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## RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Technology

Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Language, Epistemology, Philosophy of Art, Bioethics,  
Environmental Ethics, Critical Thinking

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA Dissertation: <i>A Metaphysics of Artifacts: Essence and Mind-Dependence</i> Committee: Ned Markosian (chair), Hilary Kornblith, Amie Thomasson, Phil Bricker	Expected 2021
M.A. in Philosophy (transferred) McGill University, Montreal, Canada	2016
M.A. in Philosophy Queen's University, Kingston, Canada	2013
B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Canada	2012

## PUBLICATIONS

“Good ‘Cat’, Bad ‘Act’” *Philosophia*, (2020): <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11406-020-00287-2>.

“Relativity and the Causal Efficacy of Abstract Objects” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, vol. 57  
no. 3 (2020): 269-282.

“Abstract Objects, Causal Efficacy, and Causal Exclusion” *Erkenntnis* vol. 83 no. 4 (August,  
2018): 805-827.

“Review of Joshua Mozerky, *Time, Language, and Ontology: The World from the B-theoretic Perspective*”  
*Dialogue* vol. 55 no. 3 (September, 2016): 574-576.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Function Essentialism About Artifacts” (R&R)  
“Are Artworks Necessarily Artifacts?” (under review)  
“Artifacts and Mind-Dependence”  
“How Can Abstracta Be Causal?”  
“Intuitions, Evidence, and Inclinations to Believe”

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Good ‘Cat’, Bad ‘Act’”, Pacific APA, Portland, CA, April 2021.  
“Good ‘Cat’, Bad ‘Act’”, Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA, April 2020. \*Cancelled\*  
“Are Artworks Necessarily Artifacts?”, American Society for Aesthetics Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, October 2019  
Comments on D. Andrews, “Personal Identity, Progressive Dementia, and Advance Directives”, Canadian Philosophical Association, UBC, Vancouver, June 2019  
“Against a Neo-Quinean Metaontology”, Canadian Philosophical Association, UBC, Vancouver, June 2019  
“Intuitions, Evidence, and Inclinations to Believe”, Society for Exact Philosophy, York University, Toronto, May 2019  
“Are Artworks Necessarily Artifacts?”, Canadian Philosophical Association, UQÀM, Montréal, June 2018  
“Relativity and the Causal Efficacy of Abstract Objects”, Society for the Metaphysics of Science Panel Discussion, Pacific APA, San Diego, CA, March 2018  
Participant, ‘Ontology and Metaontology’ Summer School, Central European University, Budapest, July 2017  
“Relativity and the Causal Efficacy of Abstract Objects”, Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, Toronto, May 2017\*  
\*Winner of the CPA Annual Student Essay Prize  
“Are Artworks Necessarily Artifacts?”, University of Albany (SUNY) Graduate Conference, Albany, NY, April 2017  
“Relativity and the Causal Efficacy of Abstract Objects”, Pitt-CMU Graduate Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, March 2017  
“Relativity and the Causal Efficacy of Abstract Objects”, Central APA, Kansas City, MO, March 2017

“Against a Neo-Quinean Metaontology”, Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy, Metropolitan State University of Denver, USA, June 2016

“The Causal Theory of Reference and the Nature of Artifacts”, Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, Canada, June 2016

Comments on M. Backmann, “I Tensed the Laws and the Laws Won: Non-Eternalist Humeanism”, Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, Canada, May 2016

“Dodd sur l’efficacité causale des objets abstraits”, Société de philosophie analytique, UQÀM, Canada, June 2015

“Dodd on the Causal Efficacy of Abstracta”, Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Ottawa, Canada, June 2015

Comments on H. McIntyre, “Kinds and Category Cognition”, Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Ottawa, Canada, June 2015

“Dodd on the Causal Efficacy of Abstracta”, Dubrovnik Philosophy of Art Conference, IUC, Croatia, April 2015

Participant ‘Individuals and Indeterminacy: Perspectives in Contemporary Ontology’, Summer School, University of Bamberg, Germany, July 2014

“A Psycho-Somatic Approach to Personal Identity”, Philopolis, Université de Montréal, Canada, February 2014

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### *Instructor*

Intro. to Philosophy (UMass, online)  
Practical Reasoning (UMass, online)  
Environmental Ethics (UMass, hybrid)  
Medical Ethics (UMass) x2

### *Teaching Assistant*

Practical Reasoning (UMass) x2  
Medical Ethics (UMass)  
Logic (McGill)  
Contemporary Moral Issues (McGill) x2  
Philosophy of Religion (McGill)  
Intro. to Philosophy (McGill) x2  
Philosophy of Mind (Queen’s)  
Biomedical Ethics (Queen’s)

## **COURSE HISTORY**

### *Graduate Courses Taken (\* indicates audit)*

#### *At UMass*

Metaphysics of Modality\* (Bricker)

Material Constitution\* (Markosian)  
Modal Logic (Hardegree)  
Epistemic Agency (Kornblith)  
Intuitions (Meacham)  
Expressivism (Perez-Carballo)  
Causation (Eddon)  
Pro-seminar 2 (Markosian, de Harven)  
Pro-seminar 1 (Horowitz, Perez-Carballo)  
Metaontology (Bricker)  
Philosophy of Art (Markosian)

*At McGill*

Philosophy of Geometry (Schlamm)  
Hegel (di Giovanni)  
Metaphysics of Artifacts (Davies)  
Ontology of Art (Davies)  
Reasons and Rationality (Reisner)  
Philosophy of Social Science (Davies, Buckley)  
Epistemology (Blome-Tillman)  
Personal Identity (Stoljar)  
Theories of Reference (Davies)

*At Queen's*

Aristotle's Ethics (Leighton)  
Wittgenstein (Mercier)  
Metaphysics (Bakhurst)  
Philosophy of Time (Mozersky)  
Animal Ethics (Kymlicka)  
Formal Methods in Philosophy (Mercier)

## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

Robison Teaching Award, 2019  
UMass Summer Dissertation Fellowship, 2019  
Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting Student Essay Prize, 2017  
Bennett Scholarship, 2016  
UMass Amherst Puryear Fellowship, 2016  
Reverend Gaultieri Prize, 2014  
Ontario-Rhône-Alpes Exchange Student Bursary, 2010  
Lakehead University Entrance Scholarship, 2008

## LANGUAGES

English (Native)

French (Advanced)

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Co-Founder, UMass Amherst Chapter of Minorities and Philosophy (MAP) (2020)

Course Developer, Introduction to the Philosophy of Technology, UMass Amherst (2020)

UMass Amherst, Department of Philosophy Climate Committee Member (2018-2019)

Reviewer for the Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting (2018, 2019)

Reviewer for *Dialogue* (2016)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Canadian Philosophical Association

Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy

American Philosophical Association

American Society for Aesthetics

Société de philosophie analytique

European Society for Aesthetics

Society for Exact Philosophy

## REFERENCES

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