

# Ross Paul Cameron

## Curriculum Vitae

### Areas of Specialisation

Metaphysics (esp. time, modality, ontology, truth, composition, persistence, metametaphysics, indeterminacy, vagueness, metaphysics of aesthetics)

### Areas of Competence

Formal and Philosophical Logic  
Aesthetics  
Philosophy of Religion  
Epistemology

### Education

Ph.D. Jan 2006, Arché, University of St Andrews. Thesis title: The Source of Modal Truth. Supervised by Prof. Crispin Wright

MPhil, University of Glasgow, 2002 (Distinction)

MA, University of Glasgow, 2001 (First class honours)

### Employment

August 2014 - present: Associate Professor in Philosophy (with tenure), University of Virginia

August 2009 - August 2014: Associate Professor in Philosophy, University of Leeds

September 2006 - August 2009: Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Leeds

August 2005 - September 2006: Research Fellow in Metaphysics, University of Leeds

### Honorary Positions

Since December 2009: Associate Fellow, Northern Institute of Philosophy

March 2006 – Feb 2011: Associate Fellow, Arché, University of St Andrews and Honorary Research Fellow, University of St Andrews

### Publications

### Books

*The Moving Spotlight: An Essay on Time and Ontology*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming (estimated publication, Aug 2015)

The Routledge Companion to Metaphysics, edited with Robin Le Poidevin, Peter Simons and Andrew McGonigal, Routledge, 2009

## Papers

'Improve your thought experiments overnight with Speculative Fiction!', forthcoming in *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, Vol. 39, special issue on Science Fiction and Philosophy

'Truthmakers', forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Truth*, edited by Michael Glanzberg, Oxford University Press

'Parts Generate The Whole, But They Are Not Identical To It', in *Composition as Identity*, edited by Donald Baxter and Aaron Cotnoir, Oxford University Press, p90-107, (2014)

'On the lack of direction in Rayo's *The Construction of Logical Space*', *Inquiry* Vol. 57, Issue 4, p427-441, (2014). (Special issue devoted to Agustin Rayo's book *The Construction of Logical Space*)

'Changing Truthmakers: Reply to Tallant and Ingram', *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, Vol. 8, edited by Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, Oxford University Press, p362-373, (2013)

'Composition as Identity Doesn't Settle the Special Composition Question', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. 84, No. 3, p531-554, (2012)

'Why Lewis's Analysis of Modality Succeeds in its Reductive Ambitions', *Philosophers' Imprint*, Vol. 12, No. 8, p1-21, (2012)

'How to be a nominalist and a fictional realist', in *Art and Abstract Objects*, edited by Christy Mag Uidhir, Oxford University Press, p179-196, (2012)

'Back to the Open Future', *Philosophical Perspectives* Vol. 25, *Metaphysics*, p1-26, (2011), (with Elizabeth Barnes)

'Truthmaking for Presentists', *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*, Vol.6, edited by Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, Oxford University Press, p55-100, (2011)

'From Humean Truthmaker Theory to Priority Monism', *Nous*, Vol. 44, No. 1, p178-198, (2010)

'How to have a radically minimal ontology', *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 151, No. 2, p249-264, (2010)

'Necessity and Triviality', *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 88, No. 3, p401-415, (2010)

'Quantification, Naturalness and Ontology', in *New Waves in Metaphysics*, Allan Hazlett (ed), New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, p8-26, (2010)

'On the Source of Necessity', in *Modality: Metaphysics, Logic and Epistemology*, edited by Bob Hale and Aviv Hoffman, Oxford: Oxford University Press, p137-152, (2010)

'Response to Dominic Gregory's 'Conceivability and Apparent Possibility'', in *Modality: Metaphysics, Logic and Epistemology*, edited by Bob Hale and Aviv Hoffman, Oxford: Oxford University Press, p342-346, (2010)

'The Grounds of Necessity', *Philosophy Compass*, Vol. 4, No. 4, p348-358, (2010)

- 'Vagueness and Naturalness', *Erkenntnis*, Vol. 72, No. 2, p281-293, (2010)
- 'A Critical Notice of *Worlds and Individuals, Possible and Otherwise* by Takashi Yagisawa', *Analysis Reviews* Vol. 70, No. 4, p783-792, (2010)
- 'Review of *Metametaphysics*, edited by Chalmers, Manley and Wasserman', *Mind*, Vol. 119, No. 474, p459-462, (2010)
- 'The Open Future: Bivalence, Determinism and Ontology', *Philosophical Studies*, Vol.146, No.2, p291-309, (2009). (With Elizabeth Barnes)
- 'What's Metaphysical about Metaphysical Necessity?', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* Vol. 79, No. 1, p1-16, (2009)
- 'God exists at every (modal realist) world: response to Sheehy', *Religious Studies* Vol. 45, No. 1, p95-100, (2009)
- 'Intrinsic and Extrinsic Properties', in *The Routledge Companion to Metaphysics*, edited by Robin LePoidevin, Peter Simons, Andrew McGonigal and Ross Cameron, London and New York: Routledge, (2009), p265-275
- 'How to be a truthmaker maximalist', *Nous*, Vol. 42, No. 3, p410-421, (2008)
- 'Turtles all the way down: Regress, Priority and Fundamentality', *The Philosophical Quarterly* Vol.58, No. 230, p1-14, (2008)
- 'Truthmakers and Ontological commitment: or, how to deal with complex objects and mathematical ontology without getting into trouble', *Philosophical Studies* Vol. 140, No. 1, (Special issue for selected papers from the 2008 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference), p1-18, (2008)
- 'Truthmakers, Realism and Ontology', in *Being: Contemporary Developments in Metaphysics*, Robin LePoidevin (ed), Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement, 83, p107-128, (2008)
- 'There are no things that are musical works', *The British Journal of Aesthetics*, Vol.48, p295-314, (2008)
- 'Truthmakers and Modality', *Synthese*, Vol. 164, No. 2, p261-280, (2008)
- 'Recombination and Intrinsicity', *Ratio* XXI(1), p1-12, (2008)
- 'Truthmakers and Necessary Connections', *Synthese*, 161.1, p. 27-45, (2008)
- 'Critical Study of John Heil's *From an Ontological Point of View*', *SWIF Philosophy of Mind Review*, Vol.6 No.2, p22-30, (2008). (With Elizabeth Barnes)
- 'Comments on Trenton Merricks' *Truth and Ontology*', *Philosophical Books* Vol.49, No.4, p292-301, (2008)
- 'Review of *Truth and Ontology* by Trenton Merricks', *The Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 58, No. 232, p544-546, (2008)
- 'The Contingency of Composition', *Philosophical Studies* Vol.136, No.1, (Special issue for selected papers from the 2006 Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference), p99-121, (2007)
- 'Subtractability and Concreteness', *The Philosophical Quarterly* Vol.57, No.227, p273-279, (2007)
- 'Lewisian Realism: Methodology, Epistemology and Circularity', *Synthese*, 156.1, p.143-159, (2007)
- 'Much Ado About Nothing: A Study of Metaphysical Nihilism', *Erkenntnis* 64.2, pp.193-222, (2006)

'Tropes, Necessary Connections, and Non-Transferability', *Dialectica* 60.2, p99-113, (2006)

'Rohrbaugh and deRosset on the Necessity of Origin', *Mind* Vol.115 No.458, p361-366, (2006). (With Sonia Roca)

'Truthmaker Necessitarianism and Maximalism', *Logique et Analyse* 48.189-192, p43-56, (2005)

'A Note on Kripke's Footnote 56 Argument for the Essentiality of Origin', *Ratio* XVIII(3), p262-275, (2005)

## Editorial Work

- From July 2009 - July 2014 I was the metaphysics section editor for *Philosophy Compass*.
- From Oct 2011 - March 2014 I was the metaphysics sub-editor for *Thought*.

## Grant Income

I received a British Academy Mid-Career research award of £95,978 which bought me out completely from my normal duties in the academic year 2011-12.

With my colleagues Elizabeth Barnes and Robert Williams, I was awarded £133,681 over three years, from Sep '10-Sep '13, under the AHRC Early Careers Researchers Scheme, for a project on Metaphysical Indeterminacy.

## Workshop & Conference Organisation

- I organised a workshop on metaphysical indeterminacy, which took place 21-22 Jan, 2011, University of Leeds.
- I co-organised with Robbie Williams and Elizabeth Barnes a workshop on metaphysical indeterminacy, May 9<sup>th</sup> 09, University of Leeds, for which we received £3650 in funding from the British Academy.
- I co-organised (with Elizabeth Barnes) a major international metaphysics conference, 'Perspectives on Ontology', at the University of Leeds Sep 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2008, for which we received £2785 in funding.
- I organised the CMM workshop 'Structure in Metaphysics', 10<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

## Selected Presentations

- 27 Feb, 2015, 'The History of Unsettledness and the Unsettledness of History', University of Colorado at Boulder
- 18 Sep, 2013, 'How Can You Know You're Present?', University of Edinburgh
- 1 May, 2013, 'How Can You Know You're Present?', Workshop on the metaphysics of time, University of Birmingham
- 27-31 March, 2013, 'The Moving Spotlight View Isn't As Bad As You Think', Invited Symposium on Metaphysics, Pacific APA, San Francisco
- 25-28 June, 2012, 'Comments on Raul Saucedo's 'Collective Allism'', Carolina Metaphysics Workshop
- 28-30 June, 2011, 'Back to the Open Future', Carolina Metaphysics Workshop
- 3 November, 2010, 'Why Lewis's Modal Realism Succeeds in its Reductive Ambitions', University of Nottingham

- 13 October, 2010, 'Why Lewis's Modal Realism Succeeds in its Reductive Ambitions', University of Manchester
- 30 August – 1 September, 2010, 'Grounding and Truthmaking', Workshop on explanation, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- 29 October, 2009, 'CAI doesn't settle SCQ', University of Durham
- 16 October, 2009, 'Truthmaking for Presentists', Oxford University
- 2-6 August, 2009, 'Truthmaking for Presentists', Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University\*
- 25-26 June, 2009, 'Truth-Making and Determinacy-Making', Barcelona Vagueness and Metaphysics workshop
- 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, 'Why a table exists in a different sense than its parts', University of Birmingham
- 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2009, 'Truthmaking for Presentists', University of Toronto
- April 2009, 'Quantification, Naturalness and Ontology', session on *New Waves in Metaphysics*, Pacific APA, Vancouver.
- April 2009, 'Composition and Necessity', Symposium on Mereology and Ontology, Pacific APA, Vancouver.
- 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, 'Necessity and Triviality', University of Glasgow
- 7-10 Jan, 2009, 'Response to Peter van Inwagen's 'The New Anti-Metaphysicians'', Arizona Ontology Conference.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2008, 'Necessary truth, truthmaking and triviality', University of Liverpool.
- 11 November, 2008, 'Truthmaking for Presentists', London Logic and Metaphysics Forum.
- 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2008, 'Truthmaking for Presentists', University of Colorado, Boulder
- 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February, 2008, 'Truthmaking for Presentists', Workshop on Themes in the Metaphysics of David Armstrong, University of Nottingham
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2007, 'Truthmakers and Ontological Commitment', University of York
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007, 'Truth Without Ontology' (with Robbie Williams), Metaphysics Workshop, University of St Andrews
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April 2007, 'Comment on Jonathan Schaffer's 'The Most Promiscuous and Least Discerning Truthmaker'', Pacific APA, San Francisco.
- 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Sep 2006, 'Response to Helen Beebe's "Truthmakers: who needs 'em?''', Being: Developments in Contemporary Metaphysics, Royal Institute of Philosophy annual conference, University of Leeds
- 30<sup>th</sup> July - Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 2006, 'The Contingency of Composition', Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Western Washington University\*
- 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June 2006, 'Response to Dominic Gregory on Necessity and A Priority', Arché Conference on the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Modality, University of St Andrews
- 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006, 'Contingent Composition', University of Birmingham
- 22 Feb 2006, 'Truthmakers and Necessary Connections', University of Nottingham
- 26 Jan 2006, 'Contingent Composition', University of Leeds
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2005, 'Contingent Composition', Arché Modality Workshop, University of St Andrews
- Nov 2005, 'Response to Efrid and Stoneham on the Subtraction Argument', workshop on Modality and Nothingness, University of Leeds