

DAVID ALEXANDER HUNTER

EMPLOYMENT

2016-present. Professor, Department of Philosophy, Ryerson University
2006-2016. Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Ryerson University
Summer 2005. Adjunct Instructor, University at Buffalo School of Management
2004 – 2006. Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Buffalo State College, SUNY, Buffalo, NY
1997 – 2003. Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Buffalo State College, SUNY, Buffalo, NY
1996 – 1997. Limited Term Faculty Member, Concordia University, Montreal
1994 – 1996. Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 1994
B.A. Honours, Philosophy (University Scholar), McGill University, Montreal, 1988

RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

Textbook

2014. *A Practical Guide to Critical Thinking: Deciding What to Do and Believe*, Second Edition. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley and Sons. (First Edition: 2009)

Edited Collections

2013. *Propositions: their nature and grasp or understanding*. Co-edited with Gurpreet Rattan. Supplementary volume 39, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.
2009. *Belief and Agency*. Supplementary volume 35, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*.

Journal Articles

Forthcoming. Practical Reasoning and the First Person. *Philosophia*.
2015. Davidson on Practical Knowledge. *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy*. 3(9), 1-19
2011. Alienated Belief. *dialectica*. 65, 221-240

2009. Demonstrative Belief and Dispositions. *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 34, 243-262
2008. Belief and Self-Consciousness. *International Journal for Philosophical Studies*, 16(5), 673-693
2007. Common Ground and Modal Disagreement. In H.V. Hansen et. al. (eds.) *Dissensus and the Search for Common Ground*, CD-ROM (pp. 1-7). Windsor, ON: OSSA
Reprinted: 2010. *Linguistic and Philosophical Investigations*, 9, 134-144
2005. Soames and Widescopism. *Philosophical Studies*, 123, 231-241
2003. Is Thinking an Action? *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 2(2), 133-148
2002. On Representing Content. *Protosociology*, 17, 101-118
2001. Knowledge and Understanding. *Mind and Language*, 16(5), 542-546
2001. Mind-Brain Identity and the Nature of States. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 79(3), 366-376
1998. Understanding and Belief. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 63(3), 559-579
1997. Understanding, Justification and the A Priori. *Philosophical Studies*, 87(2), 119-141
1996. Definition in Frege's *Foundations of Arithmetic*. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 77(2), 88-107

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming. Directives for Knowledge and Belief. *Normativity: Epistemic and Practical*, Daniel Whiting, et. al. (eds.) Oxford: Oxford University Press,
2009. Guidance and Belief. In (ed.) David Hunter, *Belief and Agency*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 35, 63-90
2009. Contextualism, Skepticism and Objectivity. In R. Stainton and C. Viger (Eds.) *Compositionality, Context and Semantic Values*, New York: Springer, 105-128

Critical Notices

2003. Critical Notice of Gabriel Segal's *A Slim Book about Narrow Content*, (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2000), *Noûs*, 37(4), 724-745
2003. Consciousness and Conceivability: a Critical Notice of John Perry's *Knowledge, Possibility and Consciousness* (MIT Press 2001), *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 33(2), 285-304

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming. *Context*, by Robert Stalnaker, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2014). *Dialogue*
2008. *Self-Consciousness*, by Sebastian Rödl, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007). *Philosophical Books*, 49(3), 272-274

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1999. *Rule-Following and Realism*, by Gary Ebbs, (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1997). *The Philosophical Review*, 108 (3), 425-427

Encyclopedia and Dictionary Entries

2013. Practical Knowledge. *Oxford Bibliographies Online*

2011. Belief Ascription and Context Dependence. *Philosophy Compass*. 6(12), 902-911

2006. Communication, understanding, and interpretation: philosophical aspects, *The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2nd. Ed., Elsevier, 654-658

2006. Biographical entries on Robert Stalnaker and George Boolos, *The Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers*, Ernie Lepore (ed.), Thoemmes Press

Work in Progress

Believing and Truth, ms. 42 pages

Understanding Disordered Belief, ms. 33 pages

Practical Reasoning and the First Person, ms. 45 pages, currently under review

A New Argument against Evidentialism, ms. 20 pages

Virtuous Inferences and Virtuous Thinkers, 5 page handout

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations

2017. Virtuous Inferences. European Conference on Argumentation, Fribourg, June. (Abstract blind reviewed.)

2017. Ryle on Inference. Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, Calgary, May. (Abstract blind reviewed.)

2015. Practical Reasoning and the First Person. *The First Person Perspective*, University of Dublin, Ireland, October. (Abstract blind reviewed)

2015. Virtuous Inference, Virtuous Thinker. *Normativity: Epistemic and Practical*, University of Southampton, September. (Abstract blind reviewed) (For family reasons I was not able to attend.)

2014. Davidson on Practical Knowledge. Annual meeting of the *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy*. Montreal, May. (Abstract blind review)

2013. Reasons for Belief and Practical Obligations. *Reasons and Reasoning*, Saarbrücken, October. (Full-paper blind review)

2011. Action and the Norms of Belief. *Canadian Society for Epistemology*. Sherbrooke, Canada, October (Abstract blind review)

2009. Intention and Practical Belief. *First Annual Dutch Conference on Practical Philosophy*. Doorn, The Netherlands, October. (Abstract blind review)

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2009. Practical Belief, Action and Self-Location. *First Latin American Analytic Philosophy Conference*. Merida, Mexico, April. (Full-paper blind review)
2008. Intentional Belief. *The Place of Epistemic Agency*. Madrid, July. (Full paper blind review)
2008. Belief Revision and Self-Consciousness. *Epistemic Agency*. Geneva, April. (Full paper blind review)
2008. Belief, Intention and Alienation. *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division, Pasadena, March. (Full paper blind review)
2007. Common Ground and Modal Disagreement. *Ontario Society for the Study of Argumentation*, Windsor, June. (Full paper blind review)
2002. Qualia, Multiple Realizability, and the Identity Thesis. *Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness*, Barcelona, Spain, June. (Full paper blind review)
2002. Soames and Widescopism. *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Toronto, May. (Full paper blind review)
2002. Soames and Widescopism. *Ontario Philosophical Society*, Toronto, February. (Full paper blind review)
2001. Descriptive Reference Fixing and Singular Propositions. *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Quebec City, May. (Full paper blind review)
2001. Descriptive Reference Fixing and De Re Beliefs. *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division, San Francisco, March. (Full paper blind review)
1999. Do Functional States Need Realizers? *Ontario Philosophical Society*, University of Guelph, Ontario, October. (Full paper blind review)
1999. Mind-Brain Identity and the Nature of States' Poster presentation, *Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Stanford University, June. (Full paper blind review)
1995. Analyticity and Implication, *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Montreal, June. (Full paper blind review)

Invited Keynote Addresses

2012. Varieties of Disagreement. *Canadian Society for Epistemology*. Sherbrooke, Quebec. November. (A death in my family prevented me at the last minute from giving this keynote.)

Invited Lectures

- Forthcoming. Inference as a Mental Action. *Mental Action and the Metaphysics of Mind*. Royal Institute of Philosophy, London, November 2017
2017. Understanding Disordered Belief. Department of Philosophy. University of Graz, March
2015. Virtuous Inference, Virtuous Thinker. University of Montreal, November

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2015. Practical Reasoning and the First Person. *Interactions Conference*. University of Leipzig, July
2015. Broome on Inference. Department of Philosophy, Erlangen University, Germany, May
2015. Directives for Belief. University of Southampton, January
2011. Belief Revision and the First Person Perspective. *De Se Indexicality and Content*, Institut Jean Nicod/CSMN Paris. March
2006. Belief and Subjectivity. Department of Philosophy, University of Guelph, March
2002. What is a Singular Proposition? Philosophy Colloquium, University at Buffalo, February
2001. Possible Worlds and Singular Propositions. Philosophy Colloquium, Queens' University, November
2001. The Stipulation Method and the Contingent A Priori. Philosophy Department Colloquium, University of Rochester, February
1998. States and Identity. Cognitive Science Colloquium, University at Buffalo SUNY, October.
1998. Definition in Frege's Foundations of Arithmetic. Department of Philosophy, University at Buffalo, SUNY, February
1997. Can Ontology be A Priori? McGill University, Montreal, March
1995. Understanding and Necessity. Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, March 1995

Symposia Presentations

2016. Virtuous Inferences, and Virtuous Thinkers. *Israeli Philosophical Association*, Jerusalem, February. I have been invited to be part of a panel discussion with Sergio Tenenbaum (University of Toronto) and David Horst (Jerusalem University).
2011. Wherein is Action Causal? *Canadian Philosophical Association* Annual Meeting, Fredericton, NB. June. Other participants: Matthias Haase (Basel); Fred Schueler (Delaware) Sarah Stroud (McGill.) Organizer: David Hunter
2008. Belief and Intention. *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, June The other participants were Sergio Tenenbaum (The University of Toronto) and Michael Thompson (University of Pittsburgh). Organizer: David Hunter
2007. First Person Belief and Psychological Explanation. *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Annual Meeting, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, June. The other participants were Gurpreet Rattan (The University of Toronto) and Robin Jeshion (University of California, Riverside). Henry Jackman (York University) chaired. Organizer: David Hunter
2006. Belief and Subjectivity. Annual Meeting of the Pacific Division of the *American Philosophical Association*, San Francisco, March. The other participants were Ruth Millikan and Jose Bermudez. Robin Jeshion chaired. Organizer: Eric Schwitzgebel

2005. Dispositionalism about Belief and Frege's Problem. *Canadian Philosophical Association* Annual Meeting, London Ontario, May. The other participants were Eric Schwitzgebel and Charles Travis. Organizer: David Hunter
2004. Externalism and Conceivability. *International Society for Value Inquiry*, in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, April 2004.

Conference Comments

2017. Comments on *Evidence and Agency*, by Berislav Marušić, part of an author-meets-critics panel I organized at the annual meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto, May
2016. Comments on *Emotions, Values and Agency*, by Christine Tappolet, part of an author-meets-critics panel at the annual meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Calgary, May
2016. Comments on 'Differences of taste,' by Rachel Rudolph, *Les Visages du Désaccord/Faces of Disagreement*, Montreal, May.
2014. Comments on 'Akratic action under the guise of the good,' by Eugene Chislenko, Central Meeting of the *American Philosophical Association*, February
2013. Symposium Comments on 'Iteration and fragmentation,' by Daniel Greco, Eastern Meeting of the *American Philosophical Association*, December
2011. Comments on Bart Streumer, 'Belief for no Reason'. *Norms and Belief*, University of Southampton, England, September
2011. Comments on Brad Cokelet, 'A Responsible Moral Constructivism', *St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*, June
2011. Comments on Anton Ford 'Reasoning as the form of intentional action'. *St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*, June
2008. Comments on John Brunero "Consistency in Belief and Intention". *Central Division of American Philosophical Association*. Chicago, February
2004. Comments on Jim Pryor's paper 'Acquaintance and *de re* belief'. *De Re Belief*, Queen's University, Kingston, September
2005. Comments on Alex Barber's paper 'What refers? How?'. *Canadian Philosophical Association*, May
2001. Comments on Maite Ezcurdia's paper 'Occurrences Revisted'. *Contexts*, Institute for Philosophical Investigation, UNAM, Mexico, October
2001. Comments on Noa Latham's 'Can Psychophysical Identity Save Mental Causation?', *American Philosophical Association*, Central Division, Minneapolis, MN, May
2001. Comments on Anandi Hattiangadi's 'Dispositions and Correctness', *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Quebec City, May

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1999. Comments on Michel Desy's 'Is Anti-Individualism a Form of Collectivism?', *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Sherbrooke, June
1999. Comments on Paul Raymont's 'Are Mental Properties Causally Relevant?', *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Sherbrooke, June
1998. Comments on Bernard Linsky's 'Placing Intentional Objects in Naturalism', *Canadian Philosophical Association*, Ottawa, May

Other Conference Participation (selected)

2012. Session Chair, *Norms and Action*, a conference hosted at the University of Southampton, England, January
2010. Session Chair, *Practical Knowledge II*, a conference organized by University of Basel, Basel, July
2009. Session Chair, *The Aim of Belief*, a conference organized by the *Center for the Study of Mind in Nature*, Oslo, June

Professional Presentations

2008. University of Arkansas, Little Rock. I was invited to give presentations to the members of the department of philosophy and to the college community on the assessment of critical thinking and on the assessment of undergraduate programs. February
2006. Critical Thinking: the power of effective decision making. Annual meeting of the *American Society for Training and Development*, Houston, June
2005. Critical Thinking Rubrics, *Program-Level Assessment*. SUNY Training Center at the University at Buffalo, November
2005. Critical Thinking and Evidence-Based Decision Making. *HealthCare Executives Forum*, Buffalo, September 2005

CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZING

2012. *Anscombe on Practical Knowledge*. Speakers: Matthias Haase (Basel), Jennifer Hornsby (Birkbeck College, London), Sebastian Rodl (Leipzig). University of London, June. I co-organized this with Adrian Haddock (Stirling).
2011. *Action and Causal Explanation*. Symposium. Canadian Philosophical Association, Annual Meeting, Fredericton, NB. Speakers: Matthias Haase (Basel), David Hunter (Ryerson), Fred Schueler (Delaware) Sarah Stroud (McGill.) Fredericton, NB. June
2010. *Belief and Agency*. Speakers: Matt Boyle (Harvard), David Checkland (Ryerson), Pamela Hieronimy (UCLA), David Hunter (Ryerson), Lucy O'Brien (UCL), Nishi Shah (Amherst), Eric Schwitzgebel (UC Riverside), Robert Stalnaker (MIT), Sergio Tenenbaum (UoT). Ryerson University, October

2008. *Belief and Intention: reflections on Anscombe*. Symposium. Canadian Philosophical Association annual meeting. Speakers: David Hunter, Sergio Tenenbaum (University of Toronto) and Michael Thompson (University of Pittsburgh). Chair: Patricia Marino (University of Waterloo). Vancouver, June
2007. *Ryle at Ryerson: a conference inspired by Gilbert Ryle's The Concept of Mind*. Speakers: Laird Addis (Iowa), Rocky Jacobsen (Laurier), Sonia Sedivy (Toronto), Robert Stalnaker (MIT), Brian Weatherson (Cornell). Ryerson University, October. I co-organized this conference with Andrew Hunter (Ryerson).
2007. *First-Person Belief and Psychological Explanation*. Symposium. Canadian Philosophical Association, Annual Meeting. Speakers: Gurpreet Rattan (The University of Toronto) and Robin Jeshion (University of California, Riverside). Chair: Henry Jackman (York University). Saskatoon, Saskatchewan June 2007.

RESEARCH GROUP MEMBERSHIP

- 2014-present. GRIN (*Inter-University Research Group on Normativity*). This is a research group based in Montreal.
- 2012-present. DFG Netzwerk *Praktisches Denken und Gutes Handeln (Practical Thought and Good Action)*. This is a research group based at the University of Leipzig, Germany. It meets twice a year. Associate Member
- 2001-2005. Rutgers Semantics Workshops, Cognitive Science Centre, Rutgers University.
- 2000-present. *Ontario Area Roundtable in the Philosophy of Language*. (I am a founding member and have attended many of its semi-annual meetings from 2000 to present.)

RESEARCH LEAVES AND GRANTS

2015. Sabbatical leave, winter
2011. Institute of Philosophy (London) Workshop Grant (co-applicant with Adrian Haddock) £2000
2011. Mind Association Minor Workshop Grant (co-applicant with Adrian Haddock) £800
2011. Sabbatical Leave, winter
2010. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Aid to Workshops \$9450
- 2008-2011. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Standard Research Grant. \$54,200
2008. Ryerson Faculty of Arts SRC Fund Research Grant, *Belief and Intention*, \$5,000
2007. Ryerson Faculty of Arts SRC Fund Research Grant, *Two-Conceptions of Belief*, \$5,000
2007. Ryerson University Faculty of Arts SRC Fund Travel Grant. \$1,000
- 2007-2008. Ryerson Research Assistant Support Grant. \$2,000

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2005. Buffalo State College Travel Grant. \$1,000

2004. Sabbatical Leave, fall

2002. Buffalo State College Travel Grant. \$1,000

2001. Buffalo State College Travel Grant. \$1,000

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Supervisor, MA Major Research Papers

2016. Kim, Jae Hong. *The Nature of Practical Reasoning* (tentative title), Ryerson University

2015. Teeninga, Luke. *The Puzzle of Assertion*. Ryerson University

2014. Brienza, Mike. *Panpsychism and the Subject Combination Problem*. Ryerson University

2014. Roberts, Ebony. *Perspective-Centered Relativism and Faultless Disagreement*. Ryerson University

2013. Wilkinson, Kris. *Two-Way Powers and the Attribution of Agency*. Ryerson University

2013. Dos Santos, Antonio. *Psychopaths and Practical Knowledge*. Ryerson University

2013. Derksen, Elena. *Reasons to Believe*. Ryerson University

2012. Levy, Christopher. *Can we Live with Cohabitation? An Analysis of the Commonsense View of Identity and 'Ordinary Concern'*. Ryerson University

Second Reader, MA Theses

2015. Blackburn, Adam. *Challenging the 'Hidden' Assumption in J.L. Schellenberg's Hiddenness Argument: an exploration into the nature of divine love*. Ryerson University

Second Reader, MA Major Research Papers

2014. Blank, Timothy. *The Open Theistic Multiverse*. Ryerson University

2014. Loughheed, Kirk. *Disagreement and the Rationality of Religious Belief*. Ryerson University

2014. Poettcker, Jason. *Defending the Purpose Theory of Meaning in Life*. Ryerson University

2013. Chantler, Aylish. *Modal Metaphysics and Dogmas of Philosophical Theology: a response to Almeida*. Ryerson University

2013. Nogas, Benjamin. *Enactive Perception*. Ryerson University

2013. Beck, Amber. *Finding Identity Through Trauma*. Ryerson University

2012. Dragos, Chris. *Reconciling Realism and the Strong Programme*. Ryerson University

External Examiner on Ph.D. Theses

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2016. Lehan, Vanessa. *Justification for a Probabilistic Account of Conditionals*. Department of Philosophy, York University, Toronto, Canada.
2016. Allen, Jared. *Bayesian Investigations: Integrating Actuarial and Expert Models*. Department of Psychology, Ryerson University.
2001. Chi, Chienchih. *The Problem of Intentionality*, submitted at the University at Buffalo, spring 2004 Richard Main's *Negative Facts and the Correspondence Theory of Truth*, submitted at the University at Buffalo
2000. Arenas, Jaime Ramos. *A Critical Study of the Language of Thought Hypothesis*, submitted at the University at Buffalo
1999. Vega, Ivonne Victoria Pallares. *On Mathematical Abstraction*, submitted to the University at Buffalo

SERVICE

Departmental, faculty and university-wide service

Major Service

- 2010-2014. Graduate Program Director, Philosophy MA, Ryerson University
2005. Chair, SUNY General Education Discipline Panel on Critical Thinking, Buffalo State College, SUNY. Buffalo, NY
- 2005-2006. Chair, Department of Philosophy and Humanities, Buffalo State College, SUNY, Buffalo, NY

Regular Service

- 2007-present. Department Appointments Committee, Ryerson University
- 2006-2007. Faculty of Arts SRC committee, Ryerson University
2006. Department Evaluation Committee, Ryerson University
- 2005-2006. Senate Intellectual Foundations Oversight Committee, Buffalo State College
- 2004-2006. Critical Thinking Assessment Committee, Buffalo State College
- 2005-2006. BSC101 Development Committee, Buffalo State College
- 2003-2006. Senate Instruction and Research Committee, Buffalo State College
2003. Senate Special Committee on General Education, Buffalo State College
2003. Selection Committee for the President's Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creativity, Buffalo State College
- 2002-2003. Humanities Program Task Force, Buffalo State College
- 2001-2003. Senate Select General Education Committee, Buffalo State College
- 1997-2002. Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee, Buffalo State College
- 1997-2002. Senate Academic Planning Committee, Buffalo State College

Professional Service

Major Service

2015-2017. Member of the Board of Directors, *Canadian Philosophical Association*

2013-present. Editorial Board Coordinator, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

2007-2013. Editorial Board Member, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

2004-2006. Member of Curriculum Committee, *American Philosophical Association*

Referee Work (selected)

Journals: *Mind and Language*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Dialogue*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*

Conferences: The Canadian Philosophical Association, the Ontario Philosophical Society, Society for Philosophy and Psychology

Presses: McGill-Queen's University Press, Oxford University Press