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### **Employment:**

- Associate Professor, University of Virginia (2014-present)
- Associate Professor, University of Leeds (2010-2014)
- Lecturer, University of Leeds (2006-2010)

### **Education:**

- PhD, University of St. Andrews (2006)  
Dissertation: *Conceptual Room for Ontic Vagueness*  
Supervisors: Daniel Nolan, Katherine Hawley
- MLitt, University of St. Andrews (2004)  
With distinction in the dissertation
- BA (Philosophy), Davidson College (2003)  
*Magna cum laude*

### **Areas of Specialization:**

- Metaphysics
- Social Philosophy
- Feminist Philosophy
- Ethics

### **Areas of Competence:**

- Philosophy of Race
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Religion

### **Publications:**

Books:

- *The Minority Body* - research monograph on disability, currently under contract with OUP
- (as editor) *Current Controversies in Metaphysics*. London: Routledge. Expected publication date: Autumn 2015.

Articles:

- (forthcoming) 'What You Can Expect When You Don't Want to Be Expecting', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, symposium on LA Paul's Transformative Experience
- (forthcoming) 'Social Identities and Transformative Experience', for a special issue of *Res Philosophica* on transformative experience
- (2014) 'Going Beyond the Fundamental: Feminism in Contemporary Metaphysics', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 114 (3), p. 335-51.
- (2014) 'Valuing Disability, Causing Disability', *Ethics* 125 (1), p. 88-113.
- (2014) 'Fundamental Indeterminacy', *Analytic Philosophy* 55 (4), p. 339-62.
- (2013) 'Metaphysically Indeterminate Existence', *Philosophical Studies* 166, p. 495-510
- (2012) 'Emergence and Fundamentality', *Mind* 121(484), p. 873-901.
- (2011): 'Back to the Open Future'. *Philosophical Perspectives: Metaphysics* (25), 1-26. (with Ross Cameron)
- (2011) 'A Theory of Metaphysical Indeterminacy', *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* (6), 103-48. (with JRG Williams)
- (2011) 'Reply to Eklund', *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* (6) (with JRG Williams)
- (2010) 'Ontic Vagueness: A Guide for the Perplexed', *Nous* 44 (4), p. 607-27.
- (2010): 'Arguments Against Metaphysical Indeterminacy'. *Philosophy Compass* (5), 953-64.
- (2009) 'Disability and Adaptive Preference', *Philosophical Perspectives* 23 (1), p. 1-22.
- (2009) 'Vague Parts and Vague Identity'. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 90 (2), p. 176-87. (with JRG Williams)
- (2009) 'The Open Future: Bivalence, Determinism, and Ontology'. *Philosophical Studies* 146 (2), p. 291-309. (with Ross Cameron)
- (2009) 'Disability, Minority and Difference', *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 26 (4), p. 337-55.
- (2009) 'Indeterminacy, Identity, and Counterparts: Evans Reconsidered', *Synthese* 168 (1), p. 81-96.
- (2007): 'Vagueness and Arbitrariness: Merricks on Composition'. *Mind* 116(461), 105-13.
- (2005): 'Vagueness in Sparseness: a study in property ontology'. *Analysis* 65(4), 315-21.

Substantial invited pieces:

- (forthcoming): 'Can States of Affairs be Indeterminate? - No' in *Current Controversies in Metaphysics*. London: Routledge.
- (2009): 'Vagueness', in P. Simons, et al eds. *The Routledge Companion to Metaphysics*. London: Routledge.
- (2008): 'A Critical Study of John Heil's *From an Ontological Point of View*'. *SWIF Philosophy of Mind Review* Vol 6, No. 2, p. 22-30 (with Ross Cameron)

Book reviews:

- (2009): Review of *Metametaphysics*. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews

## **Work in Progress:**

*Under review:*

- ‘Symmetric Dependence’

*In preparation:*

- *The Minority Body* - monograph on disability and wellbeing
- ‘Realism and Social Structure’

## **Grants Awarded:**

- Mind Association Fellowship - to fund research leave for my book project ‘The Minority Body’
- British Academy Small Research Grant - to fund a pilot workshop for a project on metaphysical indeterminacy
- AHRC major research grant - to fund a three year project on metaphysical indeterminacy (with Ross Cameron and JRG Williams)

## **Selected Presentations:**

- Realism and Social Structure - Ohio State University, April 2015
- Hermeneutical Injustice and Disability Pride - The Center for Ethics and Human Values, Ohio State University, April 2015
- Realism and Social Structure - Invited Symposium on Feminist Metaphysics, Pacific APA, April 2015
- Hermeneutical Injustice and Disability Pride - ‘Conceptual Engineering’ Workshop, MIT, February 2015
- Taking Their Word For It: Disability and Testimonial Injustice - The University of Vermont, October 2014
- Beyond the Fundamental: Feminism in Contemporary Metaphysics - The Aristotelian Society, June 2014
- Beyond the Fundamental: Feminism in Contemporary Metaphysics - Cambridge Ontology Conference, May 2014
- Constructing Disability - Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2014
- Constructing Disability - Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University, November 2013
- Symmetric Dependence, Fundamentality Workshop, University of Birmingham, October 2013
- Symmetric Dependence, Invited Symposium, Pacific APA 2013
- Symmetric Dependence - Department Colloquium, Harvard University, March 2013
- Fundamental Indeterminacy - ‘Reality-Making’ conference, University of Nottingham, July 2012
- Valuing Disability, Causing Disability - Department Colloquium, Rutgers University, March 2012

- Valuing Disability, Causing Disability - Philosophical Society, Oxford University, February 2012
- Valuing Disability, Causing Disability - Department Seminar, Durham University, February 2011
- Metaphysically Indeterminate Existence - Logic and Metaphysics Forum, Institute of Philosophy, London
- Comments on LA Paul - The Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2010
- Fundamental Indeterminacy - SPAWN 2010 (Metaphysics), Syracuse University
- Ways of Truthmaking – Constituent Ontology Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 2010
- Ways of Truthmaking – Faculty Seminar, University of Nottingham, February 2010
- Disability and Adaptive Preference – Faculty Seminar Seminar, University of Sheffield, October 2009
- Comments on Elizabeth Harman – The Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, August 2009
- Fundamental Indeterminacy – Logos Indeterminacy Workshop, University of Barcelona
- Ontic Vagueness: A Guide for the Perplexed – The Arizona Ontology Conference, January 2008
- Comments on Earlenbaugh and Molyneux – The Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2008
- ‘Ontic Vagueness: A Guide for the Perplexed’ – Charmey Vagueness Workshop, June 2008
- ‘Disability and Adaptive Preference’ – Faculty Seminar, University of Glasgow, April 2008
- ‘Disability and Adaptive Preference’ – University of Colorado, Boulder
- ‘Metaphysical Indeterminacy’ – Faculty Seminar, University of Bristol, February 2008
- Commentary on Brian Weatherson – The Arizona Ontology Conference, The University of Arizona, January 2008
- ‘Metaphysical Indeterminacy’ – Faculty Seminar, University of Manchester, December 2007
- Commentary on Agustin Rayo – The Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University, August 2007

### **Administrative experience:**

- Admissions Director, UVa (2014-present)
- Director, Centre for Metaphysics and Mind, Leeds University (2010-2014) -- involves overseeing the research direction of the department’s largest research centre, including directing grant applications and planning the research seminar

- Equality and Diversity Officer, Leeds University (2010-2014) - involves advocating for equality and diversity issues within the the department and chairing an equality and diversity committee

### **Professional service:**

- Editor in Chief, *Philosophy Compass* (2012-present)
- Member, Analysis Committee (2012-present)
- Philosophy referee, British Federation of Women Graduates Fellowship (2012 and 2013)
- External examiner, Sheffield University philosophy department (2012-2014)

### **Teaching:**

#### *At the undergraduate level:*

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Philosophy of Mind
- Environmental Ethics
- Philosophy of Religion
- The Structure of Reality
- Advanced Topics in Metaphysics
- Human Kinds: Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Disability
- Feminist Philosophy
- Wellbeing

#### *At the graduate level (all co-taught):*

- Feminist Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Mind, Language, and Representation
- Reasons, Virtues and Obligations
- Current Issues in Healthcare Ethics