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## General information

FRQSC Postdoctoral fellow, University of Connecticut, Storrs  
& UConn Group in Mathematical and Philosophical Logic  
Jan. 2016-present

Lecturer, Fairfield University  
Jan. 2016-present

Areas of specialisation: Philosophy of language, philosophy of logic.

Areas of competence: Formal logic, metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind.

Other areas of teaching competence & interest: philosophy of science, philosophy of religion, ethics (theoretical and applied), history of analytic philosophy, Kant.

Languages: English, French (native), German (reading)

## Education

PhD. in Philosophy, Yale University, 2016  
Thesis: *The Impossibility of the Liar*

Committee: Zoltán Gendler Szabó (chair), George Bealer, Bruno Whittle

M.A. in Philosophy, Université de Montréal, 2009  
Thesis: *La sémantique des noms descriptifs* [The semantics of descriptive names]

Committee: Michel Seymour (chair), Daniel Laurier, François Lepage

Carnegie Mellon Summer School in Logic and Formal Epistemology, Summer 2006.

B.A. Honours Philosophy, McGill University, 2006, *First Class Honours*

## Presentations

### **Supervaluations, propositional content, and classical logic**

University of Connecticut Brown Bag series (invited), April 26. 2016

### **Comments on Michael Glanzberg's 'How extraordinary?'**

Ohio State University, *The Liar and other true things* conference, March 29. 2017

### **Arbitrary reference is pluri-reference**

University of Puget Sound (invited), October 11. 2016

American Philosophical Association Eastern Division, Savannah, GA, January 2017 (cancelled)

### **Comments on James Davies: 'Mathematical structuralism, applicability and the Caesar problem'**

Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary June 1. 2016

### **Meaning theory for unrestricted languages**

Language & Metalanguage workshop, Université Catholique de Louvain, May 20. 2016

**Originating at the edge of essence: a sceptical puzzle (and a solution)** (w/ Jonathan Vertanen)

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division, San Francisco CA, April 1. 2016

Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, May 30. 2016

**Semantic paradoxes in languages without semantic predicates: a problem for non-classical logical solutions to the Liar?**

Canadian Philosophical Association Congress, University of Ottawa, June 3 2015

SoPhA Congrès international triennal, Montréal, June 17 2015

**The importance of funky times: comments on Dorr & Goodman ‘Diamonds are forever’**

Yale Graduate conference, April 25. 2015

**Analyses of vagueness & indeterminacy**

MATTI group, MIT, May 13 2014

ELMM City, Yale University, Dec. 10 2013

**Truth and the expression of disagreement**

Logic, Language, Mind, Metaphysics group, MIT, April 9 2014

**Which logic for metaphysics? An argument against existential freedom**

SoPhA Early-career researchers’ conference, Ovronnaz, Switzerland, Mar. 3. 2014 (A French language version of the paper was presented)

**Overdetermination, exclusion & the metaphysics of causation**

Causation and Explanation conference, Catholic University of America, Feb. 22. 2014

**The antinomies of pure reason and the neglected alternative**

Penn-Columbia-Princeton graduate conference in history of philosophy, Princeton University, April 27. 2013

University of Georgia Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Georgia, March 24. 2012

Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale, Yale University, April 8. 2011

**Descriptive names are not directly referential: two arguments**

SoPhA (Société de philosophie analytique) triennial congress, University of Geneva, September 2009

Won prize for fourth best presentation

## Research

(Abstracts of all listed work available on website)

**Articles under review**

Meaning theory for absolutely general languages  
(under revision for *Logique et Analyse*)

The innocence of truth in semantic paradox

Compositionality and the Liar

Supervaluations, propositional content, and classical logic

The antinomies of pure reason and the neglected alternative

**Articles in progress**

Arbitrary reference is pluri-reference

Truth, uniformity, and the Liar’s revenge

Propositional vagueness and semantic indecision

Against free logic

Originating at the edge of essence: a sceptical puzzle (and a solution) (w/ Jonathan Vertanen)

## Teaching

### *As Instructor*

#### **Fairfield University**

Philosophy of science, Fall 2017, Spring 2016, Summer 2018 (scheduled)

Logic, Fall 2016

Introduction to philosophy, Spring 2016, Spring 2018

#### **Yale University**

First-Order Logic, Summer 2015, Summer 2016

### *As Teaching Assistant*

#### **Yale University**

Moral Skepticism (Prof. Shelly Kagan), Fall 2015

Mathematical logic (mixed graduate/undergraduate course), Spring 2015 (Prof. Sun-Joo Shin)

Issues in Bioethics, Fall 2014 (Prof. Stephen Latham)

Death, Fall 2012 (Prof. Shelly Kagan)

International Ethics, Summer 2012 (Prof. Joy Gordon)

Infinity, Spring 2012 (Prof. Bruno Whittle)

Kant's Critique of Pure Reason, Spring 2011 (Prof. Kenneth Winkler)

First-Order Logic, Fall 2010 (Prof. Sun-Joo Shin)

#### **Université de Montréal**

Pensée rationnelle et argumentation [Critical thinking], Université de Montréal, Winter 2008 (Mr. Mathieu Bélanger)

Philosophie du langage [Philosophy of Language], Université de Montréal, Fall 2007 (Prof. Michel Seymour)

Philosophie de la connaissance [Epistemology], Université de Montréal, Summer 2007 (Mr. Frédéric Kantorowski)

Pensée rationnelle et argumentation [Critical thinking], Université de Montréal, Winter 2007 (Dr. Jean-Baptiste Jeagène Vilmer)

Logique 1 [Logic 1], Université de Montréal, Fall 2006, Fall 2007 (Prof. Jean-Pierre Marquis)

Langage, pensée et connaissance [Language, thought and knowledge], Winter 2006 (Prof. Michel Seymour)

## Miscellaneous academic employment

Research Assistant for Prof. Christine Tappolet, Université de Montréal, Summer 2007 - Summer 2009

Miscellaneous translation and proof-reading duties

Research Assistant for Prof. Sarah Stroud, McGill University, Winter and Summer 2007

Research for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* article on Weakness of Will

## Professional Activities

Referee for journals and edited collections: *Philosophical Studies*, *Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*.

Invited conference participant *The Liar and other true things*, Ohio State University, March 2017

Invited conference participant *Metaphysics on the Mountain 2*, Sun Valley ID, March 2017

Referee for Yale Graduate Conference (2015, 2013, 2012, 2009)

Co-organiser, Minorities and Philosophy workgroup (formerly Gender and Philosophy workgroup), Yale University, 2011-2013

Co-organiser, Yale/UConn Graduate Conference, Spring 2009

Co-organiser, graduate student workgroup in analytic philosophy, Université de Montréal, Winter 2007 – Fall 2008.

French translation of Peter Railton (1994) “Alienation, consequentialism and the demands of morality” (in *Philosophy and Public Affairs*, vol. 13, No.2; 1994, pp. 134–171) as

“L’aliénation, le conséquentialisme et les exigences de la morale”, in *Amitiés et partialité en éthique/Friendship and Partiality in Ethics*, volume thématique des Ateliers de l’Éthique, CREUM, vol. 2 (3), 2009.

## Awards & Fellowships

Postdoctoral research fellowship, Fonds de Recherche Québécois Société et Culture (FRQSC), (64,000C\$), 2016-2017

Yale University Dissertation Fellowship (28,000US\$), 2013-2014

Standard Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (80,000C\$), 2008-2012

Canada Graduate Scholarship, Doctoral Award (105,000C\$) 2008-2011 (declined in order to attend Yale University)

Bourse doctorale, Fonds Québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture, (60,000C\$), 2008-2011 (declined in order to accept SSHRC award)

Fondation Marc Bourgie Scholarship, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Université de Montréal (7,500C\$), 2007-08

Olivier Maurault Scholarship, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Université de Montréal (3,000C\$), 2007-08

Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master’s Award, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (17,500C\$), 2006-07

## References

*Research references:*

Zoltán Gendler Szabó, Professor of Philosophy & Linguistics, Yale University: [zoltan.szabo@yale.edu](mailto:zoltan.szabo@yale.edu)

George Bealer, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Yale University: [george.bealer@yale.edu](mailto:george.bealer@yale.edu)

Jc Beall, Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of Connecticut: [jc.beall@uconn.edu](mailto:jc.beall@uconn.edu)

Bruno Whittle, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Texas Tech University: [bruno.whittle@ttu.edu](mailto:bruno.whittle@ttu.edu)

*General teaching references:*

Kenneth Winkler, Professor of Philosophy, Yale University: [kenneth.winkler@yale.edu](mailto:kenneth.winkler@yale.edu)

Curtis Naser, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Fairfield University: [cnaser@fairfield.edu](mailto:cnaser@fairfield.edu)

*Logic-specific teaching reference:*

Sun-Joo Shin, Professor of Philosophy, Yale University: [sun-joo.shin@yale.edu](mailto:sun-joo.shin@yale.edu)

## Graduate-level course work

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### *Yale University*

Philosophy of religion (Keith DeRose)  
Concepts (George Bealer)  
First Year Seminar (Keith DeRose & Zoltan Szabo)  
Philosophy of mathematics in Ancient Greece (Barbara Sattler)  
Philosophy of mind (Katalin Balog)  
Metaphysics: Persistence & possibility (Michael della Rocca)\*  
Moral obligation (Stephen Darwall)  
Recent work in metaphysics (Raul Saucedo)  
Propositions, truth & paradox (Bruno Whittle)  
Philosophy of language (Keith DeRose)  
Kant’s transcendental idealism (Thomas Pogge)  
Philosophy of mathematics (Bruno Whittle)\*  
Topics in semantics: Speech & attitudes (Tamina Stephenson)\*  
Directed research: Conceptual truth (Zoltan Szabo)  
Context (Zoltan Szabo)\*  
Materialism (George Bealer)\*  
Philosophical logic (George Bealer & Raul Saucedo)\*  
Spinoza (Michael della Rocca)\*  
Convention (Zoltan Szabo)\*  
Propositional attitudes (Bruno Whittle)\*  
The philosophy of philosophy (George Bealer)\*  
Logical foundations of metaphysics (George Bealer)\*  
Problems in semantics: Quantification (Benjamin George)\*  
Modal logic & metaphysics (Jason Stanley)\*

### *Université de Montréal*

Foundations of mathematics: set theory and category theory (Jean-Pierre Marquis)  
Philosophy of science: Infinity (Yvon Gauthier)  
Problems in metaethics: moral realism (Christine Tappolet)  
Directed research: two-dimensional semantics (Michel Seymour)

*McGill University*

Advanced logic (Storrs McCall)\*  
(While an MA student at UdeM)

Philosophy of mind (Ian Gold)  
(While an MA student at UdeM)

Kant's transcendental deduction (Alison Laywine)  
(While an undergraduate)

Perceptual content (Jeff Speaks)  
(While an undergraduate)