

David Boylan

curriculum vitae

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of language, epistemology (including formal epistemology)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, logic, metaphysics, philosophy of mind

EMPLOYMENT

July
2018-

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Associate, Rutgers University, New Brunswick

EDUCATION

2013-
2018

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

With minor in Linguistics

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

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

2018

“Miners and Modals”. *Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22*.

2017

“Strengthening Principles and Counterfactual Semantics” (with Ginger Schultheis). *Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium*.

2017

“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*.

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS (** = REFEREED)

TBA

March 2019 Hans Kamp Seminar in Logic and Language, University of Texas, Austin

Putting ‘Ought’s Together

April 2019 Symposium, Pacific APA*

Nov 2018 LENLS 15, Keio University, Yokohama*

Relativism in a Bind

July 2018 2018 Joint Session, Oxford*

Strengthening Principles and Counterfactual Semantics (with Ginger Schultheis)

April 2018 Pacific APA, San Diego*

Dec 2017 21st Amsterdam Colloquium*

April 2017 Work in Progress, MIT

Miners and Modals

Sept 2017 Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Berlin*

May 2017 New York Philosophy of Language Workshop

Dec 2016 Situations, Information, and Semantic Content Conference, MCMP, Munich*

What the Future ‘Might’ Brings

Aug 2017 the Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*

July 2017 2017 Joint Session, Edinburgh*

April 2017 Colloquium, Pacific APA, Seattle*

March 2017 USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy*

Feb 2017 MITing of the Minds, MIT

Nov 2016 Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference*

Oct 2016 Arche Graduate Conference*

I Believe I Can Phi (with Matthew Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis)

Dec 2015 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*

Sept 2015 SPE 8, Cambridge*

Comments on Willer’s “Two Puzzles about Agentive ‘Can’”

March 2018 Central APA, Chicago

Comments on Peterson’s “Conceptual Obscurity and Metaphysical Methodology”

June 2017 Midsummer Philosophy Workshop*

Comments on Moss’ *Probabilistic Knowledge*

Jan 2016 MITing of the Minds, MIT

Oct 2013 Comments on Rayo's *The Construction of Logical Space*,
Constructing Logical Space Conference, MIT

TEACHING

Instructor

Fall 2018 Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making, Rutgers University.
Jan. 2017 Mini-Course: Belief Revision and Conditionals, MIT.

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 Lan-
guage, 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 *Critica, Inquiry, Mind, Semantics and Pragmatics, Synthese, 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 ('A' = AUDITED)

Philosophy of Language and Linguistics

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

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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