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Academic Appointments

- University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2004-present)
 - Professor (2013-present)
 - Associate Professor (2006-2013)
 - Assistant Professor (2004-06)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham, Assistant Professor (1999-04)
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Visiting Instructor (1998-99)

Education

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph. D. in Philosophy (1999)
- Brown University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, with Honors in Philosophy (1994)

Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Feminism

Publications

Book: *Dispositional Pluralism* (Oxford University Press, 2018).

Chapters and Articles

- 1. "Powers in Contemporary Thought," in *Powers: A History* (Oxford Philosophical Concepts Series) Julia Jorati, ed., (forthcoming).
- 2. "Resurgent Powers" in *Reconsidering Causal Powers: Historical and Conceptual Perspectives*, Oxford University Press, Benjamin Hill, Henrik Lagerlund, and Stathis Psillos eds., (2021).
- 3. "Potentialities as Properties," *Philosophical Inquiries* (2020).
- 4. "Real Potential," in *Handbook on Potentiality*, Kristina Engelhard, ed., (2018).
- 5. "Feminist Metaphysics: Can This Marriage be Saved?" in *Bloomsbury Companion to Analytical Feminism* Pieranna Garavaso ed. (2018).
- 6. "Indirect Directedness," Oxford Studies in Metaphysics, (2017).
- 7. "A Dispositional Account of Gender," *Philosophical Studies*, (2015).
- 8. "Dispositions and Potentialities," in *Potentiality: Metaphysical and Bioethical Dimensions*, John Lizza, ed., (2014).
- 9. "How to Activate a Power," in *Metaphysics and Science*, Stephen Mumford and Matthew Tugby, eds., Oxford University Press, (2013).
- 10. "Response to Kadri Vihvelin's 'Counterfactuals and Dispositions'," *Philosophical Studies*, (2012).
- 11. "Dispositions," Oxford Bibliographies Online, (2011).
- 12. "Manifestations as Effects," in *The Metaphysics of Powers: Their Grounding and Their Manifestations*, Anna Mamadoro, ed., Routledge, (2010).

- 13. "Dispositional Pluralism," in *Debating Dispositions*, Damschen, Schnepf, and Stuber, eds., DeGryter, (2009).
- 14. "Dispositions, Causation, and Reduction," in *Dispositions and Causes*, Toby Handfield, ed., Oxford University Press, (2009).
- 15. "Gender Identity Disorder," in *Establishing Medical Reality: Essays in the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Biomedical Science*, Harold Kincaid and Jennifer McKitrick, eds., Springer, (2007).
- 16. "Establishing Medical Reality," with Harold Kincaid, in *Establishing Medical Reality: Essays in the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Biomedical Science*, Harold Kincaid and Jennifer McKitrick, eds., Springer, (2007).
- 17. "Rosenberg on Causation," *Psyche: Symposium on Gregg Rosenberg's A Place for Consciousness*, (2006).
- 18. "Liberty, Gender, and the Family," *in Liberty and Justice*, Tibor Machan, ed., Hoover University Press, (2006).
- 19. "Are Dispositions Causally Relevant?" Synthese, (2005).
- 20. "Introduction to Dispositions and Laws of Nature," Synthese, (2005).
- 21. "A Defense of the Causal Efficacy of Dispositions," *Sats: Nordic Journal of Philosophy*, (2004).
- 22. "A Case for Extrinsic Dispositions," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, (2003); Reprinted in *Dispositionen*, Barbara Vetter, Stephan Schmid, eds., Suhrkamp Verlag GmbH, (2013).
- 23. "The Bare Metaphysical Possibility of Bare Dispositions" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, (2003).
- 24. "Reid's Foundation for the Primary Quality / Secondary Quality Distinction," *Philosophical Quarterly*, (2002); Reprinted in *The Philosophy of Thomas Reid: A Collection of Essays*, John Haldane and Stephen Read, eds., Blackwell, (2003).

Reviews

- 25. Christopher Prendergast's Counterfactuals, Journal of Value Inquiry (2019).
- 26. Barbara Vetter's Potentiality: From Dispositions to Modality, Erkenntnis (2018).
- 27. Kadri Vihvelin's Causes, Laws, & Free Will, Ethics (2015).
- 28. "Causes as Powers," with Anna Marmadoro, Stephen Mumford, and Rani Lil Anjum, *Metascience* (2013).
- 29. Stephen Mumford and Rani Lill Anjum's *Getting Causes from Powers*, *Analysis Reviews* (2013).
- 30. Max Kistler and Bruno Gnassounou's *Dispositions and Causal Powers*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2008).
- 31. Ryan Nichol's Thomas Reid's Theory of Perception, Philosophical Books. (2008).
- 32. Giddeon Yaffee's Manifest Activity: Thomas Reid's Theory of Action, Journal of Value Inquiry (2007).

Edited Collections

Establishing Medical Reality: Essays in the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Biomedical Science, Harold Kincaid and Jennifer McKitrick, eds., Philosophy and

Medicine Series, Springer, (2007).

Dispositions and Laws of Nature, Synthese special issue, (2005).

Talks

Invited

- 1. "Powers in Contemporary Thought," Workshop on Causal Powers, Ohio State University (2019)
- 2. "The Metaphysics of Vetter's Potentialities," Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Tucson Arizona (2019)
- 3. "Whites, Women, and Witches," Reed College (2017)
- 4. "Theories of Dispositions and a Dispositional Theory of Gender," Theories of Dispositions and Dispositional Theories Workshop, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, Norway (2016)
- 5. Two day roundtable discussion of my research with students and faculty in the Metaphysics Reading Group at the University at Buffalo (2016)
- 6. "Properties, Dispositions, and Conditionals," Workshop on Exploring Dispositions: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, Humboldt University, Germany (2016)
- 7. "Theorizing 'the Before"
 - Session on Social Construction and Social Ontology, Eastern APA (2016)
 - University of Kansas (2015)
- 8. "Dispositional versus Mechanistic Explanations in Science," Causation in Science, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (2014)
- 9. "Powers in the 20th Century," Causal Powers in Science, Rothman Institute, University of Western Ontario (2014)
- 10. "Genders as Extrinsic Dispositions"/"Toward a Dispositional Account of Gender"
 - Workshop on Causal Powers, University of Western Ontario (2014)
 - Pacific APA (2014)
 - Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics, Notre Dame (2013)
- 11. "Real Potential," Philosophy of Perspectival Facts and Thoughts Research Group, University of Barcelona, Spain (2013)
- 12. "Dispositions and Potentiality," University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2012)
- 13. "Dispositional Essentialism without Necessitarianism,"
 - Keynote address at "Dispositions: A Workshop with Jennifer McKitrick," University of Cologne, Germany, Causation, Laws, Dispositions, Explanation at the Intersection of Science and Metaphysics Research Group (2012)
 - Dispositions Workshop, Center for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, Norway (2010)
- 14. "How to Activate a Power," Plenary session at Metaphysics of Science Conference, Nottingham UK (2009)
- 15. "Are Physical Impossibilities Metaphysically Possible?"
 - Cologne University, Germany (2009)
 - University of Warsaw, Poland (2009)
- 16. "Manifestations as Effects," Powers: Their Grounding and Their Realization Conference, University of Oxford, UK (2008)

- 17. "Dispositional Pluralism," Debating Dispositions Conference, Wittenberg, Germany (2006)
- 18. "Gender Identity Disorder,"
 - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2006)
 - Philosophical Issues in the Biomedical Sciences Conference, UAB (2004)
- 19. "Dispositions, Causes, and Reduction,"
 - Dispositions and Causes Conference, University of Bristol, UK (2005)
 - University of Nebraska-Omaha (2005)
 - University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2005)
- 20. "Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation," UNL Women's Studies Colloquium (2005)
- 21. "Liberty, Gender, and the Family," Molinari Society Symposium, APA Eastern Division Meeting (2004)
- 22. "A Critique of Gender Difference Research," Progress Studies Group, Mountainbrook, AL (2004)
- 23. "Analyzing 'Causally Relevant Properties'," University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2003)
- 24. "Are Dispositions Causally Relevant?" Dispositions and Laws of Nature Conference, University of Alabama at Birmingham, (2003)
- 25. "What is Causal Relevance?" Presidential Address, Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (2001)
- 26. "Thomas Reid on Secondary Qualities," National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar on Thomas Reid (2000)
- 27. "Virtual Associations and the Social Norms That Govern Them," Free Associations and Civil Society Conference, Institute for Civil Society (2000)
- 28. "Extrinsic Dispositions,"
 - Auburn University (1999)
 - University of Massachusetts-Amherst (1999)
- 29. "A Defense of the Causal Efficacy of Dispositions"
 - Florida International University (1999)
 - Saint Louis University (1999)
 - University of Alabama at Birmingham (1999)

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 1. "Reflections on Analytic Feminism," Eastern APA Annual Meeting (2019)
- 2. "Feminist Metaphysics: Can this Marriage be Saved?" Society for Analytical Feminism Conference, University of Massachusetts Lowell (2016)
- 3. "Resurgent Powers," Eleventh International History of Philosophy of Science Conference, University of Minnesota (2016)
- 4. "Investigating 'the Before'" Hypatia Conference: Exploring Collaborative Contestations and Diversifying Philosophy (2015)
- 5. "Butler's Attributes," Feminist Epistemologies, Methodologies, Metaphysics and Science Studies Conference, Pennsylvania State University (2012)
- 6. "Dispositions, Causes, and Reduction," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2006)

- 7. "Defending Your Character: A Reply to Harman"
 - Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (2003)
 - Mid-South Conference (2002)
- 8. "What is Causal Relevance?" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2002)
- 9. "Extrinsic Dispositions,"
 - Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2000), (winner of Griffith Award for best paper)
 - Alabama Philosophical Society Annual Meeting (1999)
- 11. "Fragility Causes Breaking: A Defense of the Causal Efficacy of Dispositions" Harvard/MIT Graduate Conference in Philosophy (1997)

Invited Commentaries

- 1. Comments on David Blanks' "A Closer Look at Causal Bases and Its Implications for Reducing Dispositions" APA Central Division Meeting (2014)
- 2. Comments on Sean Drysdale Walsh's "What Can/Ought I Do?" APA Pacific Division Meeting (2012)
- 3. Comments on Kadri Vihvelin's "Counterfactuals and Dispositions," APA Pacific Division Meeting (2011)
- 4. Comments on Roderick Long's "Market Anarchism as Constitutionalism," APA Eastern Division Meeting (2008)
- 5. Comments on Neil Williams' "Intrinsic Powers," APA Central Division Meeting (2007)
- 6. Comments on Christopher Hitchcock's "Prevention, Preemption, and the Principle of Sufficient Reason," Workshop on Causation, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (2007)
- 7. Comments on Jesse Prinz's "The Normativity Challenge," Conference on Virtue Ethics and Moral Psychology, University of Denver (2005)
- 8. Comments on Justin Teihen's "Against Proportionality," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2005)
- 9. Comments on Andrew Melnyk's "Some Evidence for Physicalism," Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology Annual Meeting (2002)

Honors

- CAS International Travel Grant, UNL \$1500 (2016)
- Guest Fellowship, University of Cologne, Germany, Causation, Laws, Dispositions, Explanation at the Intersection of Science and Metaphysics Research Group: \$3000 for travel and honorarium (2012)
- British Society for the Philosophy of Science travel grant: \$1500 to travel to Oxford for Powers Conference (2008)
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Distinguished Member (2003)
- Faculty Development Grant, University of Alabama-Birmingham (2002-03)
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology's Griffith Award (2000)

Service

Philosophy Department

- Chair (2017-present)
 - Summer Chair (2016, 2017)
 - Interim Chair (Spring 2014)
- Graduate Committee
 - Graduate Advisor (2013-2018)
 - History Committee (2012-present)
 - Coordinator, Epistemology and Metaphysics Committee (2004-2012)
 - Recruitment (2004-09)
- Search Committees
 - Ethics (2020)
 - Philosophy of Mind (2016)
 - Chamber's Professor (2013)
 - History of Early Modern Philosophy (2012)
 - Ethics (2008)
 - Chambers' Professors (2004-07)
- Conferences
 - Organizer, Chamber's Philosophy Conference / Midwest Annual Workshop on Metaphysics (2016)
 - Co-organizer, Fifth Annual Chambers Philosophy Conference: Necessity (2013)
- Speaker Committee (2004-2012, 2014-2017)
- Faculty Senate (2005-07, 2009-14)
- Reading Groups
 - Feminism (2017)
 - Butler (2012)
 - Foucault (2011)
 - Metaphysics (2010)

Women's and Gender Studies

- Program Faculty (2004-present)
- Gender and Science Matters Research Group (2009-present)
- Advisory Board (2011-15)
- Promotion and Tenure Committee (2011-15)
- Awards and Scholarship Committee (2005)

College and University

- Big 10 Leadership Fellow (2018-19)
- Representative to the National Humanities Alliance (2019)

- Promotion and Tenure Committee (2008-12)
 - Chair (2011-12)
- College Curriculum Committee (2007-08)
- Graduate Student Grant Committee (2006-08)
- Faculty Advisor for Registered Student Organizations
 - Philosophy Club (2019 present)
 - UNL Skeptics (2012)
 - Slutwalk-Lincoln (2011-13)
 - Society for Free Inquiry on Campus (2005-07)

Professional Service

- Editorial review panel, Australian Philosophical Review (2017-20)
- Research partner on grant proposal to Danish Resarch Council: "Dispositions at the interface between knowledge and reality" (2016-17)
- American Philosophical Association Member (1999-present)
 - Central Division Program Committee (2013-14)
- Referee for Philosophy Journals
 - American Philosophical Quarterly
 - Australasian Journal of Philosophy
 - British Journal for Philosophy of Science
 - Ergo
 - Erkenntinis
 - Journal of Philosophical Research
 - Mind
 - Nous
 - Pacific Philosophical Quarterly
 - Philosophical Quarterly
 - Philosophy and Phenomenological Research
 - Philosophy Compass
 - Synthese
- Guest Editor, Synthese (2005)
- Review of Book Proposals, Oxford University Press
- External Review for promotion and tenure (several universities [redacted])
- Molinari Society
 - Vice President (2008-14)
 - Secretary-Treasurer (2002-08)
 - Meeting Chair (2005, 2016)
- Alabama Philosophical Association
 - Director of Public Relations (2002-04)
 - President (2001)
 - Vice President (2000)
- Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
 - Governing Council (2003-06)
 - Program Committee (2004-06)
 - Griffith Committee (2001-06)

• National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Seminar Participant (2000)

Teaching

Undergraduate

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Medical Ethics
- Practical Reasoning
- Metaphysics
- Metaphysics of Personhood
- Feminist Philosophy/ Philosophy of Feminism
- Sex, Gender and Science
- Philosophy of Science
- History of Early Modern Philosophy
- Undergraduate Seminar

Graduate

- Metaphysics
- Philosophy of Science
- History of Early Modern Philosophy
- Advanced Metaphysics:
 - Causation and Causal Relevance
 - Dispositions
 - Metaphysics of Science
 - Dispositions and Causes
 - Social Construction and Feminist Metaphysics
 - Free Will
 - Grounding
- Advanced Social and Political Philosophy:
 - Feminism
 - Race
- Independent Studies
 - Feminism
 - Perception of Gender, Race, and Intersectionality

Advising

- Supervisor on 10 Ph.D. dissertations (4 completed)
 - Ryan Turner (in progress)
 - Samuel Hobbs (in progress)
 - Joey Dante (in progress)

- Virendra Tripathi (in progress)
- Chelsea Richardson (2020)
- Christopher Gibilisco (2016)
- Maria Zavada (2013)
- William Bauer (2010)
- Clifford Hill (incomplete)
- Claire La France (incomplete)
- Reader on 9 Ph.D. dissertations (8 completed)
 - Gabriel Bruguier (2019)
 - Shane George (2018)
 - Tony Kerr (University of Tasmania, 2015)
 - Danielle Hampton (2015)
 - Andrew Jaeger (2014)
 - Masaya Honda (2013)
 - Patty Steck (2010)
 - Edward Abplanalp (2010)
 - Christopher Richards (incomplete)
- Member of 6 M.A. committees
 - Hassan Alsharif
 - Chelsea Richardson
 - Stephanie Shipp
 - Clare La France
 - Clifford Hill
 - Kimberly Radford
- Outside reader on 1 Physics Ph.D. dissertation (complete)
- Outside reader on 1 Biochemistry Ph.D. dissertation
- Advisor on 3 undergraduate honors theses (1 complete, 1 in progress)