

# Dr. Ethan Nowak

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## Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language • Formal Semantics • Philosophy of Mind

## Areas of Competence

Linguistic Justice • Philosophy of Race and Gender • Logic

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## Education

University of California, Berkeley	BERKELEY, CA, USA
<b>PhD in Philosophy</b>	2016
Dissertation: <i>Two Dogmas about Demonstratives</i>	
Supervisors: John MacFarlane and Seth Yalcin	
University of Oxford	OXFORD, UK
<b>BPhil in Philosophy</b>	2006
Thesis: <i>Making More Sense of Emergentism</i>	
Reed College	PORTLAND, OR, USA
<b>BA in Politics and Philosophy</b>	2004
Thesis: <i>Bernard Williams against the Objectivity of Ethics</i>	

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## Employment

Umeå Universitet	UMEÅ, SWEDEN
<b>Research Fellow</b>	2019 – 2021
University College London	LONDON, UK
<b>Teaching Fellow and MA Tutor</b>	2016 – 2019

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## Papers

### Published and Forthcoming

- Nowak, E. (forthcoming). [No context, no content, no problem.](#) *Mind and Language*.
- Nowak, E. (forthcoming). [Multiculturalism, autonomy, and language preservation.](#) *Ergo*.
- Nowak, E. and Michaelson, E. (forthcoming). [Discourse and method: why appeals to context won't go away.](#) *Linguistics and Philosophy*.
- Nowak, E. Language extinction. (forthcoming). In Khoo, J. and Sterken, R., editors, [The Routledge Handbook of Social and Political Philosophy of Language](#). Routledge.
- Nowak, E. and Michaelson, E. (forthcoming). [On salience-based theories of demonstratives.](#) In Archer, S., editor, *Salience: A Philosophical Inquiry*. Routledge.
- Nowak, E. (2014). [Demonstratives without rigidity or ambiguity.](#) *Linguistics and Philosophy* 37:5 409–436.

### Revisions Requested

- [Language loss and illocutionary silencing.](#)
- [Complex demonstratives, hidden arguments, and presupposition.](#)

### Under Review

- [Who's your ideal listener?](#) (w/Eliot Michaelson)
  - [Really complex demonstratives.](#)
  - [Meta-meta-semantics.](#) (w/Eliot Michaelson)
  - [The hard problem of complex demonstratives.](#)
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## Recent Presentations

<i>Language loss and illocutionary silencing</i>	
Eastern Division Meeting of the APA	Savannah, GA / January 2018
UCL / Oxford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop	UCL Linguistics / November 2017
<i>Comments on U. Stojnic 'Context and the grammar of prominence'</i>	
Context and Variables Conference	All Souls, Oxford / April 2017
<i>No context, no content, no problem</i>	
Workshop on Contextual Indefiniteness	Institut d'Études Avancées, Paris / April 2017
<i>Mad-dog variability</i>	
Pacific Division Meeting of the APA	Seattle, WA / April 2017
National Research University	Moscow, Russia / September 2016

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## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

### University College London

Nominated for Students' Choice Award as Outstanding Personal Tutor	2018
Nominated for Students' Choice Outstanding Teaching Award	2017

### UC Berkeley

APA Pacific Division Graduate Student Stipend	2016
APA Eastern Division Graduate Student Stipend	2014
US Dept. of Education Summer Fellowship (FLAS)	(Moscow) 2014
US Dept. of Education Academic Year Fellowship (FLAS)	2013-14
Graduate Division Summer Research Grant	2013
Graduate Division Travel Grant	2013
Fulbright US Student Research Grant	(Moscow) 2011-12
Philosophy Department Summer Research Grant	2012
Philosophy Department Travel Grant	2012
Dean's Fellowship	2010-11
US Dept. of Education Summer Fellowship (FLAS)	(Saint Petersburg) 2009
Ralph W. Church Fellowship 2006-07	

### University of Oxford

Philosophy Faculty Graduate Scholarship	2004-06
Clarendon Bursary	2004-06
Christ Church American Friends' Scholarship	2004-05

### Reed College

Phi Beta Kappa	2004
Rhodes Scholarship Trust, US Finalist (District VII)	2003
3 Commendations for Academic Excellence	2001-04

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## Teaching Experience

### University College London

#### Graduate Courses

MA Proseminar in Value Theory	Spring 2019
MA Proseminar in Theoretical Philosophy	Fall 2018
Advanced Topics: Linguistic Semantics and the Philosophy of Language	Spring 2018, 2017
MPhil Seminar on Strawson's <i>Individuals</i>	Fall 2016

#### Undergraduate Courses

Philosophy of Mind	Spring 2019
Philosophy of Language	Fall 2018, 2017
Logic 2	Spring 2018, 2017
Logic 1	Fall 2017, 2016

#### Courses in Development

Slurs and Pejoratives	Grad. or Adv. Undergrad.
Speaking without Words: Pictures, Maps, Clothes, and Gestures	Grad. or Adv. Undergrad.
Constructing our Social Identities: How We Speak and Who We Are	Grad. or Adv. Undergrad.
Dynamic Semantics and its Applications	Grad. or Adv. Undergrad.

Emergentism: History and Contemporary Applications  
Philosophical Themes in Russian Poetry and Prose  
Intermediate Logic (basic set theory, non-classical, modal, etc.)

Grad. or Adv. Undergrad.  
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## Professional Service

### Referee for:

<i>Nous</i>	2018–
<i>Mind and Language</i>	2018–
<i>Journal of Philosophical Logic</i>	2018–
<i>Synthese</i>	2017–
<i>Natural Language and Linguistic Theory</i>	2017–
<i>Linguistics and Philosophy</i>	2017–
<i>Mind</i>	2015–
<i>Ergo</i>	2015–

### Organizer for:

Co-organizer of the 6th California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference	2015
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## Volunteer Service

### Ayuda Directa USA

*Founder and Co-Chair*

- Co-founded and managed 501(c)(3) organization to design and implement volunteer projects in rural Ecuador.
  - Led 8 summer expeditions in 6 communities, involving approximately 200 international volunteers and 2500 community members.
  - Operations handed off in 2010 to Ayuda Directa ONLUS (Italy): [www.ayudadirecta.org](http://www.ayudadirecta.org).
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## Languages

- English: native speaker
  - Russian: fluent
  - Spanish: fluent
  - French: professional working proficiency
  - Korean: intermediate
  - Italian: basic
  - Swedish: basic
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## References

- John MacFarlane (dissertation co-chair), Professor, UC Berkeley Department of Philosophy
  - Seth Yalcin (dissertation co-chair), Associate Professor, UC Berkeley Department of Philosophy
  - Daniel Rothschild, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University College London
  - Michael Martin, Wilde Professor of Mental Philosophy, University of Oxford
  - Barbara Partee, Distinguished University Professor Emerita, UMass Amherst Department of Linguistics
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