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curriculum vitae

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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Affiliated Professor, Department of Linguistics
New York University, *September 2020 -*

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, *October 2017 - November 2020*
All Souls College, University of Oxford

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, *June 2017*
Minors in linguistics and mathematical logic
Dissertation: “Coordination in Conversation”
Committee: Robert Stalnaker (chair), Kai von Fintel (chair), Stephen Yablo, Irene Heim, Justin Khoo

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Chicago, *June 2011*
General and special departmental honors

Deep Springs College, *July 2007-June 2009*

Journal articles

(*’ indicates equal contribution of authors; otherwise, authors are listed in order of significance of contribution)

“Good Guesses”. 2023. Kevin Dorst* and MM*. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 105(3):581-618. doi: 10.1111/phpr.12831

“Assertion is Weak”. 2022. MM and Kevin Dorst. *Philosophers’ Imprint*. 22(19):1-20. doi: 10.3998/phimp.1076

“Witnesses”. 2022. *Linguistics and Philosophy*. 45:1091-1117. doi: 10.1007/s10988-021-09343-w

“If p, then p!” 2021. *The Journal of Philosophy*. 118(12):645-679. doi: 10.5840/jphil20211181242
Reprinted in the 2021 [Philosopher’s Annual](#).

“Practical Moore sentences”. 2021. *Noûs*. 55(1):39-61. doi: 10.1111/nous.12287

“Roads to necessitarianism.” MM and Daniel Rothschild. 2021. *The Journal of Philosophical Logic*. 50(1):89-96. doi: 10.1007/s10992-020-09562-9

“Eavesdropping: What is it good for?” Jonathan Phillips and MM. 2020. *Semantics & Pragmatics*. 13(19):1-35. doi: 10.3765/sp.13.19

“A counterexample to Modus Ponens”. 2020. *The Journal of Philosophy*. 117(6):315-331. doi: 10.5840/jphil2020117619

“Definiteness Projection”. MM* and Daniel Rothschild*. 2020. *Natural Language Semantics*. 28:77-109. doi: 10.1007/s11050-019-09159-2

“Dynamic non-classicality”. 2020. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. 98(2):382-92. doi: 10.1080/00048402.2019.1624376

- “What’s not to like”. Jacopo Romoli and MM. 2020. *Linguistic Inquiry Squibs*. 51(4):815-828.
- “We’ve discovered that presupposition projection is asymmetric (and it is!)”. MM, Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz. 2020. *Linguistics and Philosophy*. 43:473-514. doi: 10.1007/s10988-019-09276-5
- “How to do things with modals”. 2020. *Mind & Language*. 35(1):115-138. doi: 10.1111/mila.12231
- “Import-Export and ‘And’”. 2020. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. 100(1):118-35. doi:10.1111/phpr.12513.
- “Modality and expressibility”. 2019. *Review of Symbolic Logic*. 12(4):768-805. doi: 10.1017/S1755020318000394.
- “What ‘must’ adds”. 2019. *Linguistics and Philosophy*. 42(3):225-266. doi:10.1007/s10988-018-9246-y.
- “Bounded modality”. 2019. *The Philosophical Review*. 128(1):1-61. doi:10.1215/00318108-7213001.
- “Triviality results and the relationship between logical and natural languages”. 2019. Justin Khoo* and MM*. *Mind*. 128(510):485-526. doi:10.1093/mind/fzy006.
- “Talking about worlds”. 2019. *Philosophical Perspectives*. 32(1):298-325. doi: 10.1111/phpe.12112
- “Against Preservation”. 2018. MM and Justin Khoo. *Analysis*. 79(3):424-36. doi:10.1093/analys/any051.
- “The case of the missing ‘If’: Accessibility relations in Stalnaker’s theory of conditionals”. 2018. *Semantics & Pragmatics*. 11(8). doi:10.3765/sp.11.8.
- “Independence day?” 2018. MM* and Daniel Rothschild*. *Journal of Semantics*. 36(2): 193-210. doi:10.1093/jos/ffy013.
- “Hurford conditionals”. 2018. MM and Jacopo Romoli. *Journal of Semantics*. 35(2):257-367. doi:10.1093/jos/ffx022.
- “Agentive modals”. 2017. MM, Ginger Schultheis, and David Boylan. *The Philosophical Review*. 126(3):301-343. doi:10.1215/00318108-3878483.
- “Parsing and presuppositions in the calculation of local contexts”. 2017. MM and Jacopo Romoli. *Semantics and Pragmatics*. 10(17). doi:10.3765/sp.10.7.
- “A note on the architecture of presupposition”. 2016. *Semantics & Pragmatics*. 9(13):1-24. doi: 10.3765/sp.9.13

Proceedings papers

- “Compatibility, compossibility, and epistemic modality”. 2022. Wesley H. Holliday and MM. *Proceedings of the 23rd Amsterdam Colloquium*. 120-126.
- “Crises of Identity”. 2019. Julian J. Schlöder, Dean McHugh and Floris Roelofsen, eds. *Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*. 279-288.
- “Sticky situations: Force and quantifier domains”. MM and Jonathan Phillips. 2018. Sireemas Maspong, Brynhildur Stefánsdóttir, Katherine Blake and Forrest Davis, eds. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 28:474-492.

- “You must! Maybe you won’t.” 2018. Jan Broersen, Cleo Condoravdi, Shyam Nair, and Gabriella Pigozzi, eds. *Proceedings of Deontic Logic and Normative Systems 14th International Conference (DEON)*:227-246.
- “Asymmetry in Presupposition Projection: The case of conjunction”. 2017. MM, Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz. Dan Burgdorf, Jacob Collard, Sireemas Maspong, and Brynhildur Stefánsdóttir, eds. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 27:504-524.
- “A solution to Karttunen’s Problem”. 2017. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 21. Robert Truswell, Chris Cummins, Caroline Heycock, Brian Rabern, and Hannah Rohde, eds. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 21:827-844.
- “Hierarchical structure and local contexts”. 2017. Jacopo Romoli and MM. Robert Truswell, Chris Cummins, Caroline Heycock, Brian Rabern, and Hannah Rohde, eds. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 21:1017-34.
- “Dissatisfaction theory”. 2016. Mary Moroney and Carol-Rose Little, eds. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT)* 26:391-416.
- “I believe I can ϕ ”. 2015. MM, Ginger Schultheis, and David Boylan. Thomas Brochhagen, Floris Roelofsen and Nadine Theiler, eds. *Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*. 256-265.

Handbook chapters

- “Trivalence and anaphora”. To appear. *Handbook of Trivalence*, Paul Egré and Lorenzo Rossi, eds. Cambridge: MIT Press.
- “Modals and conditionals”. To appear. *Linguistics meets Philosophy*, Daniel Altshuler, ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Public writing

- “The conjunction fallacy? Take a guess”. [Guest post](#) on ‘Stranger Apologies’ blog, with Kevin Dorst.

Grants and Awards

Cooperation Partner for Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Research Grant ‘Asymmetries in presupposition projection and the nature of meaning’, with Jacopo Romoli and Florian Schwarz (445,547 EUR)
 Paper selected for *Philosopher’s Annual*, 2021
 First Book Colloquium Grant, NYU, Spring 2022 (\$1,500 towards a symposium on my book manuscript)
 External Member, Language and Meaning Centre, University College London, from September 2019
 XPrag.de grant to fund a workshop on Asymmetries in Language, June 2019
 Graduate Student Prize, UConn Logic Group Annual Workshop, May 2015
 Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago, 2011
 General and Special Departmental Honors in Philosophy, University of Chicago, 2011
 Lee Undergraduate Prize for best essay on any topic in philosophy, University of Chicago, 2011
 Lee Family Prize for highest GPA among graduating philosophy majors, University of Chicago, 2011
 Dunn Family Research Fellowship for research in philosophy, University of Chicago, 2011
 Dean’s List, University of Chicago, 2009-11

Presentations

(* indicates refereed, † indicates presented by co-author)

TBA
Colloquium Speaker, Indiana University Bloomington, 2023 (date TBD)

“Ability, chance, and control”
Keynote Speaker, 3rd Principia International Symposium, Florianópolis, Brazil, August 2023

“Chancy Abilities”
Dianoia Institute of Philosophy, May 2023

“Chancy Abilities”
Construction of Meaning speaker series, Stanford University, May 2023

“Chancy Abilities”
Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, NYU, April 2023

“Chancy Abilities”
Johns Hopkins University, April 2023

Probabilities, conditionals, and bounds”
Probabilities and conditionals, Columbia University, March 2023

Comments on Khoo, *The Meaning of ‘If’*
Central APA, February 2023

“Compatibility, compossibility, and epistemic modality”
MITing of the Minds, February 2023

Comments on Cariani, *The Modal Future*
Eastern APA, January 2023

“Compatibility, compossibility, and epistemic modality”
Amsterdam Colloquium, December 2022

“Chancy Abilities”
University of Lisbon, December 2022

“Disjunction and Possibility”
PhLiP, New York, November 2022

“Donkey Anaphora”
University of Edinburgh Undergraduate Linguistics Society, October 2022

“Quantificational and Modal Subordination”
Subordination in Language and Thought 1, June 2022

“Assertion is Weak” (with Kevin Dorst)
Chambers Conference, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, April 2022

“Witnesses”
Graduate Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, April 2022

“Witnesses”
The Delhi-Hyderabad Darshan Anveshanas Group, April 2022

“The orthologic of epistemic modals” (with Wesley Holliday)
Logic and Interactive Rationality Seminar, Amsterdam Dynamics Group, February 2022†

“Disjunction and Possibility”
Edinburgh Meaning Science Group, January 2022

“Non-specificational conditionals”
UCL Semantics Research Seminar, November 2022

“Good guesses” (with Kevin Dorst)
*Society for Philosophy and Psychology, June 2021**

“Assertion is Weak”* (with Kevin Dorst)
MK40, UCL, June 2021

“Bounds and probabilities”
Jowett Society, University of Oxford, June 2021

“Bounds and probabilities”
Dianoia Institute, ACU, May 2021

“The logic of conditionals: The role of presuppositions”
UCL Semantics Research Seminar, March 2021

“Witnesses”
Discourse in Philosophy Series, ILLC, March 2021

“Assertion is Weak” (with Kevin Dorst)
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, February 2021

Comments on Daniel Bertson
Eastern APA, January 2021

“Witnesses”
NYU Semantics Group, Fall 2020

- “Eavesdropping: What is it good for?” (with Jonathan Phillips)
NYU Seminar on The Inferential Typology of Language, Fall 2020
- “Good guesses” (with Kevin Dorst)
Dartmouth University, Fall 2020
- “Good guesses” (with Kevin Dorst)
Sinn und Bedeutung, September 2020*
- “Witnesses”
VirLaWiP, July 2020
- “Good guesses” (with Kevin Dorst)
 University of London Formal Philosophy Group, June 2020
- “Good guesses” (with Kevin Dorst)
Linguae Group, Institut Jean-Nicod, May 2020
- “If p, then p!”, and “Conditionals: Locality and Supertruth”
Hans Kamp Seminar in Language and Logic, UT-Austin, January 2020
- “If p, then p!”
 USC, January 2020
- “Good answers” (with Kevin Dorst)
 Dartmouth University, January 2020
- “Crises of *Identity*”
22nd Amsterdam Colloquium, December 2019
- “Super truther: Conditionals and supervaluations” (with Ginger Schultheis)
Oxford General Linguistics Seminar, November 2019
- “If p, then p!”
Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy, June 2019
- “Projection from situations” (with Daniel Rothschild)
London Semantics Day, Invited speaker, Queen Mary University, May 2019
- “Asymmetry in language: The case of presupposition” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Universiteit Utrecht, April 2019
- “If p, then p!”
 NYU, February 2019
- “Projection from situations” (with Daniel Rothschild)
ZAS Berlin, January 2019
- “Possibilities in Philosophy and Linguistics”
Workshop on Possibilities, Radcliffe Institute, January 2019
- “Against Preservation”^{*†} (with Justin Khoo)
Eastern APA, New York City, January 2019
- “Tensions in the theory of the conditional”
Colloquium talk, Princeton University, November 2018
- “You must! You might not.”
DEON (14th International Workshop on Deontic Logics in Computer Science), Utrecht, July 2018*
- “The logic of (restrictor) conditionals”
Arché, Saint Andrews, June 2018
- “Force: Context-sensitivity and morality”
Semantics and Linguistic Theory, MIT, May 2018*
- “Bounded modality”
New York University Mind and Language Seminar, March 2018
- “Constructing the conditional”
 MIT, December 2017
- “Constructing the conditional”
Ulster University, November 2017
- “Bounded modality”
 Keynote Talk, *PALLMYR*, University College London, November 2017
- “Constructing the conditional”
 University College London, October 2017
- “Bounded modality”
 Institut Jean-Nicod, July 2017
- “Force: Topicalization, context-sensitivity, and morality” (with Jonathan Phillips)
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Baltimore, June 2017^{*†}

- “Bounded modality”
Experimental Study of Meaning Lab, University of Pennsylvania, June 2017
- “Force: Topicalization, Context-sensitivity, and morality” (with Jonathan Phillips)
Workshop on Subjectivity and Modality, University of Chicago, May 2017*
- “Asymmetry in presupposition projection: The case of conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)
Semantics and Linguistics Theory 27, University of Maryland College Park, May 2017*
- “Triviality results and the relationship between logical and natural languages” (with Justin Khoo)
Pacific APA Colloquium Talk, Seattle, April 2017*
- “Asymmetry in presupposition projection: The case of conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)
CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, March 2017*
- “Asymmetry in presupposition projection: The case of conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)
Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental Approaches To Presupposition, Genoa, March 2017*†
- “Bounded modality: Epistemic modals and local contexts”
Colloquium Talk, Western Michigan University, December 2016
- “Bounded modality: Epistemic modals and local contexts”
PhLing Talk, Northwestern University, December 2016
- “A solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
American Pragmatics Association, Indiana University, November 2016*
- “Parsing, presuppositions, and structure in the calculation of local contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, September 2016*
- “A solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, September 2016*
- “Moore disjunctions”
North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Rutgers University, July 2016*
- “Dissatisfaction theory”
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26, University of Texas at Austin, May 2016*
- “Parsing, presuppositions, and structure in the calculation of local contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
University College London, May 2016†
- “A note on the architecture of presupposition”
Pacific APA Colloquium Talk, San Francisco, April 2016*
- “Parsing, presuppositions, and structure in the calculation of local contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Experimental Study of Meaning Lab, University of Pennsylvania, April 2016†
- “Parsing, presuppositions, and structure in the calculation of local contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Ecole Normale Supérieure, March 2016†
- “Must: A user’s guide”
Hampshire College Department of Cognitive Science, March 2016
- “Knowledge of possibility”
Central APA Symposium Talk, Chicago, March 2016*
- “Knowledge of possibility”
MITing of the Minds Annual Conference, MIT, January 2016
- “I believe I can ϕ ” (with David Boylan and Ginger Schultheis)
20th Amsterdam Colloquium, December 2015*
- “I believe I can ϕ ” (with David Boylan and Ginger Schultheis)
8th Semantics and Philosophy in Europe Colloquium, University of Cambridge, September 2015*
- “Knowledge of possibility”
8th Semantics and Philosophy in Europe Colloquium, University of Cambridge, September 2015*
- “Knowledge of possibility”
Bucharest Colloquium in Analytic Philosophy, June 2015*
- “Self-determination and the logic of common ground”
8th Workshop on Decisions, Games, and Logic, London School of Economics, June 2015*
- “Taking things for granted”
Going Heim: Linguistic Meaning Between Structure and Use, UConn Logic Group, May 2015*
- “A solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
Workshop on Subjectivity and Modality, University of Chicago, April 2015*
- “A solution to Karttunen’s Problem”

New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, NYU, April 2015
Comments on “What is the problem of *de se* attitudes?”, Dilip Ninan
MITing of the Minds Conference, January 2015
“The force and content of epistemic modals”
Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2014*
“The force and content of epistemic modals”
UMass-Amherst Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2014*

Teaching

At NYU:

Logic for Philosophers (Graduate course, fall 2023)
Proseminar (with Dave Chalmers, first-year graduate seminar, Spring 2022)
Pragmatics (with Chris Barker, graduate seminar, Spring 2022)
Introduction to Philosophy of Language (Undergraduate lecture, Fall 2022; Fall 2021)
Modal Logic (Undergraduate lecture, Spring 2022, fall 2023)
Conditionals (with Cian Dorr, graduate seminar, Fall 2021)
Pseudo-Dynamics (Graduate seminar, Spring 2021)

Other teaching:

Conditionals and Local Information (with David Boylan, *ESSLLI*, Summer 2022)
Dynamic Semantics (Graduate seminar, Oxford, Michaelmas Term 2020)
Epistemology and language (with Bernhard Salow, Graduate seminar, Oxford, Hilary Term 2020)
Dynamic semantics (with Gennaro Chierchia, Nathan Klinedinst, Daniel Rothschild, and Yasu Sudo, Graduate seminar, UCL, Fall 2019)
New work in philosophy of language (Graduate seminar, Oxford, Trinity Term 2019)
Conditionals and plurality (Graduate seminar, Oxford, Hilary Term 2018)
Dynamic semantics (with Daniel Rothschild, *ESSLLI*, Summer 2017)

Service

Reviewing:

Journals: Analysis (5); Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Erkenntnis (3); Inquiry; Journal of Linguistics; Journal of Logic, Language, and Information; Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Philosophical Logic (4); Journal of Philosophical Research; Journal of Semantics (5); Linguistics and Philosophy (5); Linguistic Inquiry; Mind (7); Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic; Noûs (2); Pacific Philosophical Quarterly (2); Philosophers' Imprint; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; The Philosophical Review; The Philosophical Quarterly; Philosophical Studies (4); Semantics and Pragmatics (6); Snippets; Synthese (3); Theoria; Thought (2)

Conferences: Amsterdam Colloquium 2022; ESSLLI 2022 student session; Experiments in Linguistic Meaning 1 (2020); MK40: Common knowledge, common ground, context in communication, UCL (2020); Semantics and Linguistic Theory 28 (2018), 30 (2020), 31 (2021), 32 (2022); Sinn und Bedeutung (SuB) 25 (2020), 26 (2021), 27 (2022), 28 (2023); Society for Philosophy and Psychology (2017).

Presses: Cambridge University Press (2); Oxford University Press (2)

Grants: Austrian Science Fund

Conference organization: MITing of the Minds Annual Conference, 2013; Asymmetries in Language, Leibniz-ZAS Berlin, 2019; Dynamic semantics, All Souls College, Oxford, 2018; First book manuscript workshop, NYU, 2022; Subordination in Language and Thought 1 (2022); Subordination in Language and Thought 2 (2023).

Supervision:

Academic advising at NYU: Richard Roth (2020-22), Hal Jones (2020-), Jiarui Qu (2022-).

Dissertation committee member: Hüseyin Güngör (Johns Hopkins, 2021-), Omar Agha (NYU Linguistics, 2021-), Rose Ryan Flinn (NYU Philosophy, 2022-).

Qualifying paper committee member: Nigel Flower (NYU Linguistics, 2023).

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Adviser at NYU: Pel Olson (2022-23); Ali Sina Sahin (2022-23).

Prospectus committee member: Richard Roth (NYU philosophy, 2023), Omar Agha (NYU linguistics, 2021).

Master's Thesis supervisor: Aglaia von Götz (Oxford, 2020).
Master's supervision: Richard Roth (Oxford, 2019).
Second reader for linguistics honors' thesis, 2023
Committee on undergraduate logic curriculum, NYU, 2022
Third year paper reviewer, NYU, 2022
Colloquium committee, NYU, 2023
Search committee, NYU, 2022-23
Course Instructor, European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information, Summer 2022
Colloquium committee chair, NYU, 2022
Climate committee, NYU, 2021-22
Social committee, NYU, 2021-22
Search committee, NYU, 2021-22
Language and Mind Major curriculum committee member, NYU, from 2021
Summer teaching mentor, NYU, 2021, 2022
Co-organizer of New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, NYU, from September 2020
CAS Proud to Be First Faculty Connect Program faculty mentor, fall 2021
Founder and co-organizer of Virtual Philosophy of Language WiP group, March 2020-August 2021
Confirmation of status examiner, Oxford, 2019
Member, Working group on climate change, All Souls College, 2019
Philosophy undergraduate admissions assessor, Magdalen College, Oxford, 2018
Philosophy examiner, Fellowship by Examination, All Souls College, Oxford, 2018
DPhil admissions assessor, Oxford, 2018
Transfer of status examiner, Oxford, 2018
Course Instructor, European Summer School in Logic, Language, and Information, Summer 2017
Co-organizer of Linguistics and Philosophy Reading Group, MIT, 2016-17
Co-organizer of the MIT Linguistics and Philosophy Colloquium, 2016, 2017
Co-organizer of MATTI (weekly graduate student workshop at MIT), 2015-16
Graduate student representative to the faculty, MIT, 2013-2015