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## Education

Ph.D in Philosophy, UCLA
MPhil in Philosophy, University College, London
B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy & Mathematics, University of Keele

## Record of Employment

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| July 2014-present | Professor, University of Connecticut at Storrs |
| July 1999-June 2014 | Professor, UNC Chapel Hill |
| July 1994-June 1999 | Associate Professor, UNC Chapel Hill |
| 1987-June 1999 | Assistant Professor, UNC Chapel Hill |
| 1988 Spring | Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Rochester |
| 1984 Spring | Instructor, UCLA |
| 1983 Spring | Instructor, UCLA |
| 1981 - 1986 | Teaching Assistant, UCLA |
| 1980 - 1981 | Visiting Lecturer, City University, London |
| 1980 - 1981 | Visiting Lecturer, Essex University |
| 1979 - 1980 | Lecturer in Philosophy, Trinity College, Dublin |
| 1978 - 1979 | Instructor in Logic, University College, London |

## Books

*Semantic Singularities: Paradoxes of Reference, Predication and Truth*, forthcoming with Oxford University Press.

*Truth*, in the series *Oxford Readings in Philosophy*, jointly edited with Simon Blackburn, Oxford University Press 1999.

*Universality and the Liar: An Essay on Truth and the Diagonal Argument*, Cambridge University Press 1993.  Published in paperback, Cambridge University Press 2008.

**Works in progress**

*If Truth Be Told: Deflationism, Truth and Meaning* (with Dorit Bar-On).   A **EDIT!!!!**   monograph on theories of      truth, with an extended critique of deflationism and a defense of a form of substantivism about   truth.  Prospectus available upon request.

*Logic and Metalogic*.  Draft of a logic text, covering sentential and quantificational logic, metalogic, and special topics.

**Articles**

"Contextual Theories of Truth", forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook of Truth*, edited by Michael Glanzberg, Oxford University Press 2017

"Three Questions for Minimalism", *Synthese* 2016 (Special Issue, for the 25th year anniversary of Paul Horwich's *Truth*).

"Paradox, Repetition, Revenge", *Topoi* 34 (1): 121-131, 2015.

"Tarski's Logic: Mathematics, Metamathematics, Logic and Semantics", in *Handbook of the History of Logic*,  vol. 5, *Logic from Russell to Church*, edited by John Woods and Dov Gabbay (eds.), Elsevier B.V. 2009, pp.511-616  (45,000 words).

"Revenge and Context", in *The Revenge of the Liar*, edited by J.C. Beall, Oxford University Press 2007.

"The Use of Force Against Deflationism: Assertion and Truth" (with Dorit Bar-On), in *Truth and Speech Acts: Studies in the Philosophy of Language*, D. Greimann and G. Siegwart (eds.), Routledge 2007, pp.61-89.

"Deflationism and the Autonomy of Truth", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, Vol. LXXII, No. 1, 2006.

"Deflationism" (with Dorit Bar-On), *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Language*, edited by Ernest Lepore and Barry Smith, 2006

"Truth", in *The Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2nd edition), 2005.

"A Berry and a Russell without self-reference", *Philosophical Studies* (2005) 126: 253-261.

 "A Logico-Philosophical Tour: The Search for Certainty" (critical study of *The Search for Certainty* by Marcus Giaquinto), *Philosophia Mathematica* (3) Vol. 12, 2004, pp. 162-175.

"A Critique of Dialetheism" (with Greg Littmann), *The Law of Non-Contradiction: New Philosophical*

*Essays*, edited by Graham Priest, J.C. Beall and Bradley Armour-Garb, Oxford University Press 2005.

"Reference and Paradox", in *Liars and Heaps: New Essays on Paradox*, edited by J.C. Beall, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 2003, pp.230-252.

"Semantical and Logical Paradox", in *A Companion to Philosophical Logic*, edited by Dale Jacquette, in the series *Blackwell Companions to Philosophy*, Blackwell, Oxford, 2002, pp.115-130.

"Sets, classes and extensions: A singularity approach to Russell's paradox", *Philosophical Studies* 100: 2000, pp.109-149.

"Three paradoxes: circles and singularities", in *Circularity, Definition and Truth*, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 2000, pp.333-354.

"Deflationary Truth and the Liar", *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 28, 1999, pp.455-488.

"Poincaré and Paradox", in *Henri Poincaré: Science and Philosophy*, Akademie Verlag, Berlin 1996.

"Paradoxes of Denotation", *Philosophical Studies* 76: 71-106, 1994.

"A Paradox of Definability: Richard's and Poincaré's Ways Out", *History and Philosophy of Logic* 15: pp.33-44, 1994.

Three entries: (a) "Metaphysics", (b) "Ontology", (c) "Philosophical Logic" in *The Hebrew Encyclopedia*, Supplementary Vol. I, Tel Aviv, Israel: Massada, 1994 (with Dorit Bar-On).

"On an argument against omniscience", *Noûs*, March 1993.

"Outline of a Contextual Theory of Truth", *Proceedings of Logica 1991, An International Conference in Logic*, pp.43-57.

"The Diagonal Argument and the Liar", *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 19: pp.277-303, 1990.

"Kant on Moral Worth", *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, Volume 6/Number 1, January, 1989, pp.85-100.

"On a Medieval Solution to the Liar Paradox", *History and Philosophy of Logic*, 8, 1987, pp.121-140.


**Awards and Fellowships**

University Distinguished Teaching Award for Post-Baccalaureate Instruction, UNC Chapel Hill, 2009.

Research and Study Leave, Spring 2005.

Borden Fellow, Institute of the Arts and Humanities, UNC, Spring 2004.

Fellow of the National Humanities Center, August 2001-June 2002.

Research and Study Leave, Fall 1998.

Chapman Faculty Fellowship, Fall 1994.

Tanner Award for excellence in undergraduate teaching, UNC, 1993.

Student Teaching Awards finalist, UNC, 1992.

UNC Lurcy Fellow, Fall 1990.

Junior Faculty Development Award, UNC 1988.

Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, UCLA 1986.


**Papers presented**

"Paradox and Deflationism", invited talk, April 6th 2017, Joint Conference of the UConn Logic Group and the Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, April 4-6, held at Storrs, CT.

"Paradox and Context", invited talk, March 30th 2017, Sixth Annual Philosophy and Linguistics Workshop, Ohio State University, March 29-31 2017.

"Truth: Between Deflationism and Pluralism", invited talk, Humboldt University, Berlin, July 4, 2016.

"Semantic singularities', invited talk, Szcecin University, Poland, June 17 2016.

"Paradoxes of denotation, extension, and truth", University of Frankfurt, Germany, June 7 2016.

"Semantic paradox and context", invited talk, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, *Mind, Language and Logic Conference*, May 30-31st 2013.

"Paradox, Repetition and Revenge", invited talk, University of Connecticut at Storrs, January 18th 2013.

"Paradox, Revenge and the Singularity Theory", invited paper, Munich Center for Mathematical P Philosophy, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany, July 25th 2012.

"Revenge and Context", Keynote Address at the Annual Conference in Philosophy of Mind, Language,

and Cognitive Science, University of Western Ontario, May 26 & 27, 2007.

"Troubles with Deflationism", a paper delivered (jointly with Dorit Bar-On) at the *International Conference on Language, Mind and World*, Punta del Este, Uruguay, May 2006.

"Denotation and Paradox", a paper delivered at the *Liars and Heaps Conference*, University of Connecticut, Storrs, October 2002.

"On Illusions of Possibility", invited talk, *The Greensboro Conference on Imagination and Possibility*, March 2002, University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"Denotation and context", invited address, *Conference on Mind, Language and the World*, Instituto de investigaciones philosophica, UNAM, Tlaxcala, Mexico, March 2001.

"Reference, Extension, Truth: A Singularity Solution to Three Paradoxes", *Meetings of the American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division, April 2000.

"Deflationary truth and the Liar", *Meetings of the American Pilosophical Association, Pacific Division*, March 1998.

"Deflationism and paradox", invited address, annual meeting of the *North Carolina Philosophical Society*, Elon College, March 1997.

"Against deflationary truth", invited address to the *Association of Symbolic Logic*, Madison, Wisconsin, March 1996.

"Deflationism and correspondence", invited symposium paper, *Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division*, December 1995.

"Sets, Extensions, and Paradox", invited paper for the *International Conference in memory of Pavel Tichy*, Prague, September 1995.

"Conventional implicature: a unified account of `but'", Reply to Steven Rieber, *Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, March 1995.

"Semantical paradox and Russell's paradox: reference and extension", invited paper delivered to the *Indiana University Logic Group*, Bloomington, December 1994.

"Universality and Paradox", invited talk at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, April 1993.

"Context and Paradox", invited talk at Tel Aviv University, April 1993.

"Outline of a contextual theory of truth", an invited talk at *Logica 1991, an International Conference in Logic*, Czechoslovakia, April 15-17, 1991.

"On an Argument Against Omniscience", *Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division*, April 1990.

"The Diagonal Argument and the Liar", *Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division*, April 1989.

"Diagonalization and Paradox", invited talk to the *S.U.N.Y. Logic Colloquium*, S.U.N.Y. Buffalo, April 1989.

"A Singularity Solution to the Liar Paradox", *Meetings of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division*, March 1989.

"Universality and the Liar", University of Rochester, January 1988.

"Kant on Moral Worth", *Research Triangle Ethics Group*, Chapel Hill, November 1987.

"The Liar Paradox", presented at the following departments of Philosophy in January and February 1987: University of Missouri at Columbia, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Carnegie Mellon University, Amherst College, S.U.N.Y. Albany, and Northern Illinois University.

"On a Medieval Solution to the Liar Paradox", at the International Conference on the Philosophy of William of Ockham, St. Bonaventure University, October 1985.

## Professional Activities

I am a referee for the following journals: *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Studies*, *History and Philosophy of Logic*, *Philosophia Mathematica*, *Synthese*.

I have reviewed book manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, and MIT Press.

I have served on the Advisory Committee to the APA Programs Committee for the APA Eastern Division Meetings.

## Departmental Service

UConn College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Curricula and Courses Committee, 2016-17.
Within the UConn Philosophy Department, I have been a member of the following committees:

Graduate Committee, 2014-2017
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2014-17
Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2015-17
Undergraduate Committee, 2016-17

Within the UNC Philosophy Department:
Director of Graduate Admissions UNC: 2004, 2006-2009
Director of Graduate Studies UNC: 1996-2000

## Educational Activities

I have directed seven completed PhD dissertations, and I have served or am serving on more than thirty other doctoral committees.

I have directed thirteen master's theses, and I have served on fifteen other master's theses committees.

At UNC, I have directed none undergraduate honors theses, and have served on eight other honors theses committees and supervised two honors contracts. At UConn, I have supervised four honors conversions.

I have participated in the *UNC Program in Humanities and Human Values*, and I taught three courses in the *Community Classroom Series* in 2004, 2006, 2008.

I have served on the UNC Teaching Awards Committee.

For three years up to 2012, I served as a member of the Institute of the Arts and Humanities Faculty Advisory Board.

At UNC, I have twice been a member of the Planning Committee for the Chapman Conference on Teaching (during the academic years 1994-5 and 1996-7), and I was a member of the Tanner Selection Committee in 1993-4.

Full details of these and other teaching activities (such as undergraduate and graduate readings courses, and the running of informal study groups) are available upon request.