

**JONATHAN SCHAFFER**

Curriculum Vitae of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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**RESEARCH AREAS**

Specialization: Metaphysics  
Competences: Epistemology, Language, Mind, Science

**EMPLOYMENT**

Rutgers University: Distinguished Professor, ongoing from 2015; Professor (I), 2011-15  
Australian National University: Professor (E2), 2007-11  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst: Assistant Professor, 2000-04; Associate Professor, 2004-07  
University of Houston: Assistant Professor, 1999-2000

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Rutgers University, 1999: “Causation and the Probabilities of Processes,” with Brian McLaughlin (chair), Barry Loewer, Tim Maudlin, and David Lewis (outside examiner)  
B.A. in Philosophy (with Honors and Distinction), Kenyon College, 1993

**VISITING POSITIONS**

International Scientific Visitor, Institut Jean Nicod, France, spring 2019  
Visiting Professor, University of Cologne, Germany, summer 2011  
Professorial Fellow, Arché Research Center, St. Andrews, 2007-11  
Visiting Professor, Sun Yat-Sen University, China, winter 2006  
Program Visitor, Australian National University, Australia, summer 2006  
Visiting Professor, University of Aarhus, Denmark, summer 2005

**RESEARCH AWARDS**

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Humboldt Research Award, ongoing from 2016  
American Philosophical Association Lebowitz Prize for Philosophical Achievement and Contribution, 2014 (with Jessica Wilson, for a debate on “Grounding in Metaphysics”)  
Australian Research Council Future Fellowship, 2009-2013 (for the project “The Language of Knowledge”)  
Philosopher’s Annual Selection, 2009 (for the article “On What Grounds What”)  
Australian Research Council Discovery Project Grant, 2009-11 (for the project “Fundamentality”)  
American Philosophical Association Article Prize, 2008 (for the article “Knowing the Answer”)  
Australasian Journal of Philosophy Best Paper Award, 2008 (for the article “From Nihilism to Monism”)  
Scots Philosophical Association Centenary Fellow, 2008  
A. M. Monius Institute Foundational Research Grant, 2003-04 (for the project “Monism: the Priority of the Whole”)  
Young Epistemologist Prize, 2002 (for the article “Skepticism, Contextualism, and Discrimination”)  
Philosophy of Science Recent Ph.D. Essay Contest, 2001 (for the article “Causation by Disconnection”)  
Sellon Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University, 1998-99

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

1. “Folk Teleology Drives Persistence Judgments” (with David Rose and Kevin Tobia), *Synthese* (forthcoming)
2. “Taking Causing Out from Bennett’s *Making Things Up*,” *Inquiry* (forthcoming)
3. “Anchoring as Grounding: On Epstein’s *The Ant Trap*,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (forthcoming)
4. “Confessions of a Schmentencite: Towards an Explicit Semantics,” *Inquiry* (forthcoming)
5. “Quantum Holism: Nonseparability as Common Ground” (with Jenann Ismael), *Synthese* (forthcoming)
6. “Laws for Metaphysical Explanation,” *Philosophical Issues* 27 (2017): 302–21 (reprinted in *Royal Institute for Philosophy Supplements* 82 (2018): 1–22)
7. “Social Construction as Grounding; Or: Fundamentality for Feminists, a Reply to Barnes and Mikkola,” *Philosophical Studies* 174 (2017): 2449–65
8. “The Ground between the Gaps,” *Philosophers’ Imprint* 17 (2017): 1–26
9. “Cause without Default” (with Thomas Blanchard), *Making a Difference: Essays on the Philosophy of Causation*, eds. Beebe, Hitchcock, and Price (2017), 175–214: Oxford University Press
10. “Derivative Properties in Fundamental Laws” (with Michael Townsen Hicks), *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 68 (2017): 411–50
11. “Folk Mereology is Teleological” (with David Rose), *Noûs* 51 (2017): 238–70 (extended version reprinted in *Experimental Metaphysics*, ed. Rose (2017), 135–86: Bloomsbury)
12. “Ground Rules: Lessons from Wilson,” *Scientific Composition and Metaphysical Ground*, eds. Aizawa and Gillett (2016), 143–70: Palgrave-MacMillan
13. “It is the Business of Laws to Govern,” *Dialectica* 70 (2016), 577–88
14. “Cognitive Science and Metaphysics: Partners in Debunking” *Alvin Goldman and his Critics*, eds. Kornblith and McLaughlin (2016), 337–65: Wiley-Blackwell (reprinted in *Metaphysics and Cognitive Science*, eds. Goldman and McLaughlin (forthcoming): Oxford University Press; also reprinted in *Tsinghua Studies in Western Philosophy* 3 (2017), 434–72)
15. “Grounding in the Image of Causation,” *Philosophical Studies* 173.1 (2016), 49–100
16. “What Not to Multiply without Necessity,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 93.4 (2015), 644–64
17. “Knowledge, Stakes, and Mistakes,” (with Wesley Buckwalter), *Noûs* 49.2 (2015), 201–34
18. “Lewis on Knowledge,” *A Companion to David Lewis*, eds. Loewer and Schaffer (2015), 473–90: Wiley-Blackwell
19. “Epistemic Comparativism: A Contextualist Semantics for Knowledge Ascriptions,” (with Zoltán Gendler Szabó), *Philosophical Studies* 168.2 (2014), 491–543
20. “Knowledge Entails Dispositional Belief,” (with David Rose), *Philosophical Studies* 166.1 (2013), 19–50
21. “Metaphysical Semantics Meets Multiple Realizability,” *Analysis Reviews* 73.4 (2013), 736–51
22. “The Action of the Whole,” *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 87.1 (2013), 67–87
23. “Causal Contextualisms,” *Contrastivism in Philosophy*, ed. Blaauw (2012), 35–63: Routledge
24. “Contrastive Knowledge Surveyed,” (with Joshua Knobe), *Noûs* 46 (2012), 675–708
25. “Grounding, Transitivity, and Contrastivity,” *Metaphysical Grounding: Understanding the Structure of Reality*, eds. Correia and Schnieder (2012), 122–38: Cambridge University Press
26. “Necessitarian Propositions,” *Synthese* 189 (2012), 119–62
27. “Disconnection and Responsibility: On Moore’s *Causation and Responsibility*,” *Legal Theory* 18 (2012), 399–435
28. “Why the World has Parts: Reply to Horgan and Potrč,” *Spinoza on Monism*, ed. Goff (2012), 77–91: Palgrave
29. “What is Contrastivism?” and “Contrastive Knowledge: Reply to Baumann,” *Conceptions of Knowledge*, ed. Tolkdorf (2012), 353–56 and 411–24: DeGruyter

30. "Perspective in Taste Claims and Epistemic Modals," *Epistemic Modality*, eds. Egan and Weatherson (2011), 179–226: Oxford University Press
31. "Contrastive Causation in the Law," *Legal Theory* 16 (2010), 259–97
32. "The Internal Relatedness of All Things," *Mind* 119 (2010), 341–76
33. "The Debasing Demon," *Analysis* 70 (2010), 228–37
34. "The Least Discerning and Most Promiscuous Truthmaker," *Philosophical Quarterly* 60 (2010), 307–24
35. "Monism: The Priority of the Whole," *Philosophical Review* 119.1 (2010), 31–76 (reprinted in *Spinoza on Monism*, ed. Goff (2012), 9–50: Palgrave)
36. "The Deflationary Metaontology of Thomasson's *Ordinary Objects*," *Philosophical Books* 50.3 (2009), 142–57
37. "Spacetime the One Substance," *Philosophical Studies* 145.1 (2009), 131–48
38. "Knowing the Answer Redux: Replies to Brogaard and Kallestrup," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 78.2 (2009), 477–500
39. "On What Grounds What," *Metametaphysics*, eds. Chalmers, Manley, and Wasserman (2009), 347–83: Oxford University Press (selected as one of the ten best philosophy articles published in 2009 and reprinted in *Philosopher's Annual*, vol. 29, eds. Grim, Charlow, Gallow, and Herold (2010); also reprinted in *Metaphysics: An Anthology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, eds. Kim, Korman, and Sosa (2011), 73–96: Blackwell)
40. "Knowledge in the Image of Assertion," *Philosophical Issues* 18.1 (2008), 1–19
41. "Truth and Fundamentality: On Merricks's *Truth and Ontology*," *Philosophical Books* 49.4 (2008), 302–16
42. "The Contrast-Sensitivity of Knowledge Ascriptions," *Social Epistemology* 22.3 (2008), 235–45
43. "Truthmaker Commitments," *Philosophical Studies* 141.1 (2008), 7–19
44. "Causation and Laws of Nature: Reductionism," *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, eds. Hawthorne, Sider, and Zimmerman (2007), 82–107: Basil Blackwell
45. "Knowing the Answer," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 75.2 (2007), 383–403 (awarded APA Article Prize, 2008)
46. "From Nihilism to Monism," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 85.2 (2007), 175–91 (awarded AJP Best Paper Award, 2008)
47. "Closure, Contrast, and Answer," *Philosophical Studies* 133.2 (2007), 233–55
48. "Deterministic Chance?" *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 58.2 (2007), 113–40
49. "The Irrelevance of the Subject: Against Subject-Sensitive Invariantism," *Philosophical Studies* 127.1 (2006), 87–107
50. "Le trou noir de la causalité," *Philosophie* 89, trans. Kistler and Brabanter (2006), 40–52
51. "Contrastive Causation," *Philosophical Review* 114.3 (2005), 327–58
52. "Contrastive Knowledge," *Oxford Studies in Epistemology* 1, eds. Gendler and Hawthorne (2005), 235–71: Oxford University Press (reprinted in *The Concept of Knowledge*, ed. Toksodorf (2012), 357–94: De Gruyter)
53. "What Shifts? Thresholds, Standards, or Alternatives?" *Contextualism in Philosophy*, eds. Preyer and Peter (2005), 115–30: Oxford University Press
54. "Quiddistic Knowledge," *Philosophical Studies* 123.1–2 (2005), 1–32 (reprinted in *Lewisian Themes: The Philosophy of David K. Lewis*, eds. Jackson and Priest (2004), 210–30: Oxford University Press)
55. "From Contextualism to Contrastivism," *Philosophical Studies* 119.1 (2004), 73–103
56. "Causes Need Not be Physically Connected to their Effects: The Case for Negative Causation," *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Science*, ed. Hitchcock (2004), 197–216: Basil Blackwell
57. "Of Ghostly and Mechanical Events," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 68.1 (2004), 230–44
58. "Counterfactuals, Causal Independence, and Conceptual Circularity," *Analysis* 64.4 (2004), 299–309
59. "Two Conceptions of Sparse Properties," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 85.1 (2004), 92–102
60. "Skepticism, Contextualism, and Discrimination," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 69.1 (2004), 138–55 (awarded Young Epistemologist Prize, 2002)
61. "Is There a Fundamental Level?" *Noûs* 37.3 (2003), 498–517
62. "Overdetermining Causes," *Philosophical Studies* 114.1 (2003), 23–45

63. “The Problem of Free Mass: Must Properties Cluster?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 66.1 (2003), 125–38
64. “Principled Chances,” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 54.2 (2003), 27–41
65. “Perceptual Knowledge Derailed,” *Philosophical Studies* 112.1 (2003), 31–45
66. “Causes as Probability-Raisers of Processes,” *Journal of Philosophy* 98.2 (2001), 75–92
67. “Causation, Influence, and Effluence,” *Analysis* 61.4 (2001), 11–19
68. “The Individuation of Tropes,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 79.2 (2001), 247–57
69. “Knowledge, Relevant Alternatives, and Missed Clues,” *Analysis* 61.3 (2001), 202–08
70. “Causation by Disconnection,” *Philosophy of Science* 67.2 (2000), 285–300 (awarded Philosophy of Science Recent Ph.D. Essay Contest, 2001)
71. “Overlappings: Probability-Raising without Causation,” *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 78.1 (2000), 40–46
72. “Trumping Preemption,” *Journal of Philosophy* 97.4 (2000), 165–81 (reprinted in *Causation and Counterfactuals*, eds. Collins, Hall, and Paul (2004), 59–73: MIT Press)

#### REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

1. “Metaphysical Atomism,” *Handbook of Mereology*, eds. Burkhardt, Seibt, Imaguire, and Gerogiorgakis (2017), 86–89: Philosophia Verlag
2. “Review of Sider’s Writing the Book of the World,” *Philosophical Review* 123.1 (2014), 125–29
3. “Review of Price and Corry’s Causation, Physics, and the Constitution of Reality: Russell’s Republic Revisited,” *Mind* 119 (2010), 844–48
4. “Review of Hüttemann’s What’s Wrong with Microphysicalism?” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 59.2 (2008), 253–57
5. “Monism,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2007; updated 2013, 2018), <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/monism>
6. “Review of Dowe and Noordhof’s Cause and Chance: Causation in an Indeterministic World,” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 58.4 (2007), 869–74
7. “The Metaphysics of Causation,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2003; updated 2007, 2013, 2016), <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/causation-metaphysics>
8. “Review of Dowe’s Physical Causation,” *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 52.4 (2001), 809–13

#### COMPLETED MANUSCRIPTS

“Heavy Ontology, Light Ideology”

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Ground Functionalism”

“War Crimes, Dollars, and Women: Adventures in Social Construction”

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#### TALKS

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#### PRESENTATIONS

1. “War Crimes, Dollars, and Women: Adventures in Social Construction”: *Social Metaphysics* (keynote), Nottingham, 7/11/18
2. “Ontology in the Image of Explanation”: Three Lectures at Institut Jean Nicod, 4/23–25/19; *Kant and Analytic Metaphysics*, Toronto, 4/21/18
3. “The Grounds, the Whole Grounds, and Nothing but the Grounds of Law”: *Metaphysics in the Law*, Barcelona, 5/22/17
4. “Heavy Ontology, Light Ideology”: Cambridge, 10/17/18; *Normative Questions*, Hamburg, 8/1/18; Tübingen, 7/26/18; *The Question of Ontology*, Madrid, 2/16/18; *Metaontology Workshop*, Uppsala, 11/15/17; *The Language of Ontology*, Trinity, 9/10/17

5. “Ground Functionalism”: National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), 2/27/19; Rhode Island College, 12/7/18; University of Virginia, 11/8/18; Cambridge, 10/16/18; Institut Jean Nicod, 6/29/18; Calgary, 10/20/17; *Grounding and Consciousness*, Florence, 8/8/17; Tübingen Masterclass in Theoretical Philosophy (keynote), Tübingen, 7/27/17; *The Fundamentality Conference*, Oxford, 3/14/17
6. “Laws for Metaphysical Explanation”: *Laws of Metaphysics*, Hamburg, 7/24/17; Free University of Berlin, Berlin, 7/21/17; Milan, 6/21/17; Barcelona, 5/19/17; *Sofia XXI: Grounding*, Huatulco, Mexico, 1/10/17
7. “Anchoring as Grounding”: Leeds, 10/13/16; University of San Francisco, 9/16/16
8. “Natural-Born Aristotelians”: *Society for Philosophy and Psychology* (keynote), University of Texas-Austin, 6/3/16; Rice, 4/22/16
9. “Constructional Commitment”: *Kline Workshop*, University of Missouri-Columbia, 3/18/16
10. “Beyond Fundamentality”: *Philosophy of Science Association*, Atlanta, 11/4/16; Royal Institute of Philosophy, London, 10/14/16; Konstanz, 7/5/16; *Ground, Essence, and Modality*, Helsinki, 6/9/16; *Central APA*, Chicago, 3/3/16
11. “What Not to Multiply without Necessity”: Berlin, 7/28/15
12. “Ground Rules: Lessons from Wilson”: *Scientific Composition and Ground*, Rutgers-Newark, 4/11/15; Fordham, 2/6/15; *Eastern APA*, Philadelphia, 12/28/14
13. “Explanation and Dependence: A Trilemma”: *The Metaphysics and Epistemology of Grounding and Fundamentality* (keynote), CUNY, 12/10/15; *Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference*, Western Michigan, (keynote), 12/5/15; *German Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Osnabrück, 9/17/15; *Modality Workshop*, Yale, 8/16/14
14. “Truthgrounding”: *Metaphysics of Truth*, Barcelona, 6/10/14
15. “Grounding in the Image of Causation”: Princeton, 11/21/14; Geneva, 6/12/14; *Oberlin Colloquium in Philosophy*, Oberlin, 5/3/14; Fordham, 4/8/14; *Central APA*, Chicago, 2/28/14
16. “Modality for Monists”: *Conceivability and Modality*, Rome, 6/20/17; *Monism*, Paris, 5/17/16; Hamburg, 7/16/15; *Monism: Old and New* (keynote), Berlin, 7/29/14; *Central APA*, Chicago, 2/27/14
17. “Quantum Holism: Nonseparability as Common Ground” (with Jenann Ismael): *Arizona Ontology Conference*, 1/30/14
18. “The Ground between the Gaps”: *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Tucson, 1/29/16; University of Pittsburgh, 10/16/15; USC, 3/13/15; North Carolina State, 3/5/15; CUNY, 2/25/15; Oxford, 10/17/14; *Phloxshop V*, Hamburg, 7/27/14; Barcelona (LOGOS group), 6/11/14; *UMass-Amherst Grad Conference*, UMass-Amherst (keynote), 4/26/14; *Rutgers-Lund Graduate Conference*, Rutgers, (keynote), 4/17/14; Miami, 4/1/14; UC-Irvine, 1/17/14
19. “Semantics for the Causal Contextualist”: UCLA, 1/16/14
20. “Folk Mereology is Teleological”: Arizona State, 12/5/13
21. “Is There an Explanatory Gap between the Pointer and the Wave?”: Arizona, 12/6/13; Nebraska, 11/18/13; Harvard, 10/17/13; *Physics and Metaphysics*, Rochester, 9/13/13
22. “Derivative Properties in Fundamental Laws”: *Minds and Metaphysics*, Ghent, 7/16/13; Yale 4/15/13
23. “New Work for the Nonfundamental”: Rutgers (faculty talk series) 4/25/13; *Syracuse University Philosophy Graduate Conference* (keynote), Syracuse, 4/20/13; *Metaphysical Virtues* (keynote), Western Michigan, 3/16/13
24. “Monistic Structural Realism”: *Material Metaphysics*, Osnabrück, 9/19/15; *Central APA*, Chicago, 2/28/14; *Eastern APA*, Atlanta, 12/27/12; *The Metaphysics of Relations*, Oxford, 10/1; Brown, 9/21/12
25. “The Action of the Whole”: *Fundamentality in Things, Thought, and Language*, Hamburg, 7/19/13; *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, Exeter, 7/13/13; *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Tucson, 2/1/13; Wisconsin-Madison, 11/16/12; Columbia, 11/8/12; Notre Dame, 8/23/12; *Mini-Workshop on Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind*, Oslo, 7/27/12; *Reality-making: Exploring Fundamentals in Metaphysics* (keynote), Nottingham, 6/10/12
26. “Apt Causal Models for the Law”: Western Michigan, 3/15/13; *Pacific APA*, Seattle, 4/4/12; St. Louis University, 3/9/12

27. “Why the World has Parts”: *Metaphysics Workshop*, ANU, 8/12/11
28. “Disconnection and Responsibility”: *Causation Workshop*, Dusseldorf, 6/21/11; Oxford, 5/21/09
29. “Structural Equation Models of Grounding”: Notre Dame, 8/22/12; UNC-Chapel Hill, 3/23/12; Washington University, St. Louis, 3/8/12; *Central APA*, Chicago, 2/18/12; ANU, 9/27/11; *The Epistemology of Philosophy*, Cologne, 6/17/11; Barcelona, 6/6/11; Bristol, 5/13/11; *Metaphysics Workshop*, Birmingham, 5/12/11; *Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Conference* (keynote), Princeton, 3/27/11; University of Vermont, 3/25/11
30. “Knowledge, Stakes, and Mistakes”: *Pacific APA*, San Francisco, 3/28/13; *Epistemology Workshop*, Aarhus, 5/19/11; *Pacific APA Mini-Conference on Experimental Philosophy*, San Diego, 4/19/11; *Metro Experimental Research Group Meeting*, CUNY, 1/28/11
31. “Colors a Grain of Sand Can Be”: *Metaphysics at the Beach*, Kioloa, 11/25/10
32. “Epistemic Comparativism: A Contextualist Semantics for Knowledge Ascriptions”: *Logic, Language and Learning*, Macquarie, 8/23/11; *Relativism Conference*, Bonn, 6/10/11; *Cornell Workshop in Linguistics & Philosophy 2011: Alternatives*, Cornell, 5/1/11; *Epistemology Workshop*, ANU, 8/12/10
33. “There’s No Fact Like Totality”: Monash, 10/8/10; *AAP*, Sydney, 7/6/10
34. “Contrastive Grounding: All the Difference in the World”: *Australian Metaphysics Conference*, Kioloa, 11/23/11; Melbourne, 10/7/10; ANU, 6/17/10; *Geneva-Barcelona Workshop*, Geneva, 6/3/10
35. “Necessitarian Propositions”: *Twenty-fifth Anniversary of On the Plurality of Worlds*, UMass-Amherst, 4/10/11; NYU, 2/25/11; *Propositions and Same-saying I* (keynote), Macquarie, 1/18/10
36. “Skepticism, Entitlement, and Contextualism”: Aberdeen, 12/10/09; *Wright Workshop*, ANU, 7/16/09
37. “Perspectival Propositions: Taste Claims and Epistemic Modals”: *Propositions and Same-saying II* (keynote), Sydney, 7/19/10; Edinburgh, 5/11/09
38. “Contrastive Causation in the Law”: *Jurisprudence Discussion Group*, Oxford, 5/21/09; *Putting Causation in Context: Cause and Effect in Law and Philosophy*, Cambridge, 5/1/09
39. “Modalities and Methodologies”: *Philosophical Methodology* (keynote), Arché, 4/25/09
40. “The Schmentencite Way Out: Towards an Index-Free Semantics”: *Rutgers Semantics Workshop*, Rutgers, 4/18/09
41. “Contrastive Knowledge Surveyed”: *AAP*, Melbourne, 7/8/09; *Epistemic Contextualism Workshop*, Arché, 5/23/09; Buffalo, 4/6/09; *Yale-UConn Graduate Conference* (keynote), Yale, 4/4/09
42. “Grounding as the Primitive Concept of Metaphysical Structure”: Manchester, 5/6/09; *Ontological Dependence*, Colorado-Boulder, 3/17/09; ANU, 2/10/09
43. “Cause without Default”: *MIT Work-In-Progress Group*, MIT, 10/17/13; *Causation and Decision Theory*, Sydney, 1/9/09
44. “The Laws of Metaphysics and the Limits of Possibility”: *Metaphysics Workshop*, Sydney, 12/19/09; *Hyperintensionality and Impossible Worlds*, ANU, 11/25/08; Waikato, 10/16/08; Canterbury, 10/3/08
45. “Expressivism and Truthmaking”: *Expressivism*, St. Andrews, 4/10/08
46. “The Whole Truth behind the Powers Ontology”: *Metaphysics of Science*, Melbourne, 7/4/09; *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Washington/Idaho, 3/17/08
47. “The Debasing Demon”: *Epistemology at the Beach*, Kioloa, 2/17/08
48. “Truthmaker Commitments”: Auckland, 10/17/08; Victoria, 10/10/08; Otago, 10/1/08; ANU (Faculties), 8/29/08; *Ontological Commitment*, Sydney, 11/30/07
49. “The Internal Relatedness of All Things”: Yale, 4/2/09; Virginia, 3/25/09; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/4/08; *AAP*, Melbourne 7/8/08; *Workshop in Analytic Philosophy*, Free University of Amsterdam, 5/14/08; Oxford, 5/2/08; Stirling, 4/17/08; ANU, 1/22/08; MIT, 11/2/07; Syracuse, 10/26/07; *Nature and its Classification* (keynote), Birmingham, 10/13/07
50. “Relativist Semantics Disbarred: The Problem of the Fixed Judge”: *St. Andrews Adjectives Conference*, Arché, 5/19/07
51. “The Foundations of Inquiry: Where Pyramid Meets Sand”: *Workshop on Knowledge and Perception*, Stockholm, 5/28/09; ANU, 8/2/07; Edinburgh, 5/15/07; *Contrastivism in Philosophy*, Dartmouth, 3/9/07

52. "Knowledge in Question": Amsterdam, 5/8/09; Heilongjiang, 1/13/07; Sun Yat-Sen, 12/22/06
53. "Spacetime the One Substance": Virginia Commonwealth, 3/27/09; ANU, 9/25/08; *AAP New Zealand*, Auckland, 12/4/07; Leeds, 10/15/07; *Mereology, Topology, and Location*, Rutgers, 10/14/06
54. "The Least Discerning and Most Promiscuous Truthmaker": *Pacific APA*, San Francisco, 4/5/07; Alberta, 9/28/06; Calvin College, 9/14/06; Melbourne, 7/27/06
55. "Causal Contextualisms": Duke, 3/22/12; Missouri-St. Louis, 3/7/12; *Causal Models: Applying Theory to the Biological and Medical Sciences* (keynote), York, 5/10/07; *Causal and Probabilistic Reasoning*, UNC-Chapel Hill, 3/2/07; *Intervention, Time, and Physics*, Sydney, 7/20/06
56. "Context Sensitivities, Epistemic Modals, and the KGB": *Epistemic Modality*, ANU, 6/23/06
57. "On What Grounds What": *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Boise State, 4/1/07; *Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference* (keynote), Florida, 3/23/07; ANU, 6/29/06; *Northwest Student Philosophy Conference* (keynote), Western Washington, 5/28/06
58. "The Metaphysics of Causation": *Central APA*, Chicago, 4/28/06
59. "From Nihilism to Monism": *Pacific APA*, Portland, 3/23/06; *Mereology Workshop*, Western Washington, 1/7/06; UConn-Storrs, 11/11/05; *NAMICONA Workshop*, Aarhus, 7/1/05
60. "Deterministic Chance?": *AAP*, Canberra, 7/3/06; Aarhus, 6/22/05; *Describing the World in Physics*, Rutgers, 4/22/05
61. "The Irrelevance of the Subject: Against Subject-Sensitive Invariantism": *Pacific APA*, San Francisco, 3/25/05
62. "Closure, Presupposition, and Proof": *Contextualism Conference*, Free University of Amsterdam, 10/19/04
63. "Knowledge in the Image of Assertion": *Assertion Workshop*, Arché, 5/23/08; Institut Jean Nicod, 4/4/08; *Pacific APA*, Pasadena, 3/20/08; Leeds, 10/16/07; *AAP*, Armidale, 7/3/07; *Bled Philosophical Conference*, Slovenia, 6/1/07; *Linguistics and Epistemology* (keynote), Aberdeen, 5/12/07; Center for Epistemology and Ontology, Amsterdam, 2/28/04
64. "Knowing the Answer": Princeton, 2/10/06; *Eastern APA*, New York, 12/29/05; Berkeley, 9/22/05; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/1/05; *NAMICONA Epistemic Contrastivism Conference*, Aarhus, 2/10/05; Indiana-Bloomington, 12/3/04; *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Washington/Idaho, 4/30/04; *International Graduate Conference in Epistemology* (keynote), Free University of Amsterdam, 2/27/04; *Brown Graduate Student Conference* (keynote), Brown, 2/21/04
65. "Monism: The Priority of the Whole": *Eastern APA*, Boston, 12/28/10; St. Andrews, 5/17/07; Monash, 7/28/06; *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Tucson, 1/12/06; Colorado-Boulder, 10/28/05; Simon Fraser, 10/21/05; Lafayette, 4/13/05; Purdue, 12/2/04; *Metaphysical Mayhem*, Rutgers, 8/9/04; Free University of Amsterdam, 2/25/04; Yale, 2/19/04; Ohio State, 2/2/04; Brown, 1/26/04; Toronto, 1/9/04
66. "Quiddistic Knowledge": *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/4/03
67. "Contrastive Causation": *Pacific APA*, Pasadena, 3/27/04; *Rutgers Old Home Week Conference*, Rutgers, 10/24/03; *Metaphysical Mayhem*, Syracuse, 8/16/03; Arizona, 1/30/03; Arizona State, 1/29/03; Kansas, 11/20/02
68. "From Contextualism to Contrastivism": *Contextualism in Epistemology and Beyond*, UMass-Amherst, 10/12/02; Dartmouth, 8/21/02
69. "Skepticism, Contextualism, and Discrimination": *Rutgers Epistemology Conference* (Young Epistemologist Prize), Rutgers, 4/19/02
70. "Overdetermining Causes": *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/4/02; *Werkmeister Conference on Causation and Free Will*, Florida State, 1/19/02
71. "Two Conceptions of Sparse Properties": *Central States Philosophical Association*, St. Louis, 10/12/01
72. "Contrastive Knowledge": *Pacific APA*, Seattle, 3/30/02; Florida, 1/17/02; Colorado-Boulder, 10/22/01; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington 8/6/01
73. "Russell's Antinomy of Causation Revisited": *Eastern APA*, New York, 12/27/00
74. "Causes as Probability-Raisers of Processes": *Pacific APA*, Albuquerque, 4/6/00; Santa Cruz, 2/9/00; UMass-Amherst, 2/7/00; NYU, 1/28/00

75. "Is There a Fundamental Level?" *Pacific APA*, San Francisco, 3/31/01; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/6/00; *Midsouth Philosophy Conference*, Memphis, 2/26/00; Tufts, 1/21/00
76. "Causation by Disconnection": *Central States Philosophical Association*, Oklahoma, 10/30/99
77. "The Varieties of Preemption": USC, 2/12/99; Rochester, 1/29/99; Houston, 1/25/99; Texas-Austin, 1/22/99; Western Washington, 1/15/99

#### COMMENTARIES AND PANELS

1. Comments on David Builes's "A Non-Humean Approach to Grounding": *Eastern APA*, New York, 1/9/19
2. Comments on Michael Cohen's "Reducing Contrastive Knowledge": *Formal Epistemology Workshop*, Toronto, 6/13/18
3. Comments on Li Kang's "Tiantai Buddhism: Monism without Priority": *Workshop on Chinese Philosophy*, Rutgers, 4/13/18
4. Author meets Critics, Bradford Skow's *Reasons Why*: *Eastern APA*, Savannah, 1/4/18
5. Author meets Critics, Brian Epstein's *The Ant Trap*: *Pacific APA*, Seattle, 4/14/17
6. Respondent for *Schafferfest: Conference on the Metaphysics of Jonathan Schaffer*, Leeds, 3/16/17
7. Comments on Michael della Rocca's "Being Knowledge": *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Tucson, 1/27/17
8. Comments on Chris Tweedt's "Knowledge is not Contrastive": *Eastern APA*, Washington, 1/7/16
9. Comments on Elizabeth Barnes's "Realism and Social Structure" and Mari Mikkola's "On the Apparent Antagonism between Feminist and Mainstream Metaphysics": *Pacific APA*, Vancouver, 4/3/15
10. Comments on Amir Arturo Javier Castellanos's "Some Challenges to a Contrastive Treatment of Grounding": *Central APA*, St. Louis, 2/19/15
11. Comments on Tobias Gerstenberg's "Causal Responsibility and Counterfactuals": *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Tucson, 1/29/14
12. Comments on Erica Shumener's "Explaining Identity and Distinctness": *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/4/14
13. Comments on Jeroen Smid's "Priority Monism versus Classical Mereology": *Rutgers-Lund Conference*, Rutgers, 4/17/14
14. Comments on Mary Beth Willard's "Against Simplicity": *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/6/13
15. Comments on Louis deRosset's "Getting Priority Straight": *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/4/09
16. Panelist for Michael Moore's "Causation and Responsibility": *Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group*, Oxford, 5/21/09
17. Author meets Critics, Amie Thomasson's *Ordinary Objects*: *Pacific APA*, Vancouver, 4/9/09
18. Comments on David Chalmers's "Ontological Anti-Realism": *Arizona Ontology Conference*, Tucson, 1/19/07
19. Panelist for *Causation and Responsibility*, Oregon, 11/3–4/06
20. Comments on William Russell Payne's "Towards a Property Theoretic Account of Counterfactuals": *Eastern APA*, Boston, 12/30/04
21. Comments on Kent Bach's "The Emperor's New 'Knows'": *Bellingham Summer Philosopher Conference*, Western Washington, 8/4/04
22. Comments on Charles Hermes's "Two Concepts of Nomic Necessity": *Central APA*, Chicago, 4/23/04
23. Comments on Ryan Wasserman's "The Future Similarity Objection Revisited": *Eastern APA*, Washington, 12/30/03
24. Comments on John Hawthorne's "Epistemic Contextualism": *Pacific APA*, San Francisco, 3/28/03
25. Comments on Eric Hiddleston's "Humean Supervenience, Chance, and Magic": *Metaphysical Mayhem*, Syracuse, 8/10/01
26. Comments on Mark Heller's "Interpreting Worlds": *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, Western Washington, 8/5/00



27. Comments on Ned Hall's "Two Concepts of Causation" and L. A. Paul's "Aspect Causation": *New York Methods Conference*, New School for Social Research, 9/25/98

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### DISSERTATIONS CHAIRED (\*=IN PROGRESS)

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### MASTER CLASSES TAUGHT

Tübingen Masterclass in Theoretical Philosophy, *Masterclass with Jonathan Schaffer*, 7/20–21/17  
Hamburg Summer School in Theoretical Philosophy, *Contrastivism: Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Philosophy of Language*, 7/18–22/16  
Nottingham Graduate Masterclass, "Grounding," 7/9/12  
Presenter for *Metaphysical Mayhem*, "Beyond Fundamentality," 8/8/16; "The Ground between the Gaps," 5/22/14; "Structural Equation Models of Grounding," 5/14/12

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor, *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Metaphysics), ongoing from 2009; *Phil Papers* (Metaphysics), ongoing from 2011; *Thought* (Language), 2011–12  
Editorial Board, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, ongoing from 2008; *Philosophical Studies*, ongoing from 2007; *Philosophy Compass* (Metaphysics), ongoing from 2007; *Episteme*, 2009–11  
Guest Editor: *Philosophical Issues 27: Metaphysics*; *Philosophical Studies*, selected papers from the 2007 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference; *Philosophical Studies*, selected papers from the 2002 UMass Contextualism Conference  
Conference Organizer: *Metaphysical Mayhem*, Rutgers, ongoing biannually from 2014; *Sofia XXI: Grounding*, Huatulco, Mexico, 2017; *Monism Conference*, Rutgers, 2016; *Structure in Physics*, Rutgers, 2013; *Metaphysics Workshop*, ANU, 2011; *Epistemology Workshop*, ANU, 2010; *Fundamentality*, ANU, 2010; *Parts and Places*, ANU, 2009; *Contextualism in Epistemology and Beyond*, UMass, 2002  
Advisory Board, *Philosophical Gourmet Report*, 2006–15  
Steering Committee, *Corridor Workshop Group*, 2011–16  
Program Committee, *Society for the Metaphysics of Science*, 2019; *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference*, 2007

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Placement Director: Rutgers, ongoing from 2013; ANU, 2009-2011; UMass, 2001-07  
Faculty Talk Organizer (“Break It Down for Me” series): Rutgers, ongoing from 2013  
Colloquium Organizer: Rutgers, ongoing from 2018; ANU, 2009-10; UMass, 2000-07; Houston, 1999-2000  
Graduate Admissions Committee: Rutgers, 2010-12; UMass, 2003-04  
Personnel Committee: UMass, 2000-07

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Appointments and Promotions Committee for the School of Arts and Sciences: Rutgers, ongoing from 2017  
IAC Subcommittee on Institutional Support for International Research: Rutgers, 2014-15  
ACLS Fellowship Reviewer: Rutgers, 2012-13  
College of Arts and Social Sciences Research Committee: ANU, 2009-11  
Academic Priorities Council: UMass, 2002-07

## PUBLIC OUTREACH

“Quantum Holism,” Stanford University Online High School’s Philosophy of Physics Group, 11/17/16  
“Beyond Fundamentality,” Royal Institute for Philosophy, 10/14/16:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Q6HkZUHLm4>  
“Short Interview at the Royal Institute for Philosophy,” 10/14/16:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3\\_t\\_u5jsX8w&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_t_u5jsX8w&feature=youtu.be)  
“Natural Born Aristotelians,” Society for Philosophy and Psychology (keynote), 6/3/16:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pr97ZZVPzWY>  
“The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Fundamentality,” *TEDx* talk, Cherry Hill, NJ, 5/11/16:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfskxU3ko&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfskxU3ko&feature=player_embedded)  
“On How Things Are and Why There Is Fundamentally One: An interview with Jonathan Schaffer,” *Filosofisk supp.* 4 (2012), interview with Reier Helle  
“Causation 1,” *Sift*, podcast by Aaron Sand (2011):  
<https://beta.prx.org/stories/67905>  
“Meta-metaphysics: Craig Callender and Jonathan Schaffer,” *Philosophy TV* (2010):  
<http://vimeo.com/14623344>  
“Schaffer, Jonathan,” *Metaphysics: 5 Questions*, ed. Steglich-Petersen (2010), 123-34: Automatic Press.