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CURRENT POSITION

2015 – present Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Miami

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2014 – 2015 Zukunftskolleg Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Konstanz

2009 – 2014 Director, Emmy Noether Research Group *Understanding and the A Priori* at the University of Cologne & the University of Konstanz

2008 Research Fellow, Centre for Consciousness, Philosophy Program, RSSH, Australian National University

2006 – 2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of California at Davis, USA

2005 – 2006 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Centre for Consciousness, Philosophy Program, RSSH, Australian National University

2004 – 2005 Visiting Instructor, Philosophy Department, University of Colorado at Boulder, USA

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2006 PhD Philosophy, Cornell University

1994 B.A. Philosophy, Lawrence University

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Mind, History of Analytic Philosophy, Logic

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Reasoning: New Essays on Theoretical and Practical Thinking*, co-edited with M. Balcerak Jackson, under contract with Oxford University Press

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Structural entailment and semantic natural kinds,” *Linguistics and Philosophy*, forthcoming
- “Number word constructions, degree semantics and the metaphysics of degrees,” *Linguistics and Philosophy*, forthcoming (with Doris Penka)
- “With power comes responsibility: cognitive capacities and rational requirements,” in *Reasoning: Essays in Theoretical and Practical Thinking*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming (with M. Balcerak Jackson)
- “What does displacement explain, and what do congruence effects show? A response to Hofweber,” *Linguistics and Philosophy*, v. 37 (3), 2014.
- “Verbal disputes and substantiveness,” *Erkenntnis*, v. 79, 2014
- “Defusing easy arguments for numbers,” *Linguistics and Philosophy*, v. 36 (6), 2013.
- “Reasoning as a source of justification,” *Philosophical Studies*, v. 164 (1), 2013 (with M. Balcerak Jackson)
- “Metaphysics, verbal disputes and the limits of charity,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, v. 86, 2013
- “Understanding and philosophical methodology,” *Philosophical Studies*, v. 161(2), 2012 (with M. Balcerak Jackson)
- “Understanding and semantic structure: reply to Timothy Williamson,” *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, v. 109, 2009
- “Truth vs. pretense in discourse about motion (or, why the sun really does rise),” *Noûs*, v. 41(2), 2007
- “Beyond logical form,” *Philosophical Studies*, v. 132(2), 2007
- “Logical form: classical conception and recent challenges,” *Philosophy Compass*, v. 1, 2006

REVIEWS

- *Reference and Referring*, by William P. Kabasenche, Michael O’Rourke and Matthew H. Slater (eds.), MIT Press, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2013.
- *Worlds and Individuals, Possible and Otherwise*, by Takashi Yagisawa, Oxford University Press, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, v. 90, 2011

DISSERTATION

- “Species of meaning: a study of semantic kinds and semantic structure” (available on request)

SUBMITTED WORK AND WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Semantics as a guide to ground”
- “Against the perceptual model of utterance comprehension”
- “Model-theoretic semantics as model-based science”
- “Essentially practical questions”
- “The rational requirements of linguistic competence”

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- SEEDS You Choose Grant for a cognitive studies graduate conference, University of Miami (\$2000), 2016
- Heisenberg Stipendium, German Research Council, 2014 (€273,000 total, declined)
- Grants for Interdisciplinary Working Group on the Foundations of Semantics (with co-organizers), Zukunftskolleg, 2014 – 2015 (€11,400 total)
- Emmy Noether Research Group Grant *Understanding and the A Priori* (with M. Balcerak Jackson), German Research Council, 2009-2015 (€1,600,000)
- Co-Funding for Emmy Noether Group, University of Cologne, 2011-2013 (€90,000)
- Library Fund for the Emmy Noether Group (with M. Balcerak Jackson), University of Cologne Philosophy Faculty 2009 (€5,000)
- Cornell University Sage School Fellowship, 1998-1999/2001-2002 (US\$25,000)
- Cognitive Studies Summer Research Fellowship, Cornell University, 1999 (US\$1,500)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (LAST FIVE YEARS)

- “Essentially Practical Questions” Disagreement: Semantic and Conceptual Foundations, University of Bonn, Autumn 2016
- “Semantics as a Guide to Ground” Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 8, Cambridge University, Autumn 2015
- “Semantics as a Guide to Ground” *Gesellschaft für Analytische Philosophie 9*, University of Osnabrück, Autumn 2015

- “When Can Implies Ought: Cognitive Capacities and Rational Requirements” Konstanz Reasoning Conference, Summer 2014
- “Linguistic Solutions to Philosophical Problems?” Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 7, Humboldt University Berlin, Spring 2014
- “Structural Entailment and Semantic Natural Kinds” Workshop on Logicity, Lexical Meaning and Semantic Invariance, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), Spring 2013
- “Structural Entailment and Semantic Natural Kinds” Conference on Logical Form, Cambridge University, Fall 2012
- “Contrastive Focus and Cheap Arguments for Numbers” Semantics and Philosophy in Europe 5, University of Turin, Summer 2012
- “Reasoning as a Source of Justification” (with M. Balcerak Jackson) Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Summer 2012
- “Are Ontological Debates Merely Verbal Disputes?” Workshop on Disagreement, University of Tartu, Fall 2011
- “Understanding, Knowing and Perceiving” PhilLang 2011 Conference, University of Łódź, Spring 2011
- “Understanding, Knowing and Perceiving” Understanding, Testimony and Communication Workshop, University of Cologne, Spring 2011

SELECTED GUEST LECTURES (LAST FIVE YEARS)

- “Reconceiving Interpretational Validity” Logic Colloquium, University of Konstanz, Spring 2015
- “The Rational Requirements of Linguistic Understanding” Philosophy Department, University of Edinburgh, Spring 2015
- “Structural Entailment and Semantic Natural Kinds” Semantics Colloquium, Department of Linguistics, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Winter 2015
- “Structural Entailment and Semantic Natural Kinds” PhLing Seminar, Northwestern University, Spring 2014
- “What Does Linguistic Competence Rationally Require?” MIT Work in Progress Seminar, Spring 2014
- “Structural Entailment and Semantic Natural Kinds” MIT Logic, Language, Mind and Metaphysics Reading Group, Spring 2014
- “The Semantics of $\lceil X \rceil$ -Constructions and the Nature of X” Yale University ELLMM City Reading Group, Spring 2014

- “Semantic Structure and the Structure of Rationality” Zukunftscolleg University of Konstanz, Autumn 2013
- “Conceptual Analysis, Verbal Disputes and Meta-metaphysics” Humboldt University Berlin, Autumn 2013
- “Structural Entailment and Semantic Natural Kinds” University of Bristol, Winter 2013
- “Defusing Easy Arguments for Numbers” Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Fall 2012
- “Two Types of Inference” (with M. Balcerak Jackson) University of Hamburg, Fall 2011

ACADEMIC SERVICE

EDITORIAL AND REFEREE ACTIVITIES

- Referee for *Analytic Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Disputatio*, *Erkenntnis*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Synthese*
- Referee for *Oxford University Press*
- Editor of PhilPapers categories *Semantics*, *Semantic Phenomena* and *Logical Form*
- Referee for the Florida Philosophical Association
- Referee for the Society for Exact Philosophy
- Referee for the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology
- Editor of *Semantics and Linguistic Theory XII*, CLC Publications 2002
- Co-Editor of *Semantics and Linguistic Theory X – XI*, CLC Publications 2000-2001

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Organizer of *Research Retreat on the Foundations of Semantics*, Filzbach, Switzerland, 2015
- Organizer of *Semantic Pluralism Workshop*, Konstanz, 2015 (with M. Balcerak Jackson)
- Founder and co-organizer of the *Zukunftscolleg Working Group on the Foundations of Semantics*, 2013-present
- Organizer of the *Konstanz Reasoning Conference*, Konstanz, 2014 (with M. Balcerak Jackson)
- Organizer of *Emmy Noether Speaker Series*, Cologne, 2011-2013

- Organizer of *Author Meets Critic Conference with David Chalmers*, Cologne, May 2013
- Seminar on Dual Careers in Academia for the *Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes* (with M. Balcerak Jackson), Frankfurt, 2013
- Organizer of *The Epistemology of Philosophy Conference*, (with M. Balcerak Jackson), Cologne, June 2011
- Organizer of *Understanding, Testimony and Communication Workshop*, (with L. Dänzer), Cologne, March 2011
- Seminar on the Emmy Noether Research Program for the *Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes* (with M. Balcerak Jackson), Düsseldorf, 2011
- Organizer of *Surrogate Reasoning in Science and Philosophy Workshop*, (with D. Stoljar, M. Weisberg and M. Balcerak Jackson), ANU, Aug 2010
- Organizer of *Research Workshop with Scott Soames* (with Emmy Noether Group), Cologne, May 2010
- Organizer of *Issues in Philosophical Methodology Workshop* (with M. Balcerak Jackson), July 2009
- Co-founder and co-organizer of the Departmental Research Workshop, University of California at Davis, 2006-2008

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- Faculty Coordinator for Graduate Student Research Workshops, University of Miami, 2015-present
- Zukunftskolleg Fellowship Selection Committee, 2014-2015
- Board of Directors of the Philosophy Department, University of Cologne, 2011-2013
- Hiring Commission for Junior Professorship in Music Ethnology, University of Cologne, 2011
- Colloquium Committee Faculty Advisor, University of California at Davis, 2006-2008
- Teaching Assistant Visitation Committee, University of California at Davis, 2006-2008
- Presenter at Training and Information of Pedagogical Salience Workshops, University of California at Davis, 2006-2008
- Academic Senate Representative, University of California at Davis, 2006-2008
- Letters and Sciences Assembly Representative, University of California at Davis, 2006-2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

- Supervisor, philosophy of language, Amanda McMullen (2016-present)
- Supervisor, metaphysics, Wei Huang (2016-present)
- Supervisor, philosophy of language, Lars Dänzer (completed 2013)
- Supervisor, epistemology, Joachim Horvath (completed 2011)
- Supervisor, philosophy of language, Beate Sachsenweger (2011-2013)
- Committee member, philosophy of language, Amanda McMullen (2015-2016)
- Committee member, philosophy of language, Seong Oh (2015-present)
- Committee member, logic, Iago Bozza (2016-present)

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

- *Introduction to Semantics and Pragmatics* (University of Miami, Fall 2016)
- *The Philosophy of Language* (University of Miami, Spring 2016)
- *Seminar on Foundational Issues in Natural Language Semantics* (University of Miami, Autumn 2015)
- *Possible World Semantics in Language, Mind and Epistemology* (with M. Balcerak Jackson, University of Konstanz, Winter 2014/2015)
- *Problems in the Philosophy of Language* (University of Konstanz, Winter 2013/2014)
- *Problems in the Philosophy of Language* (University of Cologne, Winter 2012/2013)
- *Doctoral Tutorials on Formal Semantics* (University of Cologne, 2012-2013)
- *Introduction to the Philosophy of Language* (University of Cologne, Winter 2009)
- *Foundations Seminar in Philosophy of Language* (with Berit Brogaard, Australian National University, Summer/Fall 2008)
- *Semantics and Pragmatics* (UC Davis, Spring 2008)
- *Two-Dimensional Semantics* (UC Davis, Spring 2007)
- *Doctoral Tutorial on Analyticity* (UC Davis, Fall 2007)
- *Philosophy of Language* (UC Boulder, Fall 2004)
- *Communication and Thought* (Cornell University, Fall 2002)

EPISTEMOLOGY

- *Seminar on Inferential Justification* (with M. Balcerak Jackson, University of Cologne, Winter 2010/2011)
- *The Philosophy of Philosophy* (with M. Balcerak Jackson, University of Cologne, Summer 2009)
- *Seminar on Semantic Accounts of the A Priori* (UC Davis, Winter 2008)

METAPHYSICS

- *Introduction to the Philosophy of Mathematics* (University of Konstanz, Summer 2015)
- *Seminar on Meta-metaphysics* (University of Cologne, Winter 2009/2010)
- *Doctoral Tutorial on Meta-metaphysics* (UC Davis, Spring 2007)
- *Metaphysics of Color* (UC Boulder, Spring 2005)

LOGIC

- *Formal Logic*, undergraduate/graduate course in modal logic (University of Miami, Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
- *Doctoral Tutorials on Logic* (University of Cologne, 2012-2013)
- *Intermediate Logic* (UC Davis, 2007-2008)

MISCELLANEOUS

- *Introduction to Philosophy* (University of Miami, Autumn 2015)
- *Introduction to Philosophy* (UC Davis, 2007-2008)
- *Introduction to Philosophy* (UC Boulder 2004-2005)
- *Contemporary Philosophical Issues in Film* (Cornell University, Fall 2000)

LANGUAGES

- English (native tongue)
- German (very good, CEFR Level C1)
- Spanish (basic knowledge)