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### **Academic Positions**

Associate Professor, University of Kentucky, 2016-Present  
Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky, 2010-2016  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Oberlin College, 2009-2010

### **Research Interests**

Metaphysics; Philosophy of Language, Analytic Philosophy

### **Education**

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Ph.D.  
in Philosophy 2003-2009

Dissertation: *Composition is Identity*

Keith Simmons (chair); William G. Lycan; David Reeve; Dorit Bar-On; John Roberts

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

M.A. in Philosophy 2003-2005

Thesis: *Rearming the Slingshot*

Keith Simmons; William G. Lycan; Dorit Bar-On

Syracuse University, PhD Program 2000-2003 [transferred]

University of Arkansas, PhD Program, 1998-2000 [transferred] University  
of Oklahoma, B.A. (History), 1998

### **Publications**

"The Polysemy of 'part'" *Synthese* - Special Issue:  
Mereology and Identity (forthcoming)

"The Lump Sum: a Theory of Modal Parts" *Philosophical  
Papers* (forthcoming)

“The Haecceitistic Euthyphro Problem” co-authored with Jason Bowers  
*Analysis* 78(1): 13-22 (2018)

“Saving Mental Fictionalism from Cognitive Collapse” *Res Philosophica* 93(2): 405-424 (2016)

“Rearming the Slingshot?”  
*Acta Analytica* 30 (3): 283-292 (2015)

“The Argument from Vagueness for Modal Parts”  
*dialectica* 68 (3): 355-373 (2014)

“Composition as Identity, Mereological Essentialism, and Modal Parts” in  
*Composition as Identity*, eds. Donald Baxter and Aaron Cotnoir, OUP (2014)

“Response to A. J. Cotnoir’s Parts as Counterparts”  
*Thought: a Journal in Philosophy* vol. 2(3): 242-247 (2013)

“Composition as Identity: Part 1”  
*Philosophy Compass* vol. 6(11): 804-816 (2011)

“Composition as Identity: Part 2”  
*Philosophy Compass* vol. 6(11): 817-827 (2011)

## **Works in Progress/Under Review**

“Mental Fictionalism Revisited”

“Physicalism and Compositional Pluralism”

“Modal Parts, Polysemy, and Ontological Disagreement”

## **Presentations**

“Mental Fictionalism Revisited”

- Conference on Mental Fictionalism (Budapest, Hungary) October 2019

“Physicalism and Compositional Pluralism”

- Conference on Physicalism at University of Louisville (Louisville KY) May 2019

“Mereology for Abstracta: the Polysemy of ‘part’”

- Conference on Mereology and Identity (Pisa, Italy) July 2017

“Modal Parts and Ontological Disagreement”

- Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics (Milwaukee, WI) October 2015
- Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop (Morgan Town, WV) August 2015 – Central APA (St. Louis, MO) February 2015

“Saving Mental Fictionalism from Cognitive Collapse”

- Conference on Mental Fictionalism, University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, Scotland) July 2014
- University of Louisville (Louisville, KY) February 2015

“The Lump Sum: A Defense of Modal Parts”

- University of Hamburg (Hamburg, Germany) October 2014
- Pacific APA (San Diego, CA) April 2014
- University of Vermont (VT) March 2014

“Rearming the Slingshot”

- Pacific APA (San Francisco, CA) March 2013

“Mereological Essentialism and Modal Parts”

- University of California, Davis (Davis, CA) March 2013

“Composition as Identity, Mereological Essentialism, and Modal Parts”

- Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics (St. Louis, MO) October 2012 – Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Blacksburg, VA) April 2012
- University of Louisville (Louisville, KY) March 2012

“Composition and Counting”

- Joint Meeting of the Illinois and Indiana Philosophical Association (Charleston, IL) November 2010

“Argument from Vagueness for Modal Parts”

- Mountains-Plains Philosophy Conference (Washington, PA) October 2010
- Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Conference (Washington, PA) September 2010

“Composition is Identity”

- University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY) March 2010

- Oberlin College (Oberlin, OH) April 14 2009
- University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA) January 23 2009

## Comments

On Dan Korman's *Objects: Nothing Out of the Ordinary*; author-meets-critics Pacific APA (San Diego, CA) March 2018

On Elanor Taylor's "Three Problems for Grounding"; Central States Philosophical Association (Chicago, IL) October 2014

On Tim Button's "There is No Theory of Truth"; Metaphysics Back at the Ranch (Tucson, AZ) February 2014

On Andrew Graham's "A Defense of Five-Dimensionalism"; Central APA (Chicago, IL) March 2014

On Kristin Seemuth's "An Eliminativist Response to the Argument from Charity"; Illinois Philosophical Association (Urbana-Champaign, IL) October 2012

On L.A. Paul's "Categorical Parsimony"; INCP 14 (Boise, ID) April 2011

On James Shaw's "Semantic Defect in Context"; Pacific APA (San Diego, CA) April 2011

On "The Distributivity of Masses"; Central APA (Minneapolis, MN) March/April 2011

On David Kovak's "Semanticism versus the Schmenglish Argument"; Joint Meeting of the Illinois and Indiana Philosophical Association (Charleston, IL) November, 2010

On Joseph Baltimore's "Lewis's Special Problem of Profligate Causation"; Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Conference (Washington, PA) September 2010

On Dan Korman's "Universalism, Vagueness, and the Argument from Borderline Hammers"; Pacific APA (San Francisco) April 2010

On David Ian Spencer's "Why Do We Need Tense?"; Pacific APA (Vancouver) April 2009.

On Joe Salerno's "Must and Can"; Eastern APA (Philadelphia, PA) December 2008.

On Brad Skow's "Are Shapes Intrinsic?"; Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, (Bellingham, WA) August, 2005.

## **Professional Activities**

Referee for: Acta Analytica, American Philosophical Quarterly, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy, Mind, Mind and Language, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Imprint, Philosophical Papers, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Synthese, TOPOI

Referee, Central States Philosophical Association, Fall 2014

Referee, Kentucky Philosophical Association, Fall 2011

Referee, Pittsburg Area Philosophy Conference, September 2011 Research

Assistant to William G. Lycan, Fall 2005-2009

## **Awards and Fellowships**

Horace Williams Fellowship, UNC Department of Philosophy Spring, 2009

Horace Williams Fellowship, UNC Department of Philosophy, Fall 2007

Head Teaching Associate, UNC, 2006-2007

Horace Williams Fellowship, UNC Department of Philosophy, 2003-2004 Syracuse

University Teaching Award, Spring 2003

## **Teaching Experience**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Circus and Philosophy

Philosophy and Science Fiction

Metaphysics

History of Analytic Philosophy

Philosophy of Science

Symbolic Logic I

Symbolic Logic II

Experience and Reality

Introduction to Philosophy

Philosophy of Religion

Graduate Seminar: Fictionalism

Graduate Seminar: Space, Time and Possible Worlds

Graduate Seminar: Paradoxes