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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2012 Harvard University Ph.D, Philosophy

2008 Harvard University M.A. Philosophy

2004 University of Oslo B.A., Mathematics and Philosophy

Professional Positions

2020 – Present Associate Professor of Philosophy University of Texas at Austin

2014 – 2020 Assistant Professor of Philosophy University of Texas at Austin

2012 – 2014 Postdoctoral fellow University of Oslo

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Logic, Mathematical Logic

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Language

Publications

Papers (peer reviewed)

Litland, J. E. (2020b). Prospects for a Theory of Decycling. *Notre Dame J. Formal Logic* **61**(3), 411–435.

Litland, J. E. (2018b). In Defense of the (Moderate) Disunity of Grounding. *Thought* **7**(2), 97–108.

Litland, J. E. (2018c). Pure Logic of Iterated Full Ground. *Review of Symbolic Logic* **11**(3), 411–435.

Litland, J. E. (2017a). Could the Grounds's Grounding the Grounded Ground the Grounded? *Analysis* **78**(1), 56–65.

Litland, J. E. (2017b). Grounding Ground. *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* **10**, 279–316.

Litland, J. E. (2016). An infinitely descending chain of ground without a lower bound. *Philosophical Studies* **173**(5), 1361–1369.

Litland, J. E. (2016). Pure Logic of Many-Many Ground. *Journal of Philosophical Logic* **45**(5), 531–577.

Litland, J. E. (2015). Grounding, Explanation, and the Limit of Internality. *Philosophical Review* **124**(4), 481–533.

Book chapters (peer reviewed)

Litland, J. E. (2018a). “Bicollective Ground: Towards a (Hyper)graphic Account”. In: *Reality and Its Structure*. Ed. by R. Bliss and G. Priest. Oxford University Press. Chap. 7, pp.140–164.

Papers (solicited)

Litland, J. E. and J. Yli-Vakkuri (2016). Vagueness & Modality—An Ecumenical Approach. *Philosophical Perspectives* **30**(1), 229–269.

Litland, J. E. (Jan. 2013). On Some Counterexamples to the Transitivity of Grounding. *Essays in Philosophy* **14**(1): *Grounding Relation(s)*. Ed. by P. Hovda and T. Cross, 19–32.

Book chapters (solicited)

Litland, J. E. (2020a). "Meta-Ground". In: *Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*. Ed. by M. J. Raven. Routledge. Chap. 9, pp.133–147.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2018	Summer Research Assignment at UT Austin	
2017	Visiting Fellow at ConceptLab (University of Oslo)	
2015	Summer Research Assignment at UT Austin	
2015	Winner of 2015 Sanders Prize in Metaphysics	Award: \$10,000
2012	NIP Visiting Graduate Fellowship, Northern Institute of Philosophy	
2011–2012	Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	
2008	Graduate Society Merit Fellowship, Harvard University	
2007	Graduate Society Summer Fellowship, Harvard University	
2004–2005	Fulbright Scholarship (Norway-US)	

Conference Presentations (refereed)

Exact Modality 2019 ExLog 19, University of Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium	May 6-8, 2019
Real Definition, Opacity, Ground Workshop on Non-causal Explanations, Centre for Logic and Philosophy of Science, Ghent, Belgium	May 9-10, 2019
Generating Propositions American, <i>Language and Essence Conference</i> , Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative, Victoria, BC, Canada	Oct 5–6, 2018
In Defense of Moderate Pluralism About Ground American Philosophical Association (Eastern Division), Savannah, GA	Jan 3–6, 2018
Exact Necessitation, Higher-order Metaphysics Conference, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Jun 4–5, 2016
Exact Necessitation, American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), San Francisco, CA	Mar 30–Apr 3, 2016
Bicollective Ground, American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division), Vancouver, BC, Canada	Apr 1–5, 2015
Is Grounding an Internal Relation? American Philosophical Association, (Central Division), St. Louis, MO	Feb 18–21, 2015
Logic of Iterated Grounding Reality Making Conference, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom	Jul 10, 2012
The Barcan Formula(e) for Determinacy American Philosophical Association (Pacific), San Diego, CA	Apr 22, 2011
The Barcan Formula(e) for Determinacy, Graduate Conference in the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics, Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom	Jan 22–23, 2011
An Actualist Theory of Properties UT Austin, Graduate Conference, Austin, TX	Apr 17–19, 2009

Invited Talks

Participant in symposium on grounding negative facts (with Paul Hovda and Daniel Muñoz), American Philosophical Association (Pacific), San Francisco, CA	Apr 8–11, 2020
Invited moderator, <i>LACSI Conference on Grounding and Its Applications</i> , North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC	Sep 27-8, 2019
Ways of Ground, <i>Miniworkshop on Grounding and Fineness of Grain</i> , with Peter Fritz University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	May 30, 2018
Truthmakers, Awareness, and Closure under Containment, <i>Symposium on Truthmaker semantics with Kit Fine and Stephen Yablo</i> , Pacific APA, San Diego, CA	Mar 28-31, 2018
Ways of Ground, <i>Metaphysical and Mathematical Explanations Workshop</i> IUSS Pavia, Italy	Dec 14–16, 2017

Everything Exists, <i>Non-instance Based Conceptions of Generality</i> , Workshop at ConceptLab, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Aug 10–11, 2017
Exact Modality, <i>Modality and Truthmaking</i> , Humboldt Workshop with Kit Fine, Augsburg, Germany	Jul 28–29, 2017
Ways of Ground, Higher Seminar on Theoretical Philosophy, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden	Jun 2, 2016
Ways of Ground, <i>Grounding: Between Ethics and Metaphysics</i> , University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX	May 6–7, 2016
An Intuitionistic Theory of Class, <i>The Metaphysics and Semantics of Predication</i> , University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Jun 12, 2015
Exact Necessitation, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Jun 5, 2015
Outline of a Theory of Ground, Workshop: Recent Work on the Logic of Ground, University of Oslo, Norway	Jun 5–6, 2014
Vagueness and Modality: an ecumenical approach (with Juhani Yli-Vakkuri), Workshop on Meaning and Modality, CSMN, Oslo, Norway	Jun 2–4, 2014
The Completeness and Stability of Intuitionistic Logic, Invited Talk, Conference on hypothetical reasoning, Paris I, Paris, France	May 29–31, 2014
Vagueness and Safety with Juhani Yli-Vakkuri Research Seminar, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland	Apr 3, 2014
Is Grounding an Internal Relation?, Workshop on Grounding at the University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden	Feb 8–9, 2014
The Downwards Justification Procedure and the Completeness and Stability of Intuitionistic Logic, Oxford Seminar in the Philosophy of Mathematics, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom	Oct 22, 2013
The Downwards Justification Procedure and the Completeness and Stability of Intuitionistic Logic Logic Colloquium, Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom	Oct 17, 2013
Pure Logics of Many-Many Ground Workshop on Explanation in Metaphysics, University of Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland	Jun 22–23, 2013
Modal Comprehension, Object-Dependence and the rejection of B and 4 , Workshop: Necessity, analyticity and the A Priori, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Jun 10–11, 2013
Determinate Necessity, Necessary Determinacy, Penumbral Determinacy, Necessary and Determinate Existence, Higher Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden	Mar 22, 2013
Proof-theoretic Semantics Based on Elimination Rules, Logic Colloquium, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany	Nov 21, 2012
Pure Logic of Iterated Ground Workshop on Grounding and Groundedness, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Munich, Germany	Oct 26–27, 2012
Grounding Grounding, Seminar, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX	Apr 27, 2012
Towards a Theory of Indefinite Extensibility, Seminar, New York University, New York, NY	Jan 27, 2012,
Towards a Theory of Indefinite Extensibility, Seminar, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada	Jan 10, 2012

Comments

Comments on Kevin Richardson's Grounding Pluralism, Central APA, Kansas City, MO	Mar 2, 2017
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Other Presentations

Participant in Grounding Conference University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany	May 25–27, 2018
Mini-seminar on Collective Abstraction (with Øystein Linnebo) University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Aug 9, 2017
Panel on easy approaches to Ontology (With Øystein Linnebo, Agustín Rayo, and Einar Bøhn), CSMN, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	May 29, 2017
Faculty Panel on Logic (with Katherine Dunlop and Sinan Dogramaci), University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX	Apr 8, 2016

Recent Work on the Logic of Ground Lectures at the University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	May 24–25, 2014
Is Grounding an Internal Relation, CSMN Colloquium, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Jan 30, 2014
Pure Logic of Many-Many Ground, Logic Colloquium, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	21 and 28 Nov, 2013
Vagueness and Safety with Juhani Yli-Vakkuri, CSMN Colloquium, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Nov 14, 2013
Vagueness and Modality with Juhani Yli-Vakkuri, CSMN Colloquium, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Sep 26, 2013
Proof-Theoretic Completeness of Intuitionistic Logic, Logic Colloquium, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Feb 28, Mar 7 2013
Determinate Necessity, Necessary Determinacy and Penumbral Determinacy—Or Why the Vagueness Argument Isn't Valid, University of Oslo (CSMN), CSMN Colloquium, Oslo, Norway	Jan 17, 2013
Grounding Grounding	Sep 20, 2012
University of Oslo (CSMN), CSMN Colloquium, Oslo, Norway	
The Barcan Formula(e) for Determinacy, University of Oslo (CSMN), L&R Seminar, Oslo, Norway	Jan 27, 2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

PHL 383	Ground, Essence, and Definition	Fall 2020
PHL 391	Type Theory and Predicativity (with Josh Dever)	Fall 2019
PHL 389	Core Logic	Spring 2019
PHL 389	Ground, Grain, and Generality	Fall 2018
PHL 382	Metaphysics of Modality	Fall 2017
	Fundamentality (Conference Course)	Fall 2017
	Ground in Metaethics & Phil of Mind (conference course)	Fall 2016
PHL391:	Philosophy of Logic (with Sinan Dogramaci)	Fall 2016
PHL389:	Core Logic (with Josh Dever)	Spring 2016
PHL382:	Grounding	Fall 2015

Undergraduate

PHL313:	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	Fall 2020
PHL323k:	Introduction to Metaphysics	Fall 2019
PHL313:	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	Spring 2019
PHL323k:	Introduction to Metaphysics	Fall 2018
PHL323k:	Introduction to Metaphysics	Spring 2018
PHL313:	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	Spring 2018
PHL344k:	Intermediate Symbolic Logic	Fall 2017
PHL323k:	Introduction to Metaphysics	Fall 2016
PHL344k:	Intermediate Symbolic Logic	Spring 2016
PHL358:	Philosophical Logic,	Fall 2015
PHL344k:	Intermediate Symbolic Logic	Spring 2015
PHL323k:	Introduction to Metaphysics	Spring 2015
PHL313:	Introduction to Symbolic Logic	Fall 2014

Service

Advising at UT Austin

Graduate Supervision

Emilie Pagano	Philosophy	2019–present	member
Alexander Rausch	Philosophy	2019–present	member
Amelia Kahn	Philosophy	2019–present	member
Taylor-grey Miller	Philosophy	2019–present	chair
Derek Haderlie	Philosophy	2017–present	co-chair
Zachary Blaesi	Philosophy	2017–present	member
James J. Morton	Ph.d Philosophy	2018	member
Fatema Amijee	Ph.d Philosophy	2017	member

Undergraduate Honors theses

Ethan Walker	Philosophy	2020–2020	Second Reader
Ethan Russo	Philosophy	2019–2020	Supervisor
Daniel Proske	Philosophy	2018–2019	Supervisor
Michael Guidot	Philosophy	2018	Supervisor
Elijah Barrish	Philosophy	2018	Second reader
Mason Parva	Philosophy	2017	Second reader
Kathleen Hintikka	Philosophy	2015–2016	Supervisor

Advising at other universities

Third Reader for Jonas Werner's Ph.D thesis, University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany	Jul 2019
External Examiner for Stephen James Duxbury's Ph.D Examination, Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, United Kingdom	Jul 12, 2018

Departmental service

Head of committee responsible for student placement (with prof. Matt Evans)	2015–present
Member of committee responsible for student placement (with prof. Miriam Schoenfield)	2014–2015

Service to the University of Texas and the University of Oslo

Collective Abstraction, Talk to the Undergraduate Philosophy Association, UT Austin, Austin, TX	Apr 20, 2017
Identitetskriterier [Criteria of Identity] Commentary on Øystein Linnebo at <i>Sokratisk Aften</i> , student philosophy club, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway	Apr 10, 2013
Hva er metafysisk grunning? [What is metaphysical grounding?] Popular talk given at <i>Sokratisk Aften</i> , student philosophy club, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway (Commentator: prof. Øystein Linnebo)	Feb 13, 2013

Workshop and conference organization

Organizer of Workshop (with Ethan Russo) on Material Plenitude, University of Texas at Austin	March 2020. (Cancelled due to Covid-19)
Organizer of Workshop (with Øystein Linnebo) on Non-instance-based Conceptions of Generality, ConceptLab, University of Oslo	Aug 10–11, 2017
Organizer of Workshop (with Ralf Bader) Grounding: Between Ethics and Metaphysics, UT Austin,	May 6–7, 2016
Organizer of Workshop on Recent Work on the Logic of Grounding, University of Oslo	Jun 5-6, 2014

Service to the Profession

Member of Program Committee, Central APA, 2020-2021

Service as Peer Reviewer

I have reviewed articles and chapters for the following journals and presses.

Inquiry, Review of Symbolic Logic, Analytic Philosophy, Ergo, SATS, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Theoria, Erkenntnis, Philosophical Quarterly, Mind, Dialectica, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophia Mathematica, Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, Linguistics and Philosophy, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Studia Logica, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Analysis, Philosopher's Imprint, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Ethics, Noûs, Thought, Philosophical Review, Philosophia, Critica, Journal of Philosophy, Springer, Oxford University Press 2012–present

Membership of editorial boards

Analytic Philosophy 2014–present

Service as reviewer of grant proposals

Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (Belgium) 2019

Languages

Norwegian (native), English (fluent), Danish (reading), Swedish (reading), German (reading)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The American Philosophical Association 2010–present