IAN PROOPS

(June, 2014)

EMPLOYMENT

University of Texas at Austin, Full Professor, 2011—present
University of Texas at Austin, Associate Professor (tenured), 2009—2011
University of Michigan, Associate Professor (tenured), 2004—2008
University of Michigan, Assistant Professor, 1998—2004

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Yale University, Visiting Professor, Spring 2008.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph. D., Philosophy, June 1998.
Oxford University, B. Phil., Philosophy, 1989.
Oxford University, B. A., Politics, Philosophy and Economics, 1989 (exams sat 1987).

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION Kant's Theoretical Philosophy
History of Analytic Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE Early Modern Philosophy; Hegel/German Idealism; Kant's Practical Philosophy and Aesthetics; Metaphysics; Epistemology; Philosophy of Language; Logic.

PAPERS

Forthcoming: "Kant on the Ontological Argument," *Noûs*.
(Published electronically in "*Noûs* Early View," July 31, 2013, DOI: 10.1111/nous.12041).

Forthcoming: "Russellian Acquaintance Revisited," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*.

Forthcoming: "Acquaintance, Self-Evidence, and Error in Russell's *Problems of Philosophy*"
New Essays on Bertrand Russell's The Problems of Philosophy, edited by Bernard Linsky and Donovan Wishon, CSLI Publications.

2014 "Kant on the Cosmological Argument," *Philosophers' Imprint*, May 2014, vol. 14, no. 12, 1–21.

2013. "What is Frege's 'Concept *horse* Problem'?" in Michael Potter and Peter Sullivan, eds., *Wittgenstein's* Tractatus: *History and Interpretation*, Oxford University Press.

2011. "Logical Atomism in Russell and Wittgenstein," in Marie McGinn and Oskari Kuusela, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Wittgenstein*, Oxford University Press, 214–239.

2011. "Russell on Substitutivity and the Abandonment of Propositions," *The Philosophical Review*, 120: 2, 151–205.

2010. "Kant's First Paralogism," *The Philosophical Review* 119: 4, 449–495.

2007. "Russell and the Universalist Conception of Logic," *Noûs*, 41: 1, 1–32.

2006. "Russell's Reasons for Logicism," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 44:2, 267–92.

2005. "Kant's Conception of Analytic Judgment," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, vol. 70, no. 3, 588–612.

2004. "Wittgenstein on the Substance of the World," *European Journal of Philosophy*, 12: 1, 106–126.

2003. "Kant's Legal Metaphor and the Nature of a Deduction," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 41: 2, 209–29.

2002. "The *Tractatus* on Inference and Entailment," in Erich Reck, ed., *From Frege to Wittgenstein: Essays on Early Analytic Philosophy* (O.U.P.), 283–307.

2001. "The New Wittgenstein: a Critique," *European Journal of Philosophy*, 9: 3, 375–404.

2001. "Logical Syntax in the *Tractatus*," in Richard Gaskin, ed.*, Grammar in Early Twentieth-Century Philosophy* (Routledge), 163–181.

1997. "The Early Wittgenstein on Logical Assertion," *Philosophical Topics*, 25: 2, 121–144.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2013. "Wittgenstein's Logical Atomism," entry in the *Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*, (update of an earlier version: original version appeared in 2004).

2006. "Soames on the Metaphysics and Epistemology of Moore and Russell," *Philosophical Studies*, 129: 627–35 (Critical notice).

1999. "Review of John Koethe's *The Continuity of Wittgenstein's Thought*," *Mind,* Vol. 108, Number 432, 773–77.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Fiery Test of Critique: An Essay on Kant's Dialectic (book-in-progress, under contract with Oxford University Press, submission deadline: September 2015)

PROFESSIONAL HONOURS AND GRANTS

GlaxoSmithKlein Fellow, National Humanities Center, 2012–2013.

Supplemental College Research Fellowship, University of Texas, Austin, 2012–2013.

Dean's Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2009.

Excellence in Education Award, University of Michigan, School of Literature, Science and Arts, 2007.

Rackham Summer Fellowship and Grant, University of Michigan, Summer 2000.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL HONOURS AND AWARDS

Ph. D. Dissertation, *Logic and Language in Wittgenstein's* Tractatus, published in the series "Studies in Philosophy," (a series of distinguished dissertations in philosophy), edited by Robert Nozick, Garland Press (2000).

R. M. Martin Prize Fellow in Philosophy, Harvard University, 1996-7.

Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University, Fall 1996.

Harvard Bechtel Prize, 1996–7 (for the best essay by a graduate student in philosophy)

Harvard Bechtel Prize, 1994–5.

Harvard Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching: Three times winner:
Logic, fall 1994; Plato, spring 1994; Frege, Russell & Early Wittgenstein, Fall 1995.

Lina Kahn Prize for Metaphysics, Columbia University, 1990.

President's Fellowship, Columbia University, 1989–90.

British Academy Major State Studentship, Wolfson College, Oxford University,
1987–9.

Thackeray Essay Prize, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford (college essay prize), Michaelmas 1986.

Aline Lion Philosophy Prize, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, Michaelmas, 1986.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2014 Dubrovnik, History of Analytic Philosophy conference, June 9–13, "Two Theories of Meaning in Russell's Gray's Elegy Discussion"

2014 University of Stockholm, departmental colloquium, May 22, 2014, "Might I be Many? Kant on the Second Paralogism."

2014 University of Manchester, departmental colloquium, May 14, 2014, "Might I be Many? Kant on the Second Paralogism."

2014 Cambridge Moral Sciences Club, May 13, 2014, "Might I be Many? Kant on the Second Paralogism."

2014 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, "Kant on the Cosmological Argument," February 7th.

2013 University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, departmental colloquium, "Kant on the Cosmological Argument," October 4th.

2013 Fifth Annual Orange Beach Epistemology Workshop, Orange Beach, Alabama, May, 20–21, 2013, "Russellian Acquaintance."

2013 "Russellian Acquaintance," Society for the Study of the History of Analytic Philosophy, University of Indiana, Bloomington, May 10, 2013.

2013 "Kant on the Cosmological Argument," North Carolina State University, March 21, 2013.

2013 "Russellian Acquaintance," Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy, New Orleans, Central APA, February, 22nd, 2013.

2012 "Russellian Acquaintance as Perfect Knowledge," University of Mississippi, November–December 2012, Conference on Russell's *Problems of Philosophy*.

2011 "Russellian Acquaintance," Princeton University, departmental colloquium, November 18, 2011.

2011 "Russellian Acquaintance," workshop on History of Analytic Philosophy at the Department of Logic and Philosophy of Science at the University of California–Irvine, May 28,

2011. "Kant on the Ontological Argument," Invited Paper Session, APA Pacific Division, San Diego, April 20–23, 2011.

2011 "Russellian Acquaintance in its Historical Context," symposium on Acquaintance, at the University of Texas at Austin, March 26, 2011.

2008 "Russell's Ontological Development," Wesleyan University, philosophy department colloquium, April 30th, 2008.

2008 "Russell's Ontological Development," Brown University, talk given in Richard Heck's graduate seminar, April 9th, 2008.

2008 "Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV," University of California–Berkeley, Working Group on the History and Philosophy of Logic, Mathematics and Science, invited talk, March 12th, 2008.

2008 "Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV," Yale University, philosophy department colloquium, March 6th, 2008.

2007 "Interpreting Kant's First Paralogism," University of Texas, Austin, philosophy department colloquium, December 7th, 2007.

2007 "Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV," Johns Hopkins University, philosophy department colloquium, October 26th, 2007.

2007 "Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV," University of Sheffield, philosophy department colloquium, November 23rd, 2007.

2007 "Puzzling out Russell: The Curiosity of George IV," University of London, Institute of Philosophy, colloquium, May 31st, 2007.

2006 "What is Frege's 'Concept *horse* Problem?'," Universities of Utrecht and Leiden, Zeno Institute Lecture, June 6th, 2006.

2006 "What is Frege's 'Concept *horse* Problem?', " University of Southampton, philosophy department colloquium, May 30th, 2006.

2006 "What is Frege's 'Concept *horse* Problem?'," University of Toronto, Analytic Philosophy Group, May 19th, 2006.

2006 "Russell's 'Gray's Elegy Argument." Talk given in Jason Stanley's Graduate Seminar, Rutgers University, March 20th, 2006.

2005 "Frege and Wittgenstein on Logical Category Distinctions," University of Stirling, International Conference on Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*, September, 2005.

2005 "Kant's Conception of Analytic Judgment," University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, philosophy department colloquium, April, 2005.

2004 "Kant's Conception of Analytic Judgment," University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, philosophy department colloquium, November 12th, 2004.

2004 "Russell and the Universalist Conception of Logic," Northwestern University, philosophy department colloquium, May 28, 2004.

2004 "Wittgenstein's Logical Atomism," University of Stirling, Wittgenstein workshop, July 4th, 2004.

2004 "Wittgenstein's Logical Atomism," University of Chicago, Wittgenstein workshop, March 5, 2004.

2003 "Wittgenstein's Logical Atomism," Ohio State University, Logic, Language and Science Colloquium, November 24, 2003.

2003 "Kant's Conception of Analytic Truth," University of California–Berkeley, Pacific Study Group of the North American Kant Society, November 2nd, 2003.

2003 "Wittgenstein's Argument for Substance," University of Uppsala, philosophy department colloquium, 13th May, 2003.

2003 "Wittgenstein's Argument for Substance," University of Stockholm, philosophy department colloquium, 8th May, 2003.

2003 "Wittgenstein's Argument for Substance," Oakland University, philosophy department colloquium, March 17, 2003.

2002 "Russell on Logic and the Logical Constants," University of Liverpool, philosophy department colloquium, February 4th, 2002.

2001 "Why was Russell a logicist?" University of Cambridge, Moral Sciences Club, October 9th, 2001.

2001 "Analysis and Tractarian Nonsense," University of Stirling, department colloquium, May 3rd, 2001.

2000 "Wittgenstein's 'theory of symbolism' and the theory of types," International symposium on Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*, University of Utrecht, June 17th, 2000.

1998 "The 'Question of Fact' in Kant's Deduction of the Categories," American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting, Chicago, May 1998.

1998 "The *Tractatus* on the Justification of Deduction," invited talk, University of Michigan, department of philosophy, Ann Arbor, January, 20th, 1998.

1998 "The *Tractatus* on the Justification of Deduction," invited talk, department of philosophy, Cornell University, January, 15th, 1997.

1989 "Kant's Transcendental Idealism," presented at Wolfson College Philosophy Society, Oxford University, Trinity Term, 1989.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

"*The Sorrows of Young Werther* and the *Sturm und Drang* Movement," a talk for the "Voltaire's Coffees" series (Plan II Students' Association), January 17th, 2012.

TEACHING

University of Texas courses—past and scheduled

Leibniz's Metaphysics, Graduate Seminar. co-taught with Katherine Dunlop, Scheduled for Fall 2014.

Dissertation Seminar, Spring 2014.

Russell 1900–1914, Graduate Seminar, Fall 2011.

Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, Graduate Seminar, Fall 2009; Fall 2013 (co-taught with Katherine Dunlop).

Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* (Upper-division, writing-intensive undergraduate class), Fall 2010.

Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes–Kant), Spring 2011, Spring 2012; scheduled for Spring 2014.

Honors Plan II. Problems of Knowledge and Valuation, Part I (Philosophical Problems) Fall 2011, Fall 2010, Fall 2009.

Honors Plan II. Problems of Knowledge and Valuation, Part II. (Descartes–Kant), Spring 2012, Spring 2011, Spring 2009.

Introduction to Philosophy (Large introduction, 240 students), Spring 2010.

Michigan and Yale courses

Philosophy 615: Philosophy of Language (graduate seminar), Fall 2000, Win 2006.

Philosophy 597: Mind and Language (graduate proseminar), co-taught with Allan Gibbard, Fall '99; and with Boris Kment (Metaphysics and Language), Fall 2006.

Philosophy 520, 517: Wittgenstein (graduate seminar), Win 1999, Fall 2003.

Philosophy 405b (Yale): Logical Atomism in Russell and Wittgenstein (grad. Seminar), Win 2008.

Philosophy 492: Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Fall 1998, Fall 2003, Win 2005, Win 2007 (lecture course for grads. and undergrads.).

Philosophy 458: Kant, (lecture course for grads. and undergrads.), Win 2000, Win 2002, Win 2003, Win 2004, Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Win 2008 (Yale, essentially the same course, PHIL 204b).

Philosophy 402: Undergraduate seminar: Topic: "The Self": Win 2002, Win 2003, Win 2004.

Philosophy 389: Philosophy of Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, Win 2005.

Philosophy 297: Honors Introduction to Philosophy (small problems-based discussion class; topics God, Free Will, Ethics), Fall 1998, Win 1999, Fall 1999, Fall 2000, Fall 2001, Fall 2003.

Philosophy 232: Introduction to the Problems of Philosophy, (intro. with enrolment of 180-260 students; topics God, Free Will, Ethics), Win 2000, Win 2006, Win 2007, Fall 2007.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

University of Texas at Austin

Dissertation committee member (past):

Nick Mantegani (Universals and Ontological Commitment), defended July 2012

Dissertation committee member (current)

Miquel Mirablés del Pino (Wittgenstein and Russell), Brown University (external committee member)

Supervisor for individual conference courses for graduate students:

Fatema Amijee: Russell: Fall 2010, Spring 2011; Kant: Spring 2012
Paul Trejo: Hegel: Spring 2011

Ad hoc graduate student conference course/reading group:

Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, Spring 2012

University of Michigan

Dissertation committee member: Peter Gibbard (Philosophy of Logic); Greg Sax (Philosophy of Language); Jim Bell (Epistemology); Robert Gressis (Kant's Ethics/Moral Psychology).

Senior thesis first reader: Jon Shaheen (Meinong, 2006); David Mollo-Christensen (Kant, 2004); Josh Hill (Kant, 2003); Adam Podlaskowski (Wittgenstein, 1999).

Independent Studies: Josh Hill (Kant's Table of Judgments, 2001); Dan Pearlberg (Kant's notion of humanity, 2001); Justin Monahan (Philosophy of Language, 1999)

Undergraduate Research Opportunity: Adam Bowser (Kant, 2000)

LANGUAGES

German, French, Latin

PROFESSIONAL AND EDITORIAL SERVICE

Editorial service and advisory boards

Review of Symbolic Logic: Founding Co-Editor, 2008—2014.

Philosophy Compass: Section Editor (History of Analytic Philosophy), 2006—present.

Analytic Philosophy (formerly *Philosophical Books*): Member of Editorial Board, 2009—present.

The Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy, Member of Advisory Board, 2010— present.

Service to the profession

Referee for four promotion reviews.

Member of the Advisory Board to the Program Committee of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association (2005–2008).

Panel chair, 2007 APA Central Division, Symposium on Kant

Panel chair, 2006 APA Central Division, Colloquium on Epistemology, Logic and Language

Panel chair, 2003 APA Pacific Division, Symposium on Carnap and Wittgenstein.

Panel chair, 2002 APA Eastern Division, Symposium on Kant and Analytic Philosophy.

Panel chair, 1999 APA Central Division, Colloquium on Philosophy of Mathematics.

Referee for the following presses and journals:

Referee for presses (book manuscripts and book proposals):
Oxford University Press, *Cambridge University Press, Continuum*.
Referee for journal articles: *The Philosophical Review*, *Noûs*, *Mind*, *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, *Philosophers' Imprint, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy, European Journal of*

Philosophy, The Philosophical Quarterly, *Theoria*, *The Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic, The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *History and Philosophy of Logic*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Kantian Review*.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Graduate Admissions, Spring 2014.
Research committee, Fall 2009–Spring 2012.
Plan II Honors advising, Fall 2010–Spring 2012
Acting Placement Officer, Fall 2011.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Odyssey (outreach/continuing education) talk, "Is God Possible?", October 19, 2010.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Summer Associate Chair, 2007.

Committees served on:
Undergraduate Studies (chair and honors advisor);
Graduate Studies;
Recruitment;
Graduate Admissions;
Graduate Student Instructor Training and Evaluation;
Tenure Review;
Summer "Core Areas" recruitment (Chair).
Reading groups organized: Leibniz (2002); Set Theory (2000),
Wiggins's *Sameness and Substance* (1999).

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Mellon Fellowship selection committee, Rackham, Winter 2006.
"Honors Kick-off" presentation, Fall 2006.
Honors Faculty Fellow, University of Michigan Honors Program, 2003–2004.
Session facilitator, CRLT/Rackham Seminar on College Teaching, May 2002.
Member of undergraduate recruitment faculty panel, March 2002.
Co-organiser of department's contribution to concentration fair, Win 2002, Win 2004.
Organizer of philosophy department's participation in "Cornucopia" Humanities Open Day, Fall 2000, Fall 2001.
Participant in the above event: Fall 2000, Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Fall 2005 (Talk: "Is God Possible?").
Talk at the Max Kade German House, "Wittgenstein," Fall 1999, Fall 2000