

DAVID BOYLAN

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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor in Philosophy Texas Tech University	<i>2020 - present</i>
Research Fellow Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities “Human Abilities”, (FU/HU, Berlin)	<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>2013-2018</i>
Trinity College Dublin BA in Philosophy First Class Honours	<i>2008-2012</i>

AREAS

Specialisation. Philosophical logic, philosophy of language, epistemology

Competence. Mathematical logic, metaphysics, philosophy of mind

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

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

Proceedings Papers

Abilities and Success <i>Proceedings of the 22nd Amsterdam Colloquium</i>	<i>2020</i>
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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

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Knowing How is Knowing How You Are (or Could Have Been) Able <i>R&R at Philosophers' Imprint, draft available on website</i>
Evidence and Conditional Propositions <i>Under review, draft available on website</i>
Persistence is not Trivial <i>Under review, draft available on website</i>
Ability and Actuality (with Ginger Schultheis) <i>In progress</i>
On Subjective Ability <i>In progress</i>

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses

Intro to Logic <i>Fall 2018, Spring 21, Fall 21, Fall 22</i>
Introduction to Philosophy of Language <i>Spring 21, Spring 22</i>
Introduction to Epistemology <i>Fall 22, Spring 19</i>
Advanced Logic <i>Fall 22</i>
Knowledge and Assertion <i>Spring 19</i>

Graduate courses

Seminar in Modal Logic <i>Spring 2021, Spring 2023</i>
Seminar in Bayesian Epistemology <i>Spring 2022</i>
Seminar in Philosophy of Language <i>Fall 2021</i>

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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TALKS AND COMMENTS (* = REFEREED)

Talks

Ability and Actuality (with Ginger Schultheis)

Invited Symposium on Ability, Pacific APA

2023

Persistence is not Trivial

Workshop on Semantics and Rational Norms, Columbia University

2023

Invited Symposium on Language and Indeterminacy, Central APA

2023

Evidence and Conditional Propositions

Southwest by Semantics Workshop, UT Austin

2022

Oxford Epistemology Group

2022

Formal Epistemology Workshop, UC Irvine*

2022

Counterfactual Skepticism is (Just) Skepticism

Berlin Language Workshop, HU Berlin*

2022

Open Session, Joint Session, St Andrews*

2022

Know How is Knowing How You're Able

Philosophical Linguistics and Linguistic Philosophy*

2020

Virtual Language Work in Progress Group

2020

Texas Tech University

2020

National University of Singapore

2020

Does Success Entail Ability?

22nd Amsterdam Colloquium (alternate)*

2020

Language Workshop, Rutgers

2020

The Qualitative Thesis (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

Putting 'Ought's Together

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
<i>Miners and Modals</i>	
Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Berlin*	2017
New York Philosophy of Language Workshop	2017
Situations, Information, and Semantic Content Conference, MCMP, Munich*	2016
<i>What the Future 'Might' Brings</i>	
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>I Believe I Can Phi</i> (with Matthew Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis)	
20th Amsterdam Colloquium*	2015
SPE 8, Cambridge*	2015

Comments

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

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Research Fellowships

Fellow at Centre for Advanced Studies "Human Abilities" (FU/HU Berlin)
 Presidential Fellowship, MIT

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

SERVICE

Member

TTU Humanities Center Advisory Board	2023-
TTU Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum Committee	2022-23
TTU Graduate Student Admissions Committee	2022-
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)

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

Kai von Fintel
Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Linguistics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Professor of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Please direct requests for letters of recommendation to Jen Purdy (purdy@mit.edu).