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# Small Grant Application

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APA Member?  Yes  No *Only APA members may submit grant applications. Membership will be verified.*

## Funding Information

Fiscal Agent: Fordham University

Fiscal Agent Contact Name: Beth Torres

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Total Funding Amount Requested: \$4250 *Proposals over \$5,000 normally are not funded.*

## Project Information

Project Title: Fostering Publication for Early Career Women in Metaphysics

Abstract:

*Maximum 150 words.*

If awarded, this grant would fund a workshop highlighting the scholarship of pre-tenure women working in metaphysics. The workshop builds on initiatives already in place at Fordham University and provides a forum for philosophers to present their work to and receive feedback from the general philosophical public. The workshop's aims are twofold: to encourage pre-tenure women working in metaphysics to develop their work towards publication, and to increase the visibility of this scholarship.

## Steering Committee

Name	Institutional Affiliation	APA Member?
Joseph Vukov, PhD Candidate	Fordham University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Amy Seymour, Assistant Professor	Fordham University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Zee Perry, PhD Candidate	New York University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Elise Crull, Assistant Professor	City College of New York	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Attach a brief resume for each member of the steering committee (maximum two pages per person) highlighting that member's activities and achievements relevant to the project.

## Project Purpose

*Provide a brief account of the project's purpose, explaining its benefits for the profession and/or how it involves community outreach. Attach additional pages as necessary.*

Women are underrepresented in philosophy. In a 2011 APA report, Kathryn Norlock estimated that women make up only 21% of postsecondary philosophy instructors. This fact is sobering enough. Even more sobering, however, is a 2015 study carried out by Kieran Healy which tracked publication and citation rates in four prestigious generalist journals (J.Phil, Mind, Phil. Review, and Nous) from 1993-2013. Healy found that, during this period, only 12.5% of total publications were by women authors. He found, moreover, that of the top 500 most-cited works, only 3.6% were by women authors (by way of comparison, 6.3% were by David Lewis alone). Healy's study suggests, then, that not only are women underrepresented in philosophy - women are also being published at a disproportionately lower rate than men, and when women are published, they are cited far less frequently than men.

This workshop seeks in part to address these issues. While its purpose is to foster excellent scholarship in metaphysics in general, its unique additional aims include (i) encouraging pre-tenure women working in metaphysics to publish their work and by (ii) increasing the rate at which this work is cited. The workshop will address (i) by implementing a unique evaluation strategy after the workshop's completion (see Evaluation Plan below). The workshop will address (ii) by featuring women's scholarship in the metaphysics hub of New York City. Indeed, although the New York City area is home to exciting research in metaphysics, there is not currently a workshop of this kind in the region. We have reason to think, moreover, that when scholarship is more visible before publication, it will be cited more often after publication.

## Project Status

*Describe the groundwork already laid for the project or, in the case of projects involving community outreach, the relationships already developed in the community. Attach additional pages as necessary.*

Fordham University's Metaphysics and Mind Group is composed of members from multiple universities, and has met regularly since 2012. The group workshops new work by established and emerging scholars, and has featured the following presenters: Matias Bulnes, Matthew Carrella, Bryan Frances, William Jaworski, Barbara Montero, Mytro Mylopolous, Turner Nevitt, Graham Priest, Howard Robinson, Jonathan Schaffer, Amy Seymour, Kevin Timpe, Peter van Inwagen, and Shane Wilkins.

Much of the work presented to this group (approximately 35%) is already either forthcoming or published. Notably, the group workshoped an early version of Jonathan Schaffer's "Grounding in the Image of Causation," which is forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*, and which was awarded the 2014 American Philosophical Association Lebowitz Prize for Philosophical Achievement and Contribution. The group, then, has already demonstrated its capacity for preparing excellent work for publication. It has also received regular support from Fordham's philosophy department, and has been granted \$800 to fund workshops in AY2015-2016.

By bringing together philosophers from the New York City area, including members of an established group at Fordham University, the proposed project will promote the scholarship of early career women philosophers through presentations, discussions, and ongoing support. In addition to Fordham's support, the project has requested \$800 from New York University.

## **Project Plan and Timeline**

*Attach additional pages as necessary.*

The workshop is tentatively scheduled for March 19-March 20, 2016. The process of securing rooms, catering, etc., has already begun, and the workshop's website is up and running. If awarded, the project will proceed according to the following timeline:

December 2015: Presenters will be tentatively invited to the workshop, pending the award. With the exception of one or two presenters, all will be drawn from the NYC-area.

January 2016: Promotion of the workshop will begin (see Outreach Plan, below).

January 2016: Presenters will be confirmed and the final schedule will be set.

February 2016: Conference materials will be designed and sent to the printer, caterer will be contacted, contracts will be signed, and all other arrangements will be made.

March 15, 2016: Conference materials and catering will be finalized.

March 19-20, 2016: Tentative workshop dates

June 1, 2016: Initial workshop assessment and evaluation report will be prepared.

December 2016: First follow-up email to presenters will be sent (see Evaluation Plan below). Workshop organizers will begin to track citations of any publications reported.

June 2017: Second follow-up email to presenters will be sent (see Evaluation Plan below).

## **Outreach Plan**

*Describe how the project will be advertised to the larger philosophical and/or lay public. Attach additional pages as necessary.*

The workshop, reception, and all events will be open to the general philosophical public, and to the lay public as well. In order to reach these audiences, workshop organizers will implement the following outreach plan:

By January 2016, workshop organizers will post the event to PhilEvents. Organizers will also advertise the event through popular philosophy ListServes (including PhilUpdates), social media (including Facebook and Twitter), and Fordham's Metaphysics and Mind Workshop Group.

Print fliers and other promotional materials will also be created in January 2016. These will be forwarded to all presenters and steering committee members for distribution at their respective universities. Workshop organizers will also reach out to leaders in the field to encourage them to attend, and to invite their colleagues and students.

## Accessibility Plan

*If the proposal involves public lectures, performances, presentations, or films, describe how the project will be accessible for disabled persons, including deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired individuals. Attach additional pages as necessary.*

Fordham University has accessible facilities, and the Office of Disability Services can make arrangements for interpreters and other accommodations upon request. Workshop organizers have already established contact with the Office of Disability Services, and will continue working with this Office to ensure that all participants, regardless of accessibility needs, can enjoy the workshop.

## Evaluation Plan

*Describe how the project will be assessed at its completion with an eye to what worked and what could be improved. Attach additional pages as necessary.*

The assessment of this workshop will seek to measure whether and to what extent it achieves its goals, and will be carried out in three phases:

First, all participants and presenters will complete an online survey after the end of the workshop. The survey will be hosted by Qualtrics, and will include both qualitative and quantitative measures. A summary report will be generated from the survey's findings.

Second, workshop organizers will follow-up with presenters at six months and one year after the workshop's completion to track the status of publications coming out of the workshop. This assessment plan encourages presenters to publish their work, and allows workshop organizers to quantify the publication outcomes that result from the workshop.

Third, organizers will track citations of any published work resulting from the workshop for at least two years after the workshop's end. When this data is compared with control publications (publications by women in metaphysics not resulting from the conference), this will help organizers determine if the workshop increased visibility of the presenters' work.

We hope that the results of these three assessment measures will help us plan for the future, and that they will be helpful for developing future strategies for increasing the visibility and impact of groups that have been traditionally under-represented in philosophical conversations.

## Website Plan

If the proposal includes the creation of a website, complete the following items:

Where will the website be hosted? weebly.com

Website URL (if known): fordhammetaphysicsworkshop.weebly.com

Do you want the APA to link to the project website?  Yes  No

If yes, in what page(s) or section(s) on the APA website would you like the link to appear?

Resources/Conferences and Seminars

## Budget

Attach additional pages as necessary.

Project expense item	Anticipated date(s) of expense	Budget Amount	Amount confirmed or requested from other sources	Amount requested from APA
<i>See Attached : Project</i>		<i>Budget</i>		
		<i>(Next page)</i>		
<b>Totals:</b>				

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# Project Budget

## Fostering Publication for Early Career Women in Metaphysics

Project Expense Item	Anticipated Date(s) of Expense	Budget Amount	Amount Confirmed or Requested from Other Sources	Amount Requested from APA
Travel for non-NYC presenter	15-Feb-2016	\$500	\$0	\$500
Lodging for non-NYC presenter	15-Feb-2016	\$500	\$300	\$200
Stipend for 5 grad student attendees (to be selected from applications)	15-Feb-2016	\$500	\$0	\$500
Saturday Lunch (for 50)*	1-Mar-2016	\$700	\$0	\$700
Conference Reception (for 50)*	1-Mar-2016	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
Dinner for Presenters (for 10)	20-Mar-2016	\$750	\$0	\$750
Sunday Breakfast (for 50)*	1-Mar-2016	\$600	\$0	\$600
Miscellaneous (programs, name tags, child care, etc.)	20-Mar-2016	\$500	\$500	\$0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$5,050</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$4,250</b>

\*food expenses are based on Fordham University's current Sodexo pricing.

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Founder and Coordinator, Metaphysics and Mind Paper Workshop Group, Fordham University, 2012-present.

- Coordinated budget, room arrangements, event promotion, and speakers; secure annual funding
- *Speakers:* Matías Bulnes (John Jay College - CUNY), Matthew Carrella (Fordham), Bryan Frances (Fordham), William Jaworski (Fordham), Barbara Montero (CUNY Graduate Center), Myrto Mylopoulos (Carleton University), Turner Nevitt (University of San Diego), Graham Priest (CUNY Graduate Center) Howard Robinson (Central European University), Jonathan Schaffer (Rutgers University), Aaron Segal (Yeshiva University), Amy Seymour (Fordham), Kevin Timpe (Northwest Nazarene University), Peter van Inwagen (University of Notre Dame), Shane Wilkins (Fordham)

Assistant to the Coordinator, 39th Annual Convention of SAAP [Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy]. Fordham University. 2012.

- Processed registrations
- Oversaw logistics of conference (parking, hotels, dining, etc.)
- Designed and distributed conference materials (program; NYC information; etc.)

Organizer, Semiannual Philosophy Graduate Student Symposium, Fordham University. 2011-2013.

- Managed selection committee
- Arranged room reservations, catering, and event promotion

Referee for Journal Submissions: *Cardoza Journal for Law, Policy, and Ethics*

## GRANTS

"Assessing University Mission in Catholic Graduate Education," with Dean Eva Badowska. Association of Catholic Colleges & Universities. 2015-present.

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Personhood and Natural Kinds: Why Cognitive Status Need not Affect Moral Status." Forthcoming. *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*.

"Meddling with Dispositions and Dispositional Theories of Consciousness." 2016. *American Philosophical Association - Eastern Division: Main Program*. Washington D.C. January 6-9.

"Is Neuroscience Relevant to Our Moral Responsibility Practices?" 2014. *J. Cognition and Neuroethics* 2(2): 61-82.

## EDUCATION

Fordham University: PhD Philosophy, *expected May 2016*; Certificate, Health Care Ethics, 2014; MPhil, Philosophy, 2014; M.A. Philosophy, 2012

Montefiore-Einstein Center for Bioethics: Certificate in Bioethics and Medical Humanities, 2015

University of Chicago: M.A. Humanities, 2008

Bethel University: B.A. Philosophy and English Literature and Writing, *summa cum laude*, 2007

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Philosophical Association: 2014-present

**COMPUTER SKILLS:** Qualtrics; Weebly; Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel); Adobe FormsCentral; Google Drive; D2L; Blackboard; Chalk; proficient in database work and online research (PhilPapers; Philosopher's Index, JSTOR, Project Muse, LexisNexis, Pubmed, OED Online)

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## EMPLOYMENT

Fordham University: Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, 2015-  
Acting Assistant Professor, Philosophy Department, 2014-2015.

## EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame: Ph.D. Philosophy (AOS: metaphysics), August 2015; M.A.,  
Philosophy, January 2012.  
Northern Illinois University: M.A., Philosophy, May 2009, the department outstanding graduate.  
Westmont College: B.A., Philosophy, Religious Studies, May 2007, *summa cum laude*.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Fordham University Philosophy Department Climate Committee, 2014-2016.  
Organizer: Society of Christian Philosophers Central APA Meeting, 2014; 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NIU  
Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2008; public philosophy of religion discussions  
Between Westmont College, UCSB, and SBCC faculty, 2005.  
Assistant Organizer: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual California Metaphysics Conference, USC, 2013; Logos  
Philosophical Theology Conference, Notre Dame, 2011.  
Administrator: Notre Dame Graduate Student Speaker Selection, 2013; organization an  
administrative work also completed as the graduate assistant for the Center for  
Philosophy of Religion, 2010-2011.  
Referee for Journal Submissions: *Dialectica*, *Mind*, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *The  
Philosophical Quarterly*.  
Referee for Conferences and Workshops: Annual Northwestern/Notre Dame Epistemology  
Workshop, 2010, 2011; Annual NIU Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 2008.

## SELECTED GRANTS

Notebaert Professional Development Grant, the Graduate School, University of Notre Dame,  
2011 (funded research and conference attendance for a workshop in Asia).  
Graduate Student Research Award, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, University of  
Notre Dame, 2011.

## RECENT AND UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

"Infinite Increasingly Good Possible Worlds Don't Matter", 2016, APA Eastern, Society for  
Jesuit Education.  
"Settling the Open Future", 2015, Mentoring Project for Pre-Tenure Women Faculty, University  
of Massachusetts Amherst, June 14-16.  
"Freedom, Foreknowledge, and Betting" (under a different working title), 2014, New York  
Pragmatist Workshop, December 5; 2013, Society of Christian Philosophers Satellite  
Meeting, ACPA, November 1-3.  
"Modal Realism and the Garden of Forking Paths" 2014, Randomness and Foreknowledge  
Conference, October 23-25; 2014, Fordham Metaphysics and Mind Reading Group,  
September 23.



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AOS: *Metaphysics, Philosophy of Physics*  
AOC: *Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Art*

## Education

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New York University <i>Ph.D.</i>	2009–Present
Rutgers University <i>B.A., Summa Cum Laude</i>	2007–2009
Moravian College	2005–2007

## Dissertation

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Title: *Quantities Mereology and Law*

Committee: Tim Maudlin (chair), Cian Dorr, Hartry Field, Shamik Dasgupta (external)

## Publications

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“Properly Extensive Quantities”

: Proceedings of 2014 Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association. *Philosophy of Science*. University of Chicago Press. Chicago, IL (Forthcoming 2015).

“What the Humean Should Say about Entanglement” (with Harjit Bhogal):  
(Forthcoming in *Noûs*)

## Departmental Service

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Diversity, Inclusivity, and Climate Committee: NYU, 2013 – Present

Colloquium Committee: NYU, 2013-2014

Curriculum Committee: NYU, 2012-2013

NYU Prospective Student Visit: Co-organizer, Spring 2014.

NYU-Columbia Graduate Student Conference: Co-organizer, Spring 2010

NYU-Columbia Graduate Student Conference: Referee, 2010-2014

## Organizational Experience

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Metaphysics of Quantity Conference

Co-Organizer (with Erica Shumener)

with support from NYU and the New York Institute of Philosophy.

<http://quantitiesconference.wordpress.com/>

New York  
May 1st-3rd 2015

New York Metaphysics Bootcamp: Co-Founder and Organizer, Spring 2011 – Fall 2013

**Reading Groups Organized or Co-Organized (NYU):** Metaphysics of Quantity (Summer 2012), Philosophy of Science: Space and Time (Fall 2010 - Spring 2011), Aesthetics (Fall 2010 to Fall 2011)

**Work in Progress Groups Organized:** [Rutgers] Philosophy of Science Reading Group (2013-2014), [Columbia] Topics in Metaphysics: Causation & Modality (Spring 2015) (tim-reading-group.tumblr.com)

**Rutgers Templeton Cosmology Project:** Graduate Assistant Organizer 2013-14. Co-moderator of Cosmology Project blog: <http://philocosmology.com/>

**PhilPapers.org:** "Quantities" category editor, 2013-Present

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## Employment

Assistant Professor of Philosophy <b>The City College of New York</b>	08.2014 –
Postdoctoral Research Fellow Edelstein Center for History & Philosophy of Science, Technology & Medicine <b>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>	10.2013 – 10.2014
Leverhulme Postdoctoral Research Fellow Department of Philosophy <b>University of Aberdeen</b>	09.2011 – 09.2013

## Education

Ph.D. History & Philosophy of Science, <b>University of Notre Dame</b>	05.2011
M.A. Philosophy, <b>University of Notre Dame</b>	01.2008
B.Sc. (Honors) Physics; Astronomy minor, <b>Calvin College</b>	05.2005

## Selected Grants

City University of New York Faculty Research Grant	2015 - 2016
Leverhulme Trust (U.K.) Research Project Grant (with G. Bacciagaluppi)	2011 - 2013
Nanovic Institute for European Studies Graduate Initiatives Grant, University of Notre Dame	2010
University of Notre Dame History & Philosophy of Science Program Research & Travel Grant	2010

## Professional Services

**Co-Director:** Proposed M. A. program in Philosophy of Science at City College  
**Faculty Services:** Department Assessment Coordinator (2015-2016), Co-Advisor of Philosophy Club (2014-2016)  
**Reviewer:** *Science & Education, Foundations of Physics, Philosophy of Science*  
**Organizer:**

8th Annual U.K. Integrated History & Philosophy of Science Workshop Co-organizers Guido Bacciagaluppi & Ben Marsden University of Aberdeen	04.2013
Grete Hermann Workshop Co-organizer Guido Bacciagaluppi University of Aberdeen	05.2012

## Invited Discussant/Respondent:

Structuralism in Physics Workshop University of Notre Dame	12.2010
Seven Pines Symposium (History of Physics) Stillwater, Minnesota	05.2010
Logos Philosophical Theology Conference Rutgers University	05.2010

## Publications

**Books:** *The 'Einstein Paradox': Debates on Nonlocality and Incompleteness in 1935*  
Cambridge University Press, 2016 (with G. Bacciagaluppi)

**Edited Vols:** *Grete Hermann: Between Physics and Philosophy*. Springer, 2016 (with G. Bacciagaluppi)

## Selected Articles:

1. Epistemic Structuralism and Poincaré's Philosophy of Science (with K. Brading)  
*History of the Philosophy of Science* (forth.)
2. Less Interpretation and More Decoherence in Quantum Gravity and Inflationary Cosmology  
*Foundations of Physics* 14 Nov (2014), pp. 1-27.
3. Exploring Philosophical Implications of Quantum Decoherence  
*Philosophy Compass* 8:9 (2013), pp. 875-885.
4. Heisenberg (and Schrödinger, and Pauli) on Hidden Variables (with G. Bacciagaluppi)  
*Studies in the History and Philosophy of Modern Physics* 40:4 (2009), pp. 374-382.

## Selected Recent Presentations

1. "Defending Bradley's Argument for Monism" 03.2015  
The CUNY Junior Philosophers' Workshop  
CUNY Graduate Center, NYC
2. "Whence Physical Significance in Bimetric Theories?" 05.2014  
Philosophy of Physics Seminar  
University of Oxford
3. "Why We Can't Have Nice Things: Philosophical Lessons from Quantum Decoherence" 05.2014  
Philosophy and History of Physics Reading Group  
University of Cambridge
4. "The Role of Decoherence in Quantum Loop Dynamics" 09.2013  
Foundations of Quantum Gravity Seminar  
University of Illinois Chicago
5. "Modeling Quantum Decoherence" 09.2013  
Physics Department Seminar  
Fort Hays State University
6. "Can There Be Metaphysically Robust Interlevel Relations?" 12.2012  
Scots Philosophical Association Annual Meeting  
University of Aberdeen
7. "Mereology No More? Parts, Wholes & Quantum Decoherence" 04.2011  
Formal Philosophy Workshop  
University of Chicago