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EMPLOYMENT:

Nazarbayev University: Vice Chair and Associate Professor, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, Aug. 2023 – present.

Nazarbayev University: Assistant Professor, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, Aug. 2020 – Aug. 2023.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University [Virginia Tech]: Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Aug. 2009 – Aug. 2020.

Vanderbilt University: Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, July 2008 – July 2009.

Duke University: Adjunct Faculty, Department of Philosophy, Aug. 2007 – Dec. 2007.

EDUCATION:

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Ph.D. (Philosophy), Aug. 2009.
Dissertation: “Metasemantics: On the Limits of Semantic Theory.”
Director: William G. Lycan

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: M.A. (Philosophy), May 2002.

Indiana University, Bloomington: M.A. (Philosophy), May 2000.

University of Portland: B.A., *maxima cum laude* and Honors Program; (Philosophy and English with French minor), May 1998.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Philosophy of Mind (including Epistemology), Ontology & Metaontology

AREA OF COMPETENCE

Philosophical Logic

PUBLICATIONS:

*For a list of publications grouped by topic, see <http://tparent.net/research.html>.

Books:

1. (2017). *Self-Reflection for the Opaque Mind: An Essay in Neo-Sellarsian Philosophy*. London & New York: Routledge, 308pp.
2. [with Tamás Demeter & Adam Toon] (Eds.) (2022). *Mental Fictionalism: Philosophical Explorations*. London & New York: Routledge, 370pp. [Contributors include Daniel C. Dennett, Katalin Farkas & Tim Crane, and William G. Lycan.]
3. [with Tamás Demeter & Adam Toon] *Mental Fictionalism: Elements in Philosophy of Mind*. Under contract with Cambridge University Press.

Articles:

1. (forthcoming). “Against God of the Truth-Value Gaps,” *Analysis*.
2. (forthcoming). “Philosophy is a Great Success, and We are Fooled into Thinking Otherwise,” *William Lycan on Mind, Meaning, and Method*, Mitch Green & Jan Michel (Eds.), Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave.
3. (forthcoming). “Knowledge of One’s Own Credences,” *New Perspectives on Transparency and Self-Knowledge*, A. Andreotta & B. Winokur (Eds.), New York & London: Routledge.
4. (forthcoming). “Modest versus Ultra-Modest Dialetheism,” *Asian Journal of Philosophy*.
5. (2023). “Review of A Map of Selves: Beyond Philosophy of Mind by N.M.L. Nathan,” *Philosophical Quarterly* 73: 887-889.
6. (2022). “I Think; Therefore, I am a Fiction,” *Mental Fictionalism: Philosophical Explorations*, T. Demeter, T. Parent, & A. Toon (Eds.). London & New York: Routledge, pp. 217-234.
7. (2022). [with T. Demeter & A. Toon] “What is Mental Fictionalism?” *Mental Fictionalism: Philosophical Explorations*, T. Demeter, T. Parent, & A. Toon (Eds.). London & New York: Routledge, pp. 1-24.
8. (2021). “A Dilemma about Kinds and Kind Terms,” *Synthese* 198: 2987-3006.
9. (2021). “Halvorson’s Non-Equivalent Concepts of Equivalence,” *Metascience* 30(1): 99-102.
10. (2020). “Ontological Commitment and Quantifiers,” *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, Ricki Bliss & J.T.M. Miller (Eds.). London & New York: Routledge, pp. 85-99.
11. (2019). “Colivan Commitment vis-à-vis Moore’s Paradox,” *Philosophia* 47(2): 323-333.

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12. (2018). "Review of *Empty Representations: Reference and Non-Existence*, edited by Manuel García-Carpintero and Genoveva Martí," *Analysis Reviews* 78(1): 172-173.
13. (2018). "Review of A Critical Introduction to Modality by Andrea Borghini," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 96(1): 204.
14. (2017). "Content Externalism and Quine's Criterion are Incompatible," *Erkenntnis* 82(3): 625-639.
15. (2017). "Externalism and Self-Knowledge," *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Edward Zalta (Ed.). [Revised. First published 2013.]
<http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/self-knowledge-externalism/>.
16. (2016). "The Modal Ontological Argument meets Modal Fictionalism," *Analytic Philosophy* 57(4): 338-352.
17. (2016). "An Objection to the Laplacean Chalmers," *Journal for General Philosophy of Science* 47(1): 237-240.
18. (2016). "The Empirical Case against Infallibilism," *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 7(1): 223-242.
19. (2015). "Rule Following and Metaontology," *Journal of Philosophy* 112(5): 247-265.
20. (2015). "On the PROVER9 Ontological Argument," *Philosophia* 43(2): 475-483.
21. (2015). "Externalism and 'Knowing What' One Thinks," *Synthese* 192(5): 1337-1350.
22. (2015). "Self-Knowledge and Externalism about Empty Concepts," *Analytic Philosophy* 56(2): 158-168.
23. (2015). "Theory Dualism and the Metalogic of Mind-Body Problems," *Palgrave Handbook of Philosophical Methods*, Chris Daly (Ed.). Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave, pp. 497-526.
24. (2014). "Ontic Terms and Metaontology, or: On What There Actually Is," *Philosophical Studies* 170(2): 199-214.
25. (2014). "Knowing-*Wh* and Embedded Questions," *Philosophy Compass* 9(2): 81-95.
26. (2013). "In the Mental Fiction, Mental Fictionalism is Fictitious," *The Monist* 96(4): 608-624.
27. (2013). "Infallibility Naturalized: Reply to Hoffmann," *Dialectica* 67(3): 353-358.
28. (2013). "Note on Induction," *Think* [Cambridge UP] 12(33): 37-39.

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29. (2012). "Modal Metaphysics," *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, James Feiser & Bradley Dowden (Eds.). <http://www.iep.utm.edu/mod-meta/>.
30. (2008). "Quine and Logical Truth," *Erkenntnis* 68(1): 103-112.
31. (2007). "Infallibilism about Self-Knowledge," *Philosophical Studies* 133(3): 411-424.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- "Eliminativism and Reading One's Own Mind" [complete draft].
- "Neo-Sellarsian Images of Philosophy and Science," invited for *Wilfrid Sellars' Images and the Philosophy in Between: Nature and Norms in a Stereoscopic View*, edited by Krisztián Pete & László Kocsis, under contract, Bloomsbury.
- "Ontology after Folk Psychology; or, Why Eliminativists should be Mental Fictionalists," R&R at *Analytic Philosophy*.
- "Ontology and Acceptance," invited for *Equilibrism in Metaphilosophy*, edited by János Tózsér & László Kocsis, under contract, Routledge.
- "Scientific Skepticism—Contra Lycan's Mooreanism."
- "Why Content Externalists should be Mental Fictionalists."

PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

- "Beall & Cotnoir on Omnipotence," presented at the 2024 Central Division meeting of the American Philosophical Association.
- "Eliminativism and Introspection," presented at the 100th Meeting of the Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2023.
- "Mitigating Metaphilosophical Despair," presented at a workshop on William Lycan, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Mar. 2023.
- "Eliminativism and Reading One's Own Mind," presented at the conference on Mindreading without Folk Psychology, Corvinus University of Budapest, Oct. 2022.
- "A Cautionary Note on Self-Reference," 96th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of St. Andrews, July 2022.
- "A New Curry Paradox," Meeting of the Australasian Association of Philosophy (online), July 2022.
- "A Cautionary Note on Self-Reference," Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association (online), May 2022.

[Presentations, continued]

- “Religion: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,” TEDxNazarbayevUniversity, Apr. 2022.
- “I Think; Therefore, I am a Fiction,” United Arab Emirates University, Feb. 2022.
- “Theory Dualism and Mind-Body Problems,” California Polytechnic State University, Jan. 2020.
- “How Post-Philosophy is Possible and Why It Matters,” Philosophical Association of the Philippines, University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Nov. 2019.
- “I Think; Therefore, I am a Fiction,” Workshop on Mental Fictionalism, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Oct. 2019.
- “Theory Dualism and Mind-Body Problems,” University of Durham, Mar. 2018.
- “Qualia, Theory Dualism, and General Ontology,” Koç University, Feb. 2018.
- “Paradox with just Self-Reference,” Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Feb. 2018.
- “Theory Dualism and the Heterological Paradox in the Philosophy of Mind,” invited Keynote address [billing shared with Graham Priest], 13th Annual Graduate Conference in Philosophy, Virginia Tech, Oct. 2016.
- “A Puzzle about Kinds and Kind Terms,” Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Mar. 2016.
- “Externalism and Cartesian Self-Knowledge,” University College Dublin, Feb. 2016.
- “Second-Order Judgment and Autological Expression,” Workshop in Philosophy of Mind, Virginia Tech, April 2015.
- “Theory Dualism: Incomplete Physicalism b/w Mental Fictionalism,” Conference on Mental Fictionalism, University of Edinburgh, July 2014.
- “The Modal Argument Meets Modal Fictionalism,” Illinois Philosophical Association, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Nov. 2013.
- “On Rasmussen’s Modal Cosmological Argument,” 65th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, Oct. 2013.
- “Rule Following and Metaontology,” Virginia Tech, Sept. 2013.
- “Infallibilism about Self-Knowledge II: Autological Judgment,” Conference on the Philosophy of Tyler Burge, University of Glasgow, June 2013.
- “In the Mental Fiction, Mental Fictionalism is Fictitious,” 64th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Oregon State University, Nov. 2012.

[Presentations, continued]

“Rule Following and Metaontology,” 4th Regional Wittgenstein Conference, Washington & Lee University, Mar. 2012.

“Modal Realism and the Meaning of ‘Exist’,” 63rd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Lewis & Clark College, Nov. 2011.

“Modal Realism and the Meaning of ‘Exist’,” Virginia Tech, Oct. 2010.

“Ontic Terms and Metaontology,” Virginia Tech, Oct. 2009.

“What the Externalist Cannot Know A Priori,” Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Feb. 2010.

“What Does the Slow-Switch Argument Show?” Vanderbilt University, Oct. 2008.

“What Does the Slow-Switch Argument Show?” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Oct. 2008.

“On What There Actually Is,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Sept. 2007.

“Infallibilism about Self-Knowledge,” Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Dec. 2004.

“Infallibilism about Self-Knowledge,” Mid-South Conference in Philosophy, University of Memphis, Feb. 2004.

“Quine and Logical Truth,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Apr. 2004.

“Quine and Logical Truth,” 55th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Reed College, Oct. 2003.

“The Coherence Theory of Subjective Probability,” Indiana University, Mar. 2000.

“The Liar Paradox, T-Sentence Analysis, and Epistemology,” Indiana Philosophical Association, DePauw University, Nov. 1998.

INVITED COMMENTARIES:

On Seungil Lee’s “Non-Reflexive Trope Theory,” Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Jan. 2022.

On Joseph Vukov’s “How Sparse Properties Save Nicod’s Principle,” Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Apr. 2017.

On Antti Kauppinen’s “The Practical Self and the Experiential Self,” Pacific APA “pre-conference” on Transformative Experience, Apr. 2017.

[Commentaries, continued]

- On Everett Fulmer's "Tame and Vicious Circularity," Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Mar. 2017.
- On Mark Jago's "States of Affairs," Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, University of Edinburgh, June 2015.
- On James Davies' "Mathematical Fictionalists Cannot Be Sceptics about Reference to Abstract Objects," Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Feb. 2015.
- On Justin Remof's "Object Constructivism and Unconstructed Objects," Central Division of the American Philosophical Association, Mar. 2014.
- On Kate Nolfi's "Why We Ought to Care about the Epistemic Status of our Beliefs," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Feb. 2014.
- On Joseph Hedger's "Frege's Puzzle Left Unsolved: Reply to Sainsbury & Tye," Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Mar. 2013.
- On Derek Ball & Brian Pickel's "One Dogma of Millianism," Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Apr. 2012.
- On Pieranna Garavaso & Niela Vassallo's "Frege's Thinking," Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Dec. 2011.
- On Andrew Bailey & Joshua Rasmussen's "Physicalism and the Puppet Argument," Illinois Philosophical Association, Northern Illinois University, Nov. 2011.
- On Daniel Pearlman's "Modifying the Interventionalist Solution to the Problem of Causal Exclusion," 63rd Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Nov. 2011.
- On David Cheely's "The Role of Memory in the Fineness of Grain of Demonstrative Concepts," Kentucky Philosophical Association, University of Kentucky, Apr. 2011.
- On Jason Decker's "Quining Quarrels: Indifference and Deep Agnosticism," Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Dec. 2010.
- On Alex Grzankowski's "Are All Attitudes Propositional Attitudes?," Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Apr. 2010.
- On Tuomas Manninen's "An Argument Against Animalism," Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Apr. 2009.
- On Chase Wrenn's "Practical Success and the Nature of Truth," Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association, Dec. 2007.
- On Ryan Robinson's "Tibbles without Tib," 55th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference, Reed College, Oct. 2003.

COURSES TAUGHT:

* indicates an independent study

Grad Level: Symbolic Logic, Metalogic, Philosophy of Language, Metaphilosophy, Metaontology, Modality & Ontology, Self-Knowledge, *Philosophy and Neuroscience, *Kripke, *Analytic Existentialism, *Philosophy of Religion.

Majors/Grad Level: Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Modal Logic and Its Applications, Existentialism, Philosophy of Religion, *Epistemology.

Lower-Division: Introduction to Philosophy, Knowledge and Reality [Intro M&E], Symbolic Logic, Critical Thinking, Morality and Justice [Intro Ethics/Politics].

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

Social Policy Research Grant, Nazarbayev University, July 2022.

Mary Williams Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Aug. 2004 and Sept. 2005.

Graduate School Opportunity Grant, June 2004.

Bertha Williams Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Jan. 2004.

Fellow, Future Faculty Program, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Aug. 2003.

Kenan Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Nov. 2002.

Henry Horace Williams Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Sept. 2000, Jan. 2001, Sept. 2001, Jan. 2002, Jan. 2003, & Sept. 2003.

The Open Fellowship, Indiana University, Bloomington, Aug. 1998.

Finalist (Oregon), Rhodes Scholarship, Feb. 1998.

DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Referee [selected], *American Philosophical Quarterly* (x5), *Analysis* (x2), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x14), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (x2), *Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association*, *Dialectica*, *Episteme* (x3), *Ergo* (x2), *Erkenntnis* (x15), *Inquiry* (x2), *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Mind* (x4), *Mind & Language*, MIT Press, *The Monist*, Oxford University Press (x4), *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (x2), *Philosophia* (x4), *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly* (x6), *Philosophical Studies* (x6), *Ratio* (x2), *Religious Studies* (x2), *Res Philosophica*, Routledge Books (x2), *Social Epistemology*, *Sophia*, Springer Books, *Synthese* (x17).

[Service, continued]

Editor, “Ontology” category on Phil Papers (David Bourget & David Chalmers, General Eds.), <http://philpapers.org/browse/ontology>, Jan. 2013 – present. Includes the subcategory “Existence.”

Editor, “Knowledge-*Wh*” category on Phil Papers (D. Bourget & D. Chalmers, General Eds.), <http://philpapers.org/browse/knowledge-wh>, Nov. 2012 – present.

Editor, “Externalism and Self-Knowledge” category on Phil Papers (D. Bourget & D. Chalmers, General Eds.), <http://philpapers.org/browse/externalism-and-self-knowledge>, June 2011 – present. Includes the subcategories “Externalism and Armchair Knowledge,” “Externalism and Slow-Switching,” and “Externalism and Self-Knowledge, misc.”

Co-Organizer (with Tamás Demeter [main organizer] & Adam Toon), Workshop on Mental Fictionalism, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Oct. 2019. See <https://philevents.org/event/show/74642>

Member, Student Disciplinary Committee, School of Sciences and Humanities, Nazarbayev University, Spring 2022 – present.

Chair, Search Committee for various positions in philosophy, Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, Nazarbayev University, Fall 2021, Spring 2023, and Fall 2023.

Organizer, Colloquium Series in philosophy, Dept. of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies, Nazarbayev University, Spring 2022.

Masters Committee Member, La Trobe University (external examiner): Spring 2017
Virginia Tech: Spring of 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, and 2010.

Bibliography on “Analytic Existentialism” (1200+ downloads on Academia.edu) Aug. 2015.

Research Assistant for Dorit Bar-On, Fall 2004 and Spring 2008.

Graduate Teaching Assistant Co-Ordinator, Department of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, July 2004 – July 2005.

Member, Aristotelian Society, Australasian Philosophical Association, Canadian Philosophical Association (since Fall 2006), American Philosophical Association (since Fall 1998).

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