

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Philosophy of Language, Formal Semantics, Philosophical Logic, Metaphysics

### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE:**

Logic, History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind

### **EDUCATION:**

B.A. 1979 University of California, San Diego

Ph.D. 1985 University of California, San Diego

### **EMPLOYMENT:**

Distinguished Professor, Rutgers University 2011-present

Full Professor, Rutgers University 2007-2011

Full Professor, University of Southern California 2004-2007

Full Professor, University of California, Davis 1999-2004

Associate Professor, University of California, Davis 1993-1999

Assistant Professor, University of California, Davis 1991-1993

Associate Professor, California State University, San Bernardino 1988-1990

Assistant Professor, California State University, San Bernardino 1985-1988

### **VISITING APPOINTMENTS**

Visiting Fellow, Australian National University, Summer 2003

Visiting Professor, Harvard University, Fall 2002

Visiting Professor, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2001

Visiting Professor, L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (and Institut Jean Nicod), Spring 2015

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

'Felicitous Underspecification and Updates', unpublished book ms.

### **PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS**

*New Thinking About Propositions*, (co-authored with Scott Soames and Jeff Speaks), 2014, Oxford University Press, New York

*The Nature and Structure of Content*, 2007, Oxford University Press, New York

*Complex Demonstratives: A Quantificational Account*, 2001, The MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts

### **PUBLICATIONS: PAPERS**

'Binding, Compositionality and Semantic Values', (with Michael Glanzberg), forthcoming in *Philosophers' Imprint*

'"Descriptive readings" of Noun Phrases', forthcoming in *Contemporary Issues in Philosophy of Language*, E. Lepore (ed.) Oxford University Press

'Unstructured Content' forthcoming in Oxford University Press volume on unstructured content.

'Singular Thought, Russellianism and Mental Files' forthcoming in anthology on singular thought, James Genone, Rachel Goodman and Nick Kroll (eds.)

'The Metaphysics of Propositions' forthcoming in Oxford Handbooks Online, Oxford University Press

'Speaker Intentions and Objective Metasemantics', 2020, in *The Architecture of Context and Context Sensitivity*, Ciecierski, Tadeusz, Grabarczyk, Paweł (Eds.), Springer Nature, Switzerland, 55-80

'On Propositions and Fineness of Grain (Again!)', *Synthese*, 2019, 196 (4), 1343-1367

'Propositions and Truth Bearers', 2018, in *The Oxford Handbook of Truth*, Michael Glanzberg (ed.), Oxford University Press, 307-332

- ‘W(h)ither Semantics!(?)’, 2018, *Noûs*, Vol. 52, Issue 4, 772-795
- ‘Strong contextual felicity and felicitous underspecification’, 2018, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 97 (3), 631-657
- ‘Philosophical and Conceptual Analysis’, 2016, in *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*, Oxford University Press, New York, 249-261
- ‘Timothy Williamson on the Contingently Concrete and Non-concrete’, 2016, *Analysis*, 76 (2), 190-201
- ‘Acquaintance, Singular Thought and Singular Propositions’, 2015, *Philosophical Studies* Volume 172, Issue 2, 543-560
- ‘The Metasemantics of Contextual Sensitivity’, 2014, in *Metasemantics: New Essays on the Foundations of Meaning*, A. Burgess and B. Sherman eds., Oxford University Press, New York, 97-118
- ‘Speaker intentions in context’, 2014, *Noûs* 48, no. 2: 219-237.
- ‘Supplementives, The Coordination Account and Conflicting Intentions’, 2013, in *Philosophical Perspectives 27 Philosophy of Language*, Wiley-Blackwell, 288-311
- ‘Kent Bach on Speaker Intentions and Context’, 2013, *Croatian Journal of Philosophy* Vol. XIII, No 38, 161-168
- ‘Propositional Unity: What’s the Problem, Who has it and Who Solves it?’, 2013, *Philosophical Studies* vol 165 issue 1, 71-93
- ‘On Fineness of Grain’, 2013, *Philosophical Studies*, vol 163 number 3, 763-781
- ‘Questions of Unity’, 2009, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Vol. CIX, Part 3*, 257-277
- ‘Complex Demonstratives as Quantifiers: Objections and Replies’, 2008, *Philosophical Studies*, vol. 141, No. 2, 209-242
- ‘Complex Demonstratives, QI Uses and Direct Reference’, 2008, *The Philosophical Review*, 117(1), 99-117
- ‘What in the world are the ways things might have been?’, 2007, *Philosophical Studies* 133: 443-453 (Book Symposium on Robert Stalnaker’s *Ways a World Might Be*)
- ‘Semantics for Monists’, 2006, *Mind*, vol 116, 1023-1058

‘Singular Terms, Reference, and Methodology in Semantics’, 2006, *Philosophical Issues volume 16: Philosophy of Language* (supplement to *Nous*), Blackwell, Oxford, 141-161

‘Semantics, Pragmatics and the Role of Semantic Content’ (with Jason Stanley), 2005, in *Semantics versus Pragmatics*, Zoltan Szabo (ed.), Oxford University Press, New York, 111-164

‘Context Dependent Quantifiers and Donkey Anaphora’, 2004, *New Essays in the Philosophy of Language and Mind, Canadian Journal of Philosophy Supplementary Volume 30*, Ezcurdia, M., R. Stainton and C. Viger (eds.), University of Calgary Press, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 97-127

‘Tense, Modality and Semantic Values’, 2003, *Philosophical Perspectives volume 17, Philosophy of Language*, J. Hawthorne (ed.), 195-245

‘Designating Propositions’, *The Philosophical Review*, vol. 111, no. 3, July 2002 (actually appeared October 2003), 341-371

‘Two Sorts of Claims About Logical Form’, in *Logical Form and Language*, Oxford University Press, 2002, G. Peter, G. Preyer (eds.), 118-131

‘Remarks on the Syntax and Semantics of Day Designators’, in *Philosophical Perspectives vol 15*, J. Tomberlin (ed.) 2001, 291-333

‘On the Possibility of Correct Apparently Circular Dispositional Analyses’, *Philosophical Studies*, 98:2000, 257-278

‘Are Complex ‘That’ Phrases Devices of Direct Reference?’ *Noûs* 33:2 (1999), 155-182

‘What is a Philosophical Analysis?’ *Philosophical Studies* 90:1998, 155-179

‘The Source(s) of Necessity’, *Protosociology* vol. 10 Cognitive Semantics I – Conceptions of Meaning (December 1997)

‘Propositions Even A Naturalist Can Believe In’, in *The Maribor Papers in Naturalized Semantics*, Dunja Jutronic (ed.), Pedagoska fakulteta Maribor 1997 (proceedings of the conference “Naturalized Semantics and its Methodology”, June 10-15, 1996, University of Maribor, Maribor Slovenia), 297-309

‘Structured Propositions and Sentence Structure’, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 25:1996, 495-521

‘Structured Propositions and Complex Predicates’, *Noûs* 29 (4), 1995, 516-535

‘Can Propositions be Naturalistically Acceptable?’, *Midwest Studies in Philosophy, volume XIX*, 1994, French, Uehling, Wettstein (eds.), 53-75

‘Anaphora and Operators’, *Philosophical Perspectives vol. 8: Logic and Language*; 1994, (ed.) J. Tomberlin, 221-250

‘Intentional Identity Generalized’, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 22: 1993, 61-93  
(Reprinted in *The Philosopher’s Annual* 1993)

‘Instantial Terms, Anaphora and Arbitrary Objects’, *Philosophical Studies* 61 (1991), 239-265

‘Are Indefinite Descriptions Ambiguous?’, *Philosophical Studies* 53 (1988), 417-440

‘Pronouns, Descriptions and the Semantics of Discourse’, *Philosophical Studies* 51 (1987), 341-363

‘Explaining Donnellan’s Distinction’ (with Michael Liston), *Analysis* 44.1 January 1984, 13-14

“‘Five o’clock on the sun’: a reply to J.L. Mackie”, *Analysis* 42.2 March 1982, 77

### **ENCYCLOPEDIA & HANDBOOK ENTRIES**

‘Anaphora’, 2012, *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Language*, Graff, Russell eds.

‘Formal Semantics’, 2006, *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Language*, Lepore, Smith eds., Oxford University Press, 557-573

‘Semantics’, 2006, *The Macmillan Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, vol 8, 735-750

‘Anaphora’, 2005, entry for *Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2nd Edition, K. Brown (ed.), Oxford: Elsevier.

‘Anaphora’, 2003, entry for the on-line *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

‘Structured Propositions’, 2001, entry for the on-line *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (revised 2009)

‘Quantifiers and Inference’, entry in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

### **SELECTED TALKS SINCE 2001**

University of California, Los Angeles, ‘Are There Non-Rigid, Non-Quantificational Noun Phrases in English?’, Spring 2001

University of California, Berkeley, 'A Puzzle About Fear (And Memory And Knowledge And...)', September 6, 2001

Invited speaker for Conference on Contextual Sensitivity in Semantics, University of Cincinnati, 'Anaphora in Context', November 15-18, 2001

Invited Author Meets Critics Session on *Complex Demonstratives: A Quantificational Account* (MIT Press), Pacific Division Meetings of the APA, March 29, 2002, (Critics: Ernie Lepore, Kent Johnson, Mark Richard, James Higginbotham)

University of California, Irvine, 'A Puzzle About Fear (And Memory And Knowledge And...)', May 3, 2002

Stanford University, 'A Puzzle About Fear (And Memory And Knowledge And...)', May 24, 2002

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 'Designating Propositions', January 31, 2003

University of Southern California, 'Designating Propositions', April 4, 2003

Australian National University, Philosophy Program RISS, 'Tense, Modality and Semantic Values', June 23, 2003

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 'Tense, Modality and Semantic Values', November 14, 2003

Yale University, 'Index, Context and Propositional Content', December 9, 2003

University of California, Santa Cruz. Two talks for the Distinguished Visitors Series of the Santa Cruz Language and Linguistics Group ('Semantics for Monists' and 'Semantics, Pragmatics and the Role of Semantic Content'), March 2004

Cognitive Systems as Representational Systems Conference, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun, Poland, 'Singular Terms, Reference and Methodology in Semantics', September 2004

Plenary Speaker at Northwest Philosophy Conference held at Bellevue Community College, Bellevue, WA., 'Philosophical Analysis', October 2004

Conference on Contextualism, University of Oslo (Jeffrey King, Jason Stanley, Timothy Williamson keynote speakers), 'Semantics for Monists', March 2005

University of Maryland, 'Semantics for Monists', April 20, 2005

Princeton University, 'Semantics for Monists', April 22, 2005

University of California, Santa Barbara, ‘Semantics for Monists’, May 20, 2005

University of Texas at Austin, ‘Semantics for Monists’, October 14, 2005

Logic and Language 2006 Conference (invited speaker), University of Birmingham, England, ‘The Nature and Structure of Content’, April 29, 2006

1<sup>st</sup> Lisbon Workshop in Semantics (invited speaker), Lisbon, Portugal, ‘What Are Structured Propositions?’, October 6, 2006

University of Chicago, ‘Unbound Anaphora’, December 10, 2006

Cornell University, Mini-conference on Complex Demonstratives (invited speaker), ‘Complex Demonstratives as Quantifiers: Objections and Replies’, April 28, 2007

University of Colorado, Philosofski Conference (invited speaker), ‘Truth at a world’, March 2008

University of Texas at Austin, Workshop on Methodology (invited speaker), ‘Questions of Unity’, August 2008

MIT, ‘On *Truth At*’, March 13, 2009

Invited Author Meets Critics Session on *The Nature and Structure of Content* (Oxford University Press) at the Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association in Vancouver, Canada April 11, 2009 (Critics: Paul Pietroski and James Higginbotham)

The Ohio State University, ‘Questions of Unity’, May 8, 2009

Meeting of The Jowett Society (Oxford University), ‘Questions of Unity’ May 13, 2009

University of Leeds, ‘Questions of Unity’, May 15, 2009

Meeting of The Aristotelian Society, ‘Questions of Unity’, May 18, 2009

Philosophical Logic Conference, Princeton University, ‘Questions of Unity’, May 22-24, 2009

Invited paper for the Pacific Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association in San Francisco on March 31, 2010, ‘On Fineness of Grain’

Invited speaker at the Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Washington State University and University of Idaho, April 30-May 3 2010, ‘“Descriptive Readings” of Indexicals and Demonstratives’

Invited speaker at NYU workshop in La Pietra Italy, July 12-15, 2010 ‘Propositional Unity: What’s the Problem, Who Has it and Who Solves it?’

University of St, Andrews, Arché/CSMN Workshop/Mini-Course on Propositions and the Aim of Semantics, May 17-20 2011, ‘Propositions’ and ‘ “Descriptive Readings” of Indexicals and Demonstratives’

University of California, San Diego, June 3 2011, ‘ “Descriptive Readings” of Indexicals and Demonstratives’

Invited speaker at University of Siena Cognitive Science Conference, Siena, Italy, June 14-15 2011, ‘ “Descriptive Readings” of Indexicals and Demonstratives’

Invited speaker at Conference on Content, Context and Conversation at University of Gottingen, Germany June 24-25, 2011, ‘Indexicals and Demonstratives in Context’

Invited Speaker at Conference on Mental Phenomena in Dubrovnik, Croatia September 5-9, 2011, ‘Speaker Intentions in Context’

Invited Speaker at the Logic and Cognitive Science Initiative Conference on Meaning in Context, at North Carolina State University, September 23-24, 2011, ‘ “Descriptive Readings” of Indexicals’

Invited speaker at Kline Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics and Epistemology at the University of Missouri in October 13-14, 2011, ‘Speaker Intentions in Context’

University of Leeds, September 21, 2012, ‘Speaker Intentions in Context’

Keynote speaker at conference on the Unity of Meaning at University of Durham, September 24-25, 2012, ‘Naturalized Propositions’

Invited speaker to Rutgers Semantics Workshop September 28-29, 2012, ‘The Metasemantics of Contextual Sensitivity’

Invited speaker to Ohio State University Workshop on Reference, March 21-22 2013, ‘Supplementives, the coordination account and conflicting intentions’

Invited speaker to the Workshop on Tense, Modality and Semantic Values at the Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, June 17, 2013, ‘Compositional semantic values and the objects of assertion: methodological notes and a case study’

Invited speaker to Philosophy of language and linguistics conference at IUC in Dubrovnik, Croatia June 2-6, 2013, ‘Epistemic modals and assertion’

Northwestern University, November 8, 2013, ‘Supplementives, The Coordination Account and Conflicting Intentions’



Invited speaker to Metasemantics: Explanation in Natural Language Semantics Conference at U.C. Berkeley March 8-9 2014, 'Strong Contextual Felicity and Felicitous Underspecification'

Invited speaker to the Conference on Propositions on May 8, 2014 sponsored by the ERC Nature of Representation Project at the University of Leeds, 'Propositions: the current dialectic and an opinionated view'

Invited speaker at Philosophy of Linguistics and Language, Interuniversity Center, Dubrovnik, Croatia, September 8-12, 2014, 'Strong Contextual Felicity and Felicitous Underspecification'

Invited speaker, Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistical Philosophy Conference, Tarrytown, NY, September 25-28, 2014 'Binding, Compositionality and Semantic Values'

Invited speaker, Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association 2014 in Philadelphia, PA, December 26-30, 2014, 'Strong Contextual Felicity and Felicitous Underspecification'

Invited Author Meets Critics Session on *New Thinking About Propositions* (2014 Oxford University Press; coauthored with Scott Soames and Jeff Speaks) at the Central Division Meetings of the American Philosophical Association in St. Louis, MO, February 21, 2015 (Critics: Ray Buchanan and Peter Hanks)

Invited speaker, University of Michigan Spring Colloquium March 13-14, 2015, 'W(h)ither Semantics!(!?)' (commentator: Daniel Drucker)

University of Notre Dame, April 17, 2015, 'W(h)ither Semantics!(!?)'

Invited speaker, Institut Jean Nicod, May 21, 2015, 'The Metasemantics of Supplementives'

Invited speaker, Institut Jean Nicod, June 4, 2015, 'W(h)ither Semantics!(!?)'

Invited Speaker, colloquium at the École Normale Supérieure co-sponsored by the Institut Jean Nicod and the École Normale Supérieure, June 5, 2015, 'Strong Contextual Felicity and Felicitous Underspecification'

Invited speaker, Institut Jean Nicod, June 11, 2015, 'Singular Thought and (Augmented) Russellianism'

Invited speaker, Unity and Individuation of Structured Propositions Conference: Ninth Barcelona Conference on Issues in the Theory of Reference June 22-24 2015, 'On Propositions and Fineness of Grain (Again!)'

Invited speaker, Unstructured Conference, Rutgers University April 22-23, 2016, 'Unstructured Content'

Stockholm University, June 14, 2016, '“Descriptive Readings” of Indexicals'

Keynote Speaker, Conference: What Contexts Can and Cannot Do, University of Hamburg, April 7-8, 2017, 'Strong contextual felicity and felicitous underspecification'

University of Chicago, Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop, April 14, 2017, 'Strong contextual felicity and felicitous underspecification'

Invited speaker, Philosophy of language in Lima, sponsored by Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, '“Descriptive Readings” of NPs', June 1-3, 2017

Keynote Speaker, Second Annual PHILOsurfer Convergence, 'Russellianism and Singular Thought', Tofino June 16-18, 2017

Invited speaker, Loving, wondering and knowing: our mental life and all its aspects, 'Russellianism and Singular Thought', University of Southampton, June 28-29, 2017

Invited speaker, Third Annual PhiloSurfer Convergence, " 'Descriptive Readings' of NP's", Del Mar, CA, April 19-22, 2018

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, " 'Descriptive Readings' of NP's", September 24, 2018

Rutgers Semantics Workshop, 'Felicitous Underspecification and Updates', April 19 2019

### **SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Member of Editorial Board, *Linguistics and Philosophy*

Member of Editorial Board *Semantics and Pragmatics*

Member of Board of Consulting Editors *Philosophical Studies*

Subject Editor (Philosophy of Language) *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

Referee for (among others) *Mind*, *Philosophical Review*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical and Phenomenological Research*, *Nous*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Semantics and Pragmatics*, *SALT*, *Synthese*

### **RECENT GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Sam Carter Ph.D. 2020 (Co-Chair with Thony Gillies). TT at American Catholic University, Melbourne

Cameron Domenico Kirk-Giannini Ph.D. 2019 (Co-chair with Ernest Lepore). TT at Rutgers University, Newark

Peter van Elswyk Ph.D. 2018 (Co-chair with Ernest Lepore) TT at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee 2018

Una Stojnic Ph.D. 2016 (Co-Chair with Ernest Lepore) TT at Columbia University and Bersoff Fellow at NYU 2016

Joshua Armstrong Ph.D. 2013 (Co-Chair with Ernest Lepore) One year Post doc at University of Pennsylvania/ TT at UCLA fall 2014

Zachary Miller Ph.D. 2013 (Committee member) TT at University of Oklahoma 2013

Karen Lewis Ph.D. 2011 (Chair) TT at USC 2011; TT at Barnard 2012

Gabriel Greenberg Ph.D. 2011 (Co-Chair with Jason Stanley) Tenured at UCLA

William Starr Ph.D. 2010 (Committee member) Tenured at Cornell

### **Selected Recent Service**

Organizing Committee for PhLiP Conference 2018 (with Chris Kennedy, Karen Lewis, Sarah Murray and Eric Swanson)

A&P Committee for promotions to Distinguished Professor 2017-

Department standing recruitment committees in Mind, Langue, Epistemology and Metaphysics (4 separate committees) 2016-

Standing Mellon Chair Post Doc committee 2015-present

Department Chair 2011-14

Vice Department Chair/ Graduate advisor 2008-2011