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### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### *Current Appointment:*

2008-12: Collegiate Assistant Professor and Harper-Schmidt Fellow  
Humanities Collegiate Division, University of Chicago

#### *Previous Appointments:*

2008: Lecturer, Philosophy Dept., University of Chicago  
2007: Visiting Assistant Professor, Philosophy Dept., University of Chicago  
2006-7: Visiting Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Philosophy Dept., University of Chicago  
2003: Associate Tutor, Cardiff University  
2001-6: Year One Tutor, Cardiff University

### **EDUCATION**

2006: Ph.D. in Philosophy, Cardiff University.  
Thesis: Nonsense & the New Wittgenstein. Supervisor: Alessandra Tanesini.  
2001: M.A. (Distinction) in Analytic & Continental Philosophy after Kant, Cardiff University.  
2000: B.A. Honours (1<sup>st</sup> Class) in English Literature and Philosophy, Cardiff University.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS**

2008-12: Annual Research Grant, Humanities Collegiate Division, University of Chicago.  
2007: Research & Housing Grant, Philosophy Dept., University of Chicago.  
2006: Conference Travel Grant, Cardiff University.  
2005: AHRC Postgraduate Conference Organisation Grant.  
2001: Doctoral Studies Scholarship, Cardiff University.  
2000: Masters level Studies Scholarship, Cardiff University.

### **AREAS OF SPECIALISATION**

Metaethics; Philosophy of Language; Wittgenstein and the History of Analytic Philosophy.

### **AREAS OF COMPETENCE**

Epistemology; Ethics; Logic.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *Journal Articles:*

- 2008: “Wittgenstein, Contextualism and Nonsense”, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 33, 101-125.
- 2007: (Co-authored with Gideon Calder) “Not Cricket? Ethics, Rhetoric and Sporting Boycotts”, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, 24(1), 95-109.
- 2006: “Contextualism and Nonsense in Wittgenstein’s *Tractatus*”, *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 25(2), 91-101.
- 2005: “Austerity and Ineffability”, *Philosophical Writings*, 30, 49-58.

### *Book Reviews:*

- 2008: Review of Marie McGinn, *Elucidating the Tractatus: Wittgenstein’s Early Philosophy of Language and Logic*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, (forthcoming).
- 2007: Review of Mark Calderon, *Moral Fictionalism*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, 15(1), 146-149.
- 2006: Review of Newton Garver, *Wittgenstein and Approaches to Clarity*, *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol.10; No.31.  
<http://www.mentalhelp.net/books/books.php?type=de&id=3229>
- 2006: Review of John W. Cook, *The Undiscovered Wittgenstein: The Twentieth Century’s Most Misunderstood Philosopher*, *Metapsychology Online Reviews*, Vol.10; No.20.  
<http://www.mentalhelp.net/books/books.php?type=de&id=3103>

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PAPERS**

- 2007: “Wittgenstein, Contextualism and Nonsense”, Hamilton College, NY.
- 2007: “Nonsense and the New Wittgenstein”, The Wittgenstein Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2006: “Contextualism and Nonsense in Wittgenstein’s *Tractatus*”, Annual Conference of the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa (PSSA), Rhodes University, SA.

## **CONFERENCES ORGANISED**

- 2005: “*Questioning Disciplinary Frontiers*” – a one-day AHRC-funded postgraduate conference on disciplinary boundaries within universities.
- 2004: “*The Ethics of Global Warming*” – a one-day interdisciplinary conference on the ethical aspects of global warming.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Courses for undergraduates at the University of Chicago:*

- 2008-9: Greek Thought & Literature,  
Parts I, II & III (x2)  
2007-8: Introduction to Epistemology

*Courses for undergraduates & postgraduates at the University of Chicago:*

- 2007-8: Contemporary Analytic Metaethics:  
Moral Realism & Its Enemies  
2007-8: Early Analytic Philosophy:  
Frege – Russell – Wittgenstein  
2007-8: Meaning & Scepticism

*Courses for postgraduates at the University of Chicago:*

- 2008-9: Contemporary Analytic Philosophy (4 lectures only)

*Courses for undergraduates at Cardiff University:*

- 2002-3: Philosophy of Language  
2001-6: Mind, Thought & Reality (x2)  
2001-6: The Individual, Morality & the State (x2)

### **POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPERVISION**

- 2007-8: “Quasi-Realism & the Construction of Truth in Ethics” (Masters level dissertation).  
2007-8: “Diamond on Ethics & Imagination in the *Tractatus*” (Masters level dissertation).

### **ACADEMIC REFEREES**

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2. Dr. Alessandra Tanesini, Philosophy, Cardiff University, Humanities Building, Colum Drive, Cardiff, CF10 3EU, Wales, UK. Tel: +44(0)2920 875663. Fax: +44(0)2920 874618. Email: Tanesini@Cardiff.ac.uk
3. Professor Alexander Miller, Philosophy, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT, UK. Tel: +44(0)121 414 7539. Fax: +44(0)121 414 5566. Email: A.Miller@bham.ac.uk
4. Professor Michael Kremer, Philosophy, University of Chicago, 1115 E 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, IL60637, USA Tel: (773) 834-9884. Fax: (773) 702-5259. Email: kremer@uchicago.edu