

*curriculum vitae*

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**education**

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park (in progress; expected completion in spring 2020)  
M.A. Philosophy, Northern Illinois University 2010-2012  
B.A. Philosophy, with honors, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2005-2009  
B.A. English, with honors, University of Massachusetts, Amherst 2005-2009

**areas of specialization**

philosophy of language & philosophy of linguistics; philosophy of mind & philosophy of psychology

**areas of competence**

general philosophy of science, ancient philosophy, logic

**awards**

2013-2015, NSF-IGERT fellowship via grant #0801465, “biological and computational foundations of language diversity,” 60,000 USD  
Moreland-Perkins Graduate Fellowship (2012, 2018)

**publications**

McCourt, M., Green, J.J., Lau, E., and Williams, A. (2015). Processing implicit control: evidence from reading times. *Frontiers in Psychology* 6:1629. doi: 10.3389/fpsyg.2015.01629.

**selected papers in progress**

Modularity and the semantics/pragmatics distinction. [In prep.]

Processing adjunct control: Rapid use of structural information in reference resolution. [In prep.] Co-authored with Jeffrey J. Green, Ellen Lau, and Alexander Williams.

**presentations**

Modularity and semantics: remarks on Harris forthcoming [paper]

Talk given at the University of Maryland, College Park, 5 April 2019.

Sentences and speakers: a case study in decoding versus inferring meaning [paper].

Talk given at the University of Maryland, College Park, 13 October 2015.

Remote control and implicit agents [paper, with Jeffrey J. Green, Ellen Lau, Alexander Williams]

27<sup>th</sup> Annual CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference, USC, March 2015

Remote control and implicit agents [poster, with Aleksandra Fazlipour, Ellen Lau, Alexander Williams]

26<sup>th</sup> Annual CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference, OSU, March 2013

Worrying about falsehood: Russell on belief attribution, 1901 to 1918 and beyond [paper]

*Problems of Philosophy* Centennial Conference, University of Glasgow, June 2012

## **courses instructed or assisted (taught in a classroom unless otherwise noted)**

### *instructed at UMD*

introduction to logic (three times): summer 2016 (online); fall 2019; spring 2019

philosophy of language: fall 2016

neuroscience and philosophy: winter 2017 (online)

curses, swears, and slurs: the emotive dimension of language: summer 2018 (online)

ancient philosophy: fall 2019

### *assisted at UMD*

existentialism: instructed by Chris Vogel, spring 2013

intro. to logic (three times): instructed by Eric Pacuit, fall 2015; Sungwon Woo, spring 2017; myself, fall 2018

know thyself: wisdom through cognitive science: instructed by Peter Carruthers, spring 2016

ancient philosophy (twice): instructed by Rachel Singpurwalla, fall 2017; myself, fall 2019

### *assisted at NIU*

symbolic logic: instructed by Geoffrey Pynn, spring 2012

introduction to philosophy: instructed by Carl Gillett, fall 2011

contemporary moral issues: instructed by Matthew Pamental, fall 2010

## **professional service**

assistant undergraduate advisor for UMD's Department of Philosophy, August 2016-fall 2018

UMD philosophy graduate student association: president 2015-2016; vice president 2014-2015

graduate student representative, UMD philosophy department, 2014-2015

president, philosophy and linguistics research group (PHLING) at UMD, 2014-2016

co-organizer, Semantics and Linguistic Theory (SALT) at UMD, 2016

co-organizer, Mayfest 2016: context, a workshop hosted by the Linguistics Department at UMD, 2016

co-organizer, PHLINC 2: language and other minds, graduate conference hosted by PHLING at UMD, 2013

co-organizer, PHLINT 1: a UMD-internal conference on propositional attitudes hosted by PHLING, 2012

## **graduate seminars (philosophy coursework unless otherwise noted; \* = audit)**

### *at the University of Maryland, College Park*

metaphysics, mind and language, Paul Pietroski

logical form, Paul Pietroski

context, with Alexander Williams

implicit content, Alexander Williams

\*early intentionality in language and vision, Georges Rey

social cognition, Peter Carruthers

human versus animal minds, Peter Carruthers

value theory, Patricia Greenspan

\*nations and nationalism, Christopher Morris

Spinoza, Charles Manekin

\*aesthetics and cognition, Jerrold Levinson

\*logical and probabilistic models of belief, Eric Pacuit

introduction to cognitive science, Williams Idsardi (Neuroscience and Cognitive Science program)

pragmatics, Alexander Williams (Linguistics)  
introduction to semantics, Paul Pietroski (Linguistics)  
issues in semantics, Valentine Hacquard (Linguistics)  
syntactic theories, Howard Lasnik (Linguistics)  
introduction to psycholinguistics, Colin Phillips (Linguistics)  
issues in psycholinguistics, Colin Phillips (Linguistics)  
\*understanding and discourse, Ellen Lau and Alexander Williams (Linguistics)

*at Northern Illinois University*

history of analytic philosophy, David Buller  
symbolic logic, David Buller  
philosophy of language, Geoff Pynn  
\*semantics, Betty Birner (English)  
truth, David Buller  
conditionals, Geoff Pynn  
philosophy of mind, Carl Gillett  
metaphysics of science, Carl Gillett  
paradoxes, Valia Allori  
motivational internalism/externalism, Sharon Sytsma  
\*normative and metaethics, Steven Daskal