

David Boylan

curriculum vitae

EDUCATION

- 2013-
Present Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
 Dissertation: *Subjective Modality*
 Committee: Robert Stalnaker (chair), Stephen Yablo, Kai von Fintel, Justin Khoo
- 2008-
2012 B.A. in Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of language, epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, logic

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2013 Presidential Fellowship, MIT.
2011 Gold Medallist, Trinity College Dublin.
2011 Elected Foundation Scholar of Trinity College Dublin.

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

- forthcoming “Agentive Modals” (with Matthew Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis). *The Philosophical Review*.
- 2015 “I Believe I can φ ” (with Matthew Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis). *Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*. 256-265.

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS (* = REFERRED)

- Sept 2017 Miners and Modals*
 Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Berlin.
- Aug 2017 What the Future ‘Might’ Brings*
 the Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference
- July 2017 A Puzzle about Future Possibilities*
 2017 Joint Session, Edinburgh

June 2017	Comments on Peterson's "Conceptual Obscurity and Metaphysical Methodology"* Midsummer Philosophy Workshop
May 2017	Miners and Modals New York Philosophy of Language Workshop
April 2017	What the Future 'Might' Brings* Colloquium, Pacific APA, Seattle
April 2017	Strengthening Principles and Counterfactual Semantics (with Ginger Schultheis) Work in Progress, MIT
March 2017	What the Future 'Might' Brings* USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy
Feb 2017	What the Future 'Might' Brings MITing of the Minds, MIT
Dec 2016	Miners and Modals* Situations, Information, and Semantic Content Conference, MCMP, Munich
Nov 2016	What the Future 'Might' Brings* Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference
Oct 2016	What the Future 'Might' Brings* Arche Graduate Conference
Jan 2016	Comments on Moss' <i>Probabilistic Knowledge</i> , MITing of the Minds, MIT
Dec 2015	I Believe I Can Phi* 20th Amsterdam Colloquium
Sept 2015	I Believe I Can Phi* SPE 8, Cambridge
Oct 2013	Comments on Rayo's <i>The Construction of Logical Space</i> , Constructing Logical Space Conference, MIT

TEACHING

Instructor

Jan. 2017	Mini-Course: Belief Revision and Conditionals (co-taught with Ginger Schultheis), MIT.
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Teaching Assistant

Spring 2017	Paradox and Infinity, Agustin Rayo
Fall 2016	Moral Problems and the Good Life, Kieran Setiya

Spring 2016 Political Philosophy, Lucas Stanczyk
Fall 2015 Minds and Machines, Sarah Paul
Spring 2015 Modal Logic, Stephen Yablo
Fall 2014 Problems of Philosophy, Caspar Hare

Guest Lectures

Spring 2017 Guest lecture on Putnam's "Meaning and Reference" for Introduction to Philosophy of Language, Justin Khoo.
Fall 2016 Guest lecture on Appiah on Singer for Moral Problems and the Good Life, Kieran Setiya.
Spring 2015 Guest lecture on Counterfactuals, Modal Logic, Stephen Yablo.
Fall 2015 Guest lecture on Derek Parfit's "Personal Identity" for Problems of Philosophy, Caspar Hare.

SERVICE

Reviewer for *Theoria*
Member of MIT Committee on Department Life, 2016/2017
Co-organiser, MIT Linguistics and Philosophy Reading Group, 2016/2017
Co-organiser, MIT Colloquium Series, 2015/2016
Organiser, MIT Semantics Reading Group, 2015/2016
Co-organiser, MIT LLaMM Reading Group, 2015/2016
MIT Prospective Students Organiser, 2013-2015.

GRADUATE COURSEWORK

Philosophy of Language and Linguistics

Spring 2016 Pragmatics in Linguistic Theory, Danny Fox and Irene Heim
Spring 2015 Advanced Semantics, Kai von Stechow
Fall 2014 Introduction to Semantics, Martin Hackl and Roger Schwarzschild
Fall 2014 Topics in Metaphysics and Ethics: Ought and 'Ought', Justin Khoo and Jack Spencer
Fall 2013 Topics in Philosophy of Language: Conditionals and Modals, Justin Khoo

Epistemology

Fall 2015 Independent Study on Formal Epistemology, Roger White
Spring 2015 Topics in Moral Philosophy: Issues at the Intersection of Epistemology and Ethics, Caspar Hare and Roger White
Spring 2014 Topics in Theory of Knowledge: Introduction to Epistemology, Roger White

Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind

Spring 2014 Problems in Metaphysics: Materialism, Jack Spencer
Spring 2014 Proseminar II, Agustin Rayo and Robert Stalnaker

Fall 2013 Topics in Philosophy of Mind: The Epistemic Role of Consciousness, Declan Smithies
Fall 2013 Proseminar I, Alex Byrne and Stephen Yablo

History of Philosophy

Spring 2016 Topics in the History of Political Philosophy, Sally Haslanger and Rachel McKinney
Spring 2015 The Empiricists, Alison Simmons

REFERENCES

Robert Stalnaker
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Justin Khoo
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Stephen Yablo
David W. Skinner Professor of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Kieran Setiya (teaching reference)
Professor of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Kai von Fintel
Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Linguistics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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