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### Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind

### Areas of Competence

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Metaethics, History of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Analytic

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### Education

Ph. D., Philosophy, **University of Southern California**, 2014

Dissertation Title: *Meaningfulness, Rules, and Use-Conditional Semantics*

Committee: Mark Schroeder (chair), Scott Soames, Robin Jeshion

M.A., Philosophy, *cum laude*, **University of Tartu**, Estonia, 2008

B.A., Philosophy, Political Science, **University of Tartu**, Estonia, 2006

### Employment

Postdoctoral Fellow, **University of Barcelona**, February 2017 -

Research Fellow, **University of Tartu**, September 2016 - January 2017

Postdoctoral Fellow, **Institut Jean Nicod**, January 2016 - June 2016

Visiting Assistant Professor, **Rice University**, July 2014 - June 2015

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### Publications

#### Edited Volumes

*The Disunity of Perception*, special issue of *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 96, 2015, Co-edited with Jack Lyons

#### Articles

"Constitutive Rules: Games, Language, and Assertion". Invited to Revise & Resubmit at *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*

"Experience, Seemings, and Evidence". *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 96, 2015, 510-534

"On Experiencing Meanings". *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 53, 2015, 481-492

"On Experiencing High-Level Properties". *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 51, 2014, 177-187

"Propositional Attitudes and Mental Acts". *Thought*, 1, 2013, 239-245

#### Book Reviews

"Review of Peter Hanks's *Propositional Content*". Forthcoming in *Philosophical Review*

## Presentations

### “Dogmatism and the Nature of Perceptual Evidence”

24. University of Luxembourg, *BELUX 6: Perception and Evidence*, June 2016

### “Naturalism about Propositions, Naturalism about Properties”

23. Helsinki University, *Departmental Colloquium*, October 2016
22. Tallinn Technical University, *XII Annual Estonian Philosophy Conference*, June 2016
21. Stockholm University, *CLLAM Colloquium*, May 2016

### “Predication and the Frege-Geach Problem”

20. King's College London, *Language & Cognition*, March 2016
19. Institut Jean Nicod, *Reality & Representation*, March 2016
18. LOGOS, *Barcelona Workshop on Reference* (BW9), June 2015

### “Constitutive Rules: Games, Language, and Assertion”

17. Institut Jean Nicod, *Polyphony and Speech Act Theory*, January 2016
16. UT Austin, *Intentional Action*, April 2015

### “Sensory Registration, Perceptual Intentionality, Conceptual Categorization”

15. Rice University, *Departmental Colloquium*, February 2015
14. Texas Tech University, *Texas Tech Propositions Workshop*, November 2014

### “Experience and Abilities to Think”

13. Rice University, *Departmental Colloquium*, September 2014
12. University of Minnesota, *Departmental Colloquium*, May 2014
11. Riga University, Latvia, *ISSCSS: Perception*, September 2013

### “Experience, Seemings, and Evidence”

10. Rice University, *Mind & Perception Workshop*, November 2013
9. Institut Jean Nicod, *PaCS*, June 2013
8. Bled, Slovenia, *Evidence, Reliability, and Group Epistemology*, June 2013

### “Rules of Use”

7. NYU, *New York Workshop in Philosophy of Language*, September 2013
6. Institut Jean Nicod, *Mind & Language Seminar*, June 2013
5. Bogazici University, Turkey, *Departmental Colloquium*, June 2013
4. University of Tartu, Estonia, *VII Annual Estonian Philosophy Conference*, August, 2011
3. Chateau de Cerisy, France, *Meaning, Context, and Implicit Content*, June 2011

### “On Experiencing High-Level Properties”

2. University of Georgia, *UGA Graduate Conference*, February 2011
1. University of Tartu, Estonia, *Society for Analytic Philosophy*, June 2010

## Comments

Megan Stott's "What Makes Sounds into Meaningful Words?", *Central APA*, February 2015

Brett Sherman's "Indexical Guarantees", *Pacific APA*, April 2012

## Teaching Experience

### As Primary Instructor

*FLFI.04.024, Logic I*

University of Tartu, Fall 2016

*FLFI.03.036, Introduction to Philosophy of Language*

University of Tartu, Fall 2016

*Phil 312, Philosophy of Mind*

Rice University, Spring 2015

*Phil 533, Rules and Rule-Following*

Rice University, Spring 2015

*Phil 103, Philosophical Aspects of Cognitive Science*

Rice University, Fall 2014

*Phil 354, Philosophy of Perception*

Rice University, Fall 2014

### As Teaching Assistant

*Phil 140, Contemporary Moral and Social Issues*

for Stephen Finlay, University of Southern California, Fall 2009

*Phil 262, Mind & Self: Modern Conceptions*

- for Edwin McCann, University of Southern California, Spring 2010
- for Gideon Yaffe, University of Southern California, Fall 2010

*Phil 155, Modern Philosophy and the Meaning of Life*

- for Stephen Finlay, University of Southern California, Spring 2011

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## Service to the Profession

Category Editor, Kripkenstein on Meaning; Normativity of Meaning and Content; Rule-Based Theories of Meaning; Rule-Following, *PhilPapers.Org*

Editorial Panel, *Thought*

Managing Editor, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, January 2012 - August 2013

Referee for *American Philosophical Quarterly* x3, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* x2, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Inquiry*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Linguistics & Philosophy*, *Mind* x2, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* x6, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Quarterly* x3, *Philosophical Studies*, *Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Studia Philosophica Estonica* x2, *Synthese* x4, *Thought* x3

## Honors and Fellowships

Del Amo Foundation Research Award (university-wide competitive award), USC, 2013

Flewelling Award (competitive award for excellent work in Philosophy), USC, 2012

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## Dissertation

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Many philosophers from Ludwig Wittgenstein to David Kaplan have suggested that meaningfulness has to do with rules governing use. In my dissertation I take this idea and develop it into the *Rules* view on which for a linguistic expression to have a meaning is for it to be governed by a rule that permits its use in certain conditions (e. g. its use-conditions). I then show that, contrary to what is commonly thought, the resulting use-conditional semantic framework is entirely consistent with established frameworks in descriptive semantics (e.g. truth-conditional semantics, Kaplan's characters), and is not subject to the Frege-Geach problem with compositionality. Furthermore, it is considerably more flexible than the familiar frameworks in allowing us to describe the meanings of expressions they have trouble with.

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## References

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