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Areas of Specialisation

Metaphysics
Epistemology
Philosophy of Mathematics

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of language
Philosophy of logic
American Pragmatism

Education and Employment

Assistant Professor, Stanford University Philosophy Department	2014-present
Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows	2012-2014
PhD, Philosophy, Rutgers University	2012
Dissertation: Papers on Pragmatism	
Committee: Brian Weatherson, Ernie Lepore, Andy Egan, Cian Dorr	
Cognitive Science Certificate, Rutgers	2012
MMathPhil, Mathematics and Philosophy, Oxford	2008
First Class	

Research Papers

<i>What was James's Theory of Truth?</i> <i>in The Oxford Handbook to William James (invited, not blind reviewed)</i>	(Forthcoming)
The (Metaphysical) Foundations of Arithmetic? <i>Noûs</i>	(Forthcoming)
Platitudes in Mathematics <i>Synthese</i>	2015
If there were no numbers, what would you think? <i>Thought</i>	2014
A Trivialist's Travails <i>Philosophia Mathematica</i>	2014

Reading the Book of the World 2014
Philosophical Studies

Book Reviews and Encyclopaedia Articles

“Philosophical Temperaments” Forthcoming
in *Understanding James, Understanding Monism*

Review of Chalmers, *Constructing the World* 2014
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews
<https://ndpr.nd.edu/news/50031-constructing-the-world/>

Review of Rayo, *The Construction of Logical Space* 2014
Australasian Journal of Philosophy

Review of Misak, *The American Pragmatists* 2014
The Philosophical Review

Pedagogical Writing

Introduction to Philosophy (with Stephen Stich) Forthcoming
Under contract with Oxford University Press

‘Context Sensitivity’ (with Ernie Lepore) 2012
Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language

Presentations

The (Metaphysical) Foundations of Arithmetic Spring/Summer 2015
Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic Conference, Oxford University
Pacific APA

Existence by Definition Spring 2014
Colloquium talk at Stanford University,
Colloquium talk at The University of Georgia

The Pragmatist Theory of Truths Winter 2014
Colloquium talk at the University of Michigan
Colloquium talk at The University of Georgia

The Trivialist’s Travails October 2013
Symposium at MIT on Rayo’s *The Construction of Logical Space*

A Jamesian Analysis of Truth October 2013
Atlantic Region Philosophers’ Association Annual Meeting

Definitions in the History of Mathematics June 2013
eidōs Workshop in Metaphysics and Mathematics

Does the Truth have Cash Value? June 2011
Third Annual Rutgers-Siena Joint Workshop on Cognitive Sciences

Teaching

Recent Work on Logical Consequence Fall 2015
Graduate, Stanford University

Philosophy of Mathematics Fall 2015
Upper level undergraduate, Stanford University

Paradoxes Spring 2015
Lower level undergraduate, Stanford University

Philosophy of Mathematics Winter 2015
Upper level undergraduate, Stanford University

Analyticity Fall 2014
Upper level undergraduate, Stanford University

Graduate Seminar in Metaphysics: Recent Work on Ground Fall 2014
Graduate, Stanford University

Contemporary Movements in Philosophy Spring 2012
Upper level undergraduate, Rutgers University

Introduction to Logic Fall 2011
Lower level undergraduate, Rutgers University

Hume, Kant and the Eighteenth Century Summer 2011
Upper level undergraduate, Rutgers University

American Philosophy Summer 2010
Upper level undergraduate, Rutgers University

See also a video on William James and the ethics of belief Spring 2013
<http://www.wi-phi.com/contributor/thomas-donaldson>
Produced with Gaurav Vazirani and Damien Rochford.

Other

Reviewer for *Mind*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*,
Synthese, *Philosophical Studies*, and *Dialectica*.

2012 – Present

PhD committee member for Arezoo Islami
Thesis Title: "The "Unreasonable" Effectiveness of Mathematics in Physics"

Spring 2015

Colloquium organizer for the Stanford Philosophy department

2014-15