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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** 1993–1997

- Doctoral Program in Philosophy. Ph.D. (September 1997) with a minor in linguistics.
- Dissertation: The Phenomena of Vagueness. Advisers: George Boolos and Robert Stalnaker.

**Harvard University** 1991–1993

- Doctoral Program in Philosophy. Transferred to M.I.T.

**Harvard University** 1987–1991

- Bachelor of Arts (1991), with a joint concentration in Philosophy and Government.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Princeton University

- Professor, Philosophy Department July 2012–present
- Associate Professor, Philosophy Department July 2005–June 2012

### Cornell University

- Associate Professor, Sage School of Philosophy July 2004–June 2005
- Assistant Professor, Sage School of Philosophy July 2001–June 2004

## Academic Positions, continued

- Princeton University** July 1997–June 2001
- Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department
- Central European Summer School in Generative Grammar** August 2000
- Instructor (Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria)
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology** 1994–1997
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy
- Harvard University** Spring 1996
- Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department

## **ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

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- Princeton University**
- Equal-Opportunity Officer, Philosophy Department July 2014–present
  - Executive Committee on the Program in Linguistics July 1999–June 2001;  
July 2008–present

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

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Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Linguistics, Metaphysics, Philosophical Logic.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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- (2015c) “A Problem for Predicativism Solved by Predicativism,” *Analysis* 75(3), pages *TBD*.
- (2015b) “Names Are Predicates,” *Philosophical Review* 124(1), 59–117.
- (2015a) “‘Literal’ Uses of Proper Names,” in *On Reference*, Andrea Bianchi, ed., Oxford University Press, 251–279.

Publications, continued

- (2013) “Specifying Desires,” *Noûs* 47(2), 250–272.
- (2012c) “Possibility Relative to a Sortal,” in *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* volume 7, 3–40. Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, eds., Oxford University Press.
- (2012b) “Adverbs,” in *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language*, Gillian Russell and Delia Fara, eds., Routledge, 409–423.
- (2012a) *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language*, co-edited with Gillian Russell, Routledge.
- (2011c) “Socratizing,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 48(3), 229–238.
- (2011b) “You can call me ‘stupid’, . . . just don’t call me stupid,” *Analysis* 71(3): 492–501.
- (2011a) “Truth in a Region,” in *Vagueness and Language Use*, P. Egré & N. Klinedinst, eds., Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 222–248.
- (2010) “Scope Confusions and Unsatisfiable Disjuncts: Two Problems for Supervaluationism,” in *Cuts and Clouds: Vagueness, Its Nature, and Its Logic*, R. Dietz & S. Moruzzi, eds., Oxford University Press, Oxford, 373–382.
- (2009) “Dear Haecceitism,” *Erkenntnis*, Volume 70, Number 3, 285–297.
- (2008b) “Relative-Sameness Counterpart Theory,” *Review of Symbolic Logic*, Volume 1, 167–189.
- (2008a) “Profiling Interest Relativity,” *Analysis* 68(300): 326–335.
- (2006) “Descriptions with Adverbs of Quantification,” *Philosophical Issues 16: Philosophy of Language* pp. 65–87.
- (2004) “Gap Principles, Penumbral Consequence and Infinitely Higher-Order Vagueness,” in J. C. Beall and Michael Glanzberg, eds., *Liars and Heaps: New Essays on Paradox*, Oxford University Press, pp. 195–221. (Published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)
- (2003d) *Introducing Philosophy*, editor of “Metaphysics” section, (Steven Chan, general editor), Oxford, Oxford University Press. (Originally published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)
- (2003c) “Desires, Scope and Tense,” in J. Hawthorne & D. Zimmerman, eds., *Philosophical Perspectives 17: Language and Philosophical Linguistics*, Blackwell Publishers, pp. 141–163. (Published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)
- (2003b) “Descriptions,” entry in *The International Encyclopedia of Linguistics*, second edition, Oxford: Oxford University Press, pp. 921–928. (Originally published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)

## Publications, continued

- (MS) “Review of *Theories of Vagueness*, by Rosanna Keefe.” This is an unpublished longer version of the published version in *Philosophical Quarterly*.
- (2003a) “Review of *Theories of Vagueness* by Rosanna Keefe,” *Philosophical Quarterly* 53(212), 460–462 (Originally published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)
- (2002b) *Vagueness*, co-edited with Timothy Williamson, The International Research Library of Philosophy, Ashgate, Burlington, VT. (Published under the names ‘Graff’ and ‘Williamson’.)
- (2002a) “An Anti-Epistemicist Consequence of Margin for Error Semantics for Knowledge,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 64(1): 127–142. (Published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)
- (2001b) “Phenomenal Continua and the Sorites,” *Mind* 110(440): 905–935. (Published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)
- (2001a) “Descriptions as Predicates,” *Philosophical Studies* 102(1): 1–42. (Published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)
- Winner of the American Philosophical Association’s article prize for the best article published by a younger scholar in 2000 or 2001.
- (2000) “Shifting Sands: An Interest-Relative Theory of Vagueness,” *Philosophical Topics* 28(1): 45–81. (Published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)
- Reprinted in *Arguing about Language*, Darragh Byrne and Max Kölbel (eds.), Routledge, 2009.
  - Reprinted in *Philosophy of Language: Critical Concepts in Philosophy*, 6th edition. A.P. Martinich and David Sosa (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2012.
  - Listed on Frank Veltman’s Classics in Formal Semantics and Pragmatics page—a list of “40 studies written in the period 1960–2000 which everybody working in the field of formal semantics and pragmatics should have read.”
- (1999) “Review of Gary Ostertag (ed.), *Definite Descriptions: A Reader*,” *Journal of Symbolic Logic* 64(3): 1371–1374. (Published under the name ‘Delia Graff’.)

## **PRESENTED PAPERS**

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- (2015) “On an Alleged Counterexample to Predicativism,” *Workshop on Proper Names*, invited speaker, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 19 May.

Presented Papers, continued

(2014) “Descriptions Are Predicates,”

- Analytic Philosophy Symposium, University of Texas (Austin), invited speaker, 6 December.
- Colloquium at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), 26 November

(2014) “‘Romanov’ is not always a name,”

- *The New York Philosophy of Language Workshop*, invited speaker, NYU, 4 September.
- *Proper Names: Semantics vs. Pragmatics* conference, invited speaker, University of Göttingen, 6 June.

(2013) “The Vagueness of Racial Categories,”

- *Vagueness in Law* Conference, invited speaker, NYU, 21 March.
- *Indeterminacy in Things We Care about* Conference, keynote speaker, University of Leeds, 8 December.

(2013) “‘Romanov’ is not always a name,” *Lectures in Honor of Ruth Barcan Marcus* NYSWIP, invited speaker, CUNY Graduate Center, 3 May.

(2013) “Circularity is no Problem for the Being-Called Condition,” *MITing of the Minds* conference, invited speaker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 24 January.

(2012) “Circularity is no Problem for Predicativism,” NYU Colloquium, 7 December.

(2012) “Generalized Counterpart Theory,” 5th Annual Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic, Keynote Speaker, Cambridge University, 21 January.

(2011) “Generalized Counterpart Theory,” Princeton Paper Tigers (Graduate Society), invited speaker, Princeton University, 21 November.

(2011) “Contrastive Desire,”

- Stanford University Philosophy Seminar, 14 January;
- Princeton University Linguistics Program, *Language Lunch*, 8 February;
- University of Texas (Austin), Philosophy Colloquium, 11 March;
- CUNY (Graduate Center) Philosophy Colloquium, 16 March.

Presented Papers, continued

- (2011) “Names as Predicates,”
- SUNY Buffalo Colloquium, 29 April;
  - University of Oxford, Jowett Society Meeting, invited speaker, 27 May;
  - University of Stockholm, Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference, Invited Speaker, 18 September;
  - Columbia Linguistics Society, 9 December.
- (2011) “Cartwright’s Matches and the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,” M.I.T. Conference in Honor of Richard Cartwright—*Getting Things Right*, invited speaker, 1 October.
- (2010) “Names as Predicates,” University of Parma Conference on *Reference*, invited speaker, 11 September.
- (2010) “Specifying Desires,” NYU Conference on *Judgeable Contents*, invited speaker, La Pietra, Florence, 12 July.
- (2010) “Vagueness,” Princeton Philosophical Society (Undergraduate Society), invited speaker, Princeton University, 18 April.
- (2010) “Goodness for One-Thingers,” Yale University Philosophy Colloquium, 10 January.
- (2009) “Would Interests Have Agents?,” University of Barcelona, *LOGOS Semantics Workshop III*, invited speaker, 26 June.
- (2008) “Context, Content, Interests, and Saying the Same Thing,” Ecole Normale Supérieure, Conference on *Vagueness and Language Use*, invited speaker, 9 April.
- (2008) “Socratizing,” Princeton University, Quine Centennial Celebration, invited speaker, 23 June.
- (2008) “Possibility Relative to a Sortal,”
- University of Chicago Linguistics Department, *Workshop in Semantics and Philosophy of Language*, invited speaker, 21 November;
  - University of South Carolina (Columbia) Philosophy Colloquium, 5 September;
  - Rutgers University Philosophy Colloquium, 6 March.
- (2008) “Generalizing from the Instances within ‘Contextualist’ Accounts of Vagueness,” Syracuse University Philosophy Colloquium, 10 October.
- (2007) “Profiling Interest Relativity,” Oxford University, Keynote Speaker, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, 10 November.

Presented Papers, continued

- (2007) “Adjectives and Contingent Identity,”
- IHPST (L’Institut D’Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques, Université de Paris I), Philosophy Colloquium, 24 May;
  - University of St Andrews, Adjectives Workshop, invited speaker, 20 May.
- (2007) “Counterparts and (Relative) Identity,” Institut Jean-Nicod, Philosophy Colloquium, 25 May.
- (2007) “Relative Identity and *De-Re* Modality,” Conference on *Mathematical Methods in Philosophy*, invited speaker, Banff International Research Station, 19 February.
- (2007) “Coincidence by Another Name,” The Second Annual *Arizona Ontology Conference*, invited speaker, Tucson, Arizona, 18 January.
- (2006) “Descriptions with Adverbs of Quantification,”
- University of California, Santa Barbara, The Third Steven Humphrey Excellence in Philosophy Conference: *Advances in the Theory of Meaning*, invited speaker, 18 February;
  - The Seventh Annual Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference, Keynote Speaker, 4 March;
  - University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Philosophy Colloquium, 7 April.
- (2006) “‘The Customer is Always Right’ ,”
- Faculty of Letters, University of Lisbon, The First Lisbon Workshop on *Semantics*, invited speaker, 7 October;
  - M.I.T. Philosophy Colloquium, 27 October.
- (2005) “A Boundary-Shifter’s Guide to Higher-Order Vagueness,”
- St Andrews University, *Vagueness Workshop*, invited speaker, 4 February;
  - University of London, *The Aristotelian Society*, Senate House, invited speaker 20 June.
- (2005) “Verbal and Nominal Attitude Ascriptions,” University of Southern California, Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop on *Syntax and Semantics with Attitude*, invited speaker, 17 April.
- (2004) “In Defense of the Simple Criterion of Identity for Qualia,” Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium, Conference on *Identity Criteria*, invited speaker, 3 December.
- (2003) “Infinitely Higher-Order Vagueness (and other problems for supervaluationists),” University of Rochester Philosophy Colloquium, 28 February.
- (2003) “Gap Principles, Penumbra Consequence and Infinitely Higher-Order Vagueness,” University of Texas (Austin) Philosophy Colloquium, May.

Presented Papers, continued

- (2004) “Desire Ascriptions, Closure, and the Specification Assumption,” University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), Philosophy Colloquium, 27 August 2004.
- (2002) “Descriptions in Desire Ascriptions,”
- U.C. Berkeley Philosophy Colloquium, 31 October;
  - U.C. Davis Philosophy Colloquium, 10 May.
- (2002) “Infinitely Higher-Order Vagueness (and other problems for supervaluationists),”
- UConn-MIT Conference *Liars and Heaps: The Logic and Semantics of Paradox*, invited speaker, University of Connecticut (Storrs), 13 October (2002);
  - Oxford University, *The Jowett Society*, 15 November.
- (2002) “Borderline Borderline Cases,” Queen’s University Philosophy Colloquium, 17 October.
- (2002) “Vagueness, Adjectives and Interests (II),” Northwestern University Linguistics and Philosophy Colloquium, 15 February.
- (2001) “Ascriptions of Desires and Descriptions of Desires,” Union College Philosophy Colloquium, 26 October.
- (2001) “Descriptions in Desire Ascriptions,” M.I.T. Philosophy Colloquium, 9 March.
- (2000) “Shifting Sands: An Interest-Relative Theory of Vagueness,” University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) Philosophy Colloquium, 10 November.
- (2000) “Individuating Desires and Desire Ascriptions,” Columbia University Philosophy Colloquium, 26 October.
- (2000) “Vagueness, Adjectives and Interests,” Rutgers, the Second Semi-Annual *Rutgers Semantics Workshop*, invited speaker, 12 May.
- (1998) “Phenomenal Continua and the Sorites,”
- Interuniversity Center Conference on *Vagueness*, invited speaker, Bled, Slovenia, 6 June;
  - Vassar College Philosophy Colloquium, 4 November.
- (1997) “The Sorites Paradox,” CUNY Graduate Center, *New York Vagueness Reading Group*, invited speaker, 15 November.



## PRESENTED COMMENTARIES

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- (2011) Comments on Rachel Briggs's, "Interventionist Counterfactuals," Carolina Metaphysics Workshop, 28 June 2011.
- (2011) Comments on Jonathan Schaffer's "Necessitarian Propositions," University of Massachusetts, Amherst, *OP@25*, Conference to Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Publication of *On the Plurality of Worlds*, April.
- (2007) Comments on Jonas Åkerman's "Vagueness, belief-forming, and similarity constraints," 11th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, Oxford University, 9 November.
- (2005) Comments on Berit Brogaard's "Russell's Theory of Descriptions vs. the Predicative Analysis: a Reply to Graff," the American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meetings, December.
- (2005) Comments on John MacFarlane's "Nonindexical Contextualism," *Rutgers Semantics Workshop*, Rutgers University, 17 September.
- (2003) Comments on Achille Varzi's "Events and Indeterminacy," *States and Events*, Workshop on the Philosophy-Linguistics Interface, University of Southern California, 16 February.
- (2003) Comments on Robin Jeshion's "Singular Thought without Acquaintance," Princeton University, *Princeton Semantics Workshop*, 16 May.
- (2002) Comments on Marc Moffett's "Are 'that'-clauses really singular terms?," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Philadelphia, 30 December.
- (2002) Comments on Chris Kennedy's "The Landscape of Vagueness," University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) *Philosophy and Linguistics Workshop*, 8 November.
- (2002) Comments on John Martin Fischer's "Alternatives, Deliberation, and Moral Responsibility," Werkmeister Conference, *Causation and Free Will*, Florida State University, 19 January.
- (2001) Comment's on Ted Everett's "Conditional Knowledge and Skepticism," *Creighton Club Meeting*, Cornell University, 20 October.
- (2000) Comments on Marian David's "Truth and Identity," Syracuse University, *Metaphysics Mayhem V*, 14 August.
- (1999) Comments on Mario Gómez-Torrente's "Vagueness and Margin for Error Principles," American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting, Boston, 29 December.

Presented Commentaries, continued

(1998) Comments on Newton Garver's "Vagueness, Context and Analysis," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, 9 May.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

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Problems of Philosophy Graduate Seminar (PHI 523), *Modal Logic as Metaphysics*, (co-taught with Gilbert Harman) Princeton, Spring 2015.

Honors Introduction to Formal Logic (PHI 212), Princeton Spring 2015.

Introduction to Formal Semantics (PHI 346), Princeton Spring 2013, Fall 2014.

Philosophy of Language Graduate Seminar (PHI 534)—Names, Princeton, Spring 2014.

Introduction to the Philosophy of Language (PHI 317), Princeton, Spring 2014, Spring 2011, Spring 2010, Spring 1998.

Philosophy of Language Graduate Seminar (PHI 534)—Names and Reference (co-taught with Gilbert Harman and Frank Jackson), Princeton, Fall 2011.

Weakness of the Will and Freedom of the Will, Junior Seminar, Princeton, Fall 2010.

Classics of Twentieth-Century Analytic Philosophy (First-Year Graduate Seminar, co-taught with Thomas Kelly), Princeton, Fall 2009, Fall 2008.

Introduction to Symbolic Logic (PHI 201), Princeton, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2001, Fall 1999, Fall 1998.

Philosophy of Language Graduate Seminar (PHI 534)—Counterparts and Identity: Relative, Contingent, and Transworld, Princeton, Spring 2007.

Philosophical Logic (PHI 340), Princeton, Spring 2007.

Philosophy of Language Graduate Seminar (PHI 534)—Propositions, Time and Tense, Princeton, Spring 2006.

Action and Intention, Junior Seminar, Princeton, Fall 2005.

Metaphysics (PHIL 364), Cornell, Spring 2005.

Intensional Logic (PHIL 436/MATH 483/LING 483), Cornell, Spring 2005.

Introduction to Deductive Logic (PHIL 231), Cornell, Spring 2003, Fall 2001

Philosophy of Language (PHIL 332/ LING 332), Cornell, Spring 2003.

### Courses Taught, continued

- Intensional Logic (PHIL 436/ Math 483), Cornell, Spring 2002.
- Philosophy of Language (PHIL 633), Vagueness and the Sorites Paradox, Cornell, Spring 2002.
- Epistemology (PHIL 361), Cornell, Fall 2001
- Topics in Philosophy of Language (PHI 345), Pragmatics and Context-Dependence, Princeton, Spring 2001.
- Problems of Philosophy (PHI 523), Graduate Seminar, Vagueness in Logic and Language, Princeton, Fall 2000.
- Problems of Philosophy Graduate Seminar (PHI 523), The Semantics of Descriptions, Princeton, Fall 1999.
- Metaphysics Graduate Seminar (PHI 540), Material Constitution (co-taught with Mark Johnston), Princeton, Spring 1999.
- Philosophy of Language Graduate Seminar, (PHI 534), Vagueness, Princeton, Spring 1998.
- Identity and Constitution, Junior Seminar, Princeton, Fall 1997.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Editorial Boards:** *Semantics and Pragmatics*, as of 2007; *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, as of 2013; *Theoria*, as of 2011; *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, as of 2010; *Journal of Semantics*, as of 2009; *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, as of 2006; *Philosophy Compass*, Logic and Philosophy of Language Section, as of 2005; *Philosophical Perspectives*, as of 2004; *Philosophical Studies*, as of 2003.

**Advisory Boards:** *The Philosophical Gourmet Report*, as of 2003.

**Journal Referee:** *Acta Analytica*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*; *Erkenntnis*; *Journal of Philosophical Logic*; *Journal of Semantics*; *Linguistics and Philosophy*; *Mind*; *Mind and Language*; *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*; *Noûs*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophers' Imprint*; *Philosophical Review*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*; *Polish Journal of Philosophy*; *Semantics and Pragmatics*; *Synthese*; *Theoria*.

**Organizer:** Princeton Conference on Philosophical Logic, May 2009.

**Organizer:** PhLiP Conferences on Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy (Karen Lewis, co-organizer), September 2014 and October 2013.

## Professional Service, continued

**Press Referee:** Oxford University Press (both philosophy and linguistics).

**Program Committee:** SALT (*Semantics and Linguistic Theory*) (2005–2012, 2015).

**Conference Referee:** University of Stockholm, *Philosophy of Language and Mind* (2011).

**Chairing:** Author meets Critics Session on Saul Kripke's *Philosophical Troubles* (speakers: Saul Kripke, John Hawthorne, and Ted Sider, Eastern Division APA, December 2013; ~ Conference Session on Raul Saucedo's "Collective Allism" (commentator: Ross Cameron), Carolina Metaphysics Workshop, June 2012; ~ Conference Session on David Chalmers's "Frege's Puzzle and the Objects of Credence" (commentator: Gillian Russell), Carolina Metaphysics Workshop, June 2010; ~ Conference Session on "Causation and Chalmers's Causatives" (speakers: Brian Weatherson, Elizabeth Barnes), Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2008; ~ Author Meets Critics Session on Jason Stanley's *Knowledge and Practical Interests* (speakers: Jason Stanley, Stephen Schiffer, and Gilbert Harman, Pacific Division APA, March 2006; ~ Conference Session on "Three Dimensionalism" (speaker: John Hawthorne), Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2006; ~ Colloquium on Experience and Qualia (speaker: Bryan D. Belknap), American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, May 2001; ~ Colloquium on Truth (speaker: John Devlin), American Philosophical Association

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

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- (2002) Mellon Foundation: New Directions Fellowship. Courses taken under the auspices of the award were in the areas of Syntax, Phonology, Algebra and Analysis.
- (2002) American Philosophical Association Article Prize for 'Descriptions as Predicates': Prize for best paper published in 2000 or 2001 by a younger scholar.
- (2005) Princeton University Council of the Humanities Behrman Junior Fellowship, three-year fellowship for recently tenured humanities faculty.
- (2005) Robert and Helen Appel Fellowship for Humanists and Social Scientists, Cornell University: Award presented annually to three newly tenured faculty members in the humanities and social sciences.