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NOËL B. SAENZ

Education

University of Colorado, Boulder
Ph.D., Philosophy (2014)

Western Michigan University
M.A., Philosophy (2009)

Biola University
B.A., Philosophy (2006)

Employment

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2016 - Present

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Illinois Distinguished Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2015 - 2016

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Lecturer in Philosophy, 2014 - 2015

Area of Specialization

Metaphysics

Area of Competence

Ethics (applied and meta), Philosophy of Religion

Articles

"Ontology", *Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*, ed. Raven, M. J. (forthcoming)

"An Account of Truthmaking", *Synthese* (forthcoming)

"Sums and Grounding", *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 96/1: 102-117 (2018)

"A Grounding Solution to the Grounding Problem", *Philosophical Studies* 172/8: 2193-2214 (2015)

"Against Divine Truthmaker Simplicity", *Faith and Philosophy* 31/4: 460-474 (2014)

"The World and Truth About What Is Not", *The Philosophical Quarterly* 64: 82-98 (2014)

Presentations

- 2020 "A New Approach to Ontological Economy", Eastern APA
- 2019 "Measuring Ontological Simplicity", The Illinois Philosophical Association, Illinois State University
"Measuring Ontological Simplicity", Central States Philosophical Association - St. Louis
- 2018 "The Disciplining of Grounding", The 3rd Latinx Philosophy Conference, Rutgers University
"The Disciplining of Grounding", Early Career Metaphysics Workshop, William & Mary
- 2017 "The Disciplining of Grounding", Central States Philosophical Association - St. Louis
"The Disciplining of Grounding", Central APA
"Sets and Grounding", Center Talk, CU Boulder
- 2016 "The Disciplining of Grounding", The Illinois Philosophical Association, Illinois Central College
"The Disciplining of Grounding", American Association of Mexican Philosophers, Syracuse University
"Constraining Grounding", Midsouth Philosophy Conference, Rhodes College
- 2015 "A Defense of Facts", University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Colloquium
"Dualism: Property to Substance", University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Philosophy Club Brown-Bag Talk
"So Much for Sums", Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Bellingham, Washington
"So Much for Sums", Pacific APA
"Groundmaking", University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
"So Much for Sums", Northern Illinois University
- 2014 "So Much for Sums", University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Colloquium
"Against an Account of Groundmaking", Pacific APA
"Against an Account of Groundmaking", University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Graduate Philosophy Conference
"Against an Account of Groundmaking", North Carolina Philosophy Society
"Against an Account of Groundmaking", Georgia State University Graduate Philosophy Conference
- 2013 "On What Grounds Grounding", Work in Progress Talk, CU Boulder
"Composition and Facts", Pacific APA
"Composition and Facts", Gonzaga University Graduate Philosophy

Conference

- “Composition and Facts”, University of Iowa Graduate Philosophy Conference
“Composition and Facts”, University of Utah Graduate Philosophy Conference
“Against Browerian Simplicity”, Society for Christian Philosophers
“A Non-Revisionary Solution to the Grounding Problem”, CU Boulder Jentzsch Prize Talk
- 2012 “Why There are Truthmakers”, Society for Exact Philosophy - Columbus Ohio
- 2011 “Whether, not How: An Argument for Truthmakers”, CU Boulder Colloquium
“Facts with Tropes as Parts”, University of Leeds, England Graduate Philosophy Conference
“Truthmaker Theorists need not be Truthmaker Maximalists”, Society for Exact Philosophy - Winnipeg
“Truthmaker Theorists need not be Truthmaker Maximalists”, Western Washington Philosophy Conference
“Truthmaker Theorists need not be Truthmaker Maximalists”, CU Boulder Graduate Work-in-Progress Talk
- 2010 “Modal Fictionalism is a Fiction”, CU Boulder Jentzsch Prize Talk
- 2009 “Modal Fictionalism is a Fiction”, Princeton/Rutgers Graduate Philosophy Conference

Comments

- 2019 On Beau Branson’s “Must God Have a Son?”, Central States Philosophical Association
- 2017 On Cruz Austin Davis’s “Inclusive Nihilism”, Central States Philosophical Association
On Jonathan Schaffer’s “The World for Explanation”, Sofia XXI
- 2016 On Jon Burmeister’s “Truth Might be Intrinsically Valuable”, Midsouth Philosophy Conference
On Daniel Murphy’s “Qualitativism, Haecceitism, and Time”, Eastern APA
- 2012 On Andy Yu’s “The Truth about the Necessity and Existence of Williamson’s Necessary Existents”, Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference
On Brady Bowman’s “An ‘Armstrongian’ Truthmaker Argument Against Nihilism”, Pacific APA
- 2008 On Brad Rettler’s “Simple Persistence”, Western Michigan University

Awards and Honors

- List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students (x6) (2016-18)
- Co-winner of the Hutchins Prize (Best Paper) at Gonzaga's Graduate Philosophy Conference (2014)
- The Center for the Philosophy of Religion Dissertation Fellow, University of Notre Dame (2012-13)
- Jentzsch Prize Winner (Best Graduate Student Paper at the University of Colorado, Boulder) for "A Non-Revisionary Solution to the Grounding Problem" (2012)
- Jentzsch Prize Winner (Best Graduate Student Paper at the University of Colorado, Boulder) for "Modal Fictionalism is a Fiction" (2010)

Activities

- The Logic and Cognitive Science Initiative (LACSI) Conference: Grounding and its Applications. Invited Participant (2019)
- Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference: Metaphysics on the Mountain 2. Invited Participant (2017)
- Sofia XXI Philosophy Conference. Invited Participant (2017)
- Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference. Invited Participant (2015)
- Metaphysical Mayhem. Invited Participant (2014)
- St. Thomas Aquinas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology. Invited Participant (2014)

Professional Service

- Referee Work: *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Mind*, *Nous*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Religious Studies*, *Synthese*
- Midwest Annual Workshop in Metaphysics (MAWM), committee member, 2018
- PhilPapers, section editor: *Material Objects*, *Minor Entities*
- American Philosophical Association, 2018 Central Division Program Committee Member

Professional Memberships

- American Association for Mexican Philosophers (AAMPh)
- American Philosophical Association (APA)

Courses Taught

- Applied Ethics, Biomedical Ethics, Critical Reasoning, Dissertation Seminar, Graduate Seminar on Composition, Graduate Seminar on Grounding, Introduction to Logic, Introduction to Philosophy, Metaphysics, Modern Recent Philosophers, Philosophy of Mind, Value Theory

References

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