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Employment

Associate Professor (Limited-term appointment), 2017-current

Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (Kyoto University), 2015-2017

Adjunct Lecturer, Kindai University, Japan, 2015–2017

Adjunct Lecturer, Osaka University, Japan, 2014–2017

Adjunct Lecturer, Takarazuka University, Japan, 2014

Adjunct Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park, 2013–4

Adjunct Lecturer, George Mason University, 2013–4

Education

Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park, 2012

M.A. Philosophy University of Maryland, College Park, 2008

B.A. Philosophy, Osaka University, Japan 2006

Visiting Student, Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, 2004–2005

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Linguistics, Natural Language Semantics and Pragmatics

Areas of Competence

Metaphysics and Epistemology

Dissertation

The Semantics of Proper Names and other Bare Nominals (DEFENDED MARCH 27, 2012)

Committee: Paul M. Pietroski (chair), Erin Eaker, Valentine Hacquard, Norbert Horstein (external), Michael Morreau, and Alexander Williams

Publications

Books

Namae to Taishou: Koyuumei to Hadaka Meishi no Imiron (“Names and Objects: The Semantics of Proper Names and Bare Nouns”), 2016, Keiso Shobo (in Japanese)

Refereed

“Definite Descriptions and the Alleged East-West Variation in Judgments about Reference,” 2017 (with M. Kasaki, Y. Zhou, and S. Oda), *Philosophical Studies*, Published First Online.

“Interpreting Bare Nouns: Type-Shifting vs. Silent Heads,” 2011, *The Proceedings of the 21st Semantics and Linguistics Theory Conference*, 481–494

“Descriptivism with World Pronouns,” 2010, *Contemporary and Applied Philosophy* 2, 100017–100029

“Some Remarks on an Implementation of the Burgean View of Proper Nouns,” 2010, *The Proceedings of the XXII World Congress of Philosophy*

Non-refereed

““Drop Dead, Japan!!!”: The Semantics of the Japanese Swear Word *Shine*,” 2017, *Philosophia OSAKA*, 12, 39–51

Book Translation, *The Possibility of Pluralistic Naturalism*, by Masahiko Igashira, Yuukoudou, 2016. The English edition of *Tagenronteki Shizenshugi no Kanousei* (『多元論的自然主義の可能性』), Shinyousha, 2010

Book Review of Scott Soames, *Rethinking Language, Mind, and Meaning*, 2016, *Philosophia Osaka*, 73–85

“Contextualism and Japanese Knowledge Attributions,” 2013, *Metaphysica: The Journal of Philosophy and Ethics*, Osaka University, 99—111

Presentations

“Heitospiichi no Gengotetsugaku teki Kousatsu” (A Study of Hate Speech From the Perspective of Philosophy of Language; with Heechul Ju and Katsuhito Nakasone)

The 8th Japan Association for the Contemporary and Applied Philosophy Annual Meeting, Hiroshima, Japan, April 2017 (invited)

“There is no problem for Predicativism to be solved by Predicativism”

Semantics Workshop in Tokai, Naogya, Japan, June 2017

The 49th Philosophy of Science Society Japan Meeting, Nagano, Japan, November 2016

“The Gödel Case and Definite Descriptions in Japanese” (with Masashi Kasaki)

The American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, Seattle, April 2017 (Invited)

“Predicativism and Temporal Rigidity”

Philosophy of Mental Time V: Time in Language, Tokyo, January 2017 (Invited)

“What *-tai* teaches us about *wanting*” (POSTER with Lukas Rieser, Magdalena Kaufmann, Stefan Kaufmann, and Muyi Yang)

The 24th Japanese and Korean Linguistics Conference, Tokyo, October 2016

“Minimal Predicativism”

The 3rd Conference on Contemporary Philosophy in East Asia, Seoul, South Korea, August 2016

“Knowing How and Two Knowledge Verbs in Japanese” (with Shun Tsugita and Masaharu Mizumoto)

International Conference on Ethno-Epistemology: Culture, Language, and Methodology, Kanazawa, Japan, June 2016

“Koyuumei no Ninchikagaku: Saishou Jutsugoshugi” (Cognitive Science of Proper Names: Minimal Predicativism)

The 7th Japan Association for the Contemporary and Applied Philosophy Annual Meeting, Tokyo, May 2016

“Definite Descriptions and the Alleged East-West Variation” (with Masashi Kasaki, Yan Zhou, and Sobei Oda)

3rd Kyoto-Chengchi-Singapore Graduate Conference, Kyoto, March 2016 (Invited)

American Philosophical Association meeting, Central Division, Chicago, USA, March 2016

Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, Buffalo, USA, September 2015

The Forum for Young Scholars in Philosophy, Tokyo, July 2015

“*De Se* Propositions and Predicates of Personal Taste”

The 48th Philosophy of Science Society Japan Meeting, Tokyo, November 2014

“Gengotetsugaku no Shintenkai” (New Developments in Philosophy of Language)

7th Seminar at the Hitotsubashi Society for Philosophy and Social Thought, Tokyo, October 2015 (invited)

“Proper Names in Discourse”

Kyoto Workshop on Linguistics and Philosophy: the Foundation of Linguistics and Philosophy, Kyoto, October 2015 (Invited)

“Koyuumei no Jutsugosetsu to Koyuumei Kiyaku” (Predicativism and Naming Conventions)

The 6th Japan Association for the Contemporary and Applied Philosophy Annual Meeting, Sendai, April 2015

“Critique from Predicativism”

Book Symposium on *Namaeni Nanno Imi ga Arunoka* (What is the Meaning of a Name?) by Naoya Fujikawa, January 2015 (Invited)

“Propositions as Mental Event Types”

The 47th Philosophy of Science Society Japan Meeting, Aichi, November 2014

“Is *Cat* a Proper Name?: an Argument Against Millianism”

Tokyo Forum of Analytic Philosophy, Tokyo, May 2014 (invited)

“*Knowing How* in Japanese” (with Shun Tsugita and Masaharu Mizumoto)

Epistemology for the Rest of the World: An International Conference on Epistemology, Linguistic Diversity & Cultural Diversity, Tokyo, August 2013

“*Knowing How* in Japanese” (POSTER, with Shun Tsugita and Masaharu Mizumoto)

PHLINT 1, An Interdisciplinary Workshop on Beliefs and Desires, University of Maryland, College Park April 2013

“Descriptions and Comparison Semantics of *want*”

Department of Philosophy Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park, March 2013
American Philosophical Association meeting, Central Division, New Orleans, February 2013

“Proving the Predicativity of Proper Names”

Department of Philosophy Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park, November 2012

The Japan Association for Philosophy of Science, Workshop on Proper Names at Tokyo University, Tokyo, November 2012

“Contextualism and Crosslinguistic Knowledge Attributions”

‘Know’ in Japanese, Symposium at Tokyo University, Tokyo, November 2012 (INVITED)

“Why we Need No Reference to Kinds: A Four-dimensional Approach to the Semantics of Bare Nominals”

The Second Mid-Atlantic Colloquium of Studies in Meaning, Maryland, February 2012 (POSTER)

“Articleless Descriptions and Logical Form”

Department of Philosophy Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park, December 2011

“Situations and Improper Descriptions”

Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park, October 2011

“On Japanese Descriptions”

The Forum for Young Scholars in Philosophy, Tokyo, July 2011

“The Semantics of Japanese Bare NPs”

Keio University, Tokyo, July 2011 (INVITED)

“Interpreting Bare Nouns: Type-Shifting vs. Silent Heads”

Semantics and Linguistic Theory 21, New Jersey, May 2011 (POSTER)

LSALAA 2011, Workshop on Languages With and Without Articles, Paris, France, March 2011

“On a Theory of Descriptions in Articleless Languages”

Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Maryland, College Park, April 2011

The 12th Annual Princeton-Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference, New Jersey, March 2011

American Philosophical Association meeting, Eastern Division, Boston, December 2010

Central States Philosophical Association meeting, Detroit, September 2010.

“Situation Descriptivism”

Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference 13, Idaho and Washington, May, 2010

“Fine-Grained Events and Coarse Situations”

Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology, Atlanta, GA, April, 2010

North Carolina Society of Philosophy, Charlotte, NC, February, 2010

“Rigidity and Proper Names: Descriptivism with World Pronouns”

American Philosophical Association meeting, Central Division, Chicago, February, 2010

“On the So-Called Metalinguistic Theory of Names”

Kyoto Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, Japan, July, 2009

“Some Remarks on an Implementation of the Burgean View of Proper Nouns”

The XXII World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, South Korea, August, 2008

“Names as Predicates”

Kyoto Colloquium for Philosophy of Science, Japan, July, 2008

Teaching Experience

Department of Anthropology and Philosophy, Nanzan University

Dignity in Ethics and Philosophy, Spring 2017

Introduction to Logic, Spring 2017

Department of Philosophy, Osaka University

Writing Humanities Papers in English I-II (UPPER-LEVEL), Spring&Fall 2014–2017

Animal Ethics, (RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE FOURTH OF THE LECTURES) Fall 2014–7

Faculty of Business Administration, Intensive International Program, Kindai University

English Seminars 2A–B, Spring&Fall 2015–7

Takazuka University

Informal Logic (“Ronri no Sekai”), Spring 2014

Department of Philosophy, George Mason University

Main Instructor, Symbolic Logic (UPPER-LEVEL), Fall 2013

Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park

Main Instructor, Contemporary Moral Issues, Fall 2013

Main Instructor, Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 2013 (TAUGHT ONLINE)

Main Instructor, Modern Philosophy, Spring 2013

Main Instructor, Introduction to Logic, Winter 2013 (TAUGHT ONLINE)

Teaching Assistant, Ancient Philosophy, Fall 2012

Teaching Assistant, Modern Philosophy, Spring 2012

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy of Time, Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2010

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Logic, Spring 2009

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy, Fall 2008

Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Moral Issues, Fall 2007

Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Moral Issues, Spring 2007

Honors & Fellowships

Teaching Assistantships, Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park, 2006–2012

Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Writing Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park, 2011

Graduate Student Travel Stipend, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 2010

The Brian Hull Prize, University of Maryland, College Park, best incoming graduate student (shared with David McElhoes), 2007

Moreland Perkins Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park, 2006

Chouki Ryugaku Gakusei Shien (Study Abroad Scholarship), Ministry of Education, Japan, 2006–2008

Education Abroad Program Scholarship, Osaka University, Japan, 2004–2005

Service

Referee for *Contemporary and Applied Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Semantics and Pragmatics*

Undergraduate Academic Advisor; Department of Philosophy, University of Maryland, College Park, 2008–2010

Faculty Search Committee; Department of Philosophy and Department of Linguistics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2008

Languages

Japanese (NATIVE), English (FLUENT)

Graduate Courses

In Philosophy

Representing Numbers[†], Paul Pietroski, 2010

Self-Knowledge[†], Peter Carruthers, 2010

Truth and Meaning[†], Paul Pietroski, 2009

Propositions[†], Paul Pietroski, 2009

Propositional Attitudes, Erin Eaker and Valentine Hacquard, 2008

The Philosophy of Plato, Rachel Singpurwalla, 2008

Mind Reading and Meta-Cognition, Peter Carruthers, 2008

Naming, Necessity, and Natural Kinds, Erin Eaker, 2008

Value Theory, Dan Moller, 2008

Vagueness, Michael Morreau, 2007

Modal Logic, Erin Eaker, 2007

Mechanisms and Evolutionary Theory, Lindley Darden, 2007

Metaphysics, Mind, and Language, Michael Morreau, 2007

The Semantics-Pragmatics Distinction, Paul Pietroski, 2006

Epistemology, Christopher Cherniak, 2006

Descartes and Mechanism, Lindley Darden, 2006

In Linguistics

Acquiring the Semantics and Pragmatics of Attitude Verbs[†], Valentine Hacquard and Jeff Lidz, 2012

Modals, Attitudes, and Evidentials[†], Valentine Hacquard, 2011

Pragmatics[†], Alexander Williams and Valentine Hacquard, 2010

Thematic Relations[†], Alexander Williams, 2009

Issues in Syntax[†], Norbert Hornstein and Juan Uriagereka, 2008

Introduction to Semantics[†], Paul Pietroski, 2007

Syntactic Theory[†], Howard Lasnik, 2007

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