

DAVID BOYLAN

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EMPLOYMENT

Lecturer in Philosophy University of Glasgow	<i>July 2024 -</i>
Assistant Professor in Philosophy Texas Tech University	<i>2020 - 2024</i>
Research Fellow Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities “Human Abilities”	<i>2023 - 2024</i>
Andrew W Mellon Postdoctoral Associate Rutgers University	<i>2018 - 2020</i>

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology PhD in Philosophy (minor in Linguistics)	<i>Sept 2013- May 2018</i>
Trinity College Dublin BA in Philosophy First Class Honours	<i>2008-2012</i>

AREAS

Specialisation. Philosophy of language, philosophical logic, epistemology
Competence. Philosophy of mind, metaphysics, metaethics, mathematical logic

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

Ability and Actuality (with Ginger Schultheis) <i>Philosophical Perspectives</i>	<i>forthcoming</i>
Knowing How is Knowing How You Are (or Could Have Been) Able <i>Philosophers' Imprint</i>	<i>forthcoming</i>
Counterfactual Skepticism is (Just) Skepticism <i>Philosophy and Phenomenological Research</i>	<i>forthcoming</i>

Putting <i>Oughts</i> Together <i>Semantics and Pragmatics</i>	2023
Does Success Entail Ability? <i>Noûs</i>	2022
The Qualitative Thesis (with Ginger Schultheis) <i>Journal of Philosophy</i>	2022
How Strong is a Counterfactual? (with Ginger Schultheis) <i>Journal of Philosophy</i>	2021
What the Future ‘Might’ Brings <i>Mind</i>	2020
Agentive Modals (with Matthew Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis) <i>The Philosophical Review</i>	2017

Proceedings papers

Abilities and Success <i>Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium</i>	2020
Attitudes, Conditionals and Margins for Error (with Ginger Schultheis) <i>Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium</i>	2019
Miners and Modals <i>Proceedings of Sinn und Bedeutung 22</i>	2018
Strengthening Principles and Counterfactual Semantics (with Ginger Schultheis) <i>Proceedings of the 21st Amsterdam Colloquium</i>	2017
I Believe I Can φ (with Matthew Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis) <i>Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium</i>	2015

Book reviews

Review of Cariani’s <i>The Modal Future</i> <i>The Philosophical Review</i>	2023
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PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Conditional Restriction <i>R&R, Noûs</i>
Evidence and Conditional Propositions <i>Under review, draft available on website</i>

Persistence is Trivial
Under review

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Research Fellowships

Fellow at Centre for Advanced Studies “Human Abilities” (FU/HU Berlin) *Aug 2023-Jul 2024*
Presidential Fellowship, MIT *2012-13*

Awards

Teacher of the Year, Texas Tech Dept of Philosophy *2022-23*
Teacher of the Year, Texas Tech Dept of Philosophy *2021-22*

Travel Grants

Student Subsidy, Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association *2018*
APA Graduate Travel Stipend *2018*

TALKS AND COMMENTS (* REFEREED)

Talks

Conditional Restriction
UCL Language Workshop *2025*
Amsterdam Colloquium* *2025*
Language Reading Group, U Maryland, College Park *2024*
Dubrovnik Philosophy of Language and Linguistics *2024*
On “Subjective” Ability
Chicago Talks on Action, UChicago *2025*
Dublin Language Workshop, UCD Dublin *2024*
Berlin WIP Seminar, Humboldt University *2023*
Ability and Actuality (with Ginger Schultheis)
Amsterdam Colloquium* *2025*
Scots Philosophical Association AGM *2024*
PhLiP 9 *2024*

Graduate Seminar on Ability, NYU	2024
Invited Symposium on Ability, Pacific APA	2023
<i>Persistence is Trivial</i>	
Oxford Metaphysics and Epistemology Group	2024
Workshop on Semantics and Rational Norms, Columbia University	2023
Invited Symposium on Language and Indeterminacy, Central APA	2023
<i>Evidence and Conditional Propositions</i>	
Southwest by Semantics Workshop, UT Austin	2022
Oxford Epistemology Group	2022
Formal Epistemology Workshop, UC Irvine*	2022
<i>Counterfactual Skepticism is (Just) Skepticism</i>	
Berlin Language Workshop, HU Berlin*	2022
Open Session, Joint Session, St Andrews*	2022
<i>Know How is Knowing How You're Able</i>	
Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistic Philosophy*	2020
Virtual Language Work in Progress Group	2020
Texas Tech University	2020
National University of Singapore	2020
<i>Does Success Entail Ability?</i>	
22nd Amsterdam Colloquium (alternate)*	2020
Language Workshop, Rutgers	2020
<i>The Qualitative Thesis</i> (with Ginger Schultheis)	
22nd Amsterdam Colloquium*	2019
Formal Epistemology Workshop (poster)*	2019
Hans Kamp Seminar in Logic and Language, University of Texas, Austin	2019
Brown Bag Talk, NYU	2019
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop	2019
<i>Putting 'Ought's Together</i>	
Symposium, Pacific APA*	2019
Colloquium talk, UT Austin	2019
LENLS 15, Keio University, Yokohama*	2018
<i>Relativism in a Bind</i>	
Open Session, Joint Session	2018
<i>Strengthening Principles and Counterfactual Semantics</i> (with Ginger Schultheis)	
Pacific APA, San Diego*	2018
21st Amsterdam Colloquium*	2017
Work in Progress, MIT	2017

Miners and Modals

Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Berlin* 2017
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop 2017
Situations, Information, and Semantic Content Conference, MCMP, Munich* 2016

What the Future 'Might' Brings

Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference* 2017
Joint Session, Edinburgh* 2017
Colloquium, Pacific APA, Seattle* 2017
USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy* 2017
MITing of the Minds, MIT 2017
Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference* 2016
Arche Graduate Conference* 2016

I Believe I Can Phi (with Matthew Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis)

20th Amsterdam Colloquium* 2015
SPE 8, Cambridge* 2015

Comments

Weng Kin San, *Ought and Support*, Eastern APA 2021
Junhyo Lee, "*Ought' and Intensionality*", Eastern APA 2020
Dilip Ninan, *Easy Foreknowledge?*, Pacific APA 2019
Fabrizio Cariani, *Future Orientation*, Pacific APA 2019
Malte Willer, *Two Puzzles about Agentive 'Can'*, Central APA 2018
Anne Peterson, *Conceptual Obscurity and Metaphysical Methodology*, Midsummer Philosophy Workshop* 2017
Sarah Moss, *Probabilistic Knowledge*, MITing of the Minds, MIT 2016

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses

Intro to Logic
Fall 2018, Spring 21, Fall 21, Fall 22
Introduction to Philosophy of Language
Spring 21, Spring 23
Introduction to Epistemology
Fall 22, Spring 19
Advanced Logic
Fall 22

Knowledge and Assertion

Spring 19

Graduate courses

Seminar in Modal Logic

Spring 2021, Spring 2023

Seminar in Bayesian Epistemology

Spring 2022

Seminar in Philosophy of Language

Fall 2021

Graduate advising (* indicates chaired)

MA Thesis Committee: Jaime Chapa*.

MA Report Committee: Yunhui Bai* (enrolled in PhD program at U Maryland), Arnold Chen, Simon Koch-Sultan*, Bowei Wang, Emily Adams, Joseph Hymer-Kohanes*, Xu Jiang* (enrolled in PhD program at U Maryland), Edward Oudanoh (starting PhD program at UNC in 2024), Mona Fazeli (enrolled at PhD program at UCLA).

Summer school courses

Conditionals and Local Information

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SERVICE

Member

TTU Humanities Center Advisory Board *2023-24*

TTU Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum Committee *2022-23*

TTU Graduate Student Admissions Committee *2022-24*

Member of MIT Committee on Department Life *2016-17*

Organiser

TTU Philosophy Colloquium Series Organiser *2022-23*

TTU Philosophy Brown Bag Talk Series Organiser *2022-23*

Co-organiser, MIT Colloquium Series, *2015-16*

Reviewer for (* indicates multiple)

Analytic Philosophy, Australian Journal of Philosophy, Critica, Erkenntnis, Ergo, Inquiry*, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Logic*, Linguistics and Philosophy*, Mind*, Nous*, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Review, Res Philosophica, SALT*, Semantics and Pragmatics*, Synthese*, Theoria, Philosophical Forum*, Philosophical Quarterly, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Oxford University Press*

REFERENCES

Robert Stalnaker
Professor Emeritus of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Jeffrey King
Distinguished Professor of Philosophy
Rutgers University

Fabrizio Cariani
Associate Professor of Philosophy
University of Maryland, College Park

Stephen Yablo
David W. Skinner Professor of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Justin Khoo
Associate Professor of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Kieran Setiya (teaching reference)
Professor of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Please direct requests for letters of recommendation to Chrissy Graham (cgraham@mit.edu).