

# AMANDA BRYANT

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## RESEARCH AREAS

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Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Science, Epistemology, Metaphysics  
Areas of Competence: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Logic

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Calgary	2023-
Contract Lecturer, Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson)	2021-22
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Lisbon	2019-21
Assistant Professor (Fixed Term), Trent University	2017-19

## EDUCATION

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PhD in Philosophy, City University of New York Graduate Center	2017
MA in Philosophy, Simon Fraser University	2011
BA Hons in Philosophy, University of Regina	2009

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. *Modal Naturalism: Science and the Modal Facts*, with Alastair Wilson (in press). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2. “Naturalized Metaphysics without Scientific Realism” (forthcoming). *Argumenta*.
3. “Grounding Interventionism: Conceptual and Epistemological Challenges” (2022). *Metaphilosophy*. 53:2-3. 322-343. [Link](#).  
(Reprinted in *Examining Philosophy Itself* (2023), Ed. Yafeng Shan. Wiley. 223-252.)
4. “The Supposed Spectre of Scientism” (2022). *For & Against Scientism*. Ed. Moti Mizrahi. Rowman & Littlefield. 47-74. [Link](#).
5. “A Thousand Flowers on the Road to Epistemic Anarchy: Comments on Chakravartty’s *Scientific Ontology*” (2021) *Dialogue*. 60:1. 1-13. [Link](#).
6. “Epistemic Infrastructure for a Scientific Metaphysics” (2021). *Grazer Philosophische Studien*. 98. 27-49. [Link](#).
7. “Keep the Chickens Cooped: The Epistemic Inadequacy of Free Range Metaphysics” (2020). *Synthese*. 197. 1867–1887. [Link](#).
8. “Naturalisms” (2020). *Think*. 19:56. 35-50. [Link](#).

9. “Physicalism” (2020). *The Routledge Handbook of Metaphysical Grounding*. Ed. Michael Raven. New York: Routledge. 484-500. [Link](#).
10. “Some Devils in the Details: Methodological Concerns Regarding Mizrahi’s ‘The Scientism Debate’” (2020). *Social Epistemology Review & Reply Collective* 9 (11): 28-37. [Link](#).
11. “Each Kuhn Mutually Incommensurable” (2018). *Social Epistemology Review & Reply Collective* 7:6. 1-7. [Link](#).
12. “Naturalizing Grounding: How Theories of Ground Can Engage Science” (2018). *Philosophy Compass*. 13:e12489. [Link](#).
13. “Resolving Quine’s Conflict: A Neo-Quinean View of the Rational Revisability of Logic” (2017). *Australasian Journal of Logic*. 14:1. 30-45. [Link](#).
14. “What’s Metaphysics All About?” (2017). *Institute of Art and Ideas*. [Link](#).

#### IN PREPARATION

- *Rethinking Emergence: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, co-edited with David Yates. Oxford University Press (UK).
- “Social Science and the Naturalization of Social Metaphysics: Old Biases and New Prospects.”

#### PRESENTATIONS

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(\* indicates online presentations)

1. “Girl Meets World: Finding the Philosophy in Policy”  
*Philosophy Department Speakers Series*, University of Calgary  
Jan 19, 2024
2. “Naturalized Metaphysics without Scientific Realism?”\*  
*On the Epistemology of Metaphysics*, University of Padova  
May 10, 2022
3. “Modal Naturalism” (with Alastair Wilson)\*  
*Naturalised Epistemologies of Modality*, Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities  
Mar 24, 2022
4. “Social Science and the Naturalization of Social Metaphysics”\*  
*Research Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy*, University of Gothenburg  
Jan 10, 2022
5. “Naturalism, Metametaphysics, and Social Ontology”\*  
*Barcelona Seminar in Social Metaphysics*, University of Barcelona  
Oct 29, 2021

6. “Imagination and the Epistemology of Interventionism”\*  
*New Directions in Metaphilosophy*, University of Kent  
May 13, 2021
7. “Imagination and the Epistemology of Interventionism”\*  
*eidos Research Seminar*, University of Geneva  
May 06, 2021
8. “Why Naturalize Metaphysics?”\*  
*LanCog Seminar Series*, University of Lisbon  
May 08, 2020
9. “Object-Free Causation”  
Mount Allison University  
Mar 13, 2020
10. “Epistemic Infrastructure for a Scientific Metaphysics”  
*Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference*, University of Toronto  
Nov 11, 2019
11. Book Symposium on Anjan Chakravartty’s *Scientific Ontology*  
*APA Pacific Division Meeting*, Vancouver  
Apr 17, 2019
12. “How Science Speaks to Possibility and Necessity”  
*Modality in Structural/Naturalist Ontologies*, Lingnan University  
Mar 21, 2019
13. “Philosophy in the Age of Science” (student-nominated speaker)  
*Enwayaang: An Event About Extraordinary Ideas*, Trent University  
Jan 28, 2019
14. “Ampliative Inference and Epistemic Trade-Offs in a Scientific Metaphysics”  
University of Bristol  
Jan 16, 2019
15. “Toward a Scientifically Responsible Metaphysics of Ground”  
*Metaphysical Explanation in Science*, University of Birmingham  
Jan 11, 2019
16. “Theoretical Constraint as an Epistemic Good”  
*Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress*, Université du Québec à Montréal  
Jun 04, 2018
17. “Scientific Metaphysics, Justification, & Fuzzy Disciplinary Boundaries”  
*Canadian Society for HPS Annual Meeting*, University of Regina  
May 28, 2018

18. "Object-Free Ontology: How to Square Causation with Ontic Structural Realism"  
University of Wyoming  
Feb 04, 2018
19. "Object-Free Ontology: How to Square Causation with Ontic Structural Realism"  
University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
Feb 02, 2018
20. "Object-Free Ontology: How to Square Causation with Ontic Structural Realism"  
Trent University  
Jan 25, 2018
21. "Ampliative Inference & Disciplinary Autonomy in a Scientific Metaphysics"  
*Traditional and Inductive Metaphysics*, Technische Universität Dortmund  
Dec 07, 2017
22. "Why Care About Constraint: Theoretical Constraint as an Epistemic Good"  
*Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*, University of Regina  
Oct 15, 2017
23. "Epistemic Reasons for a Scientifically Responsible Metaphysics"  
*Atlantic Region Philosophers' Association Conference*, Saint Mary's University  
Oct 13, 2017
24. "Scientific Metaphysics, Justification, & Fuzzy Disciplinary Boundaries"  
*Epistemology of Metaphysics*, Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences  
Jun 29, 2017
25. "The No-Miracles Argument and the Base-Rate Fallacy"  
*25th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association*, Atlanta  
Nov 05, 2016
26. "A Guiding Light for Ground: How to Naturalize Theories of Grounding"  
*Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress*, University of Calgary  
May 29, 2016
27. "The No-Miracles Argument and The Base-Rate Fallacy"  
*Canadian Society for HPS Annual Meeting*, University of Calgary  
May 28, 2016
28. "Squaring Causation with Eliminative Ontic Structural Realism"  
*The History of Science & Contemporary Scientific Realism*, IUPUI  
Feb 19, 2016
29. "A Neo-Quinean View of the Rational Revisability of Logic"\*  
*Frontiers of Non-Classicality: Logic, Mathematics, Philosophy*, Auckland  
Jan 26, 2016

30. “The Methodological Inadequacy of ‘Free Range’ Metaphysics”  
*MetaScience15: New Trends in the Metaphysics of Science*, Paris-Sorbonne University  
Dec 16, 2015
31. “Grounding and Naturalism: Are Theories of Grounding Apt for Naturalization?”  
*The Metaphysics & Epistemology of Grounding & Fundamentality*, CUNY Grad Center  
Dec 11, 2015
32. “Toward a Naturalized Epistemology of Modal Metaphysics”  
*Directions in the Epistemology of Modality*, University of Stirling  
Oct 22, 2015
33. “The Theory-Ladenness of Self-Experience”  
*Western Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Meeting*, University of Saskatchewan  
Oct 04, 2015
34. “Squaring Causation with Eliminative Ontic Structural Realism”  
*First Annual Conference of the Society for the Metaphysics of Science*, Rutgers-Newark  
Sep 17, 2015
35. “The Methodological Inadequacy of ‘Free Range’ Metaphysics”  
*Canadian Philosophical Association Annual Congress*, University of Ottawa  
May 31, 2015

## AWARDS

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### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Dissertation Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (\$29,000 CAD)	2016-17
SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship (\$60,000 CAD)	2012-15
Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (\$100,000 CAD)	2011-16
SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Master’s Scholarship (\$17,500 CAD)	2010-11

### TRAVEL GRANTS

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Exchange Grant	2019
Travel support for <i>Metaphysical Explanation in Science (FraMEPhys)</i> , UK	2019
Travel support for <i>Traditional and Inductive Metaphysics</i> , Germany	2017
National Science Foundation Travel Grant for <i>25th Meeting of the PSA</i>	2016
Travel support for <i>Directions in the Epistemology of Modality</i> , Scotland	2015

### PRIZES

Best Graduate Student Essay Prize, <i>Western Canadian Philosophical Assoc. Mtg.</i>	2015
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## COURSES TAUGHT

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### TORONTO METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

Introduction to Modern Philosophy (Hybrid) | Winter 2022  
Philosophy of Religion (Hybrid) | Winter 2022

### TRENT UNIVERSITY

Critical Thinking | Winter 2019, Fall 2018, Winter 2018, Fall 2017  
Critical Thinking (Online) | Summer 2019, Summer 2018  
Philosophy of Emotion | Winter 2019  
Philosophy of Mind | Fall 2018, Fall 2017  
Philosophy of Science | Fall 2018, Winter 2018  
Metaphysics | Fall 2017  
Advanced Philosophy of Mind: Mental Architecture | Winter 2018  
Advanced Philosophy of Science: Scientific Realism | Winter 2019

### BROOKLYN COLLEGE

Knowledge, Reality, and Value | Spring 2013, Fall 2012  
Introduction to Problems of Philosophy | Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013

## SERVICE

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### TO DEPARTMENT

Member, Departmental Committee, Trent University	2017-19
Elected Chair, Student Steering Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2015-16
Elected Member, Student Steering Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2012-16
Elected Member, Executive Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2012-16
Elected Member, Placement Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2015-16
Elected Member, Colloquium Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2015-16
Elected Member, Admissions Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2014-15
Elected Member, Student and Alumni Affairs Committee, CUNY Graduate Center	2013-14
Teaching Fellow Representative, Departmental Committee, Brooklyn College	2012-13

### TO PROFESSION

Referee	<i>APQ, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, BJPS, Dialectica, Dialogue, Erkenntnis, EJPS, J Phil, Oxford University Press (US), PPQ, Philosophy of Science, Phil Studies, PPR, Synthese, Thought</i>	2011-22
Organizer	Emergence Project Seminar, University of Lisbon	2020-21
Organizer	NY Society for Women in Philosophy, Analytic Division	2016-17
Organizer	<i>The M&amp;E of Grounding and Fundamentality Conference</i> , CUNY Graduate Center	2015