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## Employment

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2012–2013

## Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2012  
C.Phil. Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2009  
M.A. Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2008  
B.A. Philosophy, University of Bucharest, Romania, 2002

## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Logic, History of Analytic Philosophy

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mathematics, Logic, Metaphysics and Epistemology

## Work in Progress

“The Logic of Indexicals” (under review)

## Presentations

“The Logic of Indexicals”  
Society for Exact Philosophy, Ohio State University, Oct 2012 (refereed)  
APA – Central, Chicago, Feb 2012 (refereed)  
The 11th International Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics, and Rhetoric,  
Spain, Nov 2011 (refereed)  
The 3rd Semantic Content Workshop, Barcelona, Spain, Nov 2011 (refereed)  
“The Difference between Indexicals and Demonstratives. A Case Study”  
APA – Pacific, Seattle, Apr 2012 (refereed)  
Albritton Society, UCLA, May 2011

“Better than Fine Relationism”  
Albritton Society, UCLA, Jan 2010

“Against Fine Relationism”  
Albritton Society, UCLA, June 2009

“On Kripke’s Puzzle”  
Philosophy of Language Workshop, UCLA, Oct 2009

## Comments

Tim Sundell. “Objectivity without Falsehood”  
APA – Pacific. San Diego, April 2011

Geoff Georgi. “Demonstratives and Pragmatic Ambiguity”  
Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference # 13: *Reference and Referring*, Washington State University, Pullman WA and University of Idaho, Moscow ID, May 2010

Malte Willer. “Ramsey, Moore, No God”  
USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Feb 2008

Kenny Easwaran. “The Role of Axioms in Mathematics”  
USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Feb 2006

## Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

APA – Central & Pacific graduate student travel stipends; 2012  
Dissertation Year Fellowship (competitive university-wide fellowship); 2011–2012  
Dean’s Humanities Fellowship; 2010–2011  
Philosophy Department Travel Grant; 2010, 2011  
Chancellor’s Prize Summer Award (competitive); 2006, 2007  
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (competitive); 2006  
Dean’s Humanities Fellowship; 2005–2006  
Department of Philosophy Valedictorian, University of Bucharest, Romania; 2002

## Teaching Experience

### Courses Taught as Primary Instructor

Philos 127B: Philosophy of Language; Fall 2012  
Philos 31: Logic – First Course; Summer 2011  
Philos 117: Late 19th- and Early 20th-Century Philosophy; Summer 2010  
Philos 128A: Philosophy of Mathematics; Summer 2009

### **Courses Taught as Teaching Assistant**

- Philos 184: Topics in Metaphysics; Summer 2012  
Instructor: Andrew Hsu
- Philos 137: Logic – Second Course; Spring 2010  
Instructor: Terence Parsons
- Philos 127A: Philosophy of Language: Frege; Winter 2010  
Instructor: David Kaplan
- Philos 7: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind; Fall 2009  
Instructor: Joseph Almog
- Philos 127B: Philosophy of Language: Russell; Spring 2009  
Instructor: David Kaplan
- Philos 127A: Philosophy of Language: Kripke; Winter 2009  
Instructor: David Kaplan
- Philos 21: Skepticism and Rationality; Fall 2008  
Instructor: Andrew Hsu
- Philos C114: The Philosophy of David Hume; Summer 2008  
Instructor: Michelle Gallagher
- Philos 183: Theory of Knowledge; Spring 2008  
Instructor: Andrew Hsu
- Philos 100B: Medieval and Early Modern Philosophy; Winter 2008  
Instructor: Calvin Normore
- Philos 133: Topics in Logic and Semantics; Fall 2007  
Instructors: David Kaplan & Joseph Almog
- Philos 5: Philosophy in Literature; Summer 2007  
Instructor: Andrew Hsu
- Philos 3: Historical Introduction to Philosophy; Spring 2007  
Instructor: Brian Copenhaver
- Philos 31: Logic – First Course; Winter 2007  
Instructor: David Kaplan
- Philos 1: Beginnings of Western Philosophy; Fall 2006  
Instructor: Sean Kelsey
- Philos 31: Logic – First Course; Summer 2006  
Instructor: Orsolya Schreiner

### **Academic Service**

- Philpapers.org area editor for Fregean Theories of Meaning; 2010–*present*
- UCLA organizer of the 4th Annual USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy; 2008–2009
- Reviewer for the USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy; 2006–2011

## Graduate Coursework

Audited courses marked with '\*'

### Philosophy of Language

\*Vagueness (Philos 287); Spring 2012  
Sam Cumming & Ed Stabler

\*Philosophy of Language: Recent Work (Philos 287); Winter 2012  
Sam Cumming

\*Philosophy of Language: Words (Philos 287); Fall 2012  
David Kaplan

\*Philosophy of Language: The Problem of Indefinites (Philos 287); Spring 2011  
Sam Cumming

Philosophy of Language: Singular Thought (Philos 287); Winter 2011  
David Kaplan

\*Philosophy of Language: The Transmission of Acquaintance (Philos 290); Winter 2010  
David Kaplan

\*Philosophy of Language: student presentations (Philos 287); Fall 2009  
David Kaplan

Philosophy of Language: Proper Names (Philos 287); Spring 2009  
Terence Parsons

Philosophy of Language: Discourse Representation Theory (Philos 287); Winter 2009  
Sam Cumming

Philosophy of Language: Donnellan's Theory of Descriptions (Philos 287); Winter 2008  
Howard Wettstein

\*Philosophy of Language: Belief Attributions (Phil 565); Fall 2008  
Nathan Salmon, USC

\*Philosophy of Language: Propositional Attitudes (Philos 290); Fall 2007  
David Kaplan & Joseph Almog

\*Philosophy of Language: Kripke's Puzzle (Philos 287); Fall 2006  
David Kaplan

Philosophy of Language: Belief and Belief Reports (philos 287); Spring 2006  
Howard Wettstein

Philosophy of Language: Russell (Philos 290); Winter 2006  
David Kaplan

Introduction to Philosophy of Language (Philos 200B); Winter 2006  
Tyler Burge

\*Philosophy of Language: Frege on Unsaturation (Philos 287); Fall 2005  
David Kaplan

Philosophy of Language: Russell (Philos 127B); Fall 2005  
David Kaplan

## **Logic and Linguistics**

Semantic Theory II (Ling 596A); Spring 2011

Jessica Rett

\*Semantic Theory I (Ling 200C); Winter 2010

Jessica Rett

Mathematical Logic and Set Theory (Math 220C); Spring 2007

Itay Neeman

Mathematical Logic and Set Theory: Recursion Theory (Math 220B); Winter 2007

Itay Neeman

Mathematical Logic and Set Theory (Math 220A); Fall 2006

Donald A. Martin

Introduction to Set Theory (Math 134); Spring 2006

Yiannis Moschovakis

Introduction to Metalogic (Philos 135); Winter 2006

Donald A. Martin

## **Metaphysics and Epistemology**

\*Wittgenstein (Philos 288); Spring 2010

Andrew Hsu

\*Wittgenstein: Philosophy of Action (Philos 288); Spring 2009

Andrew Hsu & Gavin Lawrence

\*Metaphysics and Epistemology: Perceptual Content (Philos 271); Spring 2008

Tyler Burge

\*Wittgenstein (Philos 288); Spring 2007

Andrew Hsu

Wittgenstein (Philos 288); Spring 2006

Andrew Hsu

Introduction to M & E (Philos 200C); Spring 2006

Andrew Hsu

## **History of Philosophy**

Philosophy of Language: Medieval Syntax and Semantics (Philos 290); Winter 2007

David Kaplan & Terence Parsons

Medieval Philosophy (Philos 206); Winter 2006

Calvin Normore & Terence Parsons

Seminar in History of Philosophy: Descartes (Philos 220); Fall 2006

John Carriero

## Value Theory

Topics in Political Philosophy: John Rawls (Philos C247); Spring 2007

Seana Shiffrin

Ethical Theory: Moral Luck (Philos 246); Fall 2005

Julie Tannenbaum

Introduction to Ethical Theory (Philos 200A); Fall 2005

Barbara Herman

## Languages

English (reading, writing, speaking: advanced)

French (reading: advanced; writing: proficient; speaking: proficient)

Italian (reading: proficient; writing: beginner; speaking: intermediate)

Romanian (native speaker)

## Dissertation: The Logic of Indexicals

Pure indexicals, words like “I” and “today”, are among the few kinds of words whose semantics, at least for their most basic uses, is widely thought to be settled. In spite of their ability to change their referent when placed in different contexts, it has always been assumed that any logic of indexicals will require that every argument take place in just one context, with just one speaker, in one moment, and in one place. This is undesirable, because we do cooperate when we argue, and we move about in time and space when we do so. In my dissertation, I present a logic which allows contexts to change within an argument. I then argue the notion of validity it develops is the right one, in spite of it being radically different from customary notions of validity. I also propose a new way to distinguish between pure indexicals and true demonstratives, like “this” and “that”. The new distinction shines a new light on the vexing problem of developing a logic of true demonstratives.

**Committee:** David Kaplan (Chair), Terence Parsons, Donald A. Martin, Sam Cumming, Andrew Hsu, Yiannis Moschovakis (external member)

## References

David Kaplan – Department of Philosophy, UCLA

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Terence Parsons – Department of Philosophy, UCLA

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Donald A. Martin – Department of Philosophy, UCLA

Email: dam@math.ucla.edu; Office Phone: (310) 825-6045

Sam Cumming – Department of Philosophy, UCLA

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Calvin Normore (teaching reference) – Department of Philosophy, UCLA

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