# Dr. Benjamin Ian Winokur

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## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Language, Logic, Metaethics, Applied Ethics

## EMPLOYMENT

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|---|---|
| 2023— | Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of Macau |
| 2022-2023 | Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Ashoka University |
| 2021-2023 | Research Assistant to Dorit Bar-On (UConn) and Crispin Wright (NYU) |
| 2021-2022 | Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, York University |
| | Adjunct Professor of Business Analytics, Seneca College |

## EDUCATION

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|---|---|
| 2014-2021 | **York University**: Ph.D., Philosophy |
| | Thesis: *Knowing and Expressing Ourselves* |
| | Committee: Claudine Verheggen (supervisor), Henry Jackman, |
| | Christopher Campbell, Victoria McGeer (external: Princeton/ANU) |
| 2013-2014 | **Wilfrid Laurier University**: M.A., Philosophy |
| | Thesis: *Revisiting Parfit's Impersonal Beings Hypothesis* |
| | Supervisor: Kathy Behrendt |
| 2009-2013 | **University of Waterloo**: B.A., Philosophy; Peace and Conflict Studies |

## PUBLICATIONS

### Edited Volumes

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| Forthcoming | *New Perspectives on Transparency and Self-Knowledge*, Routledge. Co-edited with Adam Andreotta. |

### Peer Reviewed Papers

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| Forthcoming | "Inquiring for Yourself for Others." *Episteme*. |
| Forthcoming | "Self-Knowledge and Interpersonal Reasoning." *Dialectica*. |
| 2024a | "Extended Mentality and Ascriptive Authority." *Synthese*, vol. 204, article 18, pp. 1-20. |
| 2023c | "Inferential Self-Knowledge Reimagined." *Philosophical Psychology*, doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2023.2263480 |
| 2023b | "Authority As (Qualified) Indubitability." *Inquiry*, doi.org/10.1080/0020174X.2023.2224543 |
| 2023a | "How to Commit to Commissive Self-Knowledge." *European Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 32 (1): pp. 210-223. |

| 2022c | "Bots: Some Less Considered Epistemic Problems." *Social Epistemology*, vol. 37 (5): pp. 713-725. |
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| 2022b | "There is Something to the Authority Thesis." *Journal of Philosophical Research*, vol. 47: pp. 115-132. |
| 2022a | "Authoritatively Avowing Your Imaginings by Self-Ascriptively Expressing Them." *Philosophical Explorations*, vol. 26 (1): pp. 23-29. |
| 2021c | "Davidson, First-Person Authority, and Direct Self-Knowledge." *Synthese*, vol. 199 (5-6): pp. 13421-13440. |
| 2021b | "Inference and Self-Knowledge." *Logos & Episteme*, vol. 12 (1): pp. 77-98. |
| 2021a | "Critical Reasoning and the Inferential Transparency Method." *Res Philosophica*, vol. 98 (1): pp. 23-42. |
| 2017 | "Ontological Entanglement in the Normative Web." *Dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review*, vol. 56 (3): pp. 483-501. |

**Invited Papers**

| Forthcoming | "Transparency and Memory." In Andreotta, A. & Winokur, B. (Eds.), *New Perspectives on Transparency and Self-Knowledge*. Routledge. |
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| Forthcoming | "Thinking Through Transparency: An Exploration of Self-Knowledge." In Andreotta, A. & Winokur, B. (Eds.), *New Perspectives on Transparency and Self-Knowledge*. Routledge. |

**Public-Facing Publications (Peer Reviewed)**

| Under Contract | "Hume on Causation." For *The Philosophy Teaching Library* (University of Notre Dame). |
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| 2023 | "Self-Knowledge." In *1000-Word Philosophy: An Introductory Anthology*. |

**Books in Progress**

*Knowing Where You Stand: A Value-First Analysis of Doxastic Self-Knowledge* (in progress)

**Papers in Progress**

A paper defending a "neo-expressivist" account of first-person authority (R&R: resubmitted)
A paper addressing objections to my earlier work on first-person authority (R&R: resubmitted)
A paper on a special way in which privileged access might be defeated (under review)
A paper on epistemic manipulation through acts of obfuscation (in progress)
A paper discussing self-knowledge and the principle of charity (in progress)
A paper discussing 'standing' versus 'occurrent' instances of self-knowledge (in progress)

## AWARDS

| 2023-2025 | University of Macau Startup Research Grant, $150,000MOP |
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| 2021 | York Faculty of Graduate Studies Thesis and Dissertation Prize (nominee) |
| 2019 | Graduate Fellowship of Distinction in Philosophy, $9,800CAD |
| 2017 | Ontario Graduate Scholarship, $15,000CAD |
| 2014 | Kitty and Lou Newman Memorial Graduate Scholarship, $5,000CAD |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**As Professor, University of Macau**
| | |
|---|---|
| 2025 | Philosophical Writing and Methodology (graduate) |
| | Critical Thinking (100-level) |
| 2024 | Modern Western Philosophy (100-level) |
| | Logic & Critical Thinking (graduate, x2) |
| | Critical Thinking (100-level) |
| 2023 | Philosophical Writing and Methodology (graduate) |

**As Professor, Ashoka University**
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| 2023 | Mind & Behaviour (100-level) |
| | The Ethics of Belief (300-level) |
| | Epistemic Logic (graduate; independent study module) |
| 2022 | Mind & Behaviour (100-level) |
| | Advanced Philosophy of Mind (300-level) |

**As Professor, York University**
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| 2022 | Perception, Knowledge, and Causality (200-level) |
| | Philosophical Issues in AI (300-level) |
| 2021 | Climate Change: Ethical and Political Issues (300-level) |
| 2018 | Seminar in Contemporary Philosophy – Varieties of Skepticism (400-level) |

**As Professor, Seneca College**
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| 2022 | Security, Privacy, and Ethics in Business Analytics (200-level, 3 sections) |
| 2021 | Security, Privacy, and Ethics in Business Analytics (200-level, 3 sections) |

**As Invited Lecturer, York University**
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|---|---|
| APR 2021 | Annalisa Coliva's "Self-Knowledge and Commitments" (Graduate) |
| MAR 2020 | Dorit Bar-On's "Speaking My Mind" (Graduate) |
| OCT 2019 | Sentential Logic: Derivations (200-level) |
| JAN 2018 | Sentential Logic: Symbolization and Syntax (200-level) |
| OCT 2016 | Donald Davidson's "Epistemology Externalized" (200-level) |
| OCT 2015 | René Descartes's Second Meditation (200-level) |

**As Teaching Assistant, York University (\*Tutorial Leader)**
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| 2020 | Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz (Matthew Leisinger) |
| 2019 | *Introduction to Formal Logic (Judy Pelham) |
| | *Modes of Reasoning – Reasoning About Social Issues (Hilary Davis) |
| | Perception, Knowledge, and Causality (Ian Jarvie) |
| 2018 | *Introduction to Formal Logic (Judy Pelham) |
| 2017 | *Introduction to Formal Logic (Judy Pelham) |
| | *The Meaning of Life (David Stamos) |
| | *Introduction to Formal Logic (Judy Pelham) |
| 2016 | Perception, Knowledge, and Causality (Olaf Ellefson) |
| | Perception, Knowledge, and Causality (Jagdish Hattiangadi) |
| | Locke, Berkeley, Hume (Anton Petrenko) |

| 2015 | Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz (David Jopling) |
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| | *Critical Reasoning (Linda Carozza) |
| | *The Meaning of Life (Muhammad Ali Khalidi) |
| 2014 | *The Meaning of Life (Henry Jackman) |

**As Teaching Assistant, Wilfrid Laurier University (*Tutorial Leader)**

| 2014 | *Values and Society (Andrea Mihali) |
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| 2013 | *Values and Society (Ashwani Peetush) |

**Teaching Certifications, York University**

| 2016 | Senior Record of Completion in Pedagogical Research, Teaching Commons |
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## PRESENTATIONS (*PEER REVIEWED)

2024    "Extended Mentality and Ascriptive Authority"
            -*Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association (online)
            -Visiting Speaker Series, Ashoka University
        "Defeaters for Privileged Access?"
            -*World Congress of Philosophy XXV, Sapienza University of Rome
            -Self-Knowledge and its Failures Workshop, Huaqiao University
            -ECOM Spotlight Series, University of Connecticut (online)
            -Workshop on Philosophy of Language and Epistemology, Tokyo University

2023    "Inferential Self-Knowledge Reimagined"
            -*Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, York University
        "How to Commit to Commissive Self-Knowledge"
            -University of Macau
            -Ashoka University

2022    "Self-Knowledge and Interpersonal Reasoning"
            -*Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association (online)
            -*Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver
            -*Meeting of the International Social Ontology Society 2022, Vienna

2021    "There Is Something to the Authority Thesis"
            -*Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, San Francisco
        "Evaluating Expressivisms"
            -Ryerson Reason, Action, and Mind Speaker Series, Ryerson University

2020    "Inference and Self-Knowledge"
            -*The Tenth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Utrecht University
        "Critical Reasoning and the Inferential Transparency Method"
            -*Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Philadelphia

2019    "There is Something to the Authority Thesis"
            -*Expression, Communication, and the Origins of Meaning Research Group
            Inaugural Graduate Conference, University of Connecticut
        "Constitutivism and the Provenance of Privileged Self-Knowledge"
            -*Eastern Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, NYC

2018    "Constitutivism and the Provenance of Privileged Self-Knowledge"
            -*8th Annual Edinburgh Graduate Conference in Epistemology, University of
            Edinburgh

"Davidson, Authoritative Speech, and Privileged Self-Knowledge"
>-\*Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Université de Montréal
>-Wilfrid Laurier University Speaker Series, Wilfrid Laurier University

2017     "Davidson, Ontological Profundity, and Profound Ontological Difference"
>-\*Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University

"Should Davidson's Theory of Mind be Normative? A Response to Curry"
>-York University Philosophy Graduate Student Association Annual Conference: The Legacy of Donald Davidson, York University

2016     "Arguments from Indispensability and Companions in Guilt"
>-\*Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary
>-\*Louisiana State University Graduate Philosophy Conference

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| 2023-present | College Affiliate to Ma Man Kei & Lo Pak Sam College (U Macau) |
| 2022-2023 | Advisor to *Vistaar: The Music Society of Ashoka University* (U Ashoka) |
| 2020 | Moderator, Ontario High School Ethics Bowl (UT-Mississauga) |
| 2019-2020 | President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (York U) |
| 2017-2020 | Colloquium Organizer, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (York U) |
| 2017-2020 | Conference Organizer, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (York U) |
| 2015-2019 | Referee, Philosophy Graduate Student Association Conference (York U) |
| 2015-2019 | Vice President, Philosophy Graduate Student Association (York U) |
| Thesis Reader: | Undergraduate: (1) Poorna Rathi, on narrative personal identity theory and romantic love, (2) Arya Amritansu, on hermeneutical injustice |

Journal Reviewer: *The Journal of Philosophy | Philosophy and Phenomenological Research | Philosophical Studies | Analysis | Philosopher's Imprint | Philosophical Quarterly | Synthese | The Canadian Journal of Philosophy | Journal of the American Philosophical Association | Erkenntnis | Mind & Language | Dialectica | Philosophical Psychology | Episteme* (x2) *| Res Philosophica | Journal of Value Inquiry | Journal of Philosophical Research | Philosophies* (x2) *| Middle Voices*

Book Reviewer:    *Lexington Books*

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| 2020-present | ECOM Research Group (University of Connecticut) |
| 2017-present | American Philosophical Association |
| 2014-present | Canadian Philosophical Association |

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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| Dr. Claudine Verheggen | Dr. Judy Pelham (teaching reference) |
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