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NATIONALITY : Swiss, Italian
father of Alessandro (2012) and Noah (2014)

Area of Specialization Metaphysics, Medieval Philosophy

Areas of Competence Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion

CAREER SUMMARY

2016	Temporary Lecturer	University of Geneva
2015 –	Lecturer	Institute for Philosophical Studies, Lugano
2015 –	Deputy Director	Collegium Philosophicum, Lugano
2015 –	Post-doc (50%)	University of Fribourg
2015	Temporary Lecturer	University of Geneva
2014 – 2015	Post-doc	University of Neuchâtel
2014	Temporary Lecturer	University of Fribourg
2010 – 2013	Teaching fellow	Institute for Philosophical Studies, Lugano
2010 – 2013	FNS Research Fellow	University of Geneva

Shortlisted for: Lecturer (permanent) at King's College London (2016, three shortlisted candidates)

EDUCATION

2014	Ph.D. in Philosophy	University of Geneva
2013- 2014	Visiting Scholar	Columbia University
2010	M.A. in Philosophy	University of Geneva
2008	B.A. in Philosophy	Institute for Philosophical Studies, Lugano

PUBLICATIONS

(forthcoming 2016) "The Transcendentist Theory of Persistence", *The Journal of Philosophy*.

(2016) "Relativity and Three Four-Dimensionalisms" (with C. Gilmore and C. Calosi), *Philosophy Compass*, 11:2, 102-120.

(2016) "In Defence of Transcendentism" (with A. Giordani), *Acta Analytica*, 31:2, 225-234.

(2015) "Multilocation: Fusions and Confusions" (with C. Calosi), *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel*, 43, 25-33.

(2014) "Temporal Parts and Spatial Location", in A. Reboul (ed.), *Mind, Values and Metaphysics*, Berlin: Springer, (2014), 199-207.

(2013) "From Times to Worlds and Back Again: A Transcendentalist Theory of Persistence" (with A. Giordani), *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*, 2:3 (2013), 210-220.

(2012) "Attualità del Presente contro Atto d'Essere: Geach interprete di Tommaso d'Aquino?" *Rivista di Teologia e Filosofia di Lugano*, 17 (2012), 331-342.

Submitted or commissioned manuscripts

(submitted) *Being in Time: A Theory of Persistence and Temporal Location*, book manuscript under external review at *Oxford University Press*

(submitted) "Aquinas and the Future of Being", submitted to *Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy*

(commissioned) "The Limit Decision Problem and Four-Dimensionalism" commissioned for a special issue of *Vivarium – A Journal for Medieval and Early-Modern Philosophy and Intellectual Life*

(commissioned) Review of J. Macha's *Wittgenstein on Internal and External Relations*, for *Dialectica – International Journal for Analytic Philosophy*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

3. Metaphysics (Geneva, French)	2015
2. Normativity (Geneva, French, with Julien Deonna)	2015
1. Problems in Metaphysics (Geneva, English, with others)	2013

Undergraduate

17. Metaphysics (Geneva, French)	2017
16. Philosophy of Time (Geneva, French)	2017
15. Logic (Lugano, Italian, with A. Giordani)	2017
14. Philosophy of Mind and Its History (Lugano, Italian)	2016
13. Logic (Lugano, Italian)	2016
12. Personal Identity (Fribourg, French, with M. Nida-Ruemelin)	2016
11. Reading seminar (Fribourg, German, with M. Nida-Ruemelin)	2015
10. Philosophy of Mind (Lugano, Italian)	2015
9. Logic (Lugano, Italian, with A. Giordani)	2015
8. Seminar on Universals (Fribourg, French and German)	2014
7. Logic (Lugano, Italian, with A. Giordani)	2013
6. Philosophy of Mind and Its History (Lugano, Italian, with G. Ventimiglia)	2012
5. Seminar in Metaphysics (Geneva, French, with O. Massin)	2012
4. Reading Seminar (Geneva, French, with others)	2012
3. Logic (Lugano, Italian, with A. Giordani)	2012
2. Reading Seminar (Geneva, French, with others)	2011
1. Logic (Lugano, Italian, with A. Giordani)	2011

BA dissertation supervision

Dominika Krawczynska (Czezowski on Logical Variables, Lugano, January 2016)
 Carolina Sassi (Lewis' Modal Realism, Lugano, January 2016)
 Daniele Cereghetti (Fine's Fragmentalism, Lugano, September 2015)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2016 **Research grant:** project 'Quantities', involving two post-docs, with K. Mulligan funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation

- 164,000 GBP
- 2013 – 2014 **Visiting Scholarship**, Columbia University
funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation
55,000 GBP
- 2013 **Humbert Award**
graduate essay prize
funded by the University of Geneva
1,500 GBP
- 2013 **Philibert Collart Award**
funded by the Genevan Academic Society
annually awarded to the top ranked Ph.D. project in Philosophy at the University of Geneva
3,500 GBP
- 2010 – 2013 **PhD Scholarship**
funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation
funded through the research project “Essentialism and the Mind”
100,000 GBP
- 2008 **Reginaldus Award for Distinguished BA Theses**
funded by the Reginaldus Foundation, Lugano
1,500 GBP

TALKS (# = invited)

- (C.34) Comments on Jiri Benovsky's « How to survive eliminativism », *Eliminativism*, Ovronnaz (7/2016)
- (C.33) # Existence at a time, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris (5/2016)
- (C.32) Emergence does not entail priority monism, *Monism*, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris (5/2016)
- (C.31) # The Limit Decision Problem and Four-dimensionalism, *Limit Decision Problem: Medieval and Contemporary Perspectives*, Humboldt University, Berlin (11/2015)
- (C.30) Comments on Kris McDaniel's « Modes of Instantiation », *The Metaphysics of Properties and Relations*, Bergamo (7/2015)
- (C. 29) # Being in Time, Catholic University of Milan, Italy (6/2015)
- (C. 28) Endurantism and the Grounds of Existence, *Truth and Grounds*, Mount Truth, Switzerland (5/2015)
- (C.27) # Special Relativity and Immortality, *Phileas Lectures*, Geneva (11/2014)
- (C.26) Fine on existence and location, *Objections to Fine*, Varano Borghi (8/2013)
- (C.25) Comments on G. Currie's «Four media in search of fictional characters», *CUSO Aesthetics workshop*, Ovronnaz (6/2013)
- (C.24) Endurantism and Standard Theories of Location, *Workshop on location and mereology*, University of Geneva (6/2013)
- (C.23) Explaining Identity, *Identity workshop*, University of Zürich (6/2013)
- (C.22) # Transcendentism about Persistence, *Time and Existence*, Catholic University of Milan (5/2013)
- (C.21) Transcendentism about Persistence, University of Fribourg (4/2013)
- (C.20) Transcendentism about Persistence, *CUSO Doctoral Workshop with Josh Parsons*, University of Geneva (3/2013)
- (C.19) # Do traditional theories of persistence rest on a category mistake?, *The Ontology of the Mind and the Semantics of Nominalizations*, IHPST, Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne (2/2013)
- (C.18) Grounding Identity, Lemming Graduate Conference, University of Cologne (D) (11/2012)
- (C.17) Comments on B. Caplan's «Truth in Fiction over Time», *PERSP Space & Time Workshop*, University of Barcelona (11/2012)
- (C.16) # Location in Space and Time, *Spatial Representation and Logic*, Université de Lausanne (10/2012)

- (C.15) # Grounding Identity, *Paris-Hamburg Ontology Workshop*, IHPST, Université Paris 1 – Panthéon Sorbonne (9/2012)
- (C.14) Property Exemplification and the Temporal Parts of Events, *Joint Session of the Mind and Aristotelian Society*, University of Stirling (7/2012)
- (C.13) Events as Kind Instantiations, *SOPHA 2012*, École Normale Supérieure, Paris (5/2012)
- (C.12) # What is a Criterion of Identity?, Catholic University of Milan (5/2012)
- (C.11) # Events and Objects in Time, *Time and Ontology*, Université de Namur (5/2012)
- (C.10) Derivative Location, Université de Fribourg (4/2012)
- (C.9) Essence and Persistence, *Logic and Metaphysics of Essence*, Lugano (1/2012)
- (C.8) Essence and Endurance, *Candoc Colloquium*, Ovronnaz (9/2011)
- (C.7) On and Against Enduring Events, *ECAP7*, san Raffaele University, Milano (7/2011)
- (C.6) On and Against Enduring Processes, *7th BCN/GVA meeting* – University of Barcelona (5/2011)
- (C.5) What is a Temporal Part?, *eidós meeting*, Université de Genève (4/2011)
- (C.4) Property Exemplification and the Nature of Events, *eidós meeting*, Université de Genève (5/2010)
- (C.3) Comments on Simon Prosser's "Temporal Passage and Awareness", *XVI eidós workshop*, Université de Genève (11/2009)
- (C.2) Substances, i.e. Structured Particulars, *SOPHA 2009*, Université de Genève (9/2009)
- (C.1) Substances & Modes of Persistence, *eidós meeting*, Université de Genève (5/2009)

PUBLIC OUTREACH

1. Interview in the Swiss Italian Newspaper "Corriere del Ticino", March 2016
2. Public lecture on personal identity, Lugano (Switzerland), April 2015
3. Public lecture on personal identity, Mendrisio (Switzerland), April 2015
4. Public lecture on temporal passage, Lugano (Switzerland), April 2013
5. Interview, Swiss National Radio, on the metaphysics of time, May 2012
6. Public lecture on eternalism, Mendrisio (Switzerland), April 2012

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

Conference Organization

- 2015 **Truth and Grounds** (with K. Mulligan)
A 5-day conference held on Mount Truth, Ascona, Switzerland
- 2015 **The Metaphysics and Phenomenology of Thought** (with M. Nida-Rumelin, J. Naito, F. Correia, M. Scarpati)
A workshop held in Fribourg, Switzerland
- 2013 **The Philosophy of Kit Fine** (with P. Blum)
A 6-day conference held in Villa Borghi, Varano, Italy
- 2013 **Workshop on location and mereology** (with M. Hämmerli)
A 1-day workshop held in Geneva, Switzerland
- 2013 **Workshop with Josh Parsons** (with M. Hämmerli)
A 1-day workshop held in Geneva, Switzerland
- 2012 **Logic and Metaphysics of Essence** (with A. Giordani)
A 2-day workshop held in Lugano, Switzerland
- 2012 **Topics in the Metaphysics of Properties** (with A. Giordani)
A 1-day workshop held in Lugano, Switzerland
- 2012 **Nominalism: A Reassessment** (with G. Guigon, G. Rodriguez Pereyra and M. Hämmerli)

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