

CURRICULUM VITAE (DECEMBER 9, 2021)

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Employment

Researcher, University of Lucerne
(Swiss National Science Foundation project *Being without Foundations*; Philipp Blum and Stephan Leuenberger, project leaders: 2019–present)

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto
(Department of Philosophy: 2019–20)

Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto
(Department of Philosophy: 2017–19)

Visiting Lecturer, Humboldt University of Berlin
(Department of Philosophy: 2016–17)

Researcher, Humboldt University of Berlin
(German Research Foundation project *Metametaphysics: On the Sense and Non-Sense of Ontological Disputes*; Tobias Rosefeldt, project leader: 2012–16)

Education

PhD, Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin (Dissertation: Ontological Nihilism and Existential Commitment: Studies in Metametaphysics; Advisor: Tobias Rosefeldt; Readers: Barbara Vetter and Daniel Nolan; *summa cum laude*: 2012–17)

Student, Northern Institute of Philosophy Summer School in Logic and Philosophy of Mathematics, University of Aberdeen (2014)

PhD, Department of Comparative Literature, Princeton University (Dissertation: The Theory of Intensive Magnitudes in Leibniz and Kant; Advisor: Daniel Heller-Roazen; Readers: Des Hogan and Werner Hamacher: 2003–12)

Visiting Student, Department of General and Comparative Literature, JW Goethe University (2005–6)

BA, Brown University (Philosophy and Comparative Literature; *magna cum laude* and with departmental honors in Comparative Literature; elected to Phi Beta Kappa: 1998–2001)

Areas of specialization

Metaphysics, Kant, and Leibniz

Areas of competence

Philosophical logic; history of philosophy (seventeenth and eighteenth century; post-Kantian continental traditions; early analytic); philosophy of language; philosophy of law

Articles

- forthcoming Haeceitism without Individuals, *Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*. (8700 words; refereed)
- 2018 A Language for Ontological Nihilism, *Ergo* 5.37:971–96. (9000 words; refereed)
- 2016a Versteckte Zahlen, *Zeitschrift für philosophische Forschung* 70:412–18. (‘Hidden Numbers’: 4000 words; invited)
- 2016b Antwort auf Gabriel (with Tobias Rosefeldt), *Philosophisches Jahrbuch* 123:465–74. (Reply to Markus Gabriel’s response to Diehl and Rosefeldt 2015: 5000 words; invited)
- 2015 Gibt es Gabriels neuen Realismus? (with Tobias Rosefeldt), *Philosophisches Jahrbuch* 122:126–45. (‘Does Gabriel’s New Realism Exist?’: 8000 words; invited)
- 2014 The Demand for an End: Kant and the Invention of Historical Time, in Anna Glazova and Paul North, editors, *Messianic Thought Outside Theology*, Fordham University Press, 107–23. (6000 words; invited)

Articles under review and in progress

- ‘The Metaphysics of Opacity’ (with Beau Madison Mount), under review after a revise and resubmit at *Philosophers’ Imprint*. (15,500 words)
- ‘Haeceitism and Ineffability,’ draft in progress.
- ‘Properties for Ontological Nihilists,’ draft in progress.
- ‘The Metaphysics of Stuff,’ draft in progress.
- ‘Higher-Order Logic and the Metaphysics of Properties,’ draft in progress.

Awards and grants

- Swiss National Science Foundation (fellowship for postdoctoral research: 2019–2023)
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Government of Canada (Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship, CAD 70,000 per year: 2017–19)
- German Research Institute (fellowship for doctoral research, living expenses: 2012–16)
- Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Berlin (Institute Fellowship, living expenses: 2009–11)
- The Fulbright US Student Program (scholarship for study at the JW Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, living expenses: 2005–6)
- German Academic Exchange Service (fellowship for doctoral research, living expenses: 2004–5; declined)

Academic talks

2021

The Metaphysics of Opacity (with Beau Madison Mount): *Being without Foundations* project colloquium, online

Generalizing Generalism: *Being without Foundations* project colloquium, online

2019

Haecceitism without Individuals: *Being without Foundations* project colloquium, online

Fragmentalism for Stuff: *Fragmentalism in Mind and Reality* workshop, Ousia, Centre for the Philosophy and Theology of Being, University of Lucerne, Ligerz, Switzerland

2018

The Metaphysics of Opacity (with Beau Madison Mount): colloquium (convened by Barbara Vetter, Professor of Theoretical Philosophy), Free University, Berlin

The Metaphysics of Leibniz's Law: *Indiscernibility-of-Identicals Arguments and Non-Standard Ontologies* workshop, Department of Philosophy, University of Geneva, Ligerz, Switzerland

2017

Existential Commitment and Ontological Nihilism: *Institute Lecture*, Department of Philosophy, HU Berlin

2016

HU Berlin Ontological Nihilism: A Modest Proposal: *Jour fixe* speaker series, Society for Women in Philosophy, HU Berlin

Worlds with Domains: (1) *Being-in-Ligerz* workshop, Ontos Research Group, University of Geneva, Ligerz, Switzerland; (2) joint Humboldt–Hamburg *Language and Ontology* workshop, HU Berlin

2015

Is the Book of the World Written in Predicate Functorese?: *Truthmaking and Metametaphysics* workshop, PERSP Research Group, University of Barcelona

Fineness of Grain and Grounding: A Lewisian Account?: *Truth and Grounds* workshop, Eidos Research Group, Ascona, Switzerland

2014

Fineness of Grain and Grounding: A Lewisian Account?: *David Lewis* workshop, Ontology after Quine Research Group, University of Hamburg

Quantifying in a Fundamental Way: (1) Department of Philosophy, HU Berlin; (2) *Mind, World, and Action* conference, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik

2013

The (Ontological) Nihilist's Cookbook: (1) German Society for Analytic Philosophy workshop for doctoral students, HU Berlin; (2) Metaphysics Seminar, PERSP Research Group, University of Barcelona; (3) *Mind, World, and Action* conference, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik

2012

Is Naturalness Fundamental?: joint Humboldt–LOGOS *Metametaphysics* workshop, HU Berlin

Metaphysical Structure, Reduction, and Identity: A Case for the Grounding Relation: (1) *Mind, World, and Action* conference, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik; (2) Second Annual HU–Princeton Graduate Conference in Philosophy, HU Berlin

2009

Real Opposition: Kant's Concept of Conflict: *Spannung und Konflikt* workshop, Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Berlin

2008

Out of Time: Kant's Practical Eschatology: German Studies Association, St. Paul, Minnesota

2007

Leibniz on the Limitations of Receptivity: *The Time of Materiality*, Theory Reading Group Annual Conference, Cornell University

Commentaries

2019

Radmila Jovanovic Kozlowski and Andrej Jandric, Leibniz and Spacetime Functionalism: Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference, University of Toronto

2018

Rosalind Chaplin, Kant's First Antinomy and the Indeterminate Extent of the Empirical World: Fourth Biennial Meeting, North American Kant Society, Vancouver

2017

Benj Hellie and Jessica Wilson, The Semantic Defectiveness of 'Grounding' and 'Consciousness' (with Lisa Vogt): *Grounding and Consciousness* workshop, Department of Philosophy, NYU, La Pietra, Florence

Peter Fritz, Predication and Existence: *Metaphysics in Higher-Order Languages* workshop, Department of Philosophy, NYU

2016

Katharina Felka, *Talking about Numbers*: meeting of the *Gruppe 27*, Erlangen, Germany

Alireza Fatollahi, Predictionism and Fertility (with Lisa Vogt): *Cognition and Causation in Early Modern and Contemporary Philosophy* workshop, Department of Philosophy, Princeton University

2014

John Heron, The Cicada and the Explananda: joint Humboldt–Kings College London Graduate Conference, HU Berlin

2013

Iris Vidmar, Stolnitz's Arguments Against the Cognitive Value of Art: *Mind, World, and Action* conference, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik

2012

Jeremy Goodman, Defeat, Disagreement and Higher-Order Evidence: *Mind, World, and Action* conference, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik

Michaela McSweeney, Semantic Distinction and Grounding: A Case for a Distinction: Second Annual HU–Princeton Graduate Conference in Philosophy, HU Berlin

Teaching as principal instructor

Graduate

Williamson's *Modal Logic as Metaphysics*: Necessitism, Contingentism, and Logic (Humboldt University of Berlin, Spring/Summer 2017)

Topics in Metaphysics: Objects, Properties, Modality (Humboldt University of Berlin, Fall/Winter 2016–17)

Undergraduate

Metaphysics (Bates College, planned Winter 2022)

Advanced Seminar in Rationalism: Leibniz (University of Toronto, upper division: Fall 2019)

The Bounds of Culpability (University of Toronto, upper division: Summer 2019)

Knowledge and Reality (University of Toronto, lower division: Summer 2019)

Metaphysics (University of Toronto, upper division: Fall 2018)

Language in Law and Politics (Humboldt University of Berlin, lower division: Spring/Summer 2017)

Schreiben und Argumentieren (Humboldt University of Berlin, 'Writing and Argumentation'; in German; lower division: Fall/Winter 2016–17)

What Exists: An Introduction to (Meta-)ontology (Humboldt University of Berlin, lower division: Spring/Summer 2013)

Introductory German (Princeton University, AY 2004–5, Fall 2008)

Professional service

Member of the editorial board of *dialectica*

English language section editor of the Swiss portal for philosophy, *philosophie.ch*.

Referee for *Analysis*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Ratio*, *Synthese* (special issue)

Referee for German Society for Analytic Philosophy

Co-organizer, *Metametaphysics* working group, *On the Sense and Non-sense of Ontological Disputes* project (2012–6)

Co-organizer, joint Humboldt–Hamburg *Language and Ontology* workshop, HU Berlin (2016)

Co-organizer, symposium on Thomas Hofweber's *Ontology and the Ambitions of Metaphysics*, HU Berlin (2013)

Co-organizer, joint Humboldt–LOGOS *Metametaphysics* workshop, HU Berlin (2012)

Languages

German (fluent); French (reading and basic conversation); Latin (reading); Ancient Greek (basic reading)

Citizenship

United States; Canada

References

Tobias Rosefeldt (Chair of Classical German Philosophy, Humboldt University of Berlin)

Daniel Nolan (McMahon-Hank Professor of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame)

Jessica Wilson (Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto)

Barbara Vetter (Professor of Theoretical Philosophy, Free University of Berlin)

Nicholas Stang (Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto)

Desmond Hogan (Associate Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University)

Benj Hellie (Professor of Philosophy, University of Toronto: teaching reference)