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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Technology, Philo. of Mind, Epistemology, and Philo. of Signs (Semiotics)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Logic (Formal and Informal), Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Phenomenology, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, and Metaphilosophy

APPOINTMENTS

2018–now Regular Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
2015–17 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Trent University
2014–15 Post-Doctoral Researcher, Department of Philosophy, University of Helsinki

COMPLETED DEGREES

Ph.D. Philosophy, York University, 2014 (see Awards)
M.A. Philosophy, York University, 2009
Ph.D. Semiotics, University of Quebec in Montreal, 2008
B.A. Concordia University, 2000

SELECT PUBLICATIONS (peer-reviewed unless marked by an asterisk*)

Monographs

202? *Endangered Experiences: Skipping Newfangled Technologies and Sticking to Real Life.*
Proposal under review.
2020 *Myth, Meaning, and Antifragile Individualism: On the Ideas of Jordan Peterson.*
Exeter, UK: Imprint Academic.
ISBN-13: 9781788360142
2018 *Consciousness and the Philosophy of Signs: How Peircean Semiotics Combines
Phenomenal Qualia and Practical Effects.*
Cham: Springer.
ISBN-13: 9783319733371

Philosophy of Technology

202? On virtual reality
Under review
202? On robot ethics
Accepted with major revisions
202? “Putting Aside One’s Natural Attitude—and Smartphone—to see what Matters More Clearly.”
Phanerostopy and Phenomenology: A Neglected Chapter in the History of Ideas, edited by
Mohammad Shafiei and Ahti-Veikko Pietarinen. Cham: Springer.
2021* “The Mandatory Ontology of Robot Responsibility.”
Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics, vol. 30, no. 3, pp. 448–454.
DOI: 10.1017/S0963180120000997

- 2021* “Other Stars, other Planets, and other Life: A Primer that goes Two-thirds of the Way.”
Metascience, vol. 30, no. 1, pp. 153–156.
DOI: 10.1007/s11016-020-00593-1
- 2019 “Diagrams and Alien Ways of Thinking.”
Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, vol. 75, pp. 12–22.
DOI: 10.1016/j.shpsa.2018.09.010
- 2015 “Bridging the Responsibility Gap in Automated Warfare.” (with Ryan Tonkens)
Philosophy and Technology, vol. 28, no. 1, pp. 125–137.
DOI: 10.1007/s13347-013-0138-3
- 2012 “Bridging the Responsibility Gap in Automated Warfare.” (with Ryan Tonkens)
The Machine Question: AI, Ethics and Moral Responsibility, edited by David J. Gunkel, Joanna J. Bryson, and Steve Torrance, pp. 67–72.
Stable URL: <http://events.cs.bham.ac.uk/turing12/proceedings/14.pdf>

Philosophy of Mind

- 2019* “Consciousness and the Philosophy of Signs: A New Précis.”
The American Journal of Semiotics, vol. 35, nos. 3–4, pp. 443–462.
DOI: 10.5840/ajs2019353/458
- 2016 “Can Pragmatists Believe in Qualia? The Founder of Pragmatism Certainly Did...”
Cybernetics and Human Knowing, vol. 23, no. 2, pp. 39–49.
URL: <http://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/imp/chk/2016/00000023/00000002/art00004>
- 2014 “Referring to the Qualitative Dimension of Consciousness: Iconicity Instead of Indexicality.”
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review (Cambridge Univ. Press), vol. 53, no. 1, pp. 135–182.
DOI: 10.1017/S0012217313000899
- 2014 “Just Do It: Schopenhauer and Peirce on the Immediacy of Agency.”
Symposium: Canadian Journal of Continental Philosophy, vol. 18, no. 2, pp. 209–232.
DOI: 10.5840/symposium201418225
- 2013 “Can ‘I’ Prevent You from Entering my Mind?”
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, vol. 12, no. 1, pp. 145–162.
DOI: 10.1007/s11097-011-9196-0
- 2013 “Choosing between the Long and Short Informational Routes to Psychological Explanation.”
Philosophical Psychology, vol. 26, no. 1, pp. 129–138.
DOI: 10.1080/09515089.2011.631999
- 2009 “Explaining the Qualitative Dimension of Consciousness: Prescission instead of Reification.”
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review (Cambridge Univ. Press), vol. 48, no. 1, pp. 145–183.
DOI: 10.1017/S0012217309090088

Epistemology

- 2018 “Kantian Schemata: A Critique Consistent with the *Critique*.”
Philosophical Investigations, vol. 41, no. 4, pp. 436–445.
DOI: 10.1111/phn.12199
- 2016 “Brandom, Peirce, and the Overlooked Friction of Contrapiction.”
Synthese, vol. 193, no. 8, pp. 2561–2576.
DOI: 10.1007/s11229-015-0866-2
- 2016 “On Alethic Functionalism’s (absurdly?) Wide Applicability.”
Teorema, vol. 35, no. 2, pp. 29–39.
Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/44077438>
- 2016 “Tracking Inferences is not enough: The Given as Tie-Breaker.”
Logos and Episteme, vol. 7, no. 2, pp. 129–135.

- DOI: 10.5840/logos-episteme20167214
- 2015 “Disjunctivism and the Ethics of Disbelief.”
Philosophical Papers, vol. 44, no. 2, pp. 139–163.
DOI: 10.1080/05568641.2015.1056964
- 2015 “Don’t be an Ass: Rational Choice and its Limits.”
Reason Papers, vol. 37, no. 1, pp. 137–147.
Stable URL: https://reasonpapers.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/rp_371_12.pdf
- 2015 “Experience and Life as Ever-Present Constraints on Knowledge.”
Metaphilosophy, vol. 46, no. 2, pp. 235–245.
DOI: 10.1111/meta.12129
- 2012 “Russell and the Newman Problem Revisited.”
Analysis and Metaphysics, vol. 11, pp. 65–74.
URL: <https://addletonacademicpublishers.com/contents-am/117-volume-11-2012/796-russell-and-the-newman-problem-revisited>

Philosophy of Signs (Semiotics)

- 2023 “Reality and Semiosis.”
Bloomsbury Semiotics, vol. 1, ed. by Jamin Pelkey, pp. 129–147. London: Bloomsbury Academic.
ISBN-13: 978-1350139442
- 2019 “_____ is Necessary for Interpreting a Proposition.”
Chinese Semiotic Studies, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 39–48.
DOI: 10.1515/css-2019-0003
- 2015 “A Less Simplistic Metaphysics: Peirce’s Layered Theory of Meaning as a Layered Theory of Being.”
Sign Systems Studies, vol. 43, no. 4, pp. 523–552.
DOI: 10.12697/SSS.2015.43.4.10
- 2015 “Poinsot versus Peirce on Merging with Reality by Sharing a Quality.”
Versus: Quaderni di studi semiotici, vol. 120, pp. 31–43.
URL: <http://versus.dfc.unibo.it/arc1b.php?articolo=845>
- 2014 “Semiotics.”
Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy, edited by Duncan Pritchard.
DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780195396577-0179
- 2013 “A Necessary Condition for Proof of Abiotic Semiosis.”
Semiotica, vol. 197, pp. 283–287.
DOI: 10.1515/sem-2013-0092
- 2009 “A Note on M. Barbieri’s ‘Scientific Biosemiotics.’”
The American Journal of Semiotics, vol. 25, nos. 1–2, pp. 155–161.
DOI: 10.5840/ajs2009251/27
- 2008 “What Anchors Semiosis: How Descartes Changed the Subject.”
Recherches sémiotiques / Semiotic Inquiry, vol. 28/29, no. 1/3, pp. 183–197.
DOI: 10.7202/1005869ar

Ethics

- 2023 “My Life Gives the Moral Landscape its Relief.”
Sam Harris: Critical Responses, edited by Sandra L. Woien, pp. 17–38. Foreword by Stephen Hicks. Chicago: Carus Books.
ISBN-13: 978-1637700242
- 2015 “Beauvoir and Rand: Asphyxiating People, Having Sex, and Pursuing a Career.”
(with Mimi R. Gladstein) *The Journal of Ayn Rand Studies*, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 23–41.
DOI: 10.5325/jaynrandstud.15.1.0023

- 2011 “Axiomatizing Umwelt Normativity.”
Sign Systems Studies, vol. 39, no. 1, pp. 9–59.
DOI: 10.12697/SSS.2011.39.1.01

Formal and Informal Logic

- 2022 “A Pragmatic-Semiotic Defence of Bivalence.”
History and Philosophy of Logic, vol. 43, no. 2, pp. 143–157.
DOI: 10.1080/01445340.2021.1924570
- 2020 “Why Images cannot be Arguments, but Moving Ones Might.” (with A.-V. Pietarinen)
Argumentation, vol. 34, no. 2, pp. 207–236.
DOI: 10.1007/s10503-019-09484-0
- 2018 “Teaching Argument Diagrams to a Student who is Blind.”
Diagrammatic Representation and Inference, edited by P. Chapman, G. Stapleton, A. Moktefi, S. Perez-Kriz, and F. Bellucci, pp. 783–786. Cham: Springer.
DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-91376-6_81
- 2015 “Sound Reasoning (Literally): Prospects and Challenges of Current Acoustic Logics.”
Logica Universalis, vol. 9, no. 3, pp. 331–343.
DOI: 10.1007/s11787-015-0127-7

Philosophy of the Social Sciences

- 202? “Are Crusaders against Crusades any Different?”
Mattias Desmet: Critical Responses, edited by Sandra L. Woien. Chicago: Carus Books.
- 2022* “Why Philosophy of Language is Unreliable for Understanding Unreliable Filmic Narration.”
Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, vol. 59, no. 2, pp. 43–50.
DOI: 10.5840/eps202259219
- 2016 “Diagrams of the Past: How Timelines can Aid the Growth of Historical Knowledge.”
Cognitive Semiotics, vol. 9, no. 1, pp. 11–44.
DOI: 10.1515/cogsem-2016-0002
- 2014* “Review of Christian List and Philip Pettit’s *Group Agency*.”
Philosophy of the Social Sciences, vol. 44, no. 2, pp. 252–258.
DOI: 10.1177/0048393112463187
- 2013 “One’s a Crowd? On Greenwood’s Delimitation of the Social.”
Philosophy of the Social Sciences, vol. 43, no. 4, pp. 519–530.
DOI: 10.1177/0048393112454335

Philosophy of Religion

- 2022 “Stone, Stone-Soup, and Soup.”
Jordan Peterson: Critical Responses, edited by Sandra L. Woien, pp. 101–117. Foreword by Michael Shellenberger. Chicago: Carus Books.
ISBN-13: 9781637700129
- 2020* “Day Shift God, Night Shift God.”
Think: Philosophy for Everyone, vol. 19, no. 54, pp. 81–88.
DOI: 10.1017/S1477175619000319
- 2016 “God, Human Memory, and the Certainty of Geometry: An Argument Against Descartes.”
Philosophy and Theology, vol. 28, no. 2, pp. 299–310.
DOI: 10.5840/philtheol2016102158

Metaphilosophy and other

- 2023 “Kantian Humility and Randian Hubris?”

Reason Papers.

- 2016 “Peat Bogs, Sperm and Family Values: Teaching Naturalism Charitably.”
Sexuality and Culture, vol. 20, no. 3, pp. 526–534.
DOI: 10.1007/s12119-016-9339-0
- 2015* “Analytic Philosophy, Continental Literature?”
Philosophy Now, no. 109, pp. 21–23.
Stable URL: https://philosophynow.org/issues/109/Analytic_Philosophy_Continental_Literature
- 2015* 分析的是哲学, 欧陆的是文学? [Chinese translation of article above]
Douban.com
Stable URL: <https://read01.com/MeJP63.html#.Y0bqtT3MI2w>
- 2010 “We, the Professional Sages: Analytic Philosophy’s Arrogation of Argument.”
Argument Cultures, ed. by Juho Ritola. Windsor: Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation.
Stable URL: <https://scholar.uwindsor.ca/ossaarchive/OSSA8/papersandcommentaries/33>

PRESENTATIONS (peer-reviewed unless marked by an asterisk*)

- 2023* “Chatting with an AI, Chatting with a Human, What’s the Difference?”
Philosophers’ Jam, Langara College, February 8.
- 2022* “What if Learning Logic Felt Like Playing *Tetris* instead of Doing Algebra?”
KPU Arts Speaker series, Surrey, October 26.
- 2022* “Illusory Signs as Frustrated Expectations: Descartes’ Overblown Response.”
Institute for Philosophical Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal, June 4.
- 2019* “Consciousness and the Philosophy of Signs.”
Department of Philosophy and Meaning Lab, Ryerson University, Toronto, December 17.
- 2019 “A Pragmatic-Semiotic Defence of Bivalent Logic.”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Vancouver, June 1–4.
- 2019* “Using Philosophy of Signs to Demystify the Mystery of Consciousness.”
Cognitive Science Department, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, May 8.
- 2019 “Preparing the Way for Logic as Semiotics in the First English Language Philosophy Journal.”
American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, April 17–20.
- 2018* “Can Images be Arguments?”
KPU Philosophy Lecture Series, Surrey, November 16.
- 2018 “Teaching Argument Diagrams to a Student who is Blind.”
10th Intern. Conf. on the Theory and Application of Diagrams, Edinburgh, June 18–22.
- 2018 “Why Images cannot be Arguments, but Moving Ones Might.” (with A.-V. Pietarinen)
Canadian Philosophical Association, Montreal, June 4–7.
- 2018 “Kripke et Saussure affirmaient-ils la même chose?”
Association Canadienne de Philosophie, Montreal, June 4–7.
- 2017* “Civil Disobedience in Plato’s *Crito* and its Relevance Today.”
Heritage College, Gatineau, August 1.
- 2017 “Epistemic Closure and Enclosed Spaces.”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, May 28–31.
- 2017 “Inferring Exoplanets, Inferring Exominds.”
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Toronto, May 27–29.
- 2017* “A Genuinely Introductory Introduction to C. S. Peirce’s Existential Graphs.”
Critical and Creative Thinking Working Group, Trent University, January 18.
- 2015* “Homosexuality in Professional Male Bodybuilding: The Telling Case of Bob Paris.”
The Feminist Society roundtable, Trent University, November 25.
- 2015* “Can Pragmatists Believe in Qualia? The Founder of Pragmatism Did...”

- Trent University colloquium series*, October 15.
- 2015 “Must a Pragmatist Interested in Consciousness be Pragmatic 24 Hours a Day?”
Toward a Science of Consciousness, Helsinki, June 9–13.
- 2015 “Timelines and the Growth of Historical Knowledge.”
Nordic Network for Philosophy of Science, Helsinki, April 23–24.
- 2015 “Poincaré versus Peirce on the Possibility of Complete Iconicity.”
American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, April 1–4.
- 2014* “The Peircean Categories: How they Work, and why they Matter.”
Tartu University Institute of Philosophy and Semiotics, November 25.
- 2014* “The Chameleonic Gland.”
University of Helsinki Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy, October 2.
- 2014* “Introducing Peircean Iconicity to Reshape Current Debates about Consciousness.”
Helsinki Metaphysical Club, September 10.
- 2014 “A Peircean Semiotic Interpretation of the Sperling Results.”
Applying Peirce 2, Tallinn, Estonia, April 21–23.
- 2014* “Does the Mind have an ‘Undo Button?’”
York University philosophy lecture series, February 12.
- 2012 “Bridging the Responsibility Gap in Automated Warfare.” (with Ryan Tonkens)
International Association of Computing and Philosophy, Birmingham, UK, July 2–6.
- 2012 “Psillos Thinks We Ought To Be Realists. But Why?”
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Waterloo, May 26–29.
- 2012 “Stuck Between Two Soup Cans: Limits of Rational Decision.”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Waterloo, May 27–30.
- 2012 “Russell, History, and the Newman Problem.”
Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Hamilton, May 24–26.
- 2011 “Is the Functionalist Account of Truth Too Good to be True?”
Arché Centre for Logic, Language, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Scotland, Oct. 8–9.
- 2011 “A Critical Look at Information Theoretic Structural Realism.” (with Dan McArthur)
Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Science, University of Chicago, May 13–15.
- 2010 “Remedying a Lacuna in Russell’s Early Analysis of Objectivity.”
Canadian Society for Epistemology, Ottawa, November 12–13.
- 2010 “Organisms, Values, and Umwelten: Locating Normativity in the Natural Order.”
British Psychological Society, Oxford, September 10–12.
- 2010 “On Structural Realism’s Optimistic Meta-Induction.”
Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science, Montreal, May 28–30.
- 2009 “Knowledge: An Offer You Can’t Refuse.”
Canadian Society for Epistemology, Ottawa, November 6–7.
- 2009 “We, the Professional Sages.”
Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation, Windsor, June 3–6.
- 2008 “Has Embodiment Paved the Way for Introspection’s Comeback?”
Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology, Toronto, Aug. 15.
- 2008 “Some Semiotic Constraints on Metarepresentational Accounts of Consciousness.”
Semiotic Society of America, Houston, October 16–19.
- 2008 “Analog Continuity and Digital Discontinuity: What Epistemological Role Should they Play?”
National Institute for Scientific Research, Quebec City, May 5.
- 2007 “‘De-Materializing’ the Fregean Argument from Conjunction.”
Francophone Association for Knowledge, Trois-Rivières, May 7–11.
- 2006 “McDowell and the Standing Obligation of Rationality.”

- Canadian Society for Epistemology, Sherbrooke, September 29–30.*
- 2006 “Concepts: Where Fodor Went Wrong.”
Beyond the Brain: Embodied, Situated, and Distributed Cognition, August 19–21.
- 2006 “On W. Sellars’ Asymmetry of Indexicality Thesis.”
Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, May 29–June 1.
- 2005 “On Semantic Holism, Given the Aristotelian Construal of Time.”
Quebec Philosophy Society, Chicoutimi, May 11–13.

AWARDS AND FUNDING (total \$90,580)

- 2023 Course Release for Research, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (\$14,900)
- 2021 Principal Investigator, Developing Pedagogical Software for Existential Graphs, KPU (\$3,380)
- 2015 University-wide Award for Best Dissertation of the Year, York University (\$2,000)
- 2014 Oxford University Press Graduate Award (\$250)
- 2014 Graduate Development Fund competition, York University (\$1,000)
- 2011–3 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$45,000)
- 2010 Graduate Development Fund competition, York University (\$800)
- 2009 Admission Scholarship, York University Ph.D. Program in Philosophy (\$3,000)
- 2008 Graduate Development Fund competition, York University (\$250)
- 2007 Masters Scholarship, York University (\$14,000)
- 2003 Ian Bailey Award for Interdisciplinary work, University of Quebec in Montreal (\$500)
- 2002 Admission Scholarship, Univ. of Quebec in Montreal Ph.D. in Semiotics (\$2,000)
- 1999 Excellence Bursary, Concordia University (\$1,000)
- 1998–9 Bursary, Citizen’s Scholarship Foundation of America (\$2,500)

COURSES TAUGHT (as sole instructor of record)

First year courses

Thinking Philosophically about Technology by Watching Films
 General Introduction to Philosophy
 Introduction to Formal Logic
 Introduction to Moral Philosophy
 Sustainability and Ethics
 Critical Thinking

Second year courses

Metaphysics
 Love and Desire
 Philosophy of Sport and Recreation
 Philosophy of Law

Upper year courses

Advanced Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology: Concepts
 Great Philosophers of the Twentieth Century: Peirce
 Philosophy of Mind: Consciousness
 Philosophy of Emotion
 Free Will and Determinism
 Topics in Metaphysics: Metametaphysics
 Intermediate Formal Logic
 Seminar in Pragmatism
 Business Ethics

Early Modern Philosophy
Epistemology

SERVICE

To the Institution

Transfer Credits Officer, Department of Philosophy, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (2021–now)
Chair, Department of Philosophy, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (2021–2022)
Course Developer, PHIL 1201 Thinking Philosophically about Technology by Watching Films, KPU (2021)
Member, Arts Research and Scholarship Committee, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (2021–2022)
Philosophy Department Representative, Arts Standing Committee on Curriculum, KPU (2019–2022)
Undergraduate Awards Committee, Department of Philosophy, Trent University (2016–17)
Tenure and Promotion Committee, Department of Philosophy, York University (2011)

To the Profession

Advisor, Studia Poinsotiana (2023–now)
External degree reviewer, Philosophy, Political Science and Economics (PPE), Capilano University (2021)
Program Committee (Philosophy Track), 12th Intern. Conf. on the Theory and Appl. of Diagrams (2021)
Symposium Organizer, 15th Congress of Logic, Methodology, and Philosophy of Science (2015)
Lifetime Member, Society for Academic Freedom and Scholarship (2023–now)
Academic Member, Heterodox Academy (2018–now)

To the Community

Critical thinking workshop, TALK: Third Age Learning at Kwantlen (2023)
“What courses should you register for?” YouTube promotional video (2020)
Founder and Head Coach, Kwantlen Reason Mapping Team pilot project (2018–now)
“Figuring Out What is Really Real,” Trent Enrichment Program for high school students (2017)
“Who Needs Philosophy?” St. Peter Secondary School, Peterborough (2016)

REFEREEING

Journals

Acta Analytica
Acta Baltica Historiae et Philosophiae Scientiarum
American Journal of Semiotics
Annals of the University of Bucharest Philosophy Series
Axiomathes
Biosemiotics
Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics
Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review
Ethical Theory and Moral Practice
International Journal of General Systems
Metatheoria
Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences
Philosophical Papers
Philosophies
Philosophy of the Social Sciences
Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences
Semiotica
Sign Systems Studies
Synthesis Philosophica

Teaching Philosophy

Publishers and organizations

Czech Science Foundation

Lexington Books

Springer

Vernon Press

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