

# Bryan Pickel

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language, History of Analytic Philosophy

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophical Logic, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science

## EMPLOYMENT

The University of Barcelona, 2011-present  
– Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Philosophy through the PERSP project.  
– Member of the LOGOS Research Group.

## EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, 2004-2011, PhD. Philosophy  
– *Title*: Reduction, Ontology and the Limits of Convention  
– *Committee*: Mark Sainsbury (Chair), Josh Dever, Robert Koons, Daniel Bonevac, Herbert Hochberg, Fraser MacBride (External)  
University of Aberdeen, Northern Institute of Philosophy, Summer 2010, Visiting Graduate Student  
The University of Texas at Austin, 2000-2004, B.S. Mathematics (pure option), B.A. Philosophy, *magna cum laude*

## PAPERS

### Publications

1. “Russell on Incomplete Symbols,” forthcoming at *Philosophy Compass*
2. “One Dogma of Millianism,” forthcoming at *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (with Derek Ball)
3. “A Quinean Critique of Ostrich Nominalism,” *Philosophers’ Imprint*, 12 (2012) (with Nicholas Mantegani)
4. “Rigidification and Attitudes,” *Philosophical Studies*, 158:43-58 (2012)
5. “Syntax in *Basic Laws* §§29-32,” *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, 51: 253-277 (2010)
6. “There Is No ‘Is’ of Constitution,” *Philosophical Studies*, 147: 193-211 (2010)

### Book Reviews

7. Review of *Things* by Stephen Yablo, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 62: 215-217 (2012)

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

University of Barcelona

- *Meta-ethics* (co-taught with Sven Rosenkranz), Fall 2013. MA Course.
- *Philosophy of Language and Cognition* (co-taught with Giuliano Torrengo), Fall 2012. MA Course.

The University of Texas

- As Sole Instructor
  - *Ancient Philosophy*, Fall 2010. Lower Division.
  - *Logic, Sets, and Functions*, Spring 2010. Lower Division.
  - *Metaphysics*, Fall 2009. Upper Division.
  - *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, Summer 2009. Lower Division.
- As Teaching Assistant
  - *Early Modern Philosophy*, Spring 2006, Spring 2009
  - *Introduction to Ethics*, Fall 2005, Summer 2007
  - *Introduction to Philosophy*, Summer 2005, Spring 2007
  - *Introduction to Symbolic Logic*, Fall 2006
  - *Logic, Sets and Functions*, Fall 2008
  - *Science and Philosophy*, Spring 2008
  - *World Philosophy*, Fall 2007
  - *Contemporary Moral Problems*, Summer 2006

REFEREED  
PRESENTATIONS

- “Variables and Attitudes”
  - *Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy*, Alghero 2012
- “One Dogma of Millianism” (with Derek Ball)
  - *Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, 2012
- “Rigidification and Attitudes” (presented under working title: “Generalizing Soames’ Argument Against Rigidified Descriptivism”)
  - *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference* on “Reference and Referring,” Moscow, ID and Pullman, WA, 2010
  - *Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association*, 2010
  - *Society for Exact Philosophy*, University of Alberta, 2009
  - *Twelfth Annual Graduate Student Conference*, City University of New York, 2009
- “There Is No ‘Is’ of Constitution”
  - *Graduate Conference on Essentialism*, University of California, Davis, 2008
- “On the (Lack of) Implications of Mathematical Syntax for Mathematical Ontology”
  - *7th Annual Logic, Mathematics and Physics Graduate Conference*, University of Western Ontario, 2006

OTHER TALKS  
AND CONFERENCE  
PARTICIPATION

- “Variables and Attitudes”
  - Conversational Dynamics Workshop, 2013
  - University of Lisbon, 2012
- “Whither Structure?”
  - *Joint HU-Berlin & LOGOS Workshop on Metametaphysics*, Berlin, 2012

- University of Geneva, 2012
- *Comments* on “The Ontologese Quantifier” by Matti Eklund, *PERSP Metaphysics Workshop II*, Barcelona, 2012
- “Variables under Attitudes,” University of St Andrews, 2012
- *Comments* on “Change We Can Believe In (and Assert)” by Meghan Sullivan, *PERSP Space and Time Workshop on The Open Future*, Barcelona, 2011
- “Generalizing Soames’ Argument Against Rigidified Descriptivism,” *UT/UNAM Conference*, Mexico City, 2009
- *Comments* on “There’s Nothing to Believe” by Robert Schartzkopff, *University of Texas Graduate Conference*, 2008
- Selected to attend *Metaphysical Mayhem*, Rutgers University, 2008
- *Comments* on “Universals” by Chad Charmichael, *University of Texas Graduate Conference*, 2007
- *Comments* on “Three Grades of Instrumentalism” by Russell Marcus, *University of Texas Graduate Philosophy Conference*, 2006
- *Comments* on “What is Said and Modality” by Michael Allers, *University of Texas Graduate Philosophy Conference*, 2005

#### SERVICE

- Referee:
  - *Philosophical Studies*, 2012
  - *Philosophers’ Imprint*, 2012, 2013
  - *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 2012
  - *Critica*, 2012
  - *Analytic Philosophy*, 2012
  - *The European Journal of Philosophy*, 2012
  - *Erkenntnis*, 2011, 2012, 2013
  - *Teorema*, 2011
- Conference Organization:
  - Organizer (w/ Dan Lopez de Sa), *PERSP Workshop on Metaphysics IV*, May 2013
  - Organizer (w/ Max Kölbel), *Departing From Sainsbury*, October 2012
  - Organizer (w/ Marta Campdelacreu and Giuliano Torrengo), *Time and Identity*, October 2012
  - Scientific Committee, *3rd Workshop on Semantic Content*, November 2011
  - Organizing Committee Member, *University of Texas Graduate Conference*, 2008, 2007, 2005
- Departmental:
  - Co-coordinator (w/ Dan Lopez de Sa) of *PERSP Metaphysics Seminar*, 2012- 2013

#### AWARDS

- *Summer Graduate Scholarship*, Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, Summer 2010
- *Cogburn Essay Prize*, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2010 (1st prize), University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2009 (2nd prize)
- *Summer Scholarship*, Summer 2009
- *Professional Development Award*, Spring 2009, Fall 2008, Spring 2006
- *Phi Beta Kappa*, University of Texas at Austin 2004.
- *Plan II Honors Program*, University of Texas at Austin, 2000-2004

REFERENCES  
(AVAILABLE BY  
REQUEST THROUGH  
INTERFOLIO)

Mark Sainsbury  
Professor  
University of Texas

Ian Proops  
Professor  
University of Texas

Genoveva Martí  
ICREA Research Professor  
University of Barcelona

Josh Dever  
Associate Professor  
University of Texas

Robert Koons  
Professor  
University of Texas

Manuel García-Carpintero  
ICREA Research Professor  
University of Barcelona