

Curriculum Vitae

Josh Parsons

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Employment

Otago University: <i>Senior Lecturer</i>	from 2008
Otago University: <i>Lecturer</i>	2006-2007
University of California, Davis: <i>Assistant Professor</i>	2004-2006
University of St Andrews: <i>Arche Research Fellow</i>	2003-2004
University of St Andrews: <i>Gifford Postdoctoral Fellow</i>	2001-2003

Honorary positions

University of St Andrews: <i>Honorary Research Fellow</i>	2006-2010
University of St Andrews: <i>Associate Fellow</i>	2004-2006

Qualifications

PhD in Philosophy (Australian National University) awarded 2001.

BA(hons) with first class honours in Philosophy (Victoria University of Wellington) awarded 1996.

Areas of Specialisation

Metaphysics, ethical theory.

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of science, philosophy of language, philosophy of religion.

Publications

1. "Hudson on location" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 76 pp. 427-435 (2008)
2. "Is everything a world?" *Philosophical Studies* 134 pp. 165-181 (2007)
3. "Theories of location" *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 3 pp. 201-232 (2007)
4. "Negative truths from positive facts?" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 84 pp. 590-602 (2006)
5. "Topological drinking problems" *Analysis* 66 pp. 149-154 (2006)
6. "Truthmakers, the past, and the future" in Beebe and Dodd (eds) *Truthmakers, the contemporary debate*, Oxford University Press pp. 161-174 (2005)
7. "I am not now, nor have I ever been, a turnip" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 83 pp. 1-14 (2005)
8. "The Eleatic hangover cure" *Analysis* 64 pp. 364-366 (2004)
9. "Distributional properties" in Jackson and Priest (eds) *Lewisian Themes*, Oxford University Press pp. 173-180 (2004)
10. "Dion, Theon, and DAUP" *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 85 pp. 85-91 (2004)
11. "Why the handicapped child case is hard" *Philosophical Studies* 112 pp. 147-162 (2003)
12. "A-theory for tense logicians" *Analysis* 63 pp. 4-6 (2003)
13. "Axiological actualism" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 80 pp. 137-147 (2002)
14. "A-theory for B-theorists" *Philosophical Quarterly* 52 pp. 1-20 (2002)
15. "Langton and Lewis on 'Intrinsic'" (co-authored with Dan Marshall) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 63 pp. 346-351 (2001)
16. "Must a four-dimensionalist believe in temporal parts?" *Monist* 83 pp. 399-418 (2000)
17. "There is no truthmaker argument against nominalism" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 77 pp. 325-334 (1999)

Book reviews

1. *Possible worlds*, by John Divers; *Philosophical Books* 46 pp. 371-374 (2005)
2. *Real Metaphysics*, edited by Lillehammer and Rodriguez-Pereyra; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 82 pp. 530-532 (2004)
3. *Four-dimensionalism*, by Theodore Sider; *Philosophical Quarterly* 54 pp. 188-191 (2004)

Conference Presentations and Talks

* indicates invited presentations.

1. "Assessment contextual indexicals": *Australasian Association of Philosophy* (2007)
2. "An extensionalist's guide to non-extensional mereology": *Australasian Association of Philosophy, New Zealand Division* (2006)
3. "Hudson on Location": *APA Pacific Division** (2007); *MTL conference, Rutgers** (2006)
4. "Contingent composition": *APA Central Division** (2006); *Princeton University** (2005); *Australasian Association of Philosophy* (2005)
5. "Against advanced modalising": *Victoria University of Wellington** (2006)
6. "Theories of Location": *Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference* (2005)
7. "Intrinsic value and intrinsic properties": *University of St Andrews** (2005); *Boise State University** (2005)
8. "Some new New Zeno puzzles": *Boise State University** (2005)
9. "Is everything a world?": *APA Pacific Division* (2005)
10. "I am not now, nor have I ever been, a turnip": *University of Birmingham** (2003)
11. "Endurance": *Summer school on persistence across space, time, and worlds, University of Geneva** (2003)
12. "Distributional Properties": *Joint Session of the Mind Association and Aristotelean Society* (2003); *APA Pacific Division* (2003); *University of York** (2002).
13. "Might I have been non-actual?": *University of Leeds** (2003)
14. "Why the handicapped child case is hard": *University of Dundee** (2002)
15. "The reality of the past": *Manchester University** (2002)
16. "Truthmakers, the past, and the future": *Conference on Truthmakers, Manchester University** (2002)
17. "If we know what shape is, then we know that it is a property and not a relation": *University of Glasgow** (2002); *Australian National University* (2002)
18. "Entension": *University of Edinburgh** (2002); *Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University** (2001)
19. "Axiological actualism": *Victoria University of Wellington** (2001)
20. "A-theory for B-theorists": *Time and ethics conference, Otago University** (2001)
21. "The semantic problem of change": *Australasian Association of Philosophy* (2000)
22. "Must a four-dimensionalist believe in temporal parts?": *Australasian Association of Philosophy, New Zealand Division* (1999)
23. "General facts and the essence of the world": *Australasian Association of Philosophy* (1998)
24. "Facts in a world of things": *Australasian Association of Philosophy* (1997)

Teaching experience

* indicates graduate-level courses.

† indicates advanced undergraduate courses.

Other courses are introductory undergraduate level.

Otago University:

“Advanced metaphysics”*: semester 2, 2007.

“Metaphysics”†: semester 2, 2006; semester 2, 2007.

“Mind and reality”: semester 1 2006, semester 1 2007.

“Ethical questions”: semester 2 2006, semester 2 2007.

UC Davis:

“Metaphysics seminar”*: fall 2004.

“Metaphysics”†: winter 2005, fall 2005.

“Introduction to philosophy”: fall 2004, fall 2005.

University of St Andrews:

“Philosophy of Time”*: 2002/3; 2003/4.

“Senior honours tutorial in logic and metaphysics”†: 2002/3.

“Metaphysics and science”: 2003/4.

Professional and University Service

Manuscript refereeing. During 2007 I refereed manuscripts for *Mind*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, and *Journal of Moral Philosophy*. I also refereed a monograph for Oxford University Press. In previous years I have refereed manuscripts for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Monist*, *British Journal for Philosophy of Science*, *Erkenntnis*, *Synthese*, *Philosophical Papers*, and *Dialogue* (in addition to those journals mentioned above), and for Oxford University Press.

University policymaking, Otago University. In 2007, after consultation with my colleagues, I redrafted the Humanities Division's Policy on Academic Dishonesty. This was to improve the way the Division dealt with cases of plagiarism among students. My redraft was accepted in principle by the Divisional Board, but was not finally needed because of changes to University-level policy.

Tutorial administration, Otago University. In 2007, I was tutorial coordinator for the Otago Philosophy Department. This involved employing teaching assistants, and training and generally overseeing them.

Essentialism workshop, Otago University. In 2006 I organised a workshop on the topic of essentialism funded by the Research Cluster for New Developments in Analytic Philosophy, Otago University. Invited participants included John Divers, Daniel Nolan, and Toby Handfeld.

University policymaking, UC Davis. In 2005, I was one of a three-member subcommittee responsible for revising the Philosophy Department's Graduate Handbook (this involved revising the course requirements for the PhD and MA in Philosophy as offered by the department).

Philosophical Quarterly Essay Competition. I acted as a judge in the 2002 *Philosophical Quarterly* Essay Prize.

Referees

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