

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018)

Previously: Faculty Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto (July 2016–July 2018)

## Education

PhD, Philosophy, University of Toronto; Dissertation: *Perspectives on Modal Metaphysics*; Supervisors: Benj Hellie and Jessica Wilson; Readers: Nate Charlow and Nick Stang; External Examiner: Louis deRosset; 2017

MA, Philosophy, University of Manitoba; Thesis: *Actualist Modal Realism*; Supervisor: Chris Tillman; 2009

BA, University of Winnipeg (Political Science; 2003)

## Area of Specialization

Metaphysics and philosophy of language (modality; essence; singular reference; context; individuation; and their philosophical logic)

## Areas of Competence

Early modern philosophy; logic (through completeness); epistemology; general metaphysics of science (laws of nature); history of analytic philosophy

## Articles

- 2017 Entry on Relativized Metaphysical Modality (with Benj Hellie and Jessica Wilson). In: Otávio Bueno and Scott Shalkowski, editors, *The Routledge Handbook of Modality*. New York: Routledge.
- 2014 Not the Optimistic Type (with Ben Caplan, Brian McLean, and Chris Tillman). *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43: 575–589. (6600 words)
- 2013 Spinoza on Essence and Ideal Individuation. *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43: 78–96. (9800 words)
- 2012 Relativized Metaphysical Modality (with Jessica Wilson). In: Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, editors, *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 7: 189–226. (13,500 words)

## Invited Contributions in Progress

Propositional Dependence in Higher-order Modal Perspectivism. Under contract for Chris Tillman, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions*. New York: Routledge. (6000 words). Forthcoming 2018.

## In Progress/Under Review

Existence and Nonexistence in Modal Perspectivism (9500 words)

Chisholm's Paradox in Perspective (8000 words)

Paper on context-relativity and higher-order ontological necessitism

Paper on modality and Humean conceptions of lawhood

## Awards and grants

University of Toronto (Doctoral Completion Award, CAD 8000: 2014–15)

Ontario Provincial Government (Graduate fellowship, CAD 15,000: 2013–14)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Government of Canada (PhD Research Fellowship, CAD 40,000: 2011–13)

Ontario Provincial Government (Graduate fellowship, CAD 15,000: 2011–12)

Manitoba Provincial Government (Graduate fellowship, CAD 15,000: 2008–9)

University of Manitoba (Mary Catherine Cartwright Graduate Fellowship, CAD 10,000: 2008–9)

## Academic Talks

- 2018 *Eternal Existents*: Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Canada
- Existence and Nonexistence in Modal Perspectivism*, Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Connecticut
- Chisholm's Paradox in Perspective*, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey (department colloquium; invited); The University of Manitoba (department colloquium; invited)
- 2017 *Contingency in the Necessary Framework of Objects*: Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada
- 2016 *Modal Dependence*: Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey (Department colloquium; invited)
- 2014 *Essence, Modality, and Material Origins*: Yonsei Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (invited)
- 2013 *Relative Essentialism*: Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba, with comments by Damian Melamedoff (University of Toronto); Canadian Philosophical Association, Victoria, British Columbia, with comments by Curtis Kehler (University of British Columbia); Society for Exact Philosophy, Montreal
- 2011 *Spinoza on Essence and Ideal Individuation*: Princeton-Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton University, with comments by Katharine Gasdaglis (Columbia)
- Independence and Parallelism in Spinoza's Ethics*: University of Toronto Early Modern Research Group; Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Calgary, Alberta, with comments by Amy Schmitter (University of Alberta); Southern Philosophical Association, Pensacola, FL
- 2010 *Actualism and Mere Possibilia*: East-Asian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Kyung-Hee University, Seoul, South Korea
- 2009 *Fine on Proxy Actualism*: XXII World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea; Philosophy Department, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg

## Commentaries

- 2018 Evan Woods, *Many, but Almost One*: Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal, Montréal, Canada
- 2017 Andrew Parisi, *Barcan Up the Wrong Tree*: Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University

- 2014 Justin Dallman, Existence and Cognitive Event Theories of Propositions: Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 2012 Juhani Yli-Vakkuri, Modal Skepticism and Counterfactual Knowledge: *Varieties of Possibility*, 11th Annual Graduate Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
- 2008 Jeff Kochan, Technology and Freedom in Martin Heidegger: Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

### **Other research activities**

- 2012 *Metaphysical Mayhem*, Rutgers University, NJ (Funded, 5-day seminar and discussion event focusing on contemporary metaphysics; invited)
- 2010–12 Research assistant to Byeong-Uk Yi (Project investigating the logic and semantics of mass and count nouns; Department of Philosophy, Toronto)
- 2009 Research assistant to Esa Diaz-Leon (literature review; project on the metaphysics of race; Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba)
- 2008 Research assistant to Neil McArthur (literature review; project on philosophy of love in the medieval period; Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba)

### **Teaching**

*Modal Logic and Metaphysics* (MA and upper-level undergraduate seminar on the interconnections between modal logic and modal metaphysics; University of Manitoba; fall 2018)

*History of Analytic Philosophy* (200-level course on the history of analytic philosophy from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century to the present; University of Manitoba; spring 2019)

*Socrates Project*: Seminar Coordinator (Advanced, 400-level undergraduate seminar focused on research and teaching; University of Toronto; 2016–present)

*Seminar in Metaphysics* (400-level; Topic: Modal Ontology; University of Toronto; Fall 2017)

*Metaphysics* (300-level; Topic: “Metaphysical Systems”; University of Toronto; Winter semesters: 2017, 2018)

*Knowledge and Reality* (200-level survey course in metaphysics and epistemology; enrollment: 215 students; University of Toronto; Fall semesters: 2016, 2017; co-taught with Dominic Alford-Duguid: Summer 2014)

*Symbolic Logic* (200-level course in propositional and first-order logic, including basic model theory; 100 students; University of Toronto; Summer 2013)

*Critical Thinking* (200-level course on informal reasoning and argumentation; University of Manitoba; Summer semesters: 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010; spring 2019)

## **Supervisions and other teaching activities**

Research supervision: Lucas Bennett (undergraduate research project on the ontology of fiction and semantics of fictional names; University of Toronto, Philosophy)

Departmental teacher-training coordinator (for first-time instructors, teaching assistants, and graders; Department of Philosophy, Toronto; Fall and Spring semesters: 2016–present)

## **Service**

Reviewer for *Synthese*; *Minds and Machines*; *Theoria*; *Linguistics and Philosophy*

Co-organizer (with Belinda Piercy), University of Toronto Undergraduate Research Conference (Department of Philosophy, Toronto: Spring 2017 and 2018)

Typesetting and general tech consultant, *Noesis*: The University of Toronto Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy; 2017–present (L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, BiB<sup>L</sup>A<sub>T</sub>E<sub>X</sub>, Sublime/Vim, Linux OS)

University of Toronto Graduate Conference Committee: submission reviewer (*Varieties of Possibility* conference; Spring 2012)

## **References**

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Benj Hellie (Professor, Philosophy, Toronto); [benj.hellie@utoronto.ca](mailto:benj.hellie@utoronto.ca)

Nate Charlow (Assistant Professor, Philosophy, Toronto); [nate.charlow@utoronto.ca](mailto:nate.charlow@utoronto.ca))

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