

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
 First Class Honors

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of language, epistemology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, metaphysics, philosophy of mind, logic

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2013 Presidential Fellowship, MIT.
2012 Gold Medalist, Trinity College Dublin.
2010 Elected Foundation Scholar of Trinity College Dublin.

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

- forthcoming “Miners and Modals”. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*.
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 (** = REFEREED)

- 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’ *Probabilistic Knowledge*,
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 *The Construction of Logical Space*,
Constructing Logical Space Conference, MIT

TEACHING

Instructor

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

Teaching Assistant

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| 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

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| 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*, *Synthese*
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 ('A' = AUDITED)

Philosophy of Language and Linguistics

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| Spring 2016 | Pragmatics in Linguistic Theory, Danny Fox and Irene Heim |
| Spring 2015 | Advanced Semantics, Kai von Fintel |
| 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

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| Fall 2015 | Independent Study on Epistemic Utility Theory, 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 |

Logic

Fall 2014 Model Theory, Vann McGee^A
Spring 2014 Modal Logic, Robert Stalnaker^A

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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