

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Area of Specialisation

Metaphysics

## Areas of Competence

Experimental Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Metaphilosophy, Normative Ethics, Metaethics

## Education

PhD (2012-2017)

School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry

University of Sydney

Dissertation: On the dispensability of grounding: Ground-breaking work on metaphysical explanation *passed without corrections*

Primary Supervisor: Kristie Miller

Associate Supervisors: Sam Baron

John Maier

Examiners: Shamik Dasgupta (University of California, Berkeley)

Lina Jansson (University of Nottingham)

Mike Raven (University of Victoria)

BA (Hons I) (2007-2011)

School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry

University of Sydney

Dissertation: Moral Discourse: Error-Ridden or Relatively Defensible?

Supervisor: Luke Russell

## Employment

Postdoctoral Research Fellow (2020—)

Faculty of History and Philosophy

University of Iceland

Research Assistant (2019)

Philosophy Lecturer (2017-2019)

Philosophy Teaching Assistant (2012-2019)

School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry

University of Sydney

Philosophy Teaching Assistant (2017; 2019)

Department of Philosophy

Macquarie University

## Grants and Awards

\$8000 from the University of Sydney Faculty Research Support Scheme (2020, with Andrew Latham, Kristie Miller, and Hannah Tierney)

\$5000 from the University of Sydney SOPHI Research Support Scheme (2019, with Preston Greene, Andrew Latham, Kristie Miller, Christian Tarsney and Hannah Tierney)

PRSS funding from the University of Sydney to attend the AAP Conference at Monash University (2016)

FASS Teaching Commendation (2016; 2017; 2018; 2020)

FASS Unit of Study Commendation (2018)

The Time Prize, from the University of Sydney (2017, for ‘If time travel to our location is possible, we do not live in a branching universe’)

Lucy Firth Publication Prize in Philosophy, from the University of Sydney (2013, for ‘Groundless Truth’; 2016, for ‘Grounding: it’s (probably) all in the head’; 2017, for ‘Is Grounding a Hyperintensional Phenomenon?’; 2017, for ‘A Psychologistic Theory of Metaphysical Explanation’)

Andrew Donald Campbell Memorial Prize in Philosophy (2013)

Australian Postgraduate Award (2012-2016)

## Monographs

[1] Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (forthcoming). *Everyday Metaphysical Explanation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

## Articles in Peer Refereed Journals

- [1] **Norton, J.** (forthcoming). ‘Experimental Philosophy on Time.’ *Philosophy Compass*. DOI: 10.1111/phc3.12779
- [2] Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (forthcoming). ‘Pure and Impure Time Preferences.’ *Australasian Philosophical Review*.
- [3] Greene, P., Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (forthcoming). ‘How much do we discount past pleasures?’ *American Philosophical Quarterly*.
- [4] Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (forthcoming). ‘Non-cognitivism about Metaphysical Explanation.’ *Analytic Philosophy*.
- [5] Greene, P., Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘On Preferring that Overall, Things are Worse: Future-Bias and Unequal Payoffs.’ *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. DOI: 10.1111/phpr.12819
- [6] Dellsén, F., Lawler, I., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘Thinking about Progress: From Science to Philosophy.’ *Nous*. DOI: 10.1111/nous.12383
- [7] Kajimoto, N., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘Modelling Temporal Assertions for Global Directional Eliminativists.’ *Philosophers’ Imprint*, 21:2, 1-16. <http://hdl.handle.net/2027/spo.3521354.0021.002>
- [8] Greene, P., Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘Hedonic and Non-hedonic Bias Towards the Future.’ *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 99:1, 148-163. DOI: 10.1080/00048402.2019.1703017

- [9] Baron, S., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘Metaphysical Explanation: The Kitcher Picture.’ *Erkenntnis*, 86, 187-207. DOI: 10.1007/s10670-018-00101-2
- [10] Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘Can time flow at different rates? The differential passage of A-ness.’ *Philosophical Studies*, 78, 255-280. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-020-01430-1
- [11] Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘Is our naïve theory of time dynamical?’ *Synthese*, 198, 4251-4271. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-019-02340-4
- [12] Duncan, M., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘Ditching Determination and Dependence: Or, How to Wear the Crazy Trousers.’ *Synthese*, 198, 395-418. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-018-02023-6
- [13] Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘If time can pass, time can pass at different rates.’ *Analytic Philosophy*, 62(1), 21-32. DOI: 10.1111/phib.12165
- [14] Greene, P., Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘Capacity for Simulation and Mitigation Drives Hedonic and Non-Hedonic Time Biases’ *Philosophical Psychology*. DOI: 10.1080/09515089.2021.1960299
- [15] Greene, P., Holcombe, A., Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘The Rationality of Near Bias toward both Future and Past Events.’ *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*. DOI: 10.1007/s13164-020-00518-1
- [16] Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2021). ‘An empirical investigation of the role of direction in our concept of time.’ *Acta Analytica*, 36, 25-47. DOI: 10.1007/s12136-020-00435-z
- [17] Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2020). ‘An Empirical Investigation of Purported Passage Phenomenology.’ *The Journal of Philosophy*. 117(7), 353-386.
- [18] Latham, A. J., Miller, K., **Norton, J.**, and Tarsney, C. (2020). ‘Future bias in action: Does the past matter more when you can affect it?’ *Synthese*. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-020-02791-0
- [19] Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2020). ‘Do the Folk Represent Time as Essentially Dynamical?’ *Inquiry*. DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2020.1827027
- [20] Kajimoto, N., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2020). ‘Primitive Directionality and Diachronic Grounding.’ *Acta Analytica*, 35, 195-211. DOI: 10.1007/s12136-019-00405-0
- [21] Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2019). ‘Philosophical Methodology and Conceptions of Evil Action.’ *Metaphilosophy*, 50(3), 296-315.
- [22] Baron, S., Chua, R. M., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2019). ‘Much Ado About Aboutness.’ *Inquiry*. DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2019.1592705.
- [23] **Norton, J.**, and Miller, K. (2019). ‘A Psychologistic Theory of Metaphysical Explanation.’ *Synthese*, 196(7), 2777-2802. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-017-1566-x
- [24] **Norton, J.** (2018). ‘If time travel to our location is possible, we do not live in a branching universe.’ *Analysis*, 78(2), 260-266. DOI: 10.1093/analys/anx149
- [25] Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2017). ‘Grounding: it’s (probably) all in the head.’ *Philosophical Studies*, 174(12), 3059-3081. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-016-0846-5
- [26] Duncan, M., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (2017). ‘Is Grounding a Hyperintensional Phenomenon?’ *Analytic Philosophy*, 58(4), 297-329.
- [27] Baron, S., Miller, K. and **Norton, J.** (2014). ‘Groundless Truth.’ Special Issue, *Inquiry*, Ground and Groundedness, edited by Øystein Linnebo 57(2), 175-195. DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2013.855652

### **Book Chapters**

- [1] Duncan, M., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (forthcoming). ‘Ontology Without Hierarchy.’ In *The Question of Ontology: The Contemporary Debate*, edited by Javier Cumpa. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- [2] Greene, P., Latham, A. J., Miller, K., and **Norton, J.** (forthcoming). ‘Why are people

so darn past-biased? In *Temporal Asymmetries in Philosophy and Psychology*, edited by Christoph Hoerl, Teresa McCormack and Alison Fernandes. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- [3] Latham, A.J., Miller, K., **Norton, J.**, and Russell, L. (forthcoming). 'Forgiveness: From Conceptual Pluralism to Conceptual Ethics.' In *Unheard Voices of Forgiveness: Exploring Underrepresented Perspectives and Confronting Racism, Sexism, and Xenophobia*, edited by Courtland D. Lewis. Malaga: Vernon Press.

## **Teaching**

At the University of Iceland:

*Philosophy Course Coordinator and Lecturer:*  
Experimental Philosophy (2021)

*Philosophy Guest Lecturer:*  
Introduction to Metaphysics (2020)

At the University of Sydney:

*Philosophy Course Coordinator and Lecturer:*  
Time and Space (2017; 2018; 2019)

*Philosophy Guest Lecturer:*  
Fundamentality (2017)  
Metaphysics: Reality, Time and Possibility (2015; 2016)

*Philosophy Teaching Assistant:*  
Time and Space (2019)  
Metaphysics: Reality, Time and Possibility (2015; 2016; 2017; 2018; 2019)  
Metaphysics Advanced (2019)  
Practical Ethics (2017; 2018)  
Ethics (2018)  
Fundamentality (2017)  
Critical Thinking (2012; 2013; 2016)  
Philosophy of Mind (2015; 2016)  
Philosophy of Happiness (2016)  
Moral Psychology (2012)

At Macquarie University:

*Philosophy Teaching Assistant:*  
Critical Thinking (2017; 2019)

## **Paper Presentations**

*Invited Presentations*

2020: 'An Empirical Investigation of Purported Passage Phenomenology'; *Xphi Under Quarantine*, Victoria University of Wellington.

2019: 'An Empirical Investigation of Purported Passage Phenomenology'; *Philosophy Seminar*, Macquarie University.

2019: 'An Empirical Investigation of Purported Passage Phenomenology';

*Workshop on Temporal Phenomenology*, University of Sydney.  
2017: 'Thinking about forgiveness: A methodological critique'; *Research Centre for Agency, Values, and Ethics*, Macquarie University.  
2016: 'No Luck in Grounding'; *Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference*, Monash University.  
2016: 'Grounding: it's (probably) all in the head'; *Centre for Time Seminar Series*, University of Sydney.  
2013: 'Grounding and Unification'; *Metaphysics Conference*, University of Sydney.

#### *Joint Papers Presented*

2019: 'Future bias in action: Does the past matter more when you can affect it?'  
2019: 'Temporal Phenomenology and Beliefs about Time', Venice.  
2018: 'Hedonic and non-hedonic time bias' NUS YALE.  
2016: 'Ditching Determination' Australian Metaphysics Conference, ANU.  
2016: 'Grounding: it's (probably) all in the head', ANU.  
2015: 'Grounding: it's (probably) all in the head', UWA, Perth.

#### *Workshop Contributions*

2019: 'An Empirical Investigation of Purported Passage Phenomenology'; Temporal Phenomenology Workshop, *Centre for Time*, Sydney University.  
2018: 'Grounding as Glue', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2018: 'Functionalism about metaphysical explanation and a reduction of ground', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2018: 'Hedonic and Non-hedonic Time Bias', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2018: 'Can time flow at different rates? The differential passage of A-ness', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2017: 'Metaphysical Explanation: the Kitcher Picture', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2017: 'Primitive Directionality and Diachronic Grounding', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2017: 'Grounding and Causation\*', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2017: 'If time travel to our location is possible, we do not live in a branching universe', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2016: 'No Luck in Grounding', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2016: 'Grounding: it's (probably) all in the head', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2016: 'A Psychologistic Theory of metaphysical Explanation', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.  
2016: 'Is grounding a hyperintensional phenomenon?', Sydney University metaphysics reading group.

#### **Recent Conference Attendance**

2021: British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference  
2021: Surviving the Anthropocene: Towards Elemental Literacy and Interdisciplinary Partnerships; University of Iceland  
2020: Understanding & Scientific Progress; University of Iceland.  
2020: Progress, in Science & Beyond; University of Iceland.  
2020: Understanding & Progress, in Science and Beyond; University of Iceland.  
2020: Understanding, in Science and Beyond; University of Iceland.

2020: A symposium on solidarity and disagreement on the occasion of the Nils Klim Prize; University of Iceland.  
2019: Workshop on Temporal Phenomenology; University of Sydney.  
2019: Workshop on Time, Indeterminacy and Time Bias; University of Sydney.  
2017: Workshop on Time, Decisions and Planning; University of Sydney.  
2017: Forgiveness Workshop; Macquarie University.  
2017: Concepts and Conceptual Engineering Workshop; University of Sydney.  
2016: Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference; Monash University.  
2015: Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference; Macquarie University.  
2015: Philosophy and Practice of Modelling; University of Sydney.  
2015: Time: Arrows, Emergence, Experience; Centre for Time, University of Sydney.  
2015: Temporal Experience and Transformative Experience Workshop; Centre for Time, University of Sydney.  
2014: Frank Jackson Workshop; Solar Springs Retreat, Bundanoon.  
2014: Australian Metaphysics Conference; Australian National University.

### **Professional Service**

Refereeing: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Australasian Philosophical Review*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, *Synthese* and *The Philosophical Quarterly*.

Workshops and Conferences Organised/Co-organised:

2021: *Realism v Equilibrium about Philosophy* at the University of Iceland.  
2020: *Understanding & Scientific Progress* at the University of Iceland.  
2020: *Progress, in Science & Beyond* at the University of Iceland.  
2020: *Understanding & Progress, in Science and Beyond* at the University of Iceland.  
2020: *Understanding, in Science and Beyond* at the University of Iceland.

### **References**

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