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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (2005)	PhD Philosophy (with Distinction)
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY (2001)	MA Philosophy
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY (1998)	BA (Honours) Philosophy

AOS	Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science
AOC	Mind, Epistemology, Early Modern, Philosophy of Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor – University at Buffalo (SUNY) Philosophy	2005 - present
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PUBLICATIONS (Refereed except where noted)

EDITOR: *The Monist*, issue on **Causal Powers**, now in prep - appearing in 2011.

Dispositions and the Argument from Science <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i>	(forthcoming)
Putnam's Traditional Neo-Essentialism <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i>	(forthcoming)
Arthritis and Nature's Joints <i>Carving Nature at its Joints – Topics in Contemporary Philosophy Vol. 8</i> Campbell, J K, et al (eds.). Cambridge: MIT Press.	(forthcoming)
Putting Powers Back on Multi-Track <i>Philosophia</i>	(forthcoming)
Puzzling Powers: The Problem of Fit <i>The Metaphysics of Powers: Their Grounding and Their Manifestations</i> Marmodoro, A (ed.). New York: Routledge: 84-105.	(2010)
The Ungrounded Argument is Unfounded <i>Synthese</i> , 170: 7-19	(2009)
A Dispositional Theory of Possibility <i>dialectica</i> , 62: 21-41 (with A. Borghini)	(2008)
The Factory Model of Disease <i>The Monist</i> , 90: 555-584	(2007)
Do Zombies Hunger for Humean Brains? <i>SWIF: Sito Web Italiano per la Filosofia</i> , 6: 62-72 [INVITED]	(2007)

PUBLICATIONS Continued

Static and Dynamic Dispositions (2005)
Synthese, 146: 303-324

REVIEWS

Review of P. Unger's *Philosophical Papers* Volumes 1 and 2 (OUP 2006) (2007)
Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews, Feb 2007.

PRESENTATIONS († indicates refereed)

Manifest Persistence April (2011)
Putting Powers to Work Conference, St. Louis

Antidotes for Stage Fright March (2011)
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver

Virtus Dormitiva Redux: Killing the Golden Goose December (2010)
APA Eastern, Boston

Dispositions and the Argument from Science† July (2009)
Metaphysics of Science, Melbourne, Australia

Must Natural Kind Essences be Intrinsic?† May (2009)
Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Science, Ottawa, Canada

Arthritis and Nature's Joints April (2008)
Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Moscow, Idaho

Puzzling Powers May (2008)
Substance and Attribute Conference, Tampere, Finland

Intrinsic Powers† April (2007)
APA Central, Chicago

The Factory Model of Disease October (2007)
Philosophy of Biology Conference, Buffalo

Dispositions and Diseases November (2006)
NCBO Disease Ontology Workshop, Baltimore

On the Ontology of Disease October (2006)
Philosophy of Biology Conference, Buffalo

Thinking About Disease October (2006)
Public Lecture Series, Buffalo

The Problem of Dispositional Fit† December (2005)
Dispositions and Causes Workshop and Conference, Bristol, UK

Resembling and Causing September (2005)
NCOR Ontology Conference, Buffalo

Dispositional Actualism February (2005)
University at Buffalo, Buffalo

PRESENTATIONS Continued

A Dispositional Theory of Possibility
University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada

January (2004)

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Session Chair – Book Symposium *Nature's Metaphysics*
APA Central, Chicago

February (2009)

Why Does Dividing Nature Matter?
Public Forum Speaker, Moscow, Idaho

April (2008)

Comments on J. Kalhat's "Are There Structural Universals?"
Columbia/NYU Grad. Conference

March (2003)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Virtus Dormitiva Redux: Killing the Golden Goose

Superpowers and Esoteric Ontology

Antidotes for Stage Fright

Unilateral Powers

Powers and Persistence

Arguing by Display

'Disease' is not a Natural Kind Term

Long term Book Project: Powerful Beings and Powerful Being

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2004 Philosophy Department Dissertation Fellowship (Columbia)
2003-2005 SSHRC Doctoral Grant (\$19K/p.a.) (Gov't Canada)
2002 & 03 Summer Fellowship (Columbia)
2002 & 03 & 04 Lina Kahn Essay Prize: Best Grad Metaphysics Essay (Columbia)
2001-2005 Columbia University Fellowship (full tuition and fees plus stipend for 4 years)
2000 Graduate Fellowship (SFU)
1998 CD Nelson Memorial Scholarship (Outstanding entrants to SFU - \$17K)
1996 & 97 DJ Lipkind Memorial Scholarship (Outstanding philosophy student – Calgary)
1992 Alexander Rutherford Scholarship (Alberta Gov't)

COURSES TAUGHT

Powers & Dispositions (Graduate Seminar) (x2)
Events and Dispositions (Graduate Seminar) (x1)
Causation (Graduate Seminar) (x1)
Natural Kinds (Graduate Seminar) (x1)
Graduate Dissertation Seminar (Graduate Seminar) (x3)
Metaphysics (upper level undergrad) (x6)
Natural Kinds (upper level undergrad) (x1)
Philosophy of Colour (upper level undergrad) (x2)
Philosophy of Science (upper level undergrad) (x2)
Knowledge and Reality (x1)
Intro to the Philosophy of Science (x2)
Intro to Deductive Logic (x3)
Critical Thinking (x4)
Intro to Philosophy (x2)

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

PhD Supervisor – 1 Graduated (2010)
– 1 in progress
Committee – 1 Graduated (2010)
– 6 in progress

Ma Supervisor – 3 Graduated (2008, 2008, 2009)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Journal/Press Referee: *Oxford University Press*
Mind
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
The Monist
dialectica
Applied Ontology
Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics

Research Collaborator:

National Center for Biomedical Ontology (NCBO)
NYS Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics Ontology Research Group

Departmental Service:

UB Philosophy Placement Officer (2005-)
UB Philosophy Dept. Executive Committee (2006-2009; 2009-)
UB Teaching Quality (2009-2010)
UB Graduate Program Committee (2005-2007; 2008-2009)
UB Undergraduate Affairs Committee (2007-2008)

REFERENCES

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