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*Education*

1976	New York University B.A. in Liberal Arts; major philosophy
1978	New York University M.A. in Philosophy
1983	Courant Institute New York University M.S. in Mathematics
1986	C.U.N.Y. Graduate Center Ph.D in Philosophy

*Positions*

1978-1979	Lecturer Adjunct at Hofstra University Logic I
Fall 1981	Lecturer Adjunct at C.C.N.Y. Critical Thinking
Summer 1982	Research Scientist Department of Psychology, N.Y.U.
1982-1983	Lecturer Adjunct at N.Y.U. Practical Reasoning
Fall 1983	Lecturer Adjunct at Hunter College Introduction to Philosophy
Fall 1984	Assistant in Logic I C.U.N.Y. Graduate Center

Fall 1985-1993	Assistant Professor Tufts University Tenure Awarded, 1993
1993-on	Associate Professor Tufts University
2000-on	Full Professor Tufts University

### *Professional Societies*

Association for Symbolic Logic  
APA

### *Specialities*

Logic  
Philosophy of Language  
Philosophy of Mathematics  
Metaphysics  
Epistemology  
Philosophy of Logic  
Philosophy of Science

### *Ph.D. Dissertation*

A language with its own truth and falsity predicates

### *Philosophical Publications: Articles*

- 1990 "Truth and Convention," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* **71**
- 1991 "A Simple Axiomatizable Theory of Truth," *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*,  
Volume 32, Number 3
- 1992 "A Priori Truth," *Erkenntnis* **37**
- 1995 Review of Aladdin M. Yaqub's "The Liar Speaks the Truth," *Mind*, Volume 1, p. 222.
- 1997 "Thick Epistemic Access: Distinguishing the Mathematical from the Empirical," *The*

*Journal of Philosophy*, Volume XCIV, Number 9.

"Applied Mathematics, Existential Commitment and the Quine-Putnam Indispensability Thesis," *Philosophia Mathematica*, Volume 5, No. 3, October.

1998 "On 'On what there is'," *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, Volume 79, No. 1, March.

1999 "Review of Michael D. Resnik's 'Mathematics as a science of patterns,'" *Journal of Symbolic Logic* 64, Number 2.

"Comments on Shapiro," *Journal of Philosophy* 96, October.

2000 "Applying Mathematics: An Attempt to Design a Philosophical Problem," *The Monist*, Vol. 82, No. 2, April.

"Stipulation, Logic, and Ontological Independence," *Philosophia Mathematica* (3) Vol. 8, pp. 225-243.

2001 "Truth Via Anaphorically Unrestricted Quantifiers," *Journal of Philosophical Logic* **30**: 329-354.

2003 "Individuation, Causal Relations and Quine," *Meaning*, ed. Mark Richard, Blackwell.

"The strengthened liar, the expressive strength of natural languages, and regimentation," *The Philosophical Forum*, Vol. XXXIV, Nos. 3 & 4, Fall/Winter 2003.

2004 "Proof and Ontology in Euclidean Mathematics," in Tinne Hoff Kjeldsen, Stig Andur Pedersen, Lise Mariane Sonne-Hanse, eds., *New Trends in the History and Philosophy of Mathematics*, Denmark: University Press of Southern Denmark.

"The Derivation-Indicator View of Mathematical Practice," *Philosophia Mathematica* (3) Vol. 12.

"Theory, observation and scientific realism," *British Journal for the philosophy of science* **55**, 371-392.

"Tarski, Quine, and the Transcendence of the Vernacular 'true'," *Synthese* **142**: 273-288.

2005 "Is there still a sense in which mathematics can have foundations?" *Advanced Studies in Mathematics and Logic*, edited by Giandomenico Sica. Italy: Polimettrica S.a.s, 9-47.

"How to nominalize formalism," *Philosophia Mathematica* (III) **13**, 135-159.

"Anaphorically unrestricted quantifiers and paradoxes," In (JC Beall and Bradley Armour-Garb, eds) *Deflationism and Paradox*, 250-273. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

- (with Bradley Armour-Garb) "Standing on Common Ground," *Journal of Philosophy* CII(10):532-544
- (with Otavio Bueno) Review of Donald MacKenzie, *Mechanizing Proof: Computing, Risk, and Trust*. *Philosophia Mathematica* (III) 13, 319-325.
- 2006 "How and why mathematics is unique as a social practice," in (Reuben Hersh, ed.) *18 Unconventional Essays on the Nature of Mathematics*. New York: Springer Science+Business Media, Inc.
- "Teorie, observatie si realism stiintific," *Review of Contemporary Philosophy* 5 (translation of "Theory, observation and scientific realism" into Romanian).
- 2007 "How and why mathematics is unique as a social practice," in (Bart van Kerkhove, Jean Paul van Bendegem, Editors) *Perspectives on mathematical practices: Bringing Together philosophy of mathematics, sociology of mathematics, and mathematics education*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.
- "Logic" in *The language of science*, Polimetrica Onlus, ed., Giandomenico Sica, [www.polimetrica.eu/contents/azzouni.php](http://www.polimetrica.eu/contents/azzouni.php)
- "Ontological commitment in the vernacular," *Nous* 41:2, 204-226.
- "The inconsistency of natural languages: how we live with it," *Inquiry* 50:2, 590-605.
- 2008 "The compulsion to believe: Logical inference and normativity," *ProtoSociology* 25: 69-88.
- "A cause for concern: standard abstracta and causation," *Philosophia Mathematica* (III) 16, 397-401.
- "Alternative logics and the role of truth in the interpretation of languages," in (Douglas Patterson, ed.) *New essays on Tarski and philosophy*, 390-429. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- (with Otavio Bueno) "On what it takes for there to be no fact of the matter." *Nous* 42:4, 753-769.
- 2009 "Why do informal proofs conform to formal norms?" *Foundations of Science* 14:9-26.
- "Empty *de re* attitudes about numbers" *Philosophia Mathematica* (III) 17:2, 163-188.
- "Evading truth commitments: The problem reanalyzed" *Logique et Analyse* 206,

139-176.

- 2010 "Ontology and the word 'exist': Uneasy relations. *Philosophia Mathematica* (III) 18:1, 74-101.
- "The rule-following paradox and the impossibility of private rule-following." *The Baltic International Yearbook of Cognition, Logic and Communication*, North America 5 2 11 2010.
- "Partial ontic fictionalism." In *Fictions and Models* (John Woods, ed.). Munich, Germany: Philosophia Verlag GmbH.
- 2011 "Singular thoughts (Objects-directed thoughts)." In *The Aristotelian Society* (Mark E. Kalderon, ed.), Supplementary Volume LXXXV, 2011, 45-61.
- "Nominalistic content." In (Carlo Cellucci, Emily Grosholz and Emiliano Ippoliti, ed.) *Logic and knowledge*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- "Can science change our notion of existence?" In *ProtoSociology: An International Journal and Interdisciplinary Project*  
<http://www.protosociology.de/Download/Azzouni-Existence.pdf>.
- 2012 "Summary of Talking about Nothing," and "Responses to Gabriele Contessa, Erin Eaker, and Nikk Effingham." In (Anthony Ellis, ed.) *Analysis Reviews* 72/2, 327-29, 366-379.
- "Simple metaphysics and "ontological dependence." In (Fabrice Correia and Benjamin Schnieder, ed.) *Metaphysical grounding: Understanding the structure of reality*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 234-253.
- "Referring to what is and to what isn't." In (William P. Kabasenche, Michael O'Rourke, and Matthew H. Slater, ed.) *Reference and referring*. The MIT Press. 253-269.
- "Taking the easy road out of Dodge," *Mind* 121-484, October, 951-965.
- 2013 "Nonexistent objects" *Oxfordbibliographies.com*
- "The relationship of derivations in artificial languages to ordinary rigorous mathematical proof," *Philosophia Mathematica* (3) 21, 247-254.
- "Hobnobbing with the nonexistent," *Inquiry* 56:4, 340-358.
- "That we see that some diagrammatic proofs are perfectly rigorous," *Philosophia Mathematica* (3) 21, 323-338.

“Inconsistency in natural languages,” *Synthese* 190:5, 3175-3184.

“Nonexistent objects,” Oxfordbibliographies.com

### *Published Books*

- 1994 *Metaphysical Myths, Mathematical Practice*, Cambridge University Press.
- 2000 *Knowledge and Reference in Empirical Science*, Routledge.
- 2004 *Deflating Existential Commitment: A Case for Nominalism*, Oxford University Press.
- 2006 *Tracking Reason: Proof, Consequence, and Truth*, Oxford University Press.
- 2010 *Talking About Nothing: Numbers, Hallucinations, and Fictions*. Oxford University Press.
- 2013 *Semantic Perception: How the illusion of a common language arises and persists*. Oxford University Press.

### *Talks (selected)*

- 2000 "Stipulation, Logic and Ontological Independence," *C.U.N.Y. Graduate Center*, Feb. 9.
- "Anaphorically Unrestricted Quantifiers and Truth," *Program in Logic and Philosophy of Science, University of California, Irvine*, March 17.
- 2001 "Quine's criterion for what a discourse is committed to," *University of Sheffield*, October 12.
- "Why scientific laws and empirically-applied mathematical doctrine must be taken by us to be true," *Leeds History and Philosophy of Science Seminar, Leeds University*, October 17.
- "Tarski, Quine, and the Transcendence of the Vernacular 'True'," *Boston Colloquium for Philosophy of Science: Tarski on Truth: A Centennial Celebration*, December 3.
- 2002 "Why scientific laws and empirically-applied mathematical doctrine must be taken by us to be true," *California State University, Fresno*, March 5.
- "Applied Mathematics: One language, Two interpretations," invited, *UCI Workshop in the Philosophy of Applied Mathematics, Program in Logic and Philosophy of Science, University of California, Irvine*, March 7-10.

- "Why scientific laws and empirically-applied mathematical doctrine must be taken by us to be true," *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, April 5.
- "Dreaming," *Vanderbilt University*, April 12.
- "Theoretical Terms, Observational Terms, and Scientific Realism," invited, Annual meeting of the *British Society for Philosophy of Science*, University of Glasgow, July 5.
- "How and Why Mathematics is Unique as a Social Practice," invited, Conference on *Perspectives on Mathematical Practices* (PMP2002), Brussels University, October 24-26.
- "Theoretical Terms, Observational Terms, and Scientific Realism," invited, *CUNY Graduate Center*, November 20.
- "How and Why Mathematics is Unique as a Social Practice," invited, *Columbia University*, November 21.
- 2003 "Theoretical Terms, Observation Terms, and Scientific Realism," *Wayne State University*, March 13.
- "Theoretical Terms, Observation Terms, and Scientific Realism," *University of South Carolina*, September.
- "Dreaming," *University of South Carolina*, September.
- 2004 "Consequence," workshop in philosophy of logic at the *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, April 16.
- "Quantification, Ontology, and Presentism," *Rutgers University Metaphysics Conference*, July.
- 2005 "Ontological commitment in the vernacular," *Syracuse University*, September 16, 2005.
- 2006 "Normativity and Compulsion," Association for philosophy in the Carolinas, Feb. 17, 2006.
- "Normativity and Compulsion," Joint meeting of the New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association and the Long Island Philosophical Society, April 8, 2006.
- 2009 "Ontological Dependence," Ontological Dependence conference, Gold Lake Resort, Colorado, March 17-20.

"Rule following and the threat of social constructivism" Riga, Latvia, August 8-10.

2013 "Coherentist advice for mathematicians, hallucinators, and novelists who want to utter truths," Erasmus University, The Netherlands, Jan. 22.

"Session on 'Talking about Nothing': Author meets Critics, Central APA, Feb. 21.

"What's wrong with quantifier variance," Pacific APA, March 27.

"Semantic Perception," Vanderbilt University.