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Employment

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, from October 2017
All Souls College, University of Oxford (Five-year position)

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2017
Minors in linguistics and mathematical logic
Dissertation: “Coordination in Conversation”
Committee: Robert Stalnaker (chair), Kai von Fintel (chair), Stephen Yablo, Irene Heim, Justin Khoo

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Chicago, June 2011
General and special departmental honors

Deep Springs College, July 2007-June 2009

Areas of Specialization Philosophy of Language, Semantics, Pragmatics

Areas of Competence Metaethics, Philosophy of Logic, Epistemology, Ancient Philosophy

Publications

(single-authored unless noted; ‘*’ indicates equal contribution of authors)

“Against Preservation”. To appear. Matthew Mandelkern and Justin Khoo. *Analysis*.

“The case of the missing ‘If’: Accessibility relations in Stalnaker’s theory of conditionals”. To appear. *Semantics and Pragmatics*.

“You must! Maybe you won’t.” To appear. *Proceedings of DEON 2018*.

“Bounded modality”. To appear. *The Philosophical Review*.

“Import-Export and ‘And’”. To appear. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.

“Triviality Results and the relationship between logical and natural languages”. 2018. Justin Khoo* and Matthew Mandelkern*. *Mind*.

“Independence day?” To appear. Matthew Mandelkern* and Daniel Rothschild*. *Journal of Semantics*.

“Hurford conditionals.” 2018. Matthew Mandelkern and Jacopo Romoli. *Journal of Semantics*. 35(2): 257-367.

“Asymmetry in Presupposition Projection: The case of conjunction”. 2017. Matthew Mandelkern, Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz. Dan Burgdorf, Jacob Collard, Sireemas Maspong, and Brynhildur

Stefánsdóttir, eds. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 27. 504-524.

“Agentive modals”. 2017. Matthew Mandelkern, Ginger Schultheis and David Boylan. *The Philosophical Review*. 126(3): 301-343.

“Parsing and presuppositions in the calculation of local contexts”. 2017. Matthew Mandelkern and Jacopo Romoli. *Semantics and Pragmatics*. 10(17).

“A solution to Karttunen’s Problem”. 2017. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 21.

“Local contexts: Parsing versus structure”. 2017. Jacopo Romoli and Matthew Mandelkern. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung* 21.

“Dissatisfaction theory”. 2016. Mary Moroney and Carol-Rose Little, eds. *Proceedings of Semantics and Linguistic Theory* 26: 391-416.

“A note on the architecture of presupposition”. 2016. *Semantics and Pragmatics*. 9(13): 1-24.

“I believe I can ϕ ”. 2015. Matthew Mandelkern, Ginger Schultheis and David Boylan. Thomas Brochhagen, Floris Roelofsen and Nadine Theiler, eds. *Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*: 256-265.

Grants and Awards

American Pragmatics Association Graduate Travel Award, November 2016

Scholarship for North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, July 2016

Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, MIT, September 2015

Graduate Student Prize, UConn Logic Group Annual Workshop, May 2015

Walter A. Rosenblith Presidential Fellowship, MIT, 2012-2013

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago, 2011

General and Special Departmental Honors in Philosophy (highest possible honors), University of Chicago, 2011

Lee Undergraduate Prize for best essay on any topic in philosophy, University of Chicago, 2011

Lee Family Prize for highest GPA among graduating philosophy majors, University of Chicago, 2011

Dunn Family Research Fellowship for research in philosophy, University of Chicago, 2011

David Blair McLaughlin Prize in Nonfiction, University of Chicago, 2011

Dean’s List, University of Chicago, 2009-11

FLA Grant for language study in Germany, University of Chicago, 2010

Presentations

(* indicates refereed, † indicates presented by co-author)

“Against Preservation” (with Justin Khoo)

Eastern APA, New York City, January 2019

TBA

Colloquium Talk, Princeton University, November 2018

“You must! You might not.”

DEON 2018, Utrecht, July 2018

TBA

Arché, Saint Andrews, June 2018

“Force: Context-Sensitivity and Morality”

Semantics and Linguistic Theory, MIT, May 2018*

“Bounded Modality”

New York University Mind and Language Seminar, March 2018

“Constructing the Conditional”

MIT, December 2017

“Constructing the Conditional”

- Ulster University*, November 2017
- “Bounded Modality”
Keynote Talk, PALLMYR, University College London, November 2017
- “Constructing the Conditional”
University College London, October 2017
- “Bounded Modality”
Institut Jean-Nicod, July 2017
- “Force: Topicalization, Context-Sensitivity, and Morality” (with Jonathan Phillips)
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Baltimore, June 2017*†
- “Bounded Modality”
Experimental Study of Meaning Lab, University of Pennsylvania, June 2017
- “Force: Topicalization, Context-Sensitivity, and Morality” (with Jonathan Phillips)
Workshop on Subjectivity and Modality, University of Chicago, May 2017*
- “Asymmetry in Presupposition Projection: The Case of Conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)
Semantics and Linguistics Theory 27, University of Maryland College Park, May 2017*
- “Triviality Results and the Relationship Between Logical and Natural Languages” (with Justin Khoo)
Pacific APA Colloquium Talk, Seattle, April 2017*
- “Asymmetry in Presupposition Projection: The Case of Conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)
CUNY Conference on Human Sentence Processing, MIT, March 2017*
- “Asymmetry in Presupposition Projection: The Case of Conjunction” (with Jérémy Zehr, Jacopo Romoli, and Florian Schwarz)
Workshop on Theoretical and Experimental Approaches To Presupposition, Genoa, March 2017*†
- “Bounded Modality: Epistemic Modals and Local Contexts”
Colloquium Talk, Western Michigan University, December 2016
- “Bounded Modality: Epistemic Modals and Local Contexts”
PhLing Talk, Northwestern University, December 2016
- “A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
American Pragmatics Association, Indiana University, November 2016*
- “Parsing, Presuppositions, and Structure in the Calculation of Local Contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, September 2016*
- “A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
Sinn und Bedeutung 21, University of Edinburgh, September 2016*
- “Moore Disjunctions”
North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Rutgers University, July 2016*
- “Dissatisfaction Theory”
Semantics and Linguistic Theory 26, University of Texas at Austin, May 2016*
- “Parsing, Presuppositions, and Structure in the Calculation of Local Contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
University College London, May 2016†
- “A Note on the Architecture of Presupposition”
Pacific APA Colloquium Talk, San Francisco, April 2016*
- “Parsing, Presuppositions, and Structure in the Calculation of Local Contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Experimental Study of Meaning Lab, University of Pennsylvania, April 2016†
- “Parsing, Presuppositions, and Structure in the Calculation of Local Contexts” (with Jacopo Romoli)
Ecole Normale Supérieure, March 2016†
- “Must: A User’s Guide”
Hampshire College Department of Cognitive Science, March 2016
- “Knowledge of Possibility”
Central APA Symposium Talk, Chicago, March 2016*
- “Knowledge of Possibility”
MITing of the Minds Annual Conference, MIT, January 2016
- “I Believe I Can ϕ ” (with David Boylan and Ginger Schultheis)
20th Amsterdam Colloquium, December 2015*
- “I Believe I Can ϕ ” (with David Boylan and Ginger Schultheis)
8th Semantics and Philosophy in Europe Colloquium, University of Cambridge, September 2015*

- “Knowledge of Possibility”
8th Semantics and Philosophy in Europe Colloquium, University of Cambridge, September 2015*
- “Knowledge of Possibility”
Bucharest Colloquium in Analytic Philosophy, June 2015*
- “Self-Determination and the Logic of Common Ground”
8th Workshop on Decisions, Games, and Logic, London School of Economics, June 2015*
- “Taking Things For Granted”
Going Heim: Linguistic Meaning Between Structure and Use, UConn Logic Group, May 2015*
Winner of Graduate Student Prize
- “A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
Workshop on Subjectivity and Modality, University of Chicago, April 2015*
- “A Solution to Karttunen’s Problem”
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, NYU, April 2015
- Comments on “What is the Problem of *de Se* Attitudes?”, Dilip Ninan
MITing of the Minds Conference, January 2015
- “The Force and Content of Epistemic Modals”
Rutgers-Princeton Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2014*
- “The Force and Content of Epistemic Modals”
UMass-Amherst Graduate Philosophy Conference, April 2014*

Teaching

Full responsibility:

- Conditionals and Plurality (Graduate seminar, Oxford, Hilary Term 2018)
 Dynamic Semantics (with Daniel Rothschild, ESSLLI, Summer 2017)

Teaching assistant (at MIT unless noted):

- Paradox and Infinity (Damien Rochford, Spring 2016; two sections, and head TA)
 Problems of Philosophy (Caspar Hare, Fall 2015; writing adviser)
 Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics (Bradford Skow, Spring 2015)
 Justice (Katie Gallager, Fall 2014)
 Classics of Philosophy (Daniel Hagen, Spring 2014)
 Problems of Philosophy (Caspar Hare, Fall 2013)
 Feminist Philosophy (Maria Fackler and Nick Salvato; Telluride Association Summer Program, Summer 2011)

Guest lectures:

- “The Proviso Problem” (for *University College London Semantics Research Seminar*, Winter 2018)
 “Agentive Modals” (for *Introduction to Semantics*, Fall 2016)
 “Gödel’s First Incompleteness Theorem” (for *Paradox and Infinity*, Spring 2016)
 “Expressivist Moore Sentences” (for *Metaethics*, Fall 2015)
 “Dimensions of Content: Implicature” (for *Language, Information, and Power*, Fall 2015)
 “Empirical Approaches to the Measurement Problem” (for *Philosophy of Quantum Mechanics*, Spring 2015)
 “Rawls’ Theory of Justice” (for *Justice*, Fall 2014)
 “The Human Good in the *Nicomachean Ethics*” (for *Classics of Philosophy*, Spring 2014)

Service

- Reviewer for: *Austrian Science Fund*, *Erkenntnis* (2), *Inquiry*, *Journal of Linguistics*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Linguistics and Philosophy* (2), *Linguistic Inquiry*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Semantics and Linguistic Theory*, *Semantics and Pragmatics*, *Synthese*, *Society of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Theoria*
- DPhil admissions assessor, Oxford, 2018
 Transfer of Status assessor, Oxford, 2018
 Instructor at European Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Toulouse, July 2017
 Panel Member for Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (*PIKSI*) Boston, 2016
 Founder and co-organizer of Linguistics and Philosophy Reading Group, 2016-17
 Co-organizer of the MIT Linguistics and Philosophy Colloquium, 2016, 2017

Co-organizer of MATTI (weekly graduate student workshop at MIT), 2015-16
Graduate Student Representative, MIT, 2013-2014, 2014-2015
Co-organizer of MITing of the Minds Annual Conference, 2013
Special assistant to the president, Deep Springs College, 2011-12
Student Member, Board of Trustees, Deep Springs College, 2008-09

Other Education

North American Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Rutgers, July 2016
European Summer School on Logic, Language, and Information, Barcelona, August 2015
Visiting Student, Arché, University of St. Andrews, Summer 2015
Visiting Student, The Humboldt University of Berlin, Summer 2012