

# Billy Dunaway

## Curriculum Vitae

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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Areas of Specialization:** ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language

**Areas of Competence:** bioethics, philosophy of law, philosophical logic

### EMPLOYMENT

**University of Missouri–St. Louis** (August 2015-present)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy

**University of Oxford** (September 2013-August 2015)

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Faculty of Philosophy and Junior Research Fellow, Somerville College

### EDUCATION

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor** (September 2009-August 2013)

Ph.D. in Philosophy, August 2013

- Dissertation Title: *Realism and fundamentality in ethics and elsewhere*
- Supervisor: Allan Gibbard

**University of Southern California** (August 2006-May 2009)

Graduate student, School of Philosophy

**California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**

B.A., Philosophy, June 2005, *Summa Cum Laude*

### PUBLICATIONS

“Epistemological motivations for anti-realism”, forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*.

“Duns Scotus’s epistemic argument against divine illumination”, in *Knowledge, Belief, and God: New Insights* (2018), ed. Benton, Hawthorne, and Rabinowitz (Oxford University Press).

“Luck: evolutionary and epistemic”, *Episteme* (2017) vol. 14(4), pp. 441-461.

“Scepticism” (with John Hawthorne), in *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology*, ed. William J. Abraham and Frederick D. Aquino (2017).

“Realism and objectivity”, in *The Routledge Handbook of Metaethics*, ed. Tristram McPherson and David Plunkett (2017).

“Ethical vagueness and practical reasoning”, *The Philosophical Quarterly* (2017) vol. 67(266), pp. 38-60.

“Reference magnetism as a solution to the moral twin earth problem” (with Tristram McPherson), *Ergo* (2016), vol. 3(25), pp. 639-679.

“Expressivism and normative metaphysics”, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* vol. 11, ed. Russ Shafer-Landau (2016), pp. 241-264.

“Supervenience arguments and normative non-naturalism”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (2015) vol. 91(3), pp. 627-655.

“Whither anankastics?” (with Alex Silk) *Philosophical Perspectives 28: Ethics* (2014), pp. 75-94.

“Modal quantification without worlds”, *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* vol. 8 (2013), ed. Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, pp. 151-186.

- This paper was a finalist for the 2011 Younger Scholars Prize for Metaphysics (an annual essay competition open to scholars in the early stages of their career, up to within ten years of receiving a Ph.D.).

“The folk probably do think what you think they think” (with Anna Edmonds and David Manley), *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (2013) vol. 91(3) pp. 421-441.

“Minimalist semantics in meta-ethical expressivism”, *Philosophical Studies* (2010) vol. 151(3) pp. 351-371.

EDITED VOLUME

*Meaning, Decision, and Norms: Themes from the Work of Allan Gibbard*, co-edited with David Plunkett, forthcoming with Maize Books, an imprint of Michigan Publishing.

- This is a volume commemorating Allan Gibbard’s career, and will be one of the first edited volumes in philosophy to be published in open-access format.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Matthew Chrisman’s *The Meaning of ‘Ought’* (Oxford University Press), in *Journal of Philosophy* (2017) 114(3), pp. 155-159.

Review of Thomas Hofweber’s *Ontology and the Ambitions of Metaphysics* (Oxford University Press), forthcoming in *The Philosophical Review*.

CURRENT WORK

“Realism, meta-semantics, and risk”, under review.

“The metaphysical conception of realism”, under review.

“Theological predication: Duns Scotus, univocity, and knowledge”, under review.

“De dicto concern in cases of ethical vagueness”, under review.

*Magnetism and Normative Disagreement*, book manuscript in preparation.

PRESENTATIONS

- "Stability: robust but not widespread", Saint Louis Ethics Workshop, 2 March 2018.
- "Theological predication: Duns Scotus, univocity, and knowledge", Seattle Pacific University, 8 November 2017.
- "De dicto concern in cases of ethical vagueness", Saint Louis Ethics Workshop, 10 February 2017.
- "De dicto concern in cases of ethical vagueness", University of Missouri–Columbia, 27 January 2017.
- "De dicto concern in cases of ethical vagueness", University of Saint Andrews, 1 December 2016.
- "Epistemological Motivations for Anti-Realism", Institute of Philosophy, University of London, 29 November 2016.
- "Realism, meta-semantics, and risk", Kansas State University, 28 October 2016.
- "Epistemological Motivations for Anti-Realism", Saint Louis University, 21 October 2016.
- "Realism, meta-semantics, and risk", Midwest Epistemology Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1 October 2016.
- "Ground and knowledge: epistemological motivations for anti-realism", Uppsala Higher Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy, 9 June 2016.
- "Realism, meta-semantics, and Risk", Stockholm June Workshop in Philosophy, 7 June 2016.
- "Ground and knowledge: epistemological motivations for anti-realism", Saint Louis Ethics Workshop, 4 December 2015.
- "Grounds and closure", Australian National University, 30 March 2015.
- "Grounds and closure", University of Sydney, 25 March 2015.
- "Luck: evolutionary and epistemic", University of St Andrews, 17 February 2015.
- "Foundations for an Accuracy-based Approach to Imprecise Credence" (with Jason Konek), New Insights Workshop in Formal Epistemology, University of Oxford, 8-9 December 2014.
- "Objectivity and triviality", Seminar in Moral Philosophy, University of Oxford, 13 October 2014.
- "Expressivism and normative metaphysics", Madison Metaethics Workshop, 12-14 September 2014.
- "Perfectly natural relative naturalness", Open Session of the 2014 Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, Cambridge University, 11-13 July 2014. (Refereed Conference)
- "Luck: evolutionary and epistemic", University College London, 19 February 2014.

“Ethical vagueness and practical reasoning”, Metaphysical Indeterminacy Final Conference, University of Leeds, 7-8 December 2013.

“The metaphysical conception of realism”, Seminar on Realism, Objectivity and Meta-metaphysics at Dartmouth College, 11 April 2013.

“Primitive relative fundamentality”, Arizona State University, 13 February 2013.

“The metaphysics of expressivism”, University of Leeds, 7 February 2012.

“Practical reasoning for theorists about vagueness”, Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, University of Colorado, Boulder, 4-7 August 2011. (Refereed Conference)

“The ‘quasi’ in ‘quasi-realism’ ”, Indiana Philosophical Association, Ball State University, 29-30 April 2011. (Refereed Conference)

“Minimalist semantics and the problem of creeping minimalism,” Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, 24-26 October 2008. (Refereed Conference)

“Minimalist semantics and the problem of creeping minimalism,” British Society for Ethical Theory, University of Edinburgh, 14-16 July 2008. (Refereed Conference)

“Minimalist semantics and the problem of creeping minimalism,” 11th Southern California Philosophy Conference, 27 October 2007. (Refereed Conference)

#### TEACHING

##### **at the University of Missouri–St. Louis**

*Fall 2017:* Phil 1130: Approaches to Ethics; Phil 4450/5551: Independent Study (Social and Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Race).

*Spring 2017:* Phil/Crimin 2252: Crime and Punishment; Phil 5530/4430: Social and Political Philosophy.

*Fall 2016:* Phil 1130: Approaches to Ethics; Phil 5538/4438: Classical Ethical theory.

*Spring 2016:* Phil 1160: Critical Thinking; Phil 5530/4430: Social and Political Philosophy.

*Fall 2015:* Phil 1130: Approaches to Ethics; Phil 5533/4487: Philosophy of Law.

##### **at the University of Oxford**

*Hilary 2014, Trinity 2014, Michaelmas 2014:* tutorials in Philosophy of Religion, Somerville College, Oxford.

##### **at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

*Spring 2013:* Phil 262: Intro to Religion.

*Spring 2012 and Winter 2013:* Phil 160: Moral Principles and Problems.

#### THESIS ADVISING

##### **Thesis Chair for MA in philosophy**

Kara Boschert, *The Epistemic Status of Moral Conceptual Truths*, Spring 2017.

Danny Underwood, *Realist Nonideal Theory*, Spring 2017.

### **MA Thesis Committee Member**

Kaci Harrison (Spring 2018), Zach Auwerda (Spring 2018), Blake Davenport (Summer 2017), Bobbi Jackson (Spring 2017), Ben Wisniewski (Spring 2017), Graham Renz (Spring 2016), William Bell (Spring 2016).

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

#### **at the University of Missouri–St. Louis**

*August 2017–July 2018: UM Research Board Grant. Project title: Knowing Reality*

#### **at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

*April 2013: Rackham Travel Grant*

*Fall 2012: Departmental One-term Fellowship*

*Winter 2012: Stevenson Prize (This prize is awarded annually to one graduate student in the Department of Philosophy for excellence in a dossier.)*

*Winter 2012: Departmental One-term Fellowship*

*Fall 2011: Departmental One-term Fellowship*

*Summer 2011: Weinberg Summer Fellowship*

*August 2011: Rackham Travel Grant*

*April 2011: Rackham Travel Grant*

*March 2011: “Modal Quantification without Worlds” selected as a finalist for 2011 Younger Scholars*

*Prize for Metaphysics*

*Winter 2011: Rackham One-term Dissertation Fellowship*

*Summer 2010: Rackham Research Grant (for the Meta-Survey project; with David Manley and Anna Edmonds)*

*Fall 2009: Departmental Fellowship*

#### **at the University of Southern California**

*Fall 2008: Nomination for 2009 USC Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*

*Summer 2008: International Conference Travel Award, USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.*

*Fall 2006–Spring 2007: Merit Fellowship*

### **COMMITTEES AND SERVICE**

Pre-law advisor, University of Missouri–St. Louis, August 2015–present.

Referee for *Journal of Value Inquiry*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *Ethics*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Ratio*, *Res Philosophica*, *Theoria*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Oxford Studies in Metaethics*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*.

Conference Organizer, Saint Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), 2016; 2017.

Interviewer for undergraduate admissions, Somerville College, Oxford, 2013 and 2014.

Main Organizer for workshop on Testimony, University of Oxford, June 2014.

Editor for 2010, 2011 *Philosopher’s Annual*.

2007–8: Philosophy department representative to Dean of Graduate Students’ committee (USC).

2006–7: Secretary and Treasurer for Pegasus, USC Philosophy Graduate Student Committee (USC).

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANT WORK**

Summer 2009–2012 for David Manley; April–August 2007 and January 2008–March 2008 for Scott Soames; June–July 2007 for Mark Schroeder; August 2007 for Jacob Ross.

REFERENCES

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