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Areas of specialization

Philosophy of language, history and philosophy of logic, philosophy of sex and love.

Areas of teaching competence

Logic, medieval philosophy.

Education

PhD Philosophy, **University of Canterbury**, New Zealand, 2000
Thesis: *The meaning and use of proper names*
Supervisor: B. J. Copeland, Philosophy, University of Canterbury
Associate Supervisor: P. Catton, Philosophy, University of Canterbury
Examiners: F. Jackson, Philosophy Program, Research School of Social Sciences,
Australian National University, Australia
W. Demopolous, Philosophy, University of Western Ontario

Visiting PhD Student, Philosophy Program, **Research School of Social Sciences,
Australian National University**, Australia, 1999 (July–September)

MA Philosophy, **University of Calgary**, Canada, 1995
Thesis: *Aquinas and Scotus: Free Will, Teleological Ethics and Deontic Logic*

BA Philosophy, University of Calgary, Canada, 1993

BA English, University of Calgary, Canada, 1991

Academic Appointments

2013–2018	Department Head, Philosophy, University of Calgary
2000–present	Assistant Professor, University of Calgary (Tenure 2008)
1997–1999	Tutor, Philosophy, University of Canterbury.
1996	Sessional Instructor, Philosophy, University of Calgary
1993–1995	Teaching Assistant, Philosophy, University of Calgary.

Publications

Articles

- Forthcoming. with Gillman Payette. Logical Pluralism and Logical Form. *Logique Et Analyse*.
2017. with Gillman Payette. How do logics explain? *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*: 1-11.
DOI: [10.1080/00048402.2017.1342674](https://doi.org/10.1080/00048402.2017.1342674)
2017. with Mark Migotti. On the Very Idea of Sex with Robots. In John Danaher & Neil McArthur (eds.), *Robot Sex: Social and Ethical Implications*. MIT. pp. 15-27.
2009. Failing to do things with words. *Southwest Philosophy Review*. 25(1). 135-142
2008. The pragmatics of empty names. *Dialogue*. 46. 663-81
2004. What are Beall and Restall pluralists about? *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. 82 409-420.
2000. Did Duns Scotus invent possible worlds semantics? *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. 78. 196-212.

Refereed Conference Presentations

2016. (with Gillman Payette) Against Logical Generalism. Society for Exact Philosophy. May.
2014. (with Mark Migotti) Are we doing the philosophy of sex now or what? Western Canadian Philosophy Association. October.
2013. Naming and Refusing. Feminist Philosophy and Pornography, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin Institut für Philosophie Symposium Series.
2013. (with Mark Migotti) On the very idea of having sex. Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association. March.
2012. (with Mark Migotti) On the very idea of having sex. Western Canadian Association of Philosophy. October.
2012. Uttering Empty Names. Society for Exact Philosophy. October.
2009. Hustler and tijuana bibles: desire and objectification in Watchmen. Southwest Texas/Popular Culture/American Culture Association. February.
2008. Failing to do things with words. Southwest Philosophical Society, November.
2008. Conventions for illocutionary silencing. North American Association for Social Philosophy, July; Canadian Philosophical Association, June; Society for Exact Philosophy, May; American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, March.
2008. Hustler and tijuana bibles: desire and objectification in Watchmen. Dragon*Con Academic Mini-Conference, August.
2007. Conventions for illocutionary silencing. Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, October.
2002. Compositionality and Context Sensitivity. Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting October.
2001. What are Beall and Restall Pluralists about? Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting October.
1998. Concepts of possibility in Hobbes and Hume. Australasian Association of Philosophy, New Zealand Division, Hamilton, New Zealand.
1997. Morality is Morality: Scotus on the will and fourteenth century interest in deontic logic. Australasian Association of Philosophy, Auckland, New Zealand.

Invited Presentations

(Departmental talks and commentaries omitted.)

2015. (with Gillman Payette) Logical Pluralism and Logical Form. Society for Exact Philosophy. May.
2014. Author Meets Critics Session for Ernie Lepore and Matthew Stone's *Imagination and Convention: Distinguishing Grammar and Inference in Language*. Canadian Philosophy Association Annual Meeting. May.
2012. Turing and Intelligent Machines. Turing Centenary 2012 at the University of Calgary. December.
2011. Saying and Not Doing. The Apeiron Society for the Practice of Philosophy, February.
2007. Topics and empty names. Syntax at the Interfaces Workshop, February.
2006. Author Meets Critics Session for Robert Stainton's *Words and Thoughts: Subsentences, Ellipsis and the Philosophy of Language*. Western Canadian Philosophical Association Meeting, October.

Reviews

2016. Review of *Intentionality, Cognition, and Mental Representation in Medieval Philosophy*. Edited by Gyula Klima. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 95 (1):204-204.
2001. Review of Grim, Mar, and St. Denis, *The Philosophical Computer. Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
2001. Review of Ralph Johnson, *Manifest Rationality: a pragmatic theory of argument. Philosophy in Review*.

Supervision

Supervisor

- Samara Burns, *Permutation Invariance*. BA Honours 2015.
- Boaz Schuman, *Devil Take the Hindmost: Cognition and Angelic Hierarchy in the de Angelis of Franciscus de Mayronis (c.1280-1327)*. BA Honours 2013.
- James R. Scott, *Figure and Ground: Considerations on the Natures and Logics of Time*, MA, 2010
- Emelia Baack, *Thick as Thieves: an investigation of true friendship*, BA Honours, 2010
- Julia Zochodne, *What do we do with a logic that is formal?*, BA Honours, 2009
- Charles H. Kline III, *My Apologies (I'm sorry you have to read this thesis)*, BA Honours, 2009
- Adil Kurji, *An Investigation into a Derogatory Utterance: or, this thesis is so gay*, BA Honours, 2009
- Mike Jordan, *God, Care, and the Argument from Religious Experience*, BA Honours, 2005
- R. Jonathan Chapman, *Semantic and Pragmatic Elements in the Process of Understanding, A Non-Linear Approach* MA, 2002

Awards and Grants

- 2016 Co-Applicant on "Logic for the 21st Century" University of Calgary Teaching and Learning Grants. PI: Richard Zach (\$36,000)
- 2015 Co-Applicant on "The Open Logic Project" University of Calgary Teaching and Learning Grants. PI: Richard Zach (\$7,500)
- 2015 Co-Applicant on "The Open Logic Project" Campus Alberta Open Educational Resources Initiative. PI: Richard Zach (\$43,000)

Professional Service

Member of the Board, Canadian Philosophical Association 2016-2018

Member, Committee on Logic Education, *Association for Symbolic Logic*. 2016-2018

Editor

Philpapers.org, Logic and Philosophy of Logic, Miscellaneous

Philpapers.org, Logical Pluralism

Philpapers.org, Feminist Philosophy of Language

Editorial Board

Thought (Logic Panel)

Open Logic Project (openlogicproject.org)