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SPECIALTIES

Philosophy of Language and Philosophical Logic

COMPETENCIES

Metaphysics & Epistemology, and History of Analytic Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT

(2013–present) **Lecturer**, University of Edinburgh, PPLS (analogous to assistant professor)
(2012–2013) **Visiting Lecturer**, University of Illinois, Department of Philosophy

EDUCATION

The Australian National University. Ph.D., Philosophy, October 2012

- Dissertation: *Monsters and communication: The semantics of contextual shifting and sensitivity*
- Supervisor: David Chalmers
- External examiners: Jason Stanley and Seth Yalcin

University of Colorado. M.A., Philosophy, 2004

University of Oregon. B.A., Philosophy, 2002

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- [1] Pickel, B. and Rabern, B. (forthcoming). The antinomy of the variable: A Tarskian resolution, *Journal of Philosophy*.
- [2] Pickel, B. and Rabern, B. (forthcoming). Does semantic relationism solve Frege's puzzle?, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*.
- [3] Schoubye, A. and Rabern, B. (forthcoming). Against the Russellian Open Future, *Mind*.
- [4] Rabern, B. (2016). The history of the use of $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ -notation in natural language semantics, *Semantics & Pragmatics*, 9(12).
- [5] Rabin, G. and Rabern, B. (2016). Well-founding grounding grounding, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 45(4): 349-379.
- [6] Rabern, B. (2015). Descriptions which have grown capital letters, *Mind & Language*, 30(3): 292-319.
- [7] Chalmers, D. and Rabern, B. (2014). Two-dimensional semantics and the nesting problem, *Analysis*, 74(2): 210-224.
- [8] Rabern, L., Rabern, B., and Macauley, M. (2013). Dangerous reference graphs and semantic paradoxes. *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, 42(5): 727-765.

- [9] Rabern, B. (2013). Monsters in Kaplan's logic of demonstratives. *Philosophical Studies* 164(2): 393-404.
- [10] Rabern, B. (2012). Against the identification of assertoric content with compositional value, *Synthese* 189(1): 75-96.
- [11] Rabern, B. (2012). Propositions and multiple indexing. *Thought* 1(2): 116-124.
- [12] Rabern, B. and Rabern, L. (2008). A simple solution to the hardest logic puzzle ever. *Analysis*, 68(298): 105-112.

Invited contributions

- [13] Rabern, B. (forthcoming). Index, context, and the content of knowledge, in Ichikawa, J. (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*.
- [14] Rabern, B. (under review). A bridge to postsemantics, *Philosophical Topics*.

IN PROGRESS

- [1] Rabern, B. and Ball, D. (under review). Monsters and the theoretical role of context.
- [2] Pickel, B., Rabern, B., and Dever, J. (under review). Reviving the parameter revolution in semantics.
- [3] Rabern, B. (under review). Binding bound variables.
- [4] B. Pickel and Rabern, B. (in progress). The myth of occurrence-based semantics.

EDITED VOLUMES

- [1] Ball, D. and Rabern, B. (forthcoming) *The Science of Meaning*, Oxford University Press.

TEACHING

University of Edinburgh (Lecturer, Course Organiser)

EUSA Teaching Award Nominee: 2013-2016

- Advanced Philosophy of Language (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- Puzzles and Paradoxes (2015, 2016)
- Symbolic Logic (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

University of Illinois (Lecturer) 2012–2013

- Introduction to Philosophy; Introduction to Ethics; Techniques of Argumentation; Symbolic Logic

SUPERVISION

- PhD dissertation committee, Eric Mack, *Models of propositional content*, 2015, University of Illinois.
- MSc dissertation supervisor, *The multiple-line view of vagueness*, 2016, University of Edinburgh.
- MSc dissertation supervisor, *Constructing epistemic space*, 2015, University of Edinburgh.
- MSc dissertation supervisor, *Beliefs and 'believes'*, 2014, University of Edinburgh.
- Undergrad dissertations: Relativism, Names, Vagueness, Definite Descriptions, Two-Dimensional Semantics.

GRANTS

- PPLS Teaching & Learning Initiative Fund, £3000 (EdLogic: A web-based logic application)
- Mind Association Conference Grant on *Variables*, £700, (with B. Pickel and A. Schoubye)
- Scots Philosophical Association Grant on *Variables*, £1000, (with B. Pickel and A. Schoubye)
- PPLS, University of Edinburgh, Pilot Project Grant £1650 (with B. Pickel and A. Schoubye)
- ANU Vice Chancellor Travel Grant, AUD \$1000, Fall 2010
- ANU Vice Chancellor Travel Grant, AUD \$1000 Fall 2009
- ANU PhD Scholarship, Canberra, Australia, 2008-2011

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Refereeing: *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophers Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Synthese*, *Studia Logica*, *Dialectica*, *Thought*, *Acta Analytica*, and *Erkenntnis*.
- Conferences and workshops organized:
 - *Language Workshop*, University of Edinburgh, May 2016.
 - *Variables*, University of Edinburgh, June 2015.
 - *Philosophy of Semantics*, University of St. Andrews, May 2013.
- Member of the editorial panel, *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, 2012–present.
- PhilPapers editor (2009–present): Context-Dependence, Indexicals and Demonstratives
- ANU Philosophy Society convener, Canberra, ACT, 2009–2010

PRESENTATIONS (RECENT)

- “The myth of occurrence-based semantics”, Mid-Atlantic Philosophy of Language Workshop, Morgantown, WV, August 2-3, 2016.
- “Quantifiers vs intensional operators: a distinction without difference”, Workshop on Operators vs Quantifiers, Barcelona, Spain, July 1, 2016.
- “Binding across quantifiers concealed in diamonds”, MCMP Colloquium in Mathematical Philosophy, Munich, Germany, June 9, 2016.
- “Variables under epistemic modals”, M&E Group, University of Toronto, Canada, October 2015.
- “A solution to the problem of recurring demonstratives”, Pacific APA, Vancouver, Canada, April 2015.
- “Semantic pluralism and the meaning of x ”, Semantic Pluralism Workshop, Konstanz, Germany, January 19, 2015.
- “The compositionality argument for temporalism”, Arché Tense in Semantics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, June 5, 2014.
- “Propositional content under contextual shifting and updating”, Berkeley/CSMN Metasemantics Workshop, March 9, 2014.
- “The antinomy of the variable: renewed and resolved”, LEM, The Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, University of London, November 2013.
- “Tenses, sentences, and schmentences”, Workshop on Tense, Modality, and Semantic Values, University of Oslo, June 2013.
- “Propositions and reference in natural language semantics”, Arché Philosophy of Semantics Workshop, St. Andrews, May 2013.

REFERENCES

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