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Personal Information

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Education

- PhD 2007-2012
The University of Melbourne, VIC, Australia
Examiners: Daniel Nolan and Ted Sider
Advisor: Graham Priest
- BA(Hons)(Class I)(Phil) 2004-2005
The University of Queensland, QLD, Australia
- Post Grad Diploma (Phil) 2003
The University of Queensland, QLD, Australia
- BSc (Anatomy)(Biochemical Sciences) 1996-1999
The University of Queensland, QLD, Australia

Employment

- Lehigh University, USA – Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2014 –
– Asian Studies Program, 2015 –
- University of Hamburg, Germany – Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow, 2015-2017.
- Otago University, New Zealand – Visiting Lecturer, 2014.
- Kyoto University, Japan – Post-doctoral Research fellow, 2011-2013.
- The University of Melbourne, Australia – Teaching Assistant, 2008-2011.
- Ormond College, Australia – Tutor, 2010.

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Publications

Books

Bliss R and Priest G (eds), *Reality and its Structure: Essays in Fundamentality*. OUP [Forthcoming].

Book Chapters

Bliss, R and Priest G., 'The Geography of Fundamentality: An Overview', in *Reality and its Structure: Essays in Fundamentality*, Ricki Bliss and Graham Priest (eds). Oxford University Press [Forthcoming].

Bliss, R., 'Grounding and Reflexivity', in *Reality and its Structure: Essays in Fundamentality*, Ricki Bliss, Graham Priest (eds), Oxford University Press [Forthcoming].

Bliss, R and Priest G., 'Metaphysical Dependence and Reality: East and West', in *Buddhist Philosophy: A Comparative Survey*, Steven Emmanuel (ed). Basil Blackwell [Forthcoming].

Bliss, R., 'On Being Humean about the Emptiness of Causation', in *The Moon Points Back*, Yasuo Deguchi, Jay Garfield, Graham Priest, Koji Tanaka (eds), Oxford University Press (2015).

Articles

Bliss R and Trogon K., 'Metaphysical Grounding' *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, Edward N Zalta (ed) (2015).

Bliss R., 'Viciousness and Circles of Ground', *Metaphilosophy*, vol. 45, no.2 (2014).

Bliss R., 'Viciousness and the Structure of Reality', *Philosophical Studies*, vol.166, no.2 (2013).

Reviews

Review of Mark Jago's *Reality-Making* for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2016).

Review of Fabrice Correia and Benjamin Schnieder *Metaphysical Grounding: Understanding the Structure of Reality* for *The Philosophical Review*, July (2015).

Review of Tyron Goldschmidt's *The Puzzle of Existence: Why is there something rather than nothing?* for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (2013).

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Works in Progress

Books

Ricki Bliss and James Miller (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*. Routledge [Under Contract].

Bliss R., *The God of all Things: Ultimate Explainers and Contemporary Fundamentality* – This is a book length project on the history – Western and non-Western – of God as an ultimate explainer and how the metaphysical issues faced by accounts of God bear on contemporary debates over fundamentality.

Book Chapters

Bliss R., 'Fundamentality', in *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, Ricki Bliss and James Miller (eds). Routledge.

Bliss R and Miller J., 'Introduction', in *Routledge Handbook of Metametaphysics*, Ricki Bliss and James Miller (eds). Routledge.

Bliss R and Casati F., 'Cosmological Questions', *Indeterminacy*, Gregory Scott Moss (ed) [In Preparation].

Bliss R., 'Metaphysical Grounding', to appear in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy* [Commissioned].

Articles

Bliss R., 'What Work the Fundamental?' [Under Review].

Bliss R., 'Some Work for a Theory of Grounding', [Draft].

Bliss R., 'Metaphysical Foundationalism and the Principle of Sufficient Reason', [Draft].

Bliss R., 'What Dependent Entities Explain', [In Process] (This paper is the follow up to 'What Work the Fundamental?')

Bliss R., 'Bringing Own-Being Back: Priest, One and the return of svabhava', [In Process].

Bliss R., 'Fundamentality and Theoretical Virtue', [In Process].

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Honors and Awards

Scientific Board member, 'Metaphysical Explanation', awarded 7.7 million (SEK), Riksbankens Jubileums Fond, run by Professor Anna-Sofia Maurin, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Award (competitive), 2015-2017.

JSPS Post-doctoral Research award (competitive), 2011-2013.

Presentations

Invited

1. 'TBD', *Invited Speaker Series*, Georgetown University, October 2017.
2. 'TBD', Kyoto University, June, 2017.
3. 'Some work for a theory of Grounding', *Forschungs Kolloquium*, University of Hamburg, May 2017.
4. 'Some work for a theory of Grounding', annual conference, Syracuse University, June 2017.
5. 'TBD', conference on metaphysics and religion, University of Southern California, Davis, January 2017.
6. 'Monisms East and West', *Monism*, Rutgers University, USA, November 2016.
7. 'What work the fundamentalia?', *Metaphysical Explanation Workshop*, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, September 2016.
8. 'What work the fundamentalia?', *International Grounding Workshop*, Kyoto University, Japan, September 2016.
9. 'Grounding and Reflexivity', *A Conference on Grounding*, Leeds University, UK, May 2016.
10. 'Grounding', University of Dresden, Germany, September 2016 (Declined).
11. 'TBD', *Speaker Series*, Slippery Rock University, PA, March 2016.
12. 'Kyoto School', *Speaker Series*, Clemson University, SC, March 2016.
13. 'What Dependent Entities Explain', *GAP Satellite Workshop*, Germany, September 2015. (Declined).
14. 'What Dependent Entities Explain', *Grounding Workshop*, Switzerland, June 2015.
15. 'In Defense of Coherentism', *A Conference on 'One'*, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, May 2015.
16. 'What Dependent Entities Explain', *Junior Metaphysics Workshop*, Grand Valley State University, MI, April 2015.
17. 'Humeanism and the Emptiness of Causation', *MAP Non-Western Philosophy Conference*, University of Pennsylvania, March 2015.
18. 'Grounding and Reflexivity', *LOGOS Research Seminar*, University of Barcelona, Spain, December 2014.
19. 'What Dependent Entities Explain', *Grounding and Fundamentality Workshop*, University of Helsinki, Finland, June 2014.
20. 'Ultimate Explanations', *Research Seminar*, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, July 2014.

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21. 'Metaphysical Foundationalism and the Principle of Sufficient Reason', *Staff Seminar*, Otago University, New Zealand, April 2014.
22. 'Circles of Ground', *Grounding Gothenburg*, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, February 2014.
23. 'Viciousness and Reflexivity', *Workshop on the Regress Problem*, Vanderbilt University, USA, October 2013.
24. 'Circles of Ground'. *Tokyo Forum for Analytic Philosophy*, Tokyo University, Japan, June 2014.
25. 'One', *Priestfest*, The University of Melbourne, Australia, July 2013.
26. 'Metaphysical Foundationalism and the Principle of Sufficient Reason', *Institutskolloquium*, University of Hamburg, Germany, April 2013.
27. 'Metaphysical Foundationalism and the Principle of Sufficient Reason'. *Research Seminar*, Ludwig Maximilian University, Germany, April 2013.
28. 'Viciousness and the Structure of Reality', *Ontology of Asian Philosophy*, Kyoto University, Japan, April 2013.
29. 'Viciousness and the Structure of Reality'. *Research Seminar*, Lingnan University, Hong Kong, May 2012.
30. 'Viciousness and the Structure of Reality', *Logic Group*, The University of Melbourne, Australia, June 2012.
31. 'The Incompatibility of the Regularity Account of Causation with the Madhyamika doctrine of Emptiness', *CPCCEA*, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, September 2012.
32. 'The Incompatibility of the Regularity Account of Causation with the Madhyamika doctrine of Emptiness'. *CAPE Seminar*, Kyoto University, October 2012.
33. 'Metaphysical Foundationalism and the Principle of Sufficient Reason', *CAPE Seminar*, Kyoto University, December 2011.
34. 'Grounding and Reflexivity'. *Groundings: A Workshop*, City University of New York, November 2011.
35. 'Vicious Infinite Regresses'. *The One and the Many: A Workshop in Metaphysics*, The University of Melbourne, August 2011.

Invited Commentary

- Comments on a session, *Junior Metaphysics Workshop*, April 2016.
- Comments on a session, *APA Pacific Division*, April 2016 (Declined).
- Participant, *Ranch Metaphysics Workshop*, January 2016.
- Comments on a session, *APA Eastern Division*, January 2016.
- Comments on a session, *Metaphysics on the Mountain*, USA, April 2014 (Declined).
- Comments for Graham Priest, *Reality Making*, University of Nottingham, UK, June 2012.

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Teaching

Phil 128: Philosophy of Science (Spring 2016).

Phil 221: Reflecting on Reality (Fall 2015; Fall 2017).

Phil 197: Madness and Metaphysics: Philosophical Issues in Psychiatry and Psychology (Spring 2015).

Phil 198/Asia 198: Zen and the Art of the Everyday: Japanese Aesthetics (Spring/Fall 2015; Fall 2017).

Phil 090: Reality, Self and the Ineffable: East and West (Fall 2014).

Phil 140/Asia 140: Eastern Philosophy (Fall 2014/Spring 2016).

Phil 271: Independent study 'Responsibility and Punishment' (Spring 2015).

Phil 271: Independent Study 'The Aesthetics of Architecture' (Spring 2015).

Phil 271: Independent Study 'Zen' (Fall 2017).

Phil 271: Independent Study 'Trust and the Refugee' (Fall 2015 - Spring 2016).

Service

Department

- Search committee Assistant Professor (2016).
- Search Committee Assistant Professor (2015).
- Organizer for the Third Annual Lehigh Philosophy Conference (2015).
- Organizer for the Thirty-Second Selfridge Lecture Series (2015/2016).
- Participated in Second Annual Lehigh Philosophy Conference (2014).
- Meet and Greet at the school open day (2014).

College

- Developed five new courses: Reality, Self and the Ineffable, (Phil 090), Zen and the Art of the Everyday (Phil/Asia198), Metaphysics and Madness (Phil197), Reflecting on Reality (Phil 221), Philosophy of Science (Phil 128).
- Organized Lehigh in Japan: Kyoto summer school (2014/2015)(Approved for 2016).
- Member Asian Studies Interdisciplinary Program.
- Contributed to the Asian Studies program with teaching and the development of new courses.

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- Participated in the Religion Studies search for a junior, tenure-track faculty member (2015).

Profession

- Referee for *The Philosophical Quarterly* (September 2013; November 2015; June 2016, January 2017), *Mind* (February, May, August 2014; February, July 2015; August 2016), *Grazer Philosophische Studien* (August 2014), *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (December 2014), *Erkenntnis* (May, June, October, November 2015; July, August 2016; February 2017), *Synthese* (May 2015; January, October 2016, January, February, March 2017), *AJP* (September 2015; April 2016), *Philosophia* (November 2015; July 2016), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (January 2016; October 2016, January 2017), *Inquiry* (February 2017), *Ergo* (January 2017), *Inquiry* (February 2017).
- External Referee – Search committee, University of Gothenburg, Sweden (April 2017).
- Referee for Swiss National Science Foundation (2016).
- Referee for GAP 9 Conference, Germany (2014).

References

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