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Curriculum Vitæ

University of Massachusetts Amherst
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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Specializations

History of Analytic Philosophy, Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Language

Competencies

Philosophy of Mathematics, Metaphysics, Ethics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts Amherst

2022–present Chair (Philosophy Department)

2015–present Professor (Philosophy)

2006–2015 Associate Professor

2000–2006 Assistant Professor

Amherst College

2009 Visiting Professor

University of Iowa

1995–2000 PhD in Philosophy

University of Minnesota Morris

1992–1995 BA in Philosophy and Peace Studies

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Works in progress and forthcoming

- *Russell's Retreat from Pythagoras.*
- "Never Going Back: Russellian Analysis as Progress." .
- "Bertrand Russell's Life and Philosophical Works."
- "Peano, Frege and Russell's Logical Influences."
- "Morality, Schmortality."

Published book

- *Frege and the Logic of Sense and Reference*. Routledge 2002.

Published journal articles and book chapters (selected)

1. "Higher-Order Metaphysics in Frege and Russell." In *Higher-Order Metaphysics*, edited by P. Fritz and N. K. Jones. (Oxford University Press 2024), pp. 355–377.
2. "Logical Form and the Development of Russell's Logicism." In *Origins and Varieties of Logicism*, edited by F. Boccuni and A. Sereni. (Routledge 2022), pp. 147–166.
3. "Grundgesetze and the Sense/Reference Distinction." In *Essays on Frege's Basic Laws of Arithmetic*, edited by P. Ebert and M. Rossberg. (Oxford University Press 2019), pp. 142–66.
4. "New Logic and the Seeds of Analytic Philosophy: Boole, Frege." In *A Companion to Nineteenth-Century Philosophy*, edited by J. Shand. (Wiley Blackwell 2019), pp. 454–79.
5. "Russell's Logicism." In *The Bloomsbury Companion to Bertrand Russell*, edited by R. Wahl. (Bloomsbury Academic 2019), pp. 151–78.
6. "G. E. Moore's Unpublished Review of *The Principles of Mathematics*." *Russell* n.s. 38 (2018–19): 131–64.
7. "Russell on Ontological Fundamentality and Existence." In *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism: A Centenary Reappraisal*, edited by L. Elkind and G. Landini. (Palgrave Macmillan 2018), pp. 155–79.
8. "A Generic Russellian Elimination of Abstract Objects." *Philosophia Mathematica* 25/1 (2017): 91–115.
9. "Three Unpublished Manuscripts from 1903." *Russell* n.s. 36 (2016): 5–44.
10. "The Constituents of the Propositions of Logic." In *Acquaintance, Knowledge, and Logic: New Essays on Bertrand Russell's The Problems of Philosophy*, edited by D. Wishon and B. Linsky. (CSLI Publications 2015), pp. 189–229.
11. "The Russell–Dummett Correspondence on Frege and his Nachlaß." *The Bertrand Russell Society Bulletin* no. 150 (2014): 25–29.
12. "The Paradoxes and Russell's Theory of Incomplete Symbols." *Philosophical Studies* 169/2 (2014): 183–207.
13. "Early Russell on Types and Plurals." *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* 2/6 (2014): 1–21.
14. "PM's Circumflex, Syntax and Philosophy of Types." In *The Palgrave Centenary Companion to Principia Mathematica*, edited by N. Griffin and B. Linsky. (Palgrave Macmillan 2013), pp. 218–46.
15. "Neo-logicism and Russell's Logicism." *Russell* n.s. 32 (2012–13): 127–59.
16. "Frege's Changing Conception of Number." *Theoria* 78 (2012): 146–67.
17. "The Functions of Russell's No Class Theory." *Review of Symbolic Logic* 3/4 (2010): 633–64.
18. "The Senses of Functions in the Logic of Sense and Denotation." *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic* 16/2 (2010): 153–88.
19. "Gottlob Frege." In *The Routledge Companion to Nineteenth Century Philosophy*, edited by Dean Moyar. (Routledge 2010), pp. 858–86.
20. "Russell, His Paradoxes and Cantor's Theorem [Parts I–II]." *Philosophy Compass* 5/1 (2010): 16–28 and 29–41.
21. "A Cantorian Argument Against Frege's and Early Russell's Theories of Descriptions." In *Russell vs. Meinong: The Legacy of "On Denoting"*, edited by N. Griffin and D. Jacquette. (Routledge 2008), pp. 65–77.

22. "The Origins of the Propositional Functions Version of Russell's Paradox." *Russell* n.s. 24 (2004–05): 101–32.
23. "Does Frege Have Too Many Thoughts? A Cantorian Problem Revisited." *Analysis* 65/1 (2005): 44–49.
24. "Putting Form Before Function: Logical Grammar in Frege, Russell and Wittgenstein." *Philosopher's Imprint* 4/2 (2004): 1–47.
25. "Russell's 1903–05 Anticipation of the Lambda Calculus." *History and Philosophy of Logic* 24 (2003): 15–37.
26. "The Number of Senses." *Erkenntnis* 58 (2003): 302–23.
27. "Russell on 'Disambiguating With the Grain'." *Russell* n.s. 21 (2001–02): 101–27.
28. "When is Genetic Reasoning not Fallacious?" *Argumentation* 16 (2002): 383–400.
29. "Russell's Paradox in Appendix B of the Principles of Mathematics: Was Frege's Response Adequate?" *History and Philosophy of Logic* 22 (2001): 13–28.
30. "Agency, Character and the Real Failure of Consequentialism." *Auslegung* 23/1 (2000): 1–34.
31. "Is Pacifism Irrational?" *Peace Review* 11/1 (1999): 65–70.

Reviews and review essays

1. Review of *On the Genealogy of Universals: The Metaphysical Origins of Analytic Philosophy*, by Fraser MacBride (Oxford 2018). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2018.
2. Review of *Basic Laws of Arithmetic*, ed. and trans. by P. Ebert and M. Rossberg (Oxford 2013). *Studia Logica* 104 (2016): 175–80.
3. Review of *Russell's Philosophy of Logical Atomism 1897–1905*, by Jolen Galaugher (Palgrave Macmillan 2013). *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* 3/2 (2015): 1–7.
4. Review of *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Analytic Philosophy*, ed. by Michael Beaney (Oxford 2013). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2014.
5. Review of *Logic as Universal Science: Russell's Early Logicism and Its Philosophical Context*, by Anssi Korhonen (Palgrave Macmillan 2013). *Russell* n.s. 34/1 (2014): 79–84.
6. Review of *Russell's Unknown Logicism*, by Sébastien Gandon (Palgrave Macmillan 2012). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2012.
7. Review of *Russell*, by Gregory Landini (Routledge 2011). *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* 1/2 (2012): 21–28.
8. "A New Century in the Life of a Paradox", Review of *One Hundred Years of Russell's Paradox*, ed. by Godehard Link (de Gruyter 2004). *Review of Modern Logic* 11/1–2 (2007–2008): 7–29.
9. Review of "On Denoting" 1905–2005, ed. by G. Imaguire and B. Linsky (Philosophia 2005). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2006.
10. Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Bertrand Russell*, ed. by Nicholas Griffin (Cambridge 2003). *Review of Modern Logic* 10/1–2 (2005): 161–70.
11. Review of *The Philosophy of Gottlob Frege*, by Richard Mendelsohn (Cambridge 2005). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2005.
12. "A Faithful Companion", Review of *The Cambridge Companion to Bertrand Russell*, ed. by Nicholas Griffin (Cambridge 2003). *The Bertrand Russell Society Quarterly* no. 121 (2004): 25–41.
13. Review of *Logicism and the Philosophy of Language: Selections from Frege and Russell*, ed. by A. Sullivan (Broadview 2003). *The Bertrand Russell Society Quarterly* no. 120 (2003): 39–43.
14. Review of *From Frege to Wittgenstein: Perspectives on Early Analytic Philosophy*, ed. by Erich Reck (Oxford 2002). *The Review of Metaphysics* 57 (2003): 177–178.

Encyclopedia articles

- “Russell’s Logical Atomism” in *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
- “Frege, Gottlob”, “Paradox, Russell-Myhill”, “Paradox, Russell’s”, “Propositional Logic”, “Square of Opposition” and “Validity and Soundness” in *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Edited online editions of public domain works

- Bertrand Russell: *The Principles of Mathematics* (Free online edition). Available at <https://people.umass.edu/klement/pom/>
- Bertrand Russell: *Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy* (Online corrected edition). Available at <https://people.umass.edu/klement/imp/>
- Ludwig Wittgenstein: *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus* (Side-by-side-by-side edition). Available at <https://people.umass.edu/klement/tlp/>

OPEN SOURCE SOFTWARE PROJECTS

LogicPenguin

Open educational resource and flexible framework for introductory logic exercises that interacts with any LMS supporting the LTI 1.1 protocol (including Canvas and Moodle).
<https://logicpenguin.com>

Open Guide Typesetting Framework

An academic typesetting framework aimed at producing many different output formats from the same markdown source, with bibliography integration with PhilPapers.
<https://github.com/frabjous/open-guide-typesetting-framework>

Open Guide Editor

A web based text editor system for markup files and programming source files with live updating output previews
<https://github.com/frabjous/open-guide-editor>

The Amazing Fregeifier

A set of tools, including a pandoc filter, for utilizing Frege notation or any other complex mathematics supported in LaTeX, in any file format.
<https://github.com/frabjous/fregeifier>

KNAP (Kevin's Neovim Auto-Previewer)

Neovim plugin for creating live-updating previews of the results of processing LaTeX, markdown, and other files.
<https://github.com/frabjous/knap>

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

1. "Open Source in Academic Philosophy", Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Wesleyan College, Middletown, CT, June 2024.
2. "Open Source in Academic Philosophy", Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, Buffalo, NY, June 2024.
3. "The Epistemology of Sense and Reference (Comments)", American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Denver, CO, February 2023.
4. "Russell and a Possible Paradox of Facts", University of Ottawa Philosophy Colloquium, Ottawa, Ontario, November 2021.
5. "A Paradox of Facts?", American Philosophical Society (APA) Central Division Meeting, New Orleans, LA, and Online, February 2021.
6. "Russell's Logical Atomism: Doctrine or Method?", Themes and Problems from Russell and Wittgenstein, Université de Bordeaux, Bordeaux, France, December 2018.
7. "Moore's Unpublished Review of Russell's *Principles of Mathematics*", Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, June 2018.
8. "Russell on Ontological Fundamentality and Existence", Obermann Center Logical Atomism Seminar, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, June 2017.
9. "Russell on Ontological Fundamentality and Existence", Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, Central Connecticut State University, Hartford, CT, June 2017.
10. "Russell on Ontological Fundamentality and Existence", NYU Metaphysics and Higher-Order Logic Workshop, New York University, New York, NY, May 2017.
11. "Russell's Logicism Re-evaluated", Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver, CO, June 2016.
12. "Three Unpublished Russell Manuscripts from 1905", Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, June 2015.
13. "The Russell–Dummett Correspondence on Frege and his Nachlaß", Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, June 2014.
14. "A Generic Russellian Elimination of Abstract Objects", Neologicism and Abstraction Workshop, UConn, Storrs, CT, Apr. 2014.
15. "A Generic Russellian Elimination of Abstract Objects", McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Feb. 2014.
16. "Criticisms," Author Meets Critics: R. Heck, *Frege's Theorem*, American Philosophical Society (APA) Eastern Division Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Dec. 2013.
17. "A Multiple-Relations Theory of Truth Functions?" Russell and Wittgenstein At The Crossroads 1913 Conference, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Nov. 2013.
18. "Russell on the Propositional Liar", Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, May 2013.
19. "The Constituents of the Propositions of Logic", *Problems of Philosophy Centenary Conference*, Ole Miss, Oxford, MS, Nov. 2012.
20. "The Paradoxes and Russell's Theory of Incomplete Symbols", Plurals, Predicates and Paradox Seminar, Birkbeck College, London, UK, May 2012.
21. "The Paradoxes and Russell's Theory of Incomplete Symbols", Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, May 2012.
22. "Universals as Individuals in *Principia Mathematica*", Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, Drew University, Madison, NJ, May 2011.

23. “Early Russell on Plurals and Types”, American Philosophical Association (APA) Central Division Meeting, Bertrand Russell Society (BRS) Session, Minneapolis, MN, April 2011.
24. “PM’s Circumflex, Syntax and Philosophy of Types”, PM@100 Conference, McMaster University, May 2010.
25. “The Functions of Russell’s Having No Class”, Bertrand Russell Society Annual Meeting, Central Connecticut State University, June 2009.
26. “Neo-Logicism and Russell’s Logicism”, Midwestern Early Analytic Philosophy Conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, April 2008.
27. “Re-reading Ayer’s *Russell and Moore*”, APA Central Division Meeting / Bertrand Russell Society Session, Chicago
28. “Wittgenstein’s Correspondence with Russell 1912–1919” (commentary), APA Central Division Meeting / Bertrand Russell Society Session, Chicago, April 2008.
29. “Frege’s Changing Definition of Number”, FregeFest ‘06, University of California, Irvine, Feb. 2006.
30. 20+ additional conference and job talk presentations, 2005 and earlier.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate courses taught

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| • 20th Century Analytic Philosophy (×11) | • Introduction to Philosophy (×5) |
| • History of Modern Philosophy | • Junior Year Writing |
| • Introduction to Ethics (×2) | • Philosophy of Language |
| • Introduction to Logic (×22) | • Practical Reasoning (×4) |

Graduate courses taught

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| • Carnap Seminar | • Neo-Logicism Seminar |
| • Frege Seminar (×5) | • Philosophy and Logic (Non-Classical Logic) |
| • Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein | • Philosophy of Language |
| • Logical Consequence Seminar | • Philosophy of Mathematics |
| • Logical Positivism Seminar | • Proseminar (×2) |
| • Mathematical Logic I (×8) | • Russell Seminar (×4) |
| • Mathematical Logic II (×4) | • Speech Acts Seminar |
| • Modal Logic | • Wittgenstein (Early/Middle) Seminar (×3) |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental service

- Department Chair (2022–present)
- Co-webmaster (2022–present)
- Curriculum Committee (Member 2003–2006, 2018–present)
- Philosophy Budget Committee (Member 2021–present)
- Graduate Program Director (2017–2022)
- Undergraduate Advisor (2006–2022)

- Graduate Admissions Committee (Chair 2017–2022, Member 2016–2017, 2009–2010, 2005–2007, 2000–2003)
- Supervisory Committee (Chair 2017–2022, Member 2001–2006)
- Honors Program Director (2010–2017)
- Graduate Placement Director (2010–2012, 2008–09)
- Public Engagement Committee (Member 2022–2024)
- Personnel Committee (Member 2000–present)
- Personnel Sub-Committee on Raises and Evaluations (Member 2013–2015, 2007–08, 2000–2005)
- Heidelberg Prize Committee (Member 2000–present)
- Jonathan Edwards Prize Committee (Chair 2023, Member 2005–2006, 2002)
- Robison Teaching Prize Committee (Member 2005–present)
- Search/Hiring Committees (Chair 2015–16, Member 2015–16, 2013–14, 2012–13, 2009–10, 2006–07, 2005–2006, 2004–2005, 2003–2004, 2001–2002, 2001, 2000–2001)
- Served on five philosophy PhD dissertation committees, two as chair

University service

- College of Humanities and Fine Arts Diversity Equity Inclusiveness and Justice Committee (Member 2023–present)
- General Education Variance Committee (Member 2006–present)
- Graduate College Travel Grant Committee (Chair 2007–2013, Member 2002–2013)
- Graduate College University Fellowship Committee (Chair 2007–2010, Member 2002–2013)
- Graduate College Electronic Theses and Dissertations Committee (Member 2012–2019)
- Faculty Senate Task Force on Digital Publishing (Member 2008–2010)
- Faculty Senate Graduate Council (Member 2002–2015)
- Faculty Senate General Education Council (Member 2001–2015; AL/AT and I review subcommittees: 2001–2015; Assessment subcommittee 2007–2015)
- Commonwealth College Search Committee (Member 2004)
- Five College Logic Certificate Faculty (Member 2004–present)
- CHFA Dean’s Advisory Board on “The Digital” (Member 2007–2008)
- Humanities and Fine Arts Personnel Committee (Member 2002–2004)
- College Outstanding Research Prize Selection Committee (Member 2008)
- Outside member on two linguistics PhD dissertation committees

Service to the discipline

- *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* (Editor in chief 2015–2018, Editorial board 2014–present)
- *Russell: The Journal of Bertrand Russell Studies* (editorial board 2017–present)
- Bertrand Russell Society (Vice-president 2018–2022, Annual meeting organizer and host 2018, Board of directors 2007–present)
- UI Tractatus Map Project (Advisory board 2016–present)
- *Principia Mathematica* Rewrite Project (Advisory board 2021–present)
- PhilPapers.org (Editor for Bertrand Russell section, 2012–present)
- PhilTeX blog on the use of technology in philosophy (Contributor 2010–13)
- Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy (Logic area editor 2001–2012)
- Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Bertrand Russell Society Bulletin*, *Bulletin of Symbolic Logic*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*,

Dialectica, Diametros, Disputatio, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Grazer Philosophische Studien, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Inquiry, Journal for the History of Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Kriterion, Logic and Logical Philosophy, Manuscripta, Mind, Noûs, Open Philosophy, Paradigmi, Philosophia Mathematica, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Res Philosophica, Review of Symbolic Logic, Russell, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Studia Logica, Synthese, Theoria, The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Blackwell Publishers, Longman Publishers, Broadview Press, Packt Publishing, Pearson Publishing, Prentice-Hall.

Public outreach

- Regular contributor to StackExchange sites, and reddit question/answer boards, dealing with digital and open access publishing.
- My answers have reached over 10 million people, and I have won approximately 300 badges/awards for my answers.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Instructional Innovation Fellowship, University of Massachusetts, 2024–2025
- Enhanced sabbatical recipient, University of Massachusetts, Spring 2014
- Lilly Teaching Fellow, University of Massachusetts, 2004–2005
- Nominee for College Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Massachusetts, Fall 2003
- Nominee for D. C. Spriesterbach Competition, biennial award for best dissertation in the Humanities, 1998–2000
- University of Iowa Seashore-Ballard Dissertation Year Fellowship, 1999–2000
- University of Iowa Graduate College Fellowship, 1995–1996

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages

(In order of proficiency) English, German, French

Significant computer skills and experience

- GNU+Linux/Open source software generally
- Digital publishing – methods and formats: LaTeX, XeTeX, LuaTeX, pandoc, ePub, PDF
- Web development: HTML5, CSS3, both browser-side and server-side Javascript, PHP
- Server administration: nginx, Apache, lighttpd, caddy, express.js, ssh, systemd
- Other programming and scripting: Lua, Bash/Zsh, Python, Rust, C, VimScript