

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language  
Philosophy of Science

## Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind  
Epistemology

## Academic Appointments

2011 - present	<i>Associate Professor</i>	Department of Philosophy Harvard University Cambridge, MA
2006 - 2011	<i>Assistant Professor</i>	Department of Philosophy Harvard University Cambridge, MA
2005-2006	<i>Instructor</i>	Department of Philosophy Tufts University Medford, MA
2005-2006	<i>Visiting Scholar</i>	Department of Linguistics and Philosophy MIT Cambridge, MA

## Education

2000 - 2005	MIT Ph.D. in Philosophy
1995-1999	Cornell University B.A. in Philosophy and College Scholar

## Publications

- Nickel, B. "Dutchmen are Good Sailors: Generics and Gradability". In *Proceedings of the first GENIUS Conference, Paris, 2009* (Oxford UP, ). Forthcoming.
- "Dynamics, Brandom-Style". *Philosophical Studies*. Forthcoming.
- "Plurals". In D. Graf-Fara and G. Russell, eds., *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Language* (Routledge, ). Forthcoming.
- "Semantics for Characterizing Sentences". In J. Gajewski, V. Hacquard, B. Nickel, and S. Yalcin, eds., *Recent Work on Modality*, 123–147 (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2006).
- "Against Intentionalism". *Philosophical Studies*, 136(3), (2007), 629–648.
- "Generics and the Ways of Normality". *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 31(6), (2008), 629–648.
- "Ceteris Paribus Laws: Genericity, and Natural Kinds". *Philosophers' Imprint*, 10(6), (2010a), 1–25.
- "Generic Comparisons". *Journal of Semantics*, 27(2), (2010b), 207–42.
- "Generically Free Choice". *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 33(6), (2010c), 479–512.
- "How General Do Theories of Explanation Need to Be?" *Noûs*, 44(6), (2010d), 305–328.
- "Philosophy of Language". In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Linguistics* (Oxford: Oxford UP, 2011).

## Presentations

(✠ denotes invited presentation, ★ denotes refereed presentation)

### Papers

- The Theoretical and Conceptual Structure of Generics
  - ✠ MIT Workshop on Generics and Bias, 2010
  - ✠ Keynote Address, Brandeis Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2010
- "Dutchmen are Good Sailors": Generics and Gradability
  - ★ First GENIUS Conference, Paris, 2009.
- Generic Comparisons
  - ✠ Oslo Workshop on Generics, 2010
- Ravens and Rivers: Laws in the Special Sciences
  - ✠ Dartmouth College, 2009
- Two Approaches to Generics: Induction vs. Inquiry
  - ✠ Stockholm, 2008
  - ✠ St. Andrews, 2008
  - ✠ Paris (GENIUS Working Group), 2008
- Turtles and Dobermans: CP-Laws and Natural Kinds
  - ✠ Umeå, 2008

- Processes in the Interpretation of Generics and CP-Laws
  - ✠ Bates College, Lewiston, ME 2007
- Skepticism about Explanation and the Semantics of Explanatory Discourse
  - ✠ University of Miami, Miami, FL 2007
- Generics, Plurals, and Generic Predication
  - ★ APA Pacific Meeting, 2007
  - ✠ Australian National University, Canberra, Australia 2007

### Comments

- Comments on Sally McConnell-Ginet, *Generics and Interest-Relativity*.
  - ✠ Workshop on Non-Canonical Predication, University of Western Ontario, 2009
- Comments on Josh Dever, *Dynamic Semantics and Epistemic Modals*.
  - ✠ APA, Pacific Division Meeting, 2009.
- Comments on Eleonora Cresto, *Belief and Contextual Acceptance*.
  - ✠ Formal Epistemology Workshop, 2008.
- Comments on Julie Sedivy, *What can Cognitive Experiments Tell us About the Nature of Scalar Implicature?*
  - ✠ Harvard Semantic Interfaces Workshop, 2007.
- Comments on Philippe Schlenker, *Be Articulate*
  - ✠ Workshop on Formal Semantics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 2007

### Awards

- Named one of the favorite professors of the Harvard class of 2011.
- Supervised Thesis by Lisa Tang that was awarded the Hoopes Prize.

### Teaching

#### Courses

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Science
- Interdisciplinary Course on Philosophy, Linguistics, and Computer Science (co-taught with Gennaro Chierchia and Stuart Shieber)
- Graduate Dissertation Workshop
- First Year Colloquium for graduate students.
- Graduate and undergraduate seminars in philosophy of language

### *Dissertation Committees*

- James Shaw
- Sharon Berry
- Adrian Kwek
- Allison Kuklok
- Jacopo Romoli (Linguistics)

### *Senior Theses Supervised*

- Joshua Haas
- Michael Pershan
- Lisa Tang

## Service

### *Referee*

(\* denotes multiple occasions)

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| • Philosophy of Science              | • Philosophical Studies                              |
| • Erkenntnis                         | • Oxford University Press*                           |
| • Synthese*                          | • Mind*  |
| • Noûs                               | • Semantics and Pragmatics                           |
| • Philosophy Compass                 | • International Studies in the Philosophy of Science |
| • Mind and Language                  |  |
| • Australasian Journal of Philosophy |  |

### *Freshman Adviser (through Board of Freshman Advisers)*

- AY 2007-08 (three freshmen)
- AY 2009-10 (three freshmen)
- AY 2010-11 (three freshmen)