

## **L.A. Paul**

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### **Appointments**

2018–. Professor of Philosophy and Cognitive Science, Yale University.

2014–2018. Professorial Fellow, Arché Philosophical Research Centre, University of St Andrews.

2016–2018. Eugene Falk Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2012–2016. Professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2008–2012. Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

2007–2008. Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Arizona.

2001–2007. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Arizona.

2001–2005. Institute for Advanced Studies Research Fellow, Philosophy, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University.

1999–2001. Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Yale University.

### **Education**

Ph.D, 1999, Philosophy, Princeton University.

M.A., 1996, Philosophy, Princeton University.

B.A., 1990, Antioch College.

Areas of Specialization: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, Cognitive Science, Formal Epistemology.

## Publications

### *Books*

In Progress. *Becoming*. Under contract with Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

2014. *Transformative Experience*. Oxford University Press. Translated into Japanese.

Reviews: Marcus Arvan, Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Krister Bykvist, NDPR; Krister Bykvist and H. Orri Steffánson, Economics and Philosophy, Irena Cronin, Dialogue; Rachel McKinnon, Philosopher's Magazine; Richard Pettigrew, Mind (Extended Review); Philosophy and Phenomenological Research Symposium, with contributions from Elizabeth Barnes, John Campbell, and Richard Pettigrew; John Schwenkler, Commonweal; William Talbot, Analysis (Critical Notice); Amia Srinivasan, Times Literary Supplement.

2013. *Causation: A User's Guide*. (With Ned Hall.) Oxford University Press. Winner of the American Philosophical Association's Sanders Book Prize for 2014.

### *Edited Volumes*

2005. *The Monist* 88 (4), Advisory Editor, issue on Ordinary Objects.

2004. *Causation and Counterfactuals*. Co-edited with Ned Hall and John Collins, with a coauthored Introduction. MIT Press.

2002. *Philosophy for the 21st Century: A Comprehensive Reader*. Associate Editor, New York: Oxford University Press.

### *Articles and Book Chapters*

To appear (exp. 2020). "Effective Altruism and Transformative Values" (with Jeff Sebo), in *Effective Altruism: Philosophical Issues*, eds. Hilary Greaves and Theron Pummer, Oxford Univ. Press (UK).

To appear (exp. 2020). "Transformative Experience and Moral Psychology" (with Fiery Cushman), *Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology*, eds. John Doris and Manuel Vargas, Oxford University Press (UK).

Forthcoming (2018). "Modal Imagination" (with Tomer Ullman and John McCoy), *Metaphysics and Cognitive Science*, eds. Alvin Goldman and Brian McLaughlin. Oxford University Press (US).

2018. "Real World Problems" (with John Quiggin), *Episteme* 15(3): 363-382.

2018. "De Se Preferences and Empathy for Future Selves", *Philosophical Perspectives: Philosophy of Mind*, eds. John Hawthorne and Jason Turner, 7-39.
2017. "Phenomenal Feel as Process" *Philosophical Issues* (Metaphysics) eds. Jonathan Schaffer and Ernest Sosa, 204-222.
2017. "Objective and Subjective Perspectives." *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society A*, 180, Part 4, 51-2.
2017. "The Subjectively Enduring Self", *Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Temporal Experience*, ed. Ian Phillips. Routledge.
2016. "A One Category Ontology." (with a reply by Peter van Inwagen) In *Freedom, Metaphysics, and Method: Themes from van Inwagen*, edited by John A. Keller. Oxford University Press (UK).
2016. "First personal modes of presentation and the structure of empathy." *Inquiry*. 60 (3):189-207. *Special Issue on the First Person*. With a reply by Josh Dever and Herman Cappelen in the same issue.
2016. "Transformative Treatments" (With Kieran Healy), *Noûs* 52, 320-335.
2016. "Experience, Metaphysics, and Cognitive Science." *Companion to Experimental Philosophy*, edited by Justin Sytsma and Wesley Buckwalter. Blackwell (John Wiley and sons), 419-433.
2015. Précis of Transformative Experience and reply to symposiasts Elizabeth Barnes, John Campbell, and Richard Pettigrew. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, pp.760-813.
2015. "Transformative Choice: Discussion and Replies." *Res Philosophica* 92: 473-545.
2015. "What you Can't Expect when you're Expecting." *Res Philosophica* 92: 149-170.
2014. "Experience and the Arrow." In *Asymmetries of Chance and Time*, 174-193, edited by Alistair Wilson. Oxford University Press.
2013. (With Ned Hall.) "Metaphysically Reductive Causation." *Erkenntnis* 78 (1):9-41.
2013. "Categorical Priority and Categorical Collapse." *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume* 87:89-113.
2013. "Realism about Structure and Kinds." In *The Metaphysics of Science*, 203-221, edited by Stephen Mumford and Matthew Tugby. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2012. "Building the World from its Fundamental Constituents." *Philosophical Studies* 158: 221–256.
2012. "Metaphysics as Modeling: The Handmaiden's Tale" *Philosophical Studies*, 160: 1–29.
2011. "The Counterfactual Analysis of Causation." In *The Oxford Handbook on Causation*, edited by Helen Beebe, Christopher Hitchcock and Peter Menzies. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2010. "Temporal Experience." *Journal of Philosophy* cvii (7): 333–359. Reprinted in *The Future of the Philosophy of Time*, edited by Adrian Bardon. New York: Routledge (2012).
2010. "Mereological Bundle Theory." In *The Handbook of Mereology*, edited by Hans Burkhardt, Johanna Seibt and Guido Imaguire. Munich: Philosophia Verlag.
2010. "The Puzzles of Material Constitution." *Philosophy Compass* 5: 579–590.
2010. "A New Role for Experimental Work in Metaphysics." *European Review on Philosophy and Psychology* special issue, edited by Joshua Knobe, Tania Lombrozo and Edouard Machery.
2007. "Constitutive Overdetermination." In *Topics in Contemporary Philosophy* vol. 4: Causation and Explanation, edited by Joseph Keim Campbell and Michael O'Rourke. Cambridge: MIT Press.
2006. "In Defense of Essentialism." *Philosophical Perspectives: Metaphysics*, 333–372, edited by John Hawthorne.
2006. "Coincidence as Overlap." *Noûs* 40: 623–659.
2004. "The Context of Essence." *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 82 (1), 170–184. Reprinted in *Lewisian Themes*, edited by Frank Jackson and Graham Priest, Oxford University Press 2004.
2003. "Causation and Preemption." (With Ned Hall.) In *Philosophy of Science Today*, 100–130, edited by Peter Clark and Katherine Hawley, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2002. "Logical Parts." *Noûs* 36 (4), 578–596. Reprinted in *Metaphysics Volume v*, edited by Michael Rea, Routledge 2008.
2002. "Limited Realism: Cartwright on Natures and Laws." *Philosophical Books* 43, 244–253.
2001. "Comments on Mellor's Real Time II," *Essays on Time and Related Topics*, edited by L. Nathan Oaklander, Kluwer Academic Publishers.

2000. "Aspect Causation." *Journal of Philosophy* xcvi (4), 235-256. Reprinted in Collins et al., *Causation and Counterfactuals*, MIT Press 2004.

1998. "Keeping Track of the Time: an emended counterfactual analysis of causation." *Analysis* 58 (3), 191-198.

1998. "Problems with Late Preemption." *Analysis* 58 (1), 48-53. 1997.

1998. "The Worm at the Root of the Passions: poetry and sympathy in Mill's utilitarianism." *Utilitas* 10, 83-104.

1997. "Truth Conditions of Tensed Sentence Types." *Synthese* 111, 53-71. Reprinted in L. Nathan Oaklander (ed.), *Philosophy of Time: Critical Concepts in Philosophy*, Routledge 2008.

1994. (with S. C. Bernstein, S.K. Abrams and K. Leckrone) "TP-E14 Chloroisoithiocynatoquinolines as Fluorogenic HPLC Derivatizing Agents for Primary and Secondary Amines." *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* 11: (1) 61-69.

### **Work in Progress**

"Reverse engineering the self." with Joshua Tenenbaum and Tomer Ullman.

"Subjective Metaphysics." Book ms. on the ontological structure of the self and the first personal perspective.

### **Conferences Organized**

2013-. Ranch M&E Workshop. (Annually.)

2009-2013. Carolina Metaphysics Workshop. (Annually.)

2004-2008. Arizona Ontology Conference. (Annually.)

### **Workshops and Conferences on my Work on Transformative Experience and Related Topics**

June 2018. Workshop on themes related to Transformative Experience, Oslo.

June 2018. Workshop on Transformative Experience, Gothenburg.

May 2018, Workshop on the Categories of Experience, Helsinki.

May 2017. Workshop on Modal Imagination, University of Antwerp.

April 2017. Pacific APA Pre-conference on Transformative Experience, Seattle, Washington.

November 2016. Istanbul conference on Analytic Existentialism and Transformative Experience.

Fall 2016. Munich workshop on transformative experience, Center of Advanced Studies, LMU Munich.

June 2016. St Andrews workshop on Decision Making and Transformative Experience.

June 2016. Society for Philosophy and Psychology preconference on Transformative Experience and the Self, Austen, TX.

September 2015. Workshop on Preference Capture and Transformative Experience, with responses from Dan Haybron and Julia Staffel, University of Washington, St Louis.

July 2015. Cologne workshop on Temporal and Causal Experience.

October 2014. Ghent conference on Analytic Existentialism and Transformative Experience.

September 2014. The Annual *Res Philosophica* Conference, hosted by the Department of Philosophy at Saint Louis University, was devoted to Transformative Experience.

### **Selected Honors and Grants**

2018, April. Distinguished Philosopher in Residence, Philosophy, NYU Abu Dhabi.

2016-2017. Australian Research Council Discovery Project grant (AUD \$475,000) for work on epistemically feasible choice procedures, 2016-2017. Co-Investigator with John Quiggin.

2014. American Philosophical Association Sanders Book Prize, for *Causation: A User's Guide*.

2014-2015. Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship.

2014-2017. John Templeton Foundation Grant, "The Experience Project," \$4.8 million. Co-Principal Investigator with Michael Rea and Samuel Newlands.

2014, March. Distinguished Faculty Visitor, Philosophy, Purdue University.

2011-2012. Fellowship, National Humanities Center.

2011. Visiting Fellowship, Australian National University. (Summer.)

2008. SBS Professorship, University of Arizona. (Declined.)

2005. SBS Professorship, University of Arizona.

### **Named Lectures**

September 2017, Killeen Chair Lecture, St Norbert College.

May 2017, Marc Jeannerod Lecture, University of Antwerp.

October 2016. Henry and Augusta Sievert Lecture, Department of Philosophy, University of Iowa.

June 2016. Philosophy Public Lecture, University of Aberdeen.

June 2016. Bristol Institute for Research in the Humanities and Arts (BIRTHA) Annual Lecture.

April 2016. Dowd Lecture, Skidmore College.

November 2015. Bar Hillel Lectures, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

March 2014. Purdue University Distinguished Faculty Lecture.

### **Recent Media**

Fall 2017. The Philosopher's Zone, ABC Radio National (Australian Broadcasting Corporation), on the transformative experience of becoming a parent.

Summer 2017. "Transformative suffering", LA Review of Books. (August 11, 2017.)

Summer 2017. "A philosopher who studies life changes says our biggest decisions can never be rational", Quartz (August 13, 2017.)

Spring 2017. Reddit Philosophy "Ask me anything", forum on transformative experience. (April 5th, 2017.)

Spring 2017. The Missing Shade of You. A dance and spoken word performance by the Logos Dance Collective, New York City, March 4th and 5th, 2017.

Fall 2016. The Digital Human, BBC Radio 4, on empathy for future selves. Spring 2015. The Philosopher's Zone, ABC Radio National (Australian

Broadcasting Corporation) on transformative experience. November 2014. Philosophy Talk (NPR). Hour-long segment on

Transformative Experience.

### **Other Professional Activity**

Executive Committee, Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 2017-2020.  
External committee member for Rebecca Chan (University of Notre Dame), PhD awarded April 2017.

External committee member for David Rose (Rutgers University), PhD awarded February 2017.

External committee member for Tobias Wilsch (Rutgers University), PhD awarded April 2015.

External examiner, Departments of Philosophy at the University of Tasmania, Monash University, and the University of Sydney.

Selection Committee for the Sanders Prize in Metaphysics: 2011, 2014, 2017.

Served as a mentor at the 2015 mentoring workshop at the Society for Women in Philosophy in the UK in York, England.

Editorial Board, Australian Philosophical Review.

Grant and fellowship proposals reviewed for the Australian Research Council, European Science Council, NSF, National Humanities Center, MacArthur Foundation Fellowship.

Member, College of Reviewers, Canada Research Chairs Program (2012–). Chair, Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (2012).

Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division (2011–2013).

Program Committee, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division (2009–2011).

Referee for Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Ethics, European Journal of Philosophy, Noûs, Mind, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Philosopher's Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Review, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Utilitas, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, The Monist, Oxford University Press, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Routledge, Blackwell Publishers.