Intentional? – Dennett and the Intentional Stance," B.A. Thesis, Hamilton College, Spring 2008

Examiner:

Jeff Kitsis, "Fair Play, Gamesmanship and Cheating: A Three-Category Theory of Sports," B.A. Thesis, Spring 2009

Brendan Conway, "The Heroism of the Dark Knight," B.A. Honors Thesis, Spring 2009

Theresa Fisher, "Rawlsian Global Justice: Reconciling Cultural Differences," B.A. Honors Thesis, Hamilton College, Spring 2008

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN PHILOSOPHY**

Hamilton College. Fall 2007- Present. Courses Taught: Logic; Introduction to Philosophy; Philosophy of Mathematics; Contemporary Philosophy; Philosophy of Language; Intuitions and Philosophy; Modern Philosophy

Stern College for Women, Yeshiva University. Spring 2007. Adjunct Instructor. Course Taught: Theories of the Mind.

Queens College, CUNY. Spring 1998 to Spring 2007. Adjunct Lecturer. Courses Taught: Logic, Advanced Logic, Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Business Ethics.

Hofstra University. Spring 1998 to Summer 1999. Adjunct Instructor. Courses Taught: Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Practical Logic.

College of Staten Island. Spring 1995 to Spring 1997. Graduate Teaching Fellow. Courses Taught: Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics.

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

SPISE: Select Program in Science and Engineering. October 1992 to Spring 1999. New York, NY. Math enrichment program for city high school students. Topics taught include: Boolean Algebra, Königsberg Bridge and Graph Theory, Statistics, Numeric Integration.

Queensborough Community College, Mathematics Department. Fall 1994 to Spring 1995. Bayside, NY. Number Systems, Elementary Algebra.

Cardozo High School, Mathematics Department. September 1992 to June 1993. Bayside, NY. AP Computer Science, Sequential Math I, Sequential Math II, Computer Math.

Costa Rica Academy. August 1989 to June 1992. San Jose, Costa Rica. Statistics, Introduction to Mathematics, AP Language, American Literature, Journalism, World History.

Newtown High School, Mathematics Department. Spring 1989. Elmhurst, NY. Sequential Math I, Computer Math.

Jamaica High School, Mathematics Department. Fall 1988. Jamaica, NY. Sequential Math I, Fundamentals of Mathematics. Advised math magazine.

## **GRADUATE COURSES TAKEN**

Logic, Math, and Computer Science: Incompleteness and Undecidability (Elliot Mendelson); Computability (Elliot Mendelson); Foundations of Artificial Intelligence (Rohit Parikh); Set Theory (Michael Levin); Modal Logic (Melvin Fitting); Advanced Logic (Richard Mendelsohn)

Metaphysics and Epistemology: Knowledge and Nature of Abstract Objects (Jerrold Katz); Epistemology (Charles Landesman); Philosophy of Mind (John Greenwood); Space and Time (Arnold Koslow); Metaphysics (David Rosenthal)

Philosophy of Language: Semantic Paradoxes and the Logic of Truth (Hartry Field); Vagueness and Indeterminacy (Stephen Schiffer); Truth Theories (Haim Gaiffman, Columbia University); Philosophy of Language (Stephen Schiffer)

History: Kant's Critique of Pure Reason (Arthur Collins); The Discovery of Metaphysics: Plato, Parmenides, and Aristotle (Peter Simpson); Descartes (David Rosenthal, audited)

Ethics: Ethics (Steven Ross); Utilitarianism (Douglas Lackey); Social and Political Philosophy (Steven Cahn)

## **REFERENCES**

David Rosenthal, Graduate Center, CUNY

Michael Devitt, Graduate Center, CUNY

Elliott Mendelson, Queens College and Graduate Center, CUNY

Katheryn Doran, Hamilton College

Todd Franklin, Hamilton College

Marianne Janack, Hamilton College

James Jordan, Queens College, CUNY

Harvey Burstein, Queens College, CUNY