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University of Oxford, D.Phil, Philosophy: 2008 EDUCATION

Dissertation: Animalism and its Implications (Snowdon)

University of Oxford, B.Phil, Philosophy: 2000

Metaphysics & Epistemology (Cassam), Modern (Ayers), Wittgenstein (Hacker), Thesis (Snowdon)

Ohio State University, BA, Philosophy: 1997

Phi Beta Kappa, Magna cum laude, Distinction in Philosophy, Honors in Liberal Arts

Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind RESEARCH,

TEACHING Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Biology, Bioethics, Early Modern Philosophy, Epistemology,

Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, George Washington University: 2016-present CURRENT

APPOINTMENTS Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Memphis: 2014-present

Editor, The Southern Journal of Philosophy: 2009-13, 2016-present

Affiliate Faculty, Institute for Intelligent Systems, University of Memphis: 2009-present

Full Member, Graduate School, University of Memphis: 2014-present

PREVIOUS Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Memphis: 2015-16 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Memphis: 2008-14 APPOINTMENTS

Director, Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities, University of Memphis: 2014-15

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Duke University: 2006-08 Managing Editor, Journal of the History of Philosophy: 2006-08

Visiting Lecturer in Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: 2005-06

Oxford Fellow and Master of Humanities, Lawrenceville School: 2000–02

Ontology After Carnap, Stephan Blatti and Sandra Lapointe, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2016).

Animalism: New Essays on Persons, Animals, and Identity, Stephan Blatti and Paul Snowdon, eds.

(Oxford University Press, 2016).

Spindel Supplement ("The Lives of Human Animals"), Stephan Blatti, ed., The Southern Journal of

Philosophy 52 (2014).

ARTICLES, "Living Animals," The Persistence of Persons: Studies in the Ontology of Personal Identity, ed. Valerio Buonomo and Javier Cumpa (De Gruyter, forthcoming).

"We Are Animals," in Philosophy for Us, ed. Lenny Clapp (Cognella, forthcoming).

"Headhunters," in Animalism: New Essays on Persons, Animals, and Identity, ed. Stephan Blatti and Paul Snowdon (Oxford University Press, 2016), 165-87.

"Mortal Harm and the Antemortem Experience of Death," Journal of Medical Ethics 40 (2014): 640-42

"Animalism," Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Summer 2014 edition), ed. Ed Zalta, URL= http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/animalism.

"A New Argument for Animalism," Analysis 72 (2012): 685-90.

"Death's Distinctive Harm," American Philosophical Quarterly 49 (2012): 317-30.

"Material Constitution," in Continuum Companion to Metaphysics, ed. Robert Barnard and Neil Manson (Continuum Publishing, 2012), 149-69.

"Animalism, Dicephalus, and Borderline Cases," Philosophical Psychology 20 (2007): 595-608.

"No Impediment to Solidity as Impediment," Metaphysica 7 (2006): 35-41.

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CHAPTERS

REVIEWS,
INTRODUCTIONS,

FTC.

- "Introduction" (with Sandra Lapointe), in *Ontology After Carnap* (Oxford University Press, 2016), 1–12.
- "Introduction" (with Paul Snowdon), in *Animalism: New Essays on Persons, Animals, and Identity*, (Oxford University Press, 2016), 1–27.
- "Editor's Introduction," Spindel Supplement, The Southern Journal of Philosophy 52 (2014): 1–5.
- "Editor's Note," The Southern Journal of Philosophy 48 (2010): 1-2.
- Review of Consciousness: From Perception to Reflection in the History of Philosophy, ed. Sara Heinämaa, Vili Lähteenmäki, Paulina Remes, Journal of the History of Philosophy 47 (2009): 463–64.
- Review of *The Rise and Fall of Soul and Self: An Intellectual History of Personal Identity*, by Raymond Martin and John Barresi, *Mind* 117 (2008): 191–95.
- "Animalism and Personal Identity," in *Encyclopedia of Human-Animal Relationships*, vol. 2, ed. Marc Bekoff (Greenwood Press, 2007): 430–33.
- "Animalism," in *The Continuum Encyclopedia of British Philosophy*, eds. A. C. Grayling, Andrew Pyle, Naomi Goulder (Thoemmes Continuum, 2006), vol. 1: 108–09.
- "Disjunctivism," in *The Continuum Encyclopedia of British Philosophy*, eds. A. C. Grayling, Andrew Pyle, Naomi Goulder (Thoemmes Continuum, 2006), vol. 2: 856–57.

IN PROGRESS: BOOKS Being of Life: Human Organisms, Mortality, and the Human/Nonhuman Divide (in preparation)

Life, edited (OUP's Philosophical Concepts series, under development)

At the Speed of Thought: Essays in Honor of Paul Snowdon, edited with Mike Martin (in preparation)

IN PROGRESS: ARTICLES,

CHAPTERS

"TBA," in At the Speed of Thought: Essays in Honor of Paul Snowdon, ed. Stephan Blatti and Mike Martin (in preparation).

Review of *The Limits of the Self: Immunology and Biological Identity*, by Thomas Pradeu, *Mind* (under contract)

"Unresting Death" (draft)

"Material Colocation and Art Objects" (draft)

"Animalism Unburdened" (draft)

GRANTS,
FELLOWSHIPS,
HONORS

Templeton Foundation Grant (Immortality Project): 2014-15 sabbatical (international competition). [PI, \$82,311]

College of Arts & Sciences Travel Enrichment Fund Award, University of Memphis: Summer 2015 (university competition). [\$400]

Faculty Research Grant, University of Memphis: Summer 2012 (book project development, university competition). [PI, \$4,500]

Professional Development Assignment, University of Memphis: Spring 2012 (university competition). [sabbatical]

Human-Animal Studies Fellowship, Animals and Society Institute: Summer 2011 (international competition). [PI, \$3,000 + residential fellowship, Wesleyan University]

College of Arts & Sciences Travel Enrichment Fund Award, University of Memphis: Summer 2011 (university competition). [\$500]

Course Redesign Fellowship (Biomedical Ethics), University of Memphis: 2009 (university competition). [PI. \$3,000]

Philosophy Bursary, Royal Institute of Philosophy: 2004-05 (national competition).

Oxford Philosophy Scholarship, Faculty of Philosophy: 1998–2004 (international competition).

Overseas Research Scheme Award, University of Oxford: 1998-2004 (international competition).

Old Members Travel Grants (University College, Oxford): University of North Carolina (2005), University of Jyväskylä (2004), University of Kent (2004), University of Texas (2004), New York University (2003), Brown University (1999).

Top Paper Award, New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: 1998.

# GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS (cont'd.)

Excellence in Scholarship Award, Ohio State University: 1997 (university competition).

Undergraduate Research Scholarship, Ohio State University: 1996–97 (university competition).

Travel Grant, Ohio State University: Universität Hamburg (1995).

Bingham Prize for Undergraduate Excellence in Philosophy, Ohio State University: 1995 (department award).

Scarlet and Gray Scholarship, Ohio State University: 1994 (university competition).

Summa Award for Superior Scholarship, Ohio State University: 1994 (university competition).

Honors Prize in Classics (Honorable Mention), Ohio State University: 1994 (department award).

# PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES

\* invited † refereed "TBA," Rhodes College, Department of Philosophy: Fall 2017 [\*].

- "TBA," George Washington University, Department of Philosophy: December 2016 [\*].
- "The Lives 'of' Human Organisms," Johns Hopkins University, Department of Philosophy:

  November 2016 [\*].
- "Termination," Kutztown University, Department of Philosophy: October 2016 [\*]; International Association for the Philosophy of Death and Dying, Syracuse University: May 2016 [†].
- "Of Retirement, Ontological and Otherwise," At the Speed of Thought: A Conference in Celebration of Paul Snowdon, University College London: June 2015 [\*].
- "Headhunters," Templeton Foundation, Immortality Project Capstone Conference, University of California, Riverside: May 2015 [\*].
- "The Dying Animal," The Philosophy and Theology of Immortality, University of Hull: May 2015 [†]; Mississippi State University, Department of Philosophy: November 2014 [\*].
- "Unresting Death," *Time Bias and Future Planning* Workshop, Vancouver, Canada: March 2015 [\*]; *Henry Janssen Memorial Conference*, San Diego State University: May 2015 [†] (unable to attend).
- The Lives of Human Animals, 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Spindel Conference: September 2013 (conference director).
- Liberty, Nature, and the Question of Human Dignity, Liberty Fund: April 2013 [\*] (participant).
- "Thinking Animals: Differences that Make a Difference and the Difference They Make," Institute for Intelligent Systems, University of Memphis (Cognitive Science Seminar: Representing Meaning): November 2012 [\*].
- "Thinkers, Brains, and Animals," *Persons and their Brains*, Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, University of Oxford: July 2012 [†].
- "Mortal Harm Across the Human/Nonhuman Divide," *Minding Animals*, Utrecht University: July 2012 [†] (unable to attend).
- "Unresting Death and its Distinctive Harm," *Death: Its Meaning, Metaphysics, and Morality*, Newcastle University: July 2011 [†].
- "A New Argument for Animalism," Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Sussex: July 2011 [†].
- "The Dying Animal," Animals & Society Institute, Wesleyan University: June 2011 [†].
- "An Ideal Predicament: Children and Moral Agency" (with Michael Burroughs, on behalf of Deborah Tollefsen), *Philosophical Collaborations*, Southern Illinois University Carbondale: March 2011 [\*].
- "Another Argument for Animalism," Northwest Philosophy Conference ("The Self"), Willamette University: October 2010 [†].
- "A Plea for Bioethics," Department of Biology, University of Memphis: October 2010, October 2011 [†].
- "Other Minds: Why All the Fuss?" Institute for Intelligent Systems, University of Memphis (Cognitive Science Seminar: Others' Minds): September 2010 [\*].
- "An Evolutionary Argument for Animalism," University of Mississippi: March 2010 [\*].
- "Death, Priorism, and Deprivation Harm," American Philosophical Association, Central Division: February 2010 [†].

PRESENTATIONS,
CONFERENCES
(cont'd.)

- \* invited
- † refereed
- "Comments on Jaworski's 'Animalism and Personhood'," American Philosophical Association, Central Division: February 2010 (delivered on behalf of Paul Snowdon).
- "Death's Harm," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology: April 2009 [†].
- "The Balkanization of Foundationalism: Comments on Hobson's 'Foundational Beliefs and the Structure of Justification'," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division: March 2006 [\*].
- "Three Objections to Animalism," Wake Forest University: November 2005 [\*].
- "Persons, Animals, and What We Are," *Dimensions in Personhood*, University of Jyväskylä: August 2004 [†] (unable to attend).
- "Does Dicephalus Refute Animalism?" Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, University of Kent: July 2004 [†].
- "One, Two, Many," *Personhood: Mind, Will, Identity*, Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Texas at Austin: April 2004 [†].
- "Neo-Lockeanism and the Uniqueness of Self-Conscious Persons," Columbia University/NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference: March 2003 [†].
- "Being an Art Object," Ockham Society, University of Oxford: March 2003; *Philosophical Perspectives on Art and Experience*, University of Southampton: February 2003 [†].
- "Leibnizian Counterpart Theory," Brown University Graduate Philosophy Conference: February 1999 [†].
- "Reduction and Explanation," New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Tufts University: April 1998 [†].
- "What Reduction Isn't," Yale University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: May 1997 [†].
- "Locke on Extension in Atoms," Yale University Undergraduate Philosophy Conference: May 1996 [†]; New England Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Tufts University: April 1996 [†]; Ohio State University: June 1995 (Bingham Award Presentation); National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of North Carolina, Asheville: April 1995 [†].

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Chair: Symposium ("On the Concept of Organism in Biology"), American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division: 2017.
- ${\it Chair: Colloquium (Metaphysics), American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division: 2015.}$
- Member: Academic Career Opportunities and Placement Committee, American Philosophical Association: 2014–17.
- Associate Editor, Sloth: A Journal of Emerging Voices in Human-Animal Studies: 2013–present.
- Referee (presses): Broadview Press, Cambridge University Press, McGraw Hill, Oxford University Press, Pearson Press, Polity, Wiley-Blackwell.
- Referee (journals): Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Dialectica, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Consciousness Studies, Mind, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophy & Phenomenological Research, Res Philosophica, Sloth, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Theoria.
- Referee (conferences): Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference
- Chair: Author Meets Critics (Jody Azzouni, *Talking about Nothing: Numbers, Hallucinations, and Fictions*), American Philosophical Association, Central Division: 2013.
- Chair: Symposium ("Unconscious Perception"), American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division: 2012.
- Member: Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Central Division: 2011.
- Invited Contributor: *Brains* (blog): 2009–present.
- Managing Editor: The Southern Journal of Philosophy: 2008-09.
- Chair: Author Meets Critics (Mark Johnston, *Surviving Death*), American Philosophical Association, Central Division: 2011.
- Chair: Colloquium (Aesthetics), American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division: 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (cont'd.)

Presentation: "How *The Matrix* Stole All of Philosophy's Good Ideas," Career Day, Cary Academy (Cary, NC): 2007.

Chair: Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference: 2004.

Keynote Speaker: Cum Laude Society, Induction Ceremony, The Lawrenceville School: 2002.

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE,
ACTIVITIES

Webmaster: Department of Philosophy: 2016–present, 2013–14, 2008–12. Chair: Faculty Search Committee, Department of Philosophy: 2016–17. Faculty Evaluator: National Council on Undergraduate Research: 2016–17.

Chair: Bornblum Travel Award Committee, Department of Philosophy: 2015–16.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Philosophy: 2014–15, 2016–present.

Faculty Research Grant Review Committee (College of Arts and Sciences): 2012-14.

Library Liaison: Department of Philosophy: 2013-14.

Member: Faculty Search Committees, Department of Philosophy: 2008–09, 2009–10, 2010–11, 2011–12, 2012–13, 2014–15.

Examination Committees: Modern Philosophy Committee (2008–09, 2012–14), Theoretical Philosophy Committee (2008–2012), Philosophy of Science Committee (2010), Philosophy of Mind (2009).

Teaching Mentor: Luc Olsen (2016–present), Josh Dohmen (2012–14), Paul Hammond (2011–14), William Allen (2010–14), Michael Burroughs (2010–12), Nicolás Garrera (2009).

Faculty Evaluator: Student Research Forum (S10, S12).

Examination Committee: Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Duke University: 2007.

Organizer: Ockham Society, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford: 2003-05.

Presentation to incoming undergraduates: "Essential Study Skills," University of Oxford: 2004.

Undergraduate Admissions Committee: St. John's College, University of Oxford: 2004.

Graduate Joint Consultative Committee: Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford: 2003–05, 1999–2000.

University College Boat Club (1st VIII): University College, Oxford: 1998–2000.

Co-Founder, Artifact Theatre Company: 1998–2002.

President: Undergraduate Philosophy Forum, Ohio State University: 1994-95.

Vice President: Wexner Center for the Arts Student Association, Ohio State University: 1994–95. Undergraduate Representative: Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University: 1994–97. Faculty Hiring Committee: Department of Philosophy, Ohio State University: 1996–97.

COMMUNITY

Consultant: The Philosophers' Magazine (article on head transplantation): 2015.

Invited Host: *Great Conversations*, University of Memphis (community outreach dinner): 2014. Presentation: "Personal Identity," Ethics Club, Tipton-Rosemark Academy (Millington, TN): 2012.

TEACHING

# University of Memphis

- Graduate Seminars: Animalism (S17), Ontology of Life (S13, with Mary Beth Mader), Death (S11), Recent Work on Personal Identity (S10)
- Teaching Skills (S16, S14)
- Readings and Research (S16, F15, F14, S14)
- Logic (S16, S14-Honors, S13, F12-Honors)
- Nature, Mind, and Knowledge (F11, S09)
- Biomedical Ethics (online) (F16, S14, Su12, F11, F10)
- Biomedical Ethics (F15, Su14, F10, S10, F09, F08)
- Directed Study (F15, S11, F10)
   Foundations of Western Philosophy: Modern Period (S09)

# **Duke University**

- History of Modern Philosophy (S08, F06)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Su08, F07, S07)
- Social and Political Philosophy (half-term) (S07)

#### TEACHING (cont'd.)

#### University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- Bioethics (Su06)
- As TA: Ethics (W. Lycan, F05), Bioethics (R. Walker, S06)

#### University of Oxford

- Epistemology and Metaphysics (tutorials) (HT05, HT04, MT03, HT03)
- Introduction to Philosophy (online, Department of Continuing Education) (MT04)
- Philosophy of Mind (tutorials) (HT05, TT05)
- Epistemology and Metaphysics (Pomona College, visiting) (MT04)
- Knowledge, Reality, and Mind (Pomona College, visiting) (MT04)
- History of Philosophy: Descartes to Kant (tutorials) (HT03)

#### Other Teaching

- Oxford Tradition: Mind and Morals (Su04, Su05), Concepts of Good and Evil (Su03)
- Center for Talented Youth: Logic (Su02)
- Summer Institute for the Gifted: Introduction to Philosophy (Su02)
- The Lawrenceville School: Humanities, English, Philosophy (2000–02)

# DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

#### Supervision (term PhD awarded)

Sarah Vincent (co-directed with Shaun Gallagher), Empathy's Significance for the Moral Status of Nonhuman Animals (S15)

#### Committee Member (term PhD awarded)

- Bilge Akbalik, Metaphysics of Science as Metaphysics in Action (in progress)
- Mike Butler, The Institutionally Embodied Self (in progress)
- Chris Lucibella, Y'All Talkin' to Me? Essays on the Epistemology of Group Testimony (in progress)
- Kevin Ryan, Title TBA (in progress)
- Desirée Ramacus-Bushnell, Agent Centered Restorative Justice: The Limits of Forgiveness and the Duty to Resent (S17)
- Justin Sledge, Freedom, Solidarity, Revolution: Toward a Marxist Ethics (S14)
- Michael Burroughs, Ideal Adults, Deficient Children: The Child as Non-Adult in Western Philosophy (F12)
- Arsalan Memon, The Problem of Perception, Radical Reflection, and the Body: Towards
  Understanding Merleau-Ponty's Post-Kantian Transcendental Philosophy (S12)
- Heidi Samuelson, Out of Joint: The Nexus of Madness and Time-Consciousness (S12)
- Tina Botts, The Hermeneutics of Equal Protection Analysis (S11)
- Tamara Haywood, The Vindication Project of Alain Locke (S11)

# PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Council on Undergraduate Research

ACADEMIC &
ADMINISTRATIVE
REFERENCES

Available upon request