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Appointments

2018–. Professor of Philosophy and Cognitive Science, Yale University.

2014–. Professorial Fellow, Arché Philosophical Research Centre, University of St Andrews.

2016–2018. Eugene Falk Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2012–2016. Professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2008–2012. Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2007–2008. Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Arizona.

2001–2007. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Arizona.

2001–2005. Institute for Advanced Studies Research Fellow, Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University.

1999–2001. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Yale University.

Education

Ph.D, 1999, Philosophy, Princeton University.

M.A., 1996, Philosophy, Princeton University.

B.A., 1990, Antioch College.

Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Cognitive Science, Formal Epistemology.

Publications

Books

In Progress. *Becoming*. Under contract with Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

2014. *Transformative Experience*. Oxford University Press. Translated into Japanese.

Reviews: Marcus Arvan, Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Krister Bykvist, NDP; Krister Bykvist and H. Orri Steffánson, Economics and Philosophy, Irena Cronin, Dialogue; Rachel McKinnon, Philosopher's Magazine; Richard Pettigrew, Mind (Extended Review); Philosophy and Phenomenological Research Symposium, with contributions from Elizabeth Barnes, John Campbell, and Richard Pettigrew; John Schwenkler, Commonweal; William Talbott, Analysis (Critical Notice); Amia Srinivasan, Times Literary Supplement.

2013. *Causation: A User's Guide*. (With Ned Hall.) Oxford University Press. Winner of the American Philosophical Association's Sanders Book Prize for 2014.

Edited Volumes

2005. *The Monist* 88 (4), Advisory Editor, issue on Ordinary Objects.

2004. *Causation and Counterfactuals*. Co-edited with Ned Hall and John Collins, with a coauthored Introduction. MIT Press.

2002. *Philosophy for the 21st Century: A Comprehensive Reader*. Associate Editor, New York: Oxford University Press.

Articles and Book Chapters

To appear (exp. 2020). "Effective Altruism and Transformative Values" (with Jeff Sebo), in *Effective Altruism: Philosophical Issues*, eds. Hilary Greaves and Theron Pummer, Oxford Univ. Press (UK).

To appear (exp. 2020). "Transformative Religious Experience", *Oxford Handbook on Religious Experience*, ed. Matthew Benton, Oxford University Press (UK).

To appear (exp. 2020). "Transformative Experience and Moral Psychology" (with Fiery Cushman), *Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology*, eds. John Doris and Manuel Vargas, Oxford University Press (UK).

Forthcoming (2018). "Modal Imagination" (with Tomer Ullman and John McCoy), *Metaphysics and Cognitive Science*, eds. Alvin Goldman and Brian McLaughlin. Oxford University Press (US).

2018. "Real World Problems" (with John Quiggin), *Episteme* 15(3): 363-382.
2018. "De Se Preferences and Empathy for Future Selves", *Philosophical Perspectives: Philosophy of Mind*, eds. John Hawthorne and Jason Turner, 7-39.
2017. "Phenomenal Feel as Process" *Philosophical Issues* (Metaphysics) eds. Jonathan Schaffer and Ernest Sosa, 204-222.
2017. "Objective and Subjective Perspectives." *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society A*, 180, Part 4, 51-2.
2017. "The Subjectively Enduring Self", *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Temporal Experience*, ed. Ian Phillips. Routledge.
2016. "A One Category Ontology." (with a reply by Peter van Inwagen) In *Freedom, Metaphysics, and Method: Themes from van Inwagen*, edited by John A. Keller. Oxford University Press (UK).
2016. "First personal modes of presentation and the structure of empathy." *Inquiry*. 60 (3):189-207. *Special Issue on the First Person*. With a reply by Josh Dever and Herman Cappelen in the same issue.
2016. "Transformative Treatments" (With Kieran Healy), *Noûs* 52, 320-335.
2016. "Experience, Metaphysics, and Cognitive Science." *Companion to Experimental Philosophy*, edited by Justin Sytsma and Wesley Buckwalter. Blackwell (John Wiley and sons), 419-433.
2015. Précis of Transformative Experience and reply to symposiasts Elizabeth Barnes, John Campbell, and Richard Pettigrew. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, pp.760-813.
2015. "Transformative Choice: Discussion and Replies." *Res Philosophica* 92: 473-545.
2015. "What you Can't Expect when you're Expecting." *Res Philosophica* 92: 149-170.
2014. "Experience and the Arrow." In *Asymmetries of Chance and Time*, 174-193, edited by Alistair Wilson. Oxford University Press.
2013. (With Ned Hall.) "Metaphysically Reductive Causation." *Erkenntnis* 78 (1):9-41.
2013. "Categorical Priority and Categorical Collapse." *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume* 87:89-113.
2013. "Realism about Structure and Kinds." In *The Metaphysics of Science*, 203-221, edited by Stephen Mumford and Matthew Tugby. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2012. "Building the World from its Fundamental Constituents." *Philosophical Studies* 158: 221–256.
2012. "Metaphysics as Modeling: The Handmaiden's Tale" *Philosophical Studies*, 160: 1–29.
2011. "The Counterfactual Analysis of Causation." In *The Oxford Handbook on Causation*, edited by Helen Beebe, Christopher Hitchcock and Peter Menzies. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2010. "Temporal Experience." *Journal of Philosophy* cvii (7): 333–359. Reprinted in *The Future of the Philosophy of Time*, edited by Adrian Bardon. New York: Routledge (2012).
2010. "Mereological Bundle Theory." In *The Handbook of Mereology*, edited by Hans Burkhardt, Johanna Seibt and Guido Imaguire. Munich: Philosophia Verlag.
2010. "The Puzzles of Material Constitution." *Philosophy Compass* 5: 579–590.
2010. "A New Role for Experimental Work in Metaphysics." *European Review on Philosophy and Psychology* special issue, edited by Joshua Knobe, Tania Lombrozo and Edouard Machery.
2007. "Constitutive Overdetermination." In *Topics in Contemporary Philosophy* vol. 4: Causation and Explanation, edited by Joseph Keim Campbell and Michael O'Rourke. Cambridge: MIT Press.
2006. "In Defense of Essentialism." *Philosophical Perspectives: Metaphysics*, 333–372, edited by John Hawthorne.
2006. "Coincidence as Overlap." *Noûs* 40: 623–659.
2004. "The Context of Essence." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 82 (1), 170–184. Reprinted in *Lewisian Themes*, edited by Frank Jackson and Graham Priest, Oxford University Press 2004.
2003. "Causation and Preemption." (With Ned Hall.) In *Philosophy of Science Today*, 100–130, edited by Peter Clark and Katherine Hawley, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2002. "Logical Parts." *Noûs* 36 (4), 578–596. Reprinted in *Metaphysics Volume v*, edited by Michael Rea, Routledge 2008.
2002. "Limited Realism: Cartwright on Natures and Laws." *Philosophical Books* 43, 244–253.
2001. "Comments on Mellor's Real Time II," *Essays on Time and Related Topics*, edited by L. Nathan Oaklander, Kluwer Academic Publishers.

2000. "Aspect Causation." *Journal of Philosophy* xcvi (4), 235-256. Reprinted in Collins et al., *Causation and Counterfactuals*, MIT Press 2004.

1998. "Keeping Track of the Time: an emended counterfactual analysis of causation." *Analysis* 58 (3), 191-198.

1998. "Problems with Late Preemption." *Analysis* 58 (1), 48-53. 1997.

1998. "The Worm at the Root of the Passions: poetry and sympathy in Mill's utilitarianism." *Utilitas* 10, 83-104.

1997. "Truth Conditions of Tensed Sentence Types." *Synthese* 111, 53-71. Reprinted in L. Nathan Oaklander (ed.), *Philosophy of Time: Critical Concepts in Philosophy*, Routledge 2008.

1994. (with S. C. Bernstein, S.K. Abrams and K. Leckrone) "TP-E14 Chloroisoithiocynatoquinolines as Fluorogenic HPLC Derivatizing Agents for Primary and Secondary Amines." *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* 11: (1) 61-69.

Work in Progress

"Reverse engineering the self." with Joshua Tenenbaum and Tomer Ullman.

"Subjective Metaphysics." Book ms. on the ontological structure of the self and the first personal perspective.

Conferences Organized

2013-. Ranch M&E Workshop. (Annually.)

2009-2013. Carolina Metaphysics Workshop. (Annually.)

2004-2008. Arizona Ontology Conference. (Annually.)

Workshops and Conferences on my Work on Transformative Experience and Related Topics

June 2018. Workshop on themes related to Transformative Experience, Oslo.

June 2018. Workshop on Transformative Experience, Gothenburg.

May 2018, Workshop on the Categories of Experience, Helsinki.

May 2017. Workshop on Modal Imagination, University of Antwerp.

April 2017. Pacific APA Pre-conference on Transformative Experience, Seattle, Washington.

November 2016. Istanbul conference on Analytic Existentialism and Transformative Experience.

Fall 2016. Munich workshop on transformative experience, Center of Advanced Studies, LMU Munich.

June 2016. St Andrews workshop on Decision Making and Transformative Experience.

June 2016. Society for Philosophy and Psychology preconference on Transformative Experience and the Self, Austen, TX.

September 2015. Workshop on Preference Capture and Transformative Experience, with responses from Dan Haybron and Julia Staffel, University of Washington, St Louis.

July 2015. Cologne workshop on Temporal and Causal Experience.

October 2014. Ghent conference on Analytic Existentialism and Transformative Experience.

September 2014. The Annual *Res Philosophica* Conference, hosted by the Department of Philosophy at Saint Louis University, was devoted to Transformative Experience.

Selected Honors and Grants

2018, April. Distinguished Philosopher in Residence, Philosophy, NYU Abu Dhabi.

2016-2017. Australian Research Council Discovery Project grant (AUD \$475,000) for work on epistemically feasible choice procedures, 2016-2017. Co-Investigator with John Quiggin.

2014. American Philosophical Association Sanders Book Prize, for *Causation: A User's Guide*.

2014-2015. Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship.

2014-2017. John Templeton Foundation Grant, "The Experience Project," \$4.8 million. Co-Principal Investigator with Michael Rea and Samuel Newlands.

2014, March. Distinguished Faculty Visitor, Philosophy, Purdue University.

2011-2012. Fellowship, National Humanities Center.

2011. Visiting Fellowship, Australian National University. (Summer.)

2008. SBS Professorship, University of Arizona. (Declined.)

2005. SBS Professorship, University of Arizona.

Named Lectures

September 2017, Killeen Chair Lecture, St Norbert College.

May 2017, Marc Jeannerod Lecture, University of Antwerp.

October 2016. Henry and Augusta Sievert Lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa.

June 2016. Philosophy Public Lecture, University of Aberdeen.

June 2016. Bristol Institute for Research in the Humanities and Arts (BIRTHA) Annual Lecture.

April 2016. Dowd Lecture, Skidmore College.

November 2015. Bar Hillel Lectures, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

March 2014. Purdue University Distinguished Faculty Lecture.

Invited Talks and Conference Talks (Since 2010)

June 2018 "Subjective Categories" University of Cambridge.

June 2018, "Reverse engineering the self" Tufts University.

June 2018, "Modal Prospection" Tufts University.

June 2018. "Transformative experience and cognitive disruption," Workshop on Transformative Experience, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

June 2018, "Transformative experience and cognitive disruption," Stockholm University, Sweden.

May 2018, "Modal Prospection" Workshop on the Categories of Experience, Helsinki.

May 2018, "Reverse engineering the self", Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, France.

May 2018, "Reverse engineering the self" Keynote, joint ALFAn-PHILOGICA conference, Colombia, South America.

May 2018, "Reverse engineering the self" Time and the Observer, La Jolla, CA.

April 2018. Transformative experience and cognitive disruption," cognitive science colloquium, SUNY Fredonia.

April 2018. "Transformative experience and cognitive disruption," Keynote, Pacific University Undergraduate Conference, Portland.

April 2018. "Causal Loops", Symposium on causation for the National Geographic Science Festival in Rome, National Geographic and Musica per Roma Foundation.

April 2018. "Transformative Experience and Technology", Distinguished professorship lecture, NYU Abu Dhabi.

March 2018. Commenter, three symposium papers on Multicultural Approaches to Transformative Experience, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division.

March 2018. "Immersive Experience", Geneva workshop on the Self, Geneva, Switzerland.

March 2018. "Transformative Experience", Bombay art and cultural festival, Bombay beach, California.

February 2018. "Modal Inference", Symposium on Inference to the Best Explanation, American Philosophical Association, Central Division.

February 2018. "Transformative Experience and Technology" (Keynote), Conference on the Cognitive Science of Disruption, University of Toronto.

February 2018. "De Se Preferences and Epistemic Deference", Philosophy Mountain Workshop, Telluride, CO.

January 2018. "Transformative Experience and Technology", Apple University, Apple HQ, Cupertino.

January 2018. "De Se Preferences and Epistemic Deference", Social Metaphysics Workshop, University of Southern California.

July 2017. "Choosing with Confidence" (with John Quiggin), annual Episteme conference.

June 2017. "The Structured Self" (with Joshua B. Tenenbaum), Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

June 2017 "Phenomenal Discovery" (Keynote), Workshop on Virtual Reality, Glasgow UK.

June 2017. "Phenomenal Discovery" (Keynote), conference on the Philosophical Significance of Molyneux's Question, York, UK.

June 2017, "Imagination, representation, and de se truth," Sixth Annual Marc Jeannerod Lecture, University of Antwerp.

May 2017. "Transformative Values and Effective Altruism", University of St Andrews.

May 2017. "De Se Preferences and Epistemic Deference", Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge.

April 2017. "Sensory Transformation", invited symposium talk, Pacific APA, Seattle, Washington.

April 2017. "Who Will I Become?", Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago.

March 2017. "Who Will I Become?", Public lecture hosted by the Department of Philosophy, UNC Asheville, with comments by Sameer Yadav.

December 2016. "Who am I? Artificial Intelligence and the Self." Conference on the Power and Limits of Artificial Intelligence, Pontifical Academy of Sciences, The Vatican.

November 2016. "Preference Capture", Department of Philosophy, University of Graz, Austria.

October 2016. "The Structure of Epistemic Revolutions." 3rd Topoi conference: New Trends in Rational Choice Theory, LMU Munich.

October 2016. "Preference Capture", (Keynote) Munich workshop on transformative experience, Center of Advanced Studies, LMU Munich.

October 2016. "Transformative Religious Experience", (Keynote) Society for Christian Philosophers, Rutgers University.

October 2016. "Preference Capture", Sievert Lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa.

September 2016. "Who Will I Become?", (Keynote) 2016 British Postgraduate Philosophy Asso. (BPPA) conference, Reading UK.

August 2016. "Causal Reasoning", Invited symposium on causal reasoning, Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Association.

July 2016. Comments on Rosa Terlazzo, "Transformative Experiences and Well-Being", SPAWN 2016 conference on Well-being.

July 2016. "Empathy for Future Selves", workshop on Eliminativism and the Self, University of Geneva, Switzerland.

June 2016. "Empathy for Future Selves", Opening Lecture, Pre-conference workshop on Transformative Experience and the Self, 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

May 2016. "Empathy for Future Selves", Keynote Lecture, Graduate Women in Metaphysics Workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Massachusetts.

May 2016. "Who Will I Become?", Department of Philosophy, University of Buffalo.

April 2016. "Who Will I Become?", Department of Philosophy, University of Birmingham.

April 2016. "Who Will I Become?", Department of Philosophy, Cornell University.

February 2017. "Transformative Lucidity", Yale Mass Incarceration Conference, Yale University.

January 2017. "Preference Capture", Columbia Legal Theory Workshop, Columbia University.

January 2017. "Modal Imagination" (with John McCoy and Tomer Ullman), Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson, AZ.

March 2016. "Transformative Treatments", Keynote Lecture, Conference on Causation and Mental Causation, Renmin University of China, Beijing.

March 2016. "Experience and Decisions", Department of Philosophy, University of Alberta, Canada.

March 2016. "The Self in Time", Invited symposium on imagination and perspective, Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

February 2016. "Preference Capture", Keynote Lecture, North Carolina Philosophical Meeting and South Carolina Philosophical Society.

February 2016. "Preference Capture", Keynote Lecture, USC/UCLA graduate student conference.

February 2016. "Preference Capture", Department of Philosophy, Wake Forest University.

January 2016. "Learning How to Play with Others" Workshop on Progress in Philosophy, CSMN, Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, Oslo.

January 2016. "Comments on the Inessential Indexical", Critic for and Author meets Critics session on Cappelen and Dever's The Inessential Indexical, Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association.

February 2016. "Preference Capture", Department of Philosophy, Princeton University.

November 2015. "Transformative Experience and Big Life Choices", Philosophy & Public Affairs Lecture, Virginia Commonwealth University

November 2015. "Preference Capture", Department of Philosophy, University of Pittsburgh.

November 2015. "The Self in Time", Schulz lab, Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT.

October 2015. "The Self in Time", metaphysics workshop, Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University.

October 2015. "Preference Capture", Department of Philosophy, Syracuse University.

December 2015. "Transformative decision making." Seminar on Difficult Decisions: the Complexities of Choice in the Real World, hosted by the Program for Presidential Scholars in Society and Neuroscience, Columbia University.

September 2015, "Transformative Experience", (keynote), Tenth Annual Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

September 2015, "Preference Capture", workshop on Transformative Experience, Washington University at St. Louis, with commenters Dan Haybron and Julia Staffel.

September 2015, "Preference Capture", Baylor University, Texas.

September 2015, "Preference Capture", Australian National University, Canberra, Australia.

July 2015, "Preference Capture", Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Munich, Germany.

July 2015, "Temporal experience and the nature of the self", University of Cologne, Germany.

July 2015, "Transformative decision making", workshop on the future of the study of time, Reykjavik, Iceland.

June 2015 "Decision Theory" mentor for Women in Philosophy: A Mentoring and Networking Workshop at the University of York.

June 2015 "Transformative Experience and the Fundamental Identification Problem", philosophy of social science workshop at Durham University.

June 2015 "Temporal Experience and Self-construction", Temporal and Transformative Experience workshop at the University of Sydney.

June 2015 "Preference Capture" at the University of St. Andrews.

June 2015 "Temporal Experience and Self-Construction", workshop on Temporal Experience at the University of St. Andrews.

May 2015 “Transformative Choice”, Workshop on the First-Person Perspective, Norwegian Institute at Athens, Athens, Greece.

May 2015 “Transformative Experience”, keynote for the UNC-KCL graduate conference on imagination.

May 2015 “The Sensus Divinitatis and the Self”, University of Notre Dame, Logos workshop on Religious Experience.

April 2015 “Transformative Experience”, Cognitive Science lunchtime series, Princeton University.

April 2015 “Preference Capture” colloquium talk at the City University of New York.

March 2015 “Preference Capture” colloquium talk at the University of Virginia.

April 2015. Book symposium on *Transformative Experience*. Meetings of the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, with comments presented by Branden Fitelson, Jane Friedman and Alison Gopnik.

December 2014. “Transformative Experience.” Symposium on Transformative Decisions. Annual Meetings of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association.

November 2014. “Transformative Decision-Making.” Cushman and Greene labs, Department of Psychology, Harvard University.

October 2014. “Transformative Experience.” Keynote lecture, Ghent conference on Transformative Experience and Analytical Existentialism.

September 2014. “Modeling Transformative Experience.” Philosophy Department Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University.

September 2014. “What You Can’t Expect When You’re Expecting.” *Res Philosophica* Conference on Transformative Experience, University of St Louis. (Keynote.)

September 2014. “Experience and the Arrow”, Philosophy Department Colloquium, Rutgers University.

September 2014. “Experience and the Arrow” Metaphysics meets Philosophy of Physics Workshop, University of Rochester.

September 2014. “Transformative Experience” Edge Seminar, Danbury, Connecticut.

August 2014. “Reply to Dougherty, Horowitz and Sliwa’s ‘Expecting the Unexpected’.” Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University.

June 2014. "Experience and Time's Arrow." Arché Research Centre, University of St Andrews.

June 2014. "Modeling Transformative Experience." Epistemology Workshop, Arché Research Centre, University of St Andrews.

May 2014. "Finkish Preferences." Graduate Conference for Theoretical Philosophy, University of Amsterdam. Keynote.

May 2014. "Transformative Experience and the Fundamental Identification Problem." Statistics and Causality Conference, University of Vienna.

May 2014. "A One Category Ontology." Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers University.

May 2014. "Comment on Steve Yablo." Oberlin College Colloquium on Metaphysics.

April 2014. "Transformative Experience and Decision Making." Columbia and Princeton Metaphysics Conference, New York.

April 2014. "Transformative Experience and Decision Making." (Keynote.) University of Colorado at Boulder Graduate Conference.

March 2014. "Transformative Experience and Decision Making." Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference. Sun Valley, Idaho.

November 2014. "Transformative Experience." (Keynote.) Central States Philosophical Association Meetings, Northwestern University.

October 2014. "Transformative Decision-Making." Invited lecture to the Jowett Society, Philosophy, Oxford University.

October 2014. "Temporal metaphysics and cognitive science." Invited lecture for a Workshop on the Perception of Time, Antwerp.

March 2014. "Transformative Experience." Philosophy, Purdue University. March 2014. "Transformative Experience and Decision Making." Conference in honor of Marilyn Adams. Georgetown University.

February 2014. "Transformative Experience." Department of Philosophy, Columbia University.

February 2014. "Transformative Experience." Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University.

January 2014. "Transformative Experience." Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary.

December 2013. "Causal and Temporal Asymmetry" Invited talk, New Directions in Causation. Collège de France, Paris.

November 2013. "Transformative Experience." Philosophy, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

November 2013. "Choosing to have a child." Institute of Human Development and Change, University of California, Berkeley.

November 2013. "Transformative Experience." Philosophy, University of California, Berkeley.

November 2013. "Modeling Decisions for Transformative Experiences." Cognitive Science, University of California, Berkeley.

October 2013. "Experience and the Arrow." Time and consciousness workshop, New York University. Comments by Tim Maudlin.

October 2013. "Transformative Experience." Decision Theory Group, Bristol University.

October 2013. "Mereology, Identity and Indiscernibility." Parts in Logic and Metaphysics Conference, University of Rennes I.

October 2013. "The Handmaiden's Tale." Mind and Language Seminar, New York University.

September 2013. "Modeling Decisions for Transformative Experiences." Tenenbaum Lab, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, MIT.

August 2013. "Metaphysics and the Manifest." Invited talk. Duke University TAPS conference.

July 2013. "Experience and Temporal Asymmetry." Invited talk. Metaphysics and Physics Workshop at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

July 2013. "Categorical Priority and Categorical Collapse." Invited symposium talk. Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association.

July 2013. "What you can't expect when you're expecting." Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association.

July 2013. "Experience and Temporal Asymmetry." Invited talk. Metaphysics Workshop, University of Ghent.

July 2013. "Experience and Temporal Asymmetry." University of Bristol. June 2013. "Understanding the manifest: metaphysics and cognitive science." Invited symposium talk. Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Brown University.

May 2013. "Experience and Temporal Asymmetry." Invited speaker. Temporal Perception Workshop, University of Toronto.

April 2013. "What you can't expect when you're expecting." Clemson University.

March 2013. "Experience and Temporal Asymmetry." Keynote speaker. Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Georgia Graduate Philosophical Society.

November 2012. "Dynamic subjective experience." Yale University.

October 2012. "Is it Rational to Choose to have a Child?" University of Richmond.

September 2012. "Is it Rational to Choose to have a Child?" Calvin College.

July 2012. "Metaphysics as modeling: the handmaiden's tale." British Society for the Philosophy of Science, Stirling.

July 2012. "Family planning is not rational." Joint Sessions, Stirling.

July 2012. "Categorical parsimony." Keynote talk. Fundamentality Workshop, University of Nottingham.

July 2012. "Metaphysics as modeling: the handmaiden's tale." Keynote talk. Science and Metaphysics Workshop, University of Kent.

May 2012. "Family planning is not rational." LOGOS workshop at the University of Notre Dame.

April 2012. "Building the world from its fundamental constituents." Invited symposium talk. American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Meetings.

April 2012. "Experience and temporal asymmetry." University of Virginia. March 2012. "Experience and temporal asymmetry." University of Texas, Austin.

March 2012. "Experience and temporal asymmetry." (Keynote.) Louisiana State University Graduate Conference.

February 2012 "Building the world from its fundamental constituents." Invited Symposium talk. American Philosophical Association, Central Division Meetings.

February 2012. "Experience and temporal asymmetry." North Carolina State University.

January 2012 "Experience and temporal asymmetry." Workshop on time, Freiburg, Switzerland.

October 2011. "On the Passage and Direction of Time: remarks on Julian Barbour and David Albert." Invited comments. Conference on "Why is there anything?" at Yale University.

October 2011. "Experience and Physical Asymmetry." Virginia Commonwealth University.

October 2011. "Experience and Physical Asymmetry." University of Houston.

August 2011. "Experience and Physical Asymmetry." Invited speaker. Monash University conference on Time and Asymmetry.

August 2011. "The Fundamental Category of the World." Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University.

August 2011. "Phenomenology and Action." University of Melbourne. August 2011. "Experience and Physical Asymmetry." University of Dunedin, New Zealand.

July 2011. "Phenomenology and Action." Australian National University, RISS.

April 2011. "Parthood and Individuation in a One-Category Ontology." at *On the Plurality of Worlds at 25*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

April 2011. "Categorical Parsimony." Aristotelian Themes in Contemporary Metaphysics, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Boise, Idaho.

March 2011. "Metaphysics as Modeling." Philosophy Futures Seminar, John Hopkins University.

February 2011. "Fundamental Categories." Structuralism and Grounding Workshop, University of Bristol.

October 2010. "What are the fundamental categories of the world?" (Plenary speaker.) 14th annual Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference.

October 2010. "Metaphysics as Modeling." 47th Cincinnati Philosophy Colloquium.

September 2010. "Causal Overdetermination." Workshop on Actual Causation, University of Konstanz.

August 2010. "Parthood and Individuation in a One-Category Ontology." Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University.

July 2010. "Ontological Methodology." Invited speaker. SPAWN '10 Conference, Syracuse University.

May 2010. "What are the Fundamental Building Blocks of the World?" Invited speaker. Conference on Fundamentality, Australian National University RISS.

May 2010. "What are the Fundamental Building Blocks of the World?" Northwest Student Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University.

April 2010. "Temporal Experience." Invited Speaker. The Future of the Philosophy of Time, Wake Forest University.

March 2010. "What Is the Mereological Structure of the World?" Invited speaker. Part and Whole in Physics, Lorentz Center, Leiden, The Netherlands.

March 2010. "Parthood and Identity in a One Category Ontology." Invited speaker. Relational and Constituent Ontologies, University of Notre Dame.

March 2010. "Bringing Together Reductive Analyses of Causation and Cognitive Science." Department of Psychology, University of California, Berkeley.

March 2010. "Temporal Experience." Working Group in the History and Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics, and Science. University of California, Berkeley.

February 2010. "Parthood and Identity in a One Category Ontology." Invited speaker. Second Annual Auburn Philosophy Conference, Alabama.

February 2010. "Temporal Experience." Union College Guest Lecture Series.

January 2010. "A New Role for Experimental Work in Metaphysics." Invited speaker. Werkmeister Conference on Experimental Philosophy, Florida State University.

Recent Media

Fall 2017. The Philosopher's Zone, ABC Radio National (Australian Broadcasting Corporation), on the transformative experience of becoming a parent.

Summer 2017. "Transformative suffering", LA Review of Books. (August 11, 2017.)

Summer 2017. "A philosopher who studies life changes says our biggest decisions can never be rational", Quartz (August 13, 2017.)

Spring 2017. Reddit Philosophy "Ask me anything", forum on transformative experience. (April 5th, 2017.)

Spring 2017. The Missing Shade of You. A dance and spoken word performance by the Logos Dance Collective, New York City, March 4th and 5th, 2017.

Fall 2016. The Digital Human, BBC Radio 4, on empathy for future selves. Spring 2015. The Philosopher's Zone, ABC Radio National (Australian

Broadcasting Corporation) on transformative experience. November 2014. Philosophy Talk (NPR). Hour-long segment on

Transformative Experience.

Other Professional Activity

Executive Committee, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2017-2020.
External committee member for Rebecca Chan (University of Notre Dame), PhD awarded April 2017.

External committee member for David Rose (Rutgers University), PhD awarded February 2017.

External committee member for Tobias Wilsch (Rutgers University), PhD awarded April 2015.

External examiner, Departments of Philosophy at the University of Tasmania, Monash University, and the University of Sydney.

Selection Committee for the Sanders Prize in Metaphysics: 2011, 2014, 2017.

Served as a mentor at the 2015 mentoring workshop at the Society for Women in Philosophy in the UK in York, England.

Editorial Board, Australian Philosophical Review.

Grant and fellowship proposals reviewed for the Australian Research Council, European Science Council, NSF, National Humanities Center, MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

Member, College of Reviewers, Canada Research Chairs Program (2012–). Chair, Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (2012).

Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (2011–2013).

Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (2009–2011).

Referee for Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Ethics, European Journal of Philosophy, Noûs, Mind, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Utilitas, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, The Monist, Oxford University Press, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Routledge, Blackwell Publishers.