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**Areas of Specialization:** Philosophy of Language, Semantics and Pragmatics, Philosophy of Mind,

**Areas of Competence:** Metaphysics, Epistemology, Logic

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### Employment

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| 2012-     | Assistant Professor of Philosophy<br>Tufts University   |
| 2008-2012 | Postdoctoral Research Fellow<br>Arché Philosophical Research Centre<br>University of St Andrews |
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### Education

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| 2008      | Ph.D. in Philosophy (minors: Linguistics, Mathematical Logic)<br>Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| 2002      | M.Sc. in Economic and Social History<br>University of Oxford   |
| 2001      | B.Phil. in Philosophy<br>University of Oxford  |
| 1999      | B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy<br>University of Western Ontario   |
| 1997-1998 | One year of undergraduate study at the University of St Andrews  |
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### Published and forthcoming

1. "Names in Fiction," forthcoming in *Theoretical Linguistics*.
2. "Aboutness and Justification," forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
3. "Relational Semantics and Domain Semantics for Epistemic Modals," *Journal of Philosophical Logic* (2016). Advance online publication.
4. Review of *Assessment-Sensitivity* by John MacFarlane, *Philosophical Review*, 125(3) (2016), 439-447.
5. "Imagination and the Self," in A. Kind (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Imagination*, Routledge, 2016.
6. "What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?" in M. Garcia-Carpintero and S. Torre (eds.), *About Oneself: De Se Attitudes and Communication*, Oxford University Press, 2016.
7. "On Recanati's *Mental Files*," *Inquiry* 58:4 (2015), 368-377.

8. "Taste Predicates and the Acquaintance Inference," *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (SALT) 24 (2014), 290-309.
9. "Self-Location and Other-Location," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 87:2 (2013), 301-331.
10. "Counterfactual Attitudes and Multi-Centered Worlds," *Semantics and Pragmatics* 5:5 (2012), 1-57.
11. "Propositions, Semantic Values, and Rigidity," *Philosophical Studies* 158:3 (2012), 401-413.
12. Review of Robin Jeshion (ed.), *New Essays on Singular Thought*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2011).
13. Review of Stephen Yablo, *Thoughts: Philosophical Papers Volume I. Protosociology* (2011).
14. "Semantics and the Objects of Assertion," *Linguistics and Philosophy* 33:5 (2010), 355-380.
15. "De Se Attitudes: Ascription and Communication," *Philosophy Compass* 5:7 (2010), 551-567.
16. "Persistence and the First-Person Perspective," *Philosophical Review* 118:4 (2009), 425-464.
17. "Two Puzzles About Deontic Necessity," in *New Work on Modality. MIT Working Papers in Linguistics* 51 (2005), 149-178. Edited by J. Gajewski, V. Hacquard, B. Nickel and S. Yalcin.

### Work in progress

1. "Quantification and Epistemic Modality" (under review)
2. "Attitudes and the Self"
3. "Easy Foreknowledge"

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### Scholarships and awards

2012-2013	Neubauer Faculty Fellowship, Tufts University
2002-2007	MIT Presidential Fellowship
1999-2002	Rhodes Scholarship, University of Oxford
1999	University of Western Ontario Faculty of Arts Gonfalan Bearer (top graduate in Arts)
1999	University of Western Ontario Gold Medal in Philosophy
1997-1998	Robert T. Jones Scholarship (for study at the University of St Andrews)
1995-1999	University of Western Ontario President's Scholarship

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### Talks

June 2017	"Easy Foreknowledge," PIKSI Boston ('Philosophy in an Inclusive Key')
June 2017	"Easy Foreknowledge," Philosophy of Language Conference, Lima, Peru
May 2017	TBD, Workshop on Subjectivity in Language and Thought, University of Chicago
March 2017	"Quantification and Epistemic Modality," Institut Jean Nicod, École normale supérieure, Paris
March 2017	"Multi-Centered Worlds", Université Libre de Bruxelles
March 2017	"Attitudes and the Self," Conference on <i>De Se</i> Attitudes, CSMN, Oslo

- January 2017      Comments on John Bengon, Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, White Stallion Ranch, Arizona
- September 2016    “Attitudes and the Self,” Conference on Formal Relationism, University of Illinois at Chicago
- May 2016          “Attitudes and the Self,” Dublin Philosophy Research Network Workshop
- April 2016        “Epistemic Modals and Epistemic Counterparts,” Robert Stalnaker Conference, MIT
- March 2016        “Counterfactual Attitudes and Multi-Centered Worlds,” NYU graduate seminar in the philosophy of language (taught by Harvey Lederman)
- November 2015    “What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?” Cornell Workshop in Linguistics and Philosophy
- June 2015         “What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?” University of Graz
- May 2015          Comments on *Transformative Experience* by L.A. Paul, CSMN Workshop on the First-Person Perspective, Norwegian Institute, Athens
- May 2015          “What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?” CSMN Workshop on the First-Person Perspective, Norwegian Institute, Athens
- May 2015          “What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?” University of Konstanz Semantics Reading Group
- April 2015        “What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?” Rutgers Semantics Workshop
- April 2015        “Taste and Acquaintance,” Rutgers University Center for Cognitive Science Colloquium Series
- April 2015        “Assertion, Evidence, and the Future,” Tufts Philosophy Grad-Faculty Discussion Series
- March 2015        “What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?” UMass-Amherst graduate seminar in linguistics and philosophy (taught by Seth Cable and Alejandro Perez Carballo)
- March 2015        “Taste and Acquaintance,” Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
- February 2015    “The Problem of *De Se* Attitudes,” MIT graduate seminar in the philosophy of mind (taught by Alex Byrne and Agustin Rayo)
- February 2015    Comments on “On the Performativity of Deontic *Must*” by Daniel Skibra, APA Central Division Meeting, St. Louis
- February 2015    “What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?” Philosophy Mountain Workshop, Whistler, BC
- January 2015     “What is the Problem of *De Se* Attitudes?” MITing of the Minds Conference, MIT Philosophy
- November 2014    “Taste and Acquaintance,” Trinity College Dublin
- June 2014         “Gibbard on the Objects of Belief,” Workshop on Allan Gibbard’s *Meaning and Normativity*, Arché, University of St Andrews
- June 2014         “What is the Problem of the Essential Indexical?” Arché, University of St Andrews
- May 2014          “Taste Predicates and Acquaintance Inferences,” (poster presentation), Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) 24, New York University

April 2014      Comments on “Exhaustified Counterfactuals” by Paolo Santorio, APA Pacific Division Meeting, San Diego

March 2014      “From Meaning to Content” (roundtable discussion with François Recanati), Metasemantics Conference, University of California, Berkeley

February 2014    Comments on “A Plea for Moderate Brutalism” by Ben Caplan and Chris Tillman, APA Central Division Meeting, Chicago

October 2013    “Taste and Acquaintance,” MIT Work-in-Progress Seminar

June 2013       “Taste and Acquaintance,” Arché Reunion Conference, University of St Andrews

April 2013       “On Aesthetic Testimony,” Tufts Philosophy Grad-Faculty Discussion Series

February 2013    “Semantics and the Objects of Assertion,” University of Michigan graduate seminar (taught by Sarah Moss)

January 2013    “Formal Semantics,” MIT Formal Philosophy Bootcamp

November 2012   “Modals, Worlds, and Information,” MIT semantics seminar (taught by Kai von Fintel and Sabine Iatridou)

September 2012 “Counterfactual Attitudes and Multi-Centered Worlds,” Rutgers Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University

September 2012 “*De Se* Attitudes and Communication,” Conference on the Philosophy of John Perry, Arché, University of St Andrews

June 2012       “Deflating the *De Se*,” Arché, University of St Andrews

May 2012       “Counterfactual Attitudes and Multi-Centered Worlds,” Workshop on *De Se* Communication, LOGOS Group, Barcelona

October 2011    “Counterfactual Attitudes and Sequenced Worlds,” University of Leeds

June 2011       “Counterfactual Attitudes and Sequenced Worlds,” Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

April 2011       “Counterfactual Attitudes and Assignment-Sensitivity,” Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop, University of Michigan

March 2011       “Counterfactual Attitudes and Assignment-Sensitivity,” *De Se*, Indexicality, and Content Workshop, Institut Jean Nicod, École normale supérieure, Paris

March 2011       “The World is Not Enough” (with Seth Yalcin), Workshop on *De Se* Attitudes, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

January 2011    Comments on Timothy Williamson’s “Representational Significance in Possible Worlds Semantics,” Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, All Souls College, Oxford

December 2010   “Objects Under Discussion,” CSMN, Oslo

October 2010    “Self-Location and Other-Location,” History and Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics, and Science Group, University of California, Berkeley

September 2010 “Self-Location and Other-Location,” Philosophy of Linguistics Conference, Inter-University Center, Dubrovnik

June 2010       “Why Centred Worlds?” and “Self-Location and Other-Location,” CSMN/Arché Workshop on *De Se* Attitudes, CSMN, Oslo

March 2010	“Self-Location and Other-Location,” MIT-IJN Workshop on Self-Locating Beliefs, Institut Jean Nicod, École normale supérieure, Paris
October 2009	Comments on Michael Glanzberg’s “Intuitions of Meaning and Semantic Theory,” CSMN Linguistic Intuitions Workshop, Oslo
June 2009	“ <i>De Se</i> Communication,” University College London (Linguistics Department)
May 2009	“ <i>De Se</i> Communication,” University College Dublin Relativism Workshop
February 2009	“Lewis on <i>De Se</i> Attitudes,” New York University graduate seminar (taught by Seth Yalcin)
May 2007	“Imagination, Inside and Out,” Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Saskatchewan
May 2007	“Illusions of Influence in Newcomb’s Problem,” Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress, University of Saskatchewan
January 2007	Comments on Ephraim Glick’s “Two Sorts of Intentional Identity?” MIT Philosophy Alumni Conference
November 2006	“Imagination, Inside and Out,” University of Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference
November 2006	“Imagination, Inside and Out,” Arché Graduate Conference, University of St Andrews
October 2006	“Imagination, Inside and Out,” Brown University Graduate Conference in Philosophy
May 2006	“Illusions of Influence in Newcomb’s Problem,” Society for Exact Philosophy, University of California, San Diego
April 2006	“Illusions of Influence in Newcomb’s Problem,” Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in Philosophy
March 2006	“Illusions of Influence in Newcomb’s Problem,” Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Conference in Philosophy
January 2006	Comments on Ishani Maitra’s “Why Take Our Word for It?,” MIT Philosophy Alumni Conference
March 2004	Comments on Brad Skow’s “Skepticism about Metaphysical Modalities,” Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy
March 2002	“Meaning, Deflationary Truth, and the Incompatibility Argument,” Harvard-MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy

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## Teaching

### Tufts University:

Spring 2017	Modal Logic Philosophy of Language
Spring 2015	Modal Logic Philosophy of Language
Fall 2014	Seminar: Evaluative Language Reality and Subjectivity

Spring 2014 Seminar: Disagreement and Testimony  
Philosophy of Language

Spring 2013 Modal Logic  
Philosophy of Language

Fall 2012 History of Analytic Philosophy  
Reality and Subjectivity

Spring 2012 Seminar: The Self  
Philosophy of Language

**University of St Andrews:**

Fall 2011 Metaphysics and Philosophy of Science (co-taught with Patrick Greenough)

Spring 2011 Philosophical Methodology (co-taught with Yuri Cath)  
Tutor, Introductory Logic

Fall 2009 Metaphysics of Time and Modality (co-taught with Derek Ball)

July 2009 Contextualism and Relativism, Arché Summer School (co-taught with Herman Cappelen and Derek Ball)

Fall 2008 Tutor, Language and Reality

**MIT:**

Spring 2007 Writing tutor, Minds and Machines

Fall 2005 Teaching Assistant, Logic I

Fall 2004 Teaching Assistant, Justice

Spring 2004 Teaching Assistant, Problems of Philosophy

Fall 2003 Teaching Assistant, Problems of Philosophy

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**Supervising/examining**

2015- Pengbo Liu, PhD, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (committee member)

2013 Clas Weber, PhD, Australia National University (examiner)

2011 David Gudmundsson, MPhil, University of St Andrews (second supervisor)

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**Administrative work**

2013-2014 Faculty Search Committee, Tufts Philosophy Department

2013- Tufts Work-Life Committee, Philosophy Department Liaison

2013, 2014, 2015 Graduate Admissions Committee, Tufts Philosophy Department

2005-2007 Graduate student representative, MIT Philosophy

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## Conference organizing

2017	Philosophy of Language Conference, Lima, Peru
2011	Arché Workshop on Propositions and the Aim of Semantics, Ardtornish, Scotland
2011	CSMN/Arché/Rio Workshop on <i>De Se</i> Attitudes, Rio de Janeiro
2010	CSMN/Arché Workshop and Mini-Course on <i>De Se</i> Attitudes, Oslo
2009	Arché Expressivism Workshop and Mini-Course
2008-2011	Arché Contextualism and Relativism Research Seminar
2004-2005	MITing of Minds Philosophy Alumni conference
2004-2005	Harvard-MIT Friends and Eminees Reading Group
2003-2004	MIT Departmental Colloquium Series

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## Journals and refereeing

Associate editor, *Inquiry*

Member of the editorial board, *Semantics and Pragmatics*

Member of the editorial board, *Thought*

Journal and book refereeing:

*American Philosophical Quarterly* (× 2), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis* (×2), *International Journal of Philosophical Studies* (×2), *Inquiry* (×2), *Journal of Semantics, Linguistics and Philosophy* (×2), *Mind* (×5), *Mind and Language*, *Noûs* (×2), Oxford University Press (article in edited volume) (×2), Oxford University Press (book manuscript) (×2), *Philosophia*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly* (×7), *Philosophical Review* (×3), *Philosophical Studies* (×5), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Semantics and Pragmatics* (×4), *Synthese*, *Thought* (×2).

Other refereeing:

*Estonian Research Council Grant*, 2017.

*Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (SALT) 25, 2015.

*Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (SALT) 24, 2014.

SSHRC Canada research grant, 2013.

*Semantics and Linguistic Theory* (SALT) 23, 2013.

*International Congress of Linguists*, 2012.