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Employment

2012 – present	Swiss National Science Foundation postdoctoral researcher (‘scientific collaborator’)
2013 – present	University of Neuchâtel – Swiss NSF project “The Nature of Existence: Neglected Questions at the Foundations of Ontology” (PIs: Fabrice Correia and Kevin Mulligan)
2012 – 2013	University of Geneva – Swiss NSF project “Intentionality as the Mark of the Mental: Metaphysical Perspectives on Contemporary Philosophy of Mind” (PI: Fabrice Correia)

Education

2005 – 2013	University of Notre Dame – Ph.D. in philosophy Dissertation: <i>Getting Grounded: Essays on the Metaphysics of Fundamentality</i> Dissertation advisor and committee chair: Michael Rea
2001 – 2005	University of Georgia – B.A. in philosophy Honors Program, highest honors (<i>summa cum laude</i> , 3.97 GPA)

Areas of research specialization:

Metaphysics, philosophy of science

Additional areas of teaching competence:

Asian philosophy, epistemology, ethics, history of early modern, logic (intro and advanced), phil. of language, phil. of mind

Research output

- Journal articles and (non-encyclopedic) book chapters

Forthcoming	“In Defense of the Disjunctive”, <i>Inquiry</i> .
2015	“Against Grounding Necessitarianism”, <i>Erkenntnis</i> , 80, pp. 717-751.
2015	“Essence in Abundance”, <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> , 45, pp. 100-112.
2014	“Is There a Dilemma for the Truthmaker Non-Maximalist?”, <i>Synthese</i> , 191, pp. 3649-3659.
2014	“Primitivism about Intrinsicity”, in <i>Companion to Intrinsic Properties</i> , ed. Robert Francescotti, Berlin: De Gruyter, pp. 221-252.
2013	“Time, Modality, and the Unbearable Lightness of Being”, with Akiko Frischhut, <i>Thought</i> , 2, pp. 264-273.
2012	“Underdetermination as a Path to Structural Realism”, with Katherine Brading, in <i>Structural Realism: Structure, Object, and Causality</i> , eds. Elaine Landry and Dean Rickles, Dordrecht: Springer, pp. 99-115.
2009	“Trogon on Monism and Intrinsicity”, <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , 87 (1), pp. 149-154.

- Under review

Revise and resubmit	“Emergence Reinflated”, <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> .
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- Comments on Joshua Spencer's "Natural Ways to Be"
- 4th Annual INPC: Aristotelianism in Contemporary Metaphysics, Boise State University (Spring 2011)
- Comments on Dan Gibberman's "Is There No End to Priority Monism?"
- Central APA, Minneapolis MN (Spring 2011)
- Comments on L.A. Paul's "How is The World Built?"
- ANU Fundamentality Conference (Fall 2010)
- Comments on Sean Walsh's "Modal Mereology and Modal Supervenience"
- Pacific APA, San Francisco CA (Spring 2010)
- Comments on Kelly Trogdon's "Grounding, Border-Sensitivity, and Intrinsicity"
- Central APA, Chicago IL (Spring 2010)
- Comments on Jonathan Schaffer's "Grounding as the Primitive Concept of Metaphysical Structure"
- CU-Boulder Dependence Workshop (Spring 2009)

Conference organization

First-order and Second-order Metaphysics – Ovronnaz, Switzerland; funded by the Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale (CUSO). Speakers include Ricki Bliss, Kris McDaniel, and Tatjana von Solodkoff.

Workshop on Grounding and Existence – University of Geneva, 26-28 September. 2014. Co-organized with Jan Plate; funded by the Swiss NSF. Speakers include Michael J. Clark, Nikk Effingham, Akiko Frischhut, Kevin Mulligan, Jan Plate, Francesca Poggiolesi, Gideon Rosen, Alexander Skiles, Jonathan Tallant, and Nathan Wildman.

Explanation in Metaphysics – University of Neuchâtel, 22-23 June 2013. Co-organized with Fabrice Correia; funded by the Swiss NSF. Speakers include Kit Fine, Carrie Ichikawa Jenkins, Marie Kaiser, Stephan Leuenberger, Jon Litland, Kevin Mulligan, Benjamin Schnieder, and Brad Weslake.

Workshop in Metaphysics and Mathematics – University of Geneva, 20 June 2013. Speakers include Thomas Donaldson, Michael Raven, Bradley Rettler, and Jennifer Wang.

Teaching experience

- Lecturer (University of Neuchâtel, M.A./Ph.D. level, responsible for all aspects of the course)

Spring 2016	Séminaire II: The Concept of God in Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz
Fall 2015	Séminaire II: Buddhist Metaphysics—East Meets West
Fall 2014	Séminaire II: The Nature of Existence

- Tutor (Collège du Léman International School)

Fall 2014 – Assorted subjects (physics, mathematics, history, English as a second language, etc.)

- Lecturer (University of Notre Dame, undergraduate level, responsible for all aspects of the course)

Spring 2012	PHIL 20101 Introduction to Philosophy (two sections)
Fall 2011	PHIL 20101 Introduction to Philosophy (two sections)
Spring 2010	PHIL 10101 Introduction to Philosophy

- Lecturer (Rutgers University, undergraduate level, responsible for all aspects of the course)

Summer 2011	PHIL 103 Introduction to Philosophy
Spring 2011	PHIL 201 Introduction to Formal Logic

- Teaching assistant (University of Notre Dame, undergraduate level, responsible for grading and tutorials)

Spring 2008	PHIL 30302 History of Modern Philosophy
Fall 2007	PHIL 20602 Medical Ethics
Spring 2007	PHIL 20214 Ancient Wisdom and Modern Love
Fall 2006	PHIL 10101 Introduction to Philosophy

Selected awards and fellowships (not including institutional travel grants)

2010 – 2011	The Kaneb Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship, University of Notre Dame
2010	Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Award, University of Notre Dame
2009	Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies
2005 – 2010	Lilly Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame
2004	Phi Beta Kappa, University of Georgia
2004	Dean William Tate Scholar, University of Georgia

Research assistantships, professional service, etc.

2012 –	Editorial committee member for <i>Dialectica</i>
2011 –	Referee for <i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> (2x), <i>Canadian Journal of Philosophy</i> (2x), <i>Dialectica</i> (many), <i>Ergo</i> (2x), <i>Erkenntnis</i> (2x), <i>European Journal of Analytic Philosophy</i> , <i>European Journal for Philosophy of Science</i> , <i>Inquiry</i> (2x), <i>International Journal for Philosophy of Science</i> , <i>Mind</i> (3x), <i>Pacific Philosophical Quarterly</i> (2x), <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i> , <i>Philosophia</i> (2x), <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> (4x), <i>Philosophical Studies</i> (2x), <i>Res Philosophica</i> , <i>Studia Philosophica Estonia</i> (2x), <i>Synthese</i> (3x), <i>Topoi</i>
2009 –	PhilPapers, section editor: “Fundamentality”
2009 – 2010	Founder and organizer of University of Notre Dame Graduate Colloquium Series
2007 – 2008	Research assistant to Katherine Brading, “Structuralist Approaches to Physics” (National Science Foundation Grant SES-0724383 Brading 201201)
2006 – 2008	Student representative, Department of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame

Graduate-level coursework (* = audited; ☼ = invited summer course; all at Notre Dame unless noted otherwise)**- Contemporary metaphysics**

Summer 2015	Ontology and Metaontology☼ (CEU)	M. Balaguer, S. Bernstein, K. Koslicki, T. Horgan, N. Markosian, M. Sullivan
Summer 2014	The Easy Approach to Ontology☼ (Hamburg)	A. Thomasson
Summer 2012	Metaphysical Mayhem☼ (Rutgers)	K. Hawley, J. Hawthorne, J. Schaffer, T. Sider, D. Zimmerman
Spring 2012	Time in Metaphysics and Logic*	M. Sullivan
Fall 2011	Ontology and Metaontology*	P. van Inwagen
Spring 2011	Dependence* (Rutgers)	J. Schaffer
Fall 2010	Metaphysics of Material Objects* (ANU)	D. Korman
Fall 2009	Metaontology*	M. Rea
Spring 2009	Universals*	M. Rea
Spring 2008	Monism in Contemporary Metaphysics	S. Newlands
Spring 2006	Metaphysics	P. van Inwagen
Fall 2004	Dispositions and Causal Powers (UGA)	R. Clarke
Fall 2004	Time and Persistence (UGA)	Y. Balashov

- Contemporary epistemology and philosophy of science

Fall 2008	Structuralism in Philosophy of Physics*	K. Brading
Spring 2007	Foundations of Space and Time	K. Brading
Fall 2006	Philosophy of Science	D. Howard
Summer 2006	Descrying the World in Physics* (CEU)	D. Albert, B. Loewer, T. Maudlin
Spring 2006	Historical Foundations of Quantum Theory	D. Howard
Spring 2006	Epistemology	M. David, T. Warfield

- Contemporary philosophy of mind and language

Summer 2013	Truthmaker Semantics☼ (Hamburg)	K. Fine
Summer 2010	Perception* (ANU)	S. Schellenberg
Spring 2008	Philosophy of Language*	J. Speaks
Spring 2007	Language and Mind	J. Speaks
Fall 2006	Topics in Philosophy of Mind	A. Plantinga, T. Warfield
Fall 2005	Physicalism and Dualist Alternatives	J. Kim

- Logic

Fall 2005	Intermediate Logic II	T. Bays
Fall 2005	Philosophy of Logic*	P. Blanchette
Spring 2004	Problems in Logic: Modality (UGA)	C. Cross
Fall 2003	Model Theory (UGA)	C. Cross
Spring 2003	Deductive Systems (UGA)	C. Cross

- History of philosophy

Fall 2009	Early Modern Metaphysics: Modality*	S. Newlands
Spring 2008	Philosophy of Mind in Duns Scotus	R. Cross
Spring 2007	Spinoza	S. Newlands
Fall 2006	20 th Century Ethics	D. Solomon
Fall 2005	Aristotle's Metaphysics	M. Loux

References

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