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CURRENT POSITION Silver Professor of Philosophy  
New York University

### EDUCATION:

University of Wisconsin B.A., Mathematics, 1967  
Madison, WI (1964-67)

Harvard University M.A., Philosophy, 1968  
Cambridge, MA (1967-70)  
Ph. D., Philosophy, 1972

### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Lecturer, Princeton University, 1970-72

Assistant Professor, Princeton University, 1972-76

Associate Professor, University of Southern California, 1976-81

Professor, University of Southern California, 1981-1991

Distinguished Professor and Kornblith Professor of Science and Values, City University of New  
York Graduate Center, 1991-97

Visiting Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford, 1979

Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spring 1984

Visiting Research Social Scientist, University of Arizona Cognitive Science Program, spring  
1987

## HONORS, AWARDS, NAMED LECTURES

Graduate Prize Fellowship, Harvard University, 1967-70  
National Endowment for the Humanities Research Grant, 1972-73  
Princeton University Bicentennial Preceptorship, 1973-76  
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 1976-77 (declined)  
National Science Foundation Research Grant, 1979-80  
Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 1979-80  
University of Southern California Nominee for Graves Award for Teaching in the Humanities (1981)  
National Science Foundation Summer Research Grant, 1982  
Mellon Professorship, University of Southern California, 1982-83  
Lakatos Prize (for book *Science Without Numbers*), 1986  
National Science Foundation Research Grant, 1988-9  
Nelson Lectures, University of Michigan: twice, 1993 and 1999  
Paul Benacerraf Lecture, Princeton University, 1999  
Shearman Lectures, University of London, 2000  
Elected to American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2003

## AREAS OF RESEARCH

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

## PUBLICATIONS

### **BOOKS**

*Science Without Numbers: A Defense Of Nominalism* (Blackwell, 1980; and Princeton, 1980)

*Realism, Mathematics and Modality* (Blackwell, 1989; revised edition Blackwell 1991).

[To be translated and republished in Romanian by Editura Technica.]

*Truth and the Absence of Fact* (Oxford University Press, 2001; Oxford Online edition 2003)

### **ARTICLES**

"Tarski's Theory of Truth", *Journal Of Philosophy* 1972, vol. 69 (pp. 347-375).

[Reprinted in:

M. Platts, ed., *Experience, Truth, and Reality: Essays in the Philosophy Of Language* (Routledge, 1980).

J. Garfield and M. Kiteley, eds., *Meaning and Truth: Essential Readings in Modern Semantics* (Paragon, 1991).

M. Campos and C. Washington, eds., forthcoming Basil Blackwell.

M. Harnish, ed., *Basic Topics in the Philosophy of Language*, (Simon & Schuster, 1994).

P. Horwich, ed., *Theories of Truth* (Dartmouth Publishing Company, 1995).

M. Lynch, ed., *The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives* (MIT, 2001)

H. Field, *Truth and the Absence of Fact* (with new postscript)

D. Jacquette, ed., *Philosophy of Logic: An Anthology* (Blackwell 2001)

German translation in M. Sukale, ed., *Moderne Sprachphilosophie* (Hamburg, 1976).

Italian translation in Pento and Bottani, eds. *Prospective Sul Significate* (Angeli Editore, forthcoming).]

- "Theory Change and the Indeterminacy of Reference", *Journal Of Philosophy* 1973, vol. 70 (pp. 462-481).  
 [Reprinted in P. Lipton, ed., *Theory, Evidence and Explanation*, Dartmouth Publishing Company, 1995.  
 Also in D. Follesdal, ed., *The Philosophy of Quine, vol 4: Ontology*, Garland 2001.  
 Also in H. Field, *Truth and the Absence of Fact* (with new postscript)]
- "Quine and the Correspondence Theory", *Philosophical Review* 1974, vol. 83 (pp. 200-228).  
 [Reprinted in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact* (with new postscript)  
 Also in D. Follesdal, ed., *The Philosophy of Quine, vol 4: Ontology*, Garland 2001.]
- "Conventionalism and Instrumentalism in Semantics", *Nous* 1975, vol. 9 (pp. 375-405).
- "Logic, Meaning, and Conceptual Role", *Journal Of Philosophy* 1977, vol. 74 (pp. 379-409).  
 [Reprinted (except for technical Appendix) in A. Orenstein and R. Stern, eds., *Developments In Semantics*,  
 (Haven Press, 1983).]
- "Mental Representation", *Erkenntnis* 1978, vol. 13 (pp. 9-61).  
 [Reprinted with additional postscript in N. Block, ed., *Readings in the Philosophy of Psychology*, vol. 2  
 (Harvard University Press, 1981).  
 Also reprinted in S. Stich and T. Warfield, eds., *Mental Representation: A Reader* (Basil Blackwell, 1994).  
 Also in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*, with longer updated postscript]  
 Chinese translation published in Gao Xinmin and Chu Zhaohua, eds., *The Selected Works of Western  
 Philosophers of Mind*, Wuhan Publishing House, 2003.]
- "A Note on Jeffrey Conditionalization", *Philosophy of Science* 1978, vol. 45 (pp. 361-367).
- "Realism and Anti-Realism About Mathematics", *Philosophical Topics* 1982, vol. 13 (pp. 45-69).  
 [Reprinted with additional postscript in my *Realism, Mathematics and Modality*.  
 Also in M. Resnik, ed., *Mathematical Objects and Mathematical Knowledge*, Dartmouth Publishing  
 Company, 1995.  
 Japanese translation to appear in *Gendai Shiso*, published by Seido Sha.]
- "Realism and Relativism", *Journal of Philosophy* 1982, vol. 79 (pp. 553-567).  
 [Reprinted in P. Horwich, ed., *Theories of Truth*, Dartmouth Publishing Company, 1995.]
- "Is Mathematical Knowledge Just Logical Knowledge?", *Philosophical Review* 1984, vol. 93  
 (pp. 509-552).  
 [Reprinted with substantial revisions and a new postscript in my *Realism, Mathematics and Modality*.  
 Also in M. Resnik, ed., *Mathematical Objects and Mathematical Knowledge*, Dartmouth Publishing  
 Company, 1995.  
 Also in W. Hart, *Mathematical Knowledge*, Oxford University Press, 1996.]
- "On Conservativeness and Incompleteness", *Journal of Philosophy* 1985, vol. 82 (239-260).  
 [Reprinted in my *Realism, Mathematics and Modality*.]

- "Critical Notice: Crispin Wright, *Frege's Conception of Numbers as Objects*", in *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 1984, vol. 14 (pp. 637-662).  
[Reprinted in my *Realism, Mathematics and Modality*, under the title "Platonism for Cheap? Crispin Wright on Frege's Context Principle".]
- "Can We Dispense with Space-time?", in P. Asquith and P. Kitcher, eds., *PSA 1984: Proceedings of the 1984 Biennial Meetings of the Philosophy of Science Association*, vol. II (East Lansing: Philosophy of Science Association, 1985), pp. 33-90.  
[Reprinted with new postscript in my *Realism, Mathematics and Modality*.]
- "Critical Notice: Robert Stalnaker's *Inquiry*", in *Philosophy of Science* 1986, vol. 53 (pp. 425-448).  
[A shortened version was reprinted under the title "Stalnaker On Intentionality" in *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 1986, vol. 67 (pp. 98-112).  
An alternative version was reprinted, also as "Stalnaker On Intentionality", in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*.]
- "The Deflationary Conception of Truth", in G. McDonald and C. Wright, eds., *Fact, Science and Value: Essays on A.J. Ayer's LANGUAGE TRUTH AND LOGIC* (Blackwell, 1986), pp. 55-117.  
[Part of it reprinted, with small changes, under the title "Correspondence Truth, Disquotational Truth, and Deflationism", in M. Lynch, ed., *The Nature of Truth: Classic and Contemporary Perspectives* (MIT, 2001).]
- "Realism, Mathematics and Modality", *Philosophical Topics* 1988, vol. 16 (pp. 57-107).  
[Reprinted with substantial alterations in my *Realism, Mathematics and Modality*.]
- "Fictionalism, Epistemology and Modality", in my *Realism, Mathematics and Modality*, pp. 1-52.
- "Mathematics and Modality", in G. Boolos, ed., *Method, Reason and Language: Essays in Honor of Hilary Putnam* (Cambridge University Press, 1990). Pp. 213-33. (Shortened version of "Realism, Mathematics and Modality".)
- "Physicalism", in J. Earman, ed., *Inference, Explanation, and Other Frustrations*, University of California Press, 1992. Pp. 271-291.
- "Narrow Aspects of Intentionality and the Information-Theoretic Approach to Content", in E. Villanueva, ed., *Information, Semantics and Epistemology*, Basil Blackwell 1990. Pp. 102-116.
- "Metalogic and Modality", *Philosophical Studies* 1991, vol. 62 (pp. 1-22).  
[Reprinted in P. Grim, G. Mar and P. Williams, ed., *The Philosopher's Annual* vol. XIV, Ridgeview 1993, pp. 45-66.]
- "Mathematics Without Truth", *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 1990, vol. 71 (pp. 206-222).

- "A Nominalistic Proof of the Conservativeness of Set Theory", *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 1992, vol. 21 (pp. 111-123).
- "Critical Notice: Paul Horwich's *Truth*", *Philosophy of Science* 1992, vol. 59 (pp. 321-30).
- "The Conceptual Contingency of Mathematical Objects", *Mind* 1993, vol. 102 (pp. 285-299).
- "Are Our Logical and Mathematical Concepts Highly Indeterminate?", *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, vol. 19 (1994), pp. 391-429.
- "Deflationist Views of Meaning and Content", *Mind* 1994, vol. 103 (pp. 249-285).  
 [Reprinted in S. Blackburn and K. Simmons, eds., *Truth*, Oxford University Press, 1999.  
 Also in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*, with revisions and substantial new postscript.  
 Also, with the postscript, in JC Beall and B. Armour-Garb, eds., *Deflationary Truth* (Open Court) 2002.]
- "Disquotational Truth and Factually Defective Discourse", *Philosophical Review* 1994, vol. 103 (pp. 405-452).  
 [Also in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*, with revisions.]
- "Do We Have a Determinate Conception of Finiteness and Natural Number?", in M. Schirn, ed., *Philosophy of Mathematics Today*. Oxford University Press, 1998. Pp. 99-129.  
 (Shortened version of "Are Our Logical and Mathematical Concepts Highly Indeterminate?")
- "The A Prioricity of Logic", *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 1996, vol. 96 (pp. 359-379).  
 [Reprinted in A. Casullo, ed., *A Priori Knowledge*, Dartmouth Publishing Company, 1999.]
- "Which Undecidable Mathematical Sentences Have Determinate Truth Values?", in H. G. Dales and G. Oliveri, eds., *Truth in Mathematics*. Oxford University Press, 1998. Pp. 291-310.  
 [Reprinted with substantial postscript in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*.]
- "Mathematical Objectivity and Mathematical Objects", in S. Laurence and C. Macdonald, eds., *Contemporary Readings in the Foundations of Metaphysics*. Basil Blackwell 1998. Pp. 387-403.  
 [Reprinted in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*.]
- "Some Thoughts on Radical Indeterminacy", *The Monist* 1998, vol. 81 (pp. 253-73).  
 [Reprinted with new postscript in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*.]
- "Epistemological Nonfactualism and the A Prioricity of Logic", *Philosophical Studies* 1998, vol. 92 (pp. 1-24).
- "A Priority as an Evaluative Notion", in P. Boghossian and C. Peacocke, eds., *New Essays on the A Priori*. Oxford University Press, 2000. Pp. 117-49.  
 [Reprinted in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*.]
- "Deflating the Conservativeness Argument", *The Journal of Philosophy* 1999, vol. 96 (pp. 533-

40).

“Indeterminacy, Degree of Belief, and Excluded Middle”, *Nous* 2000, vol. 34 (pp. 1-30).

[Reprinted with substantial new postscript in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*.]

“Attributions of Meaning and Content”, in my *Truth and the Absence of Fact*.

“Causation in a Physical World”, in M. Loux and D. Zimmerman, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Metaphysics*. Oxford University Press, 2003. Pp. 435-60.

“Saving the Truth Schema From Paradox”, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 2002, vol. 31 (pp. 1-27).

“Mathematical Undecidables, Metaphysical Realism, and Equivalent Descriptions”, forthcoming in R. Auxier, ed., *The Philosophy of Hilary Putnam* (Library of Living Philosophers, Open Court).

“A Revenge-Immune Solution of the Semantic Paradoxes”, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 2003, vol. 32 (pp. 139-77).

“Is the Liar Sentence Both True and False?”, forthcoming in JC Beall and B. Armour-Garb, ed., *Deflationism and Paradox* (Oxford University Press, 2004).

“The Semantic Paradoxes and the Paradoxes of Vagueness”, in JC Beall, ed., *Liars and Heaps* (Oxford University Press, 2004), pp. 262-311.

“No Fact of the Matter”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (Dec. 2003), vol. 81 (pp. 457-80).

“The Consistency of the Naive Theory of Properties”, in *The Philosophical Quarterly*, January 2004, vol. 54, pp. 78-104.

[To be reprinted in G. Link, ed., *One Hundred Years of Russell's Paradox* (de Gruyter 2004).]

“Recent Debates About the A Priori”, forthcoming

“The Revision of Logical Laws”, forthcoming online in *The Silver Dialogues in the Arts and Sciences*, [www.nyu.edu](http://www.nyu.edu).

Contributions to Symposium on *Truth and the Absence of Fact*. (“Precis”, “Reply to Anil Gupta and Jose Martinez-Fernandez”, “Reply to Barry Loewer”, and “Reply to Vann McGee”.) Forthcoming in *Philosophical Studies*.

## PRESENTED PAPERS

### Lecture Series

Oxford University. Two-lecture series ("Science Without Numbers/Thought Without Content"), 1979

University College, London. Three-lecture series (philosophy of mathematics), 1979

University of California, Santa Barbara. One week residency as visiting philosopher, including three lectures; 1986

London School of Economics. One week residency in connection with Lakatos Prize, including two lectures; 1987

University of Michigan. One week residency as Nelson Lecturer, three lectures; 1993.

Rutgers University/NEH summer institute in semantics, 1993

University of Michigan. One week residency as Nelson Lecturer, three lectures; 1999.

University of London. Shearman lectures (three-lecture series), 2000

### Other Invited Lectures: Outside United States

Simon Fraser University, 1978

University of Sydney, 1978

La Trobe University, 1978

Thyssen Foundation Conference on Metaphysics (Scotland), 1979

Aristotelian Society (London), 1979

University of York, 1979

Conference on "Psychosemantics", Center for Advanced Study in Theoretical Psychology, University of Alberta, 1981

Conference on "Cognition, Information, and the Mind-Brain", University of British Columbia, 1981

Cambridge University, 1987

University of Toronto, Conference on "Nominalism and Physicalism", 1988

Sociedad Filosofica Ibero-Americana, Tepoztlan, Mexico, 1988

Universitat Munchen, 1991

Conference on Frege, Munich 1991

Universite de Paris Sorbonne, 1992

Universite de Provence, 1992

International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg Austria, 1992 (two lectures)

Conference on Logic and Language, University of St. Andrews, 1993

Conference on Philosophy of Mathematics, Munich 1993  
Technical University of Berlin, 1993  
Karlov Vary Conference on Reference, Czech Republic, 1994  
Mussomeli Conference in Philosophy of Mathematics, Sicily, 1995  
Aristotelian Society, London, 1996  
International Meeting on Logic and Mathematical Reasoning, Mexico City, 1997  
Karlov Vary Conference on the Philosophy of Hilary Putnam, Czech Republic, 1998  
Bled Conference on Epistemology, Slovenia, 1999  
Hannover Conference on Incommensurability, 1999  
Opening lecture, Conference on Truth, Provability and Necessity, Leuven, 1999  
Guest speaker, Australasian Association for Logic, 2000  
Keynote speaker, Australian Association of Philosophy, 2000  
University of Auckland, 2000  
Seoul National University, 2001  
Macquarie University, 2002  
Australian National University, 2002  
Two lectures at University of Melbourne, 2002  
Oriel College Oxford, 2002  
Jowett Society, Balliol College Oxford, 2002  
Fourth European Congress for Analytic Philosophy, Lund, 2002  
University of St. Andrews conference on Foundations of Mathematics, 2002  
International Symposium on Philosophical Insights into Logic and Mathematics, Nancy,  
France, 2002  
University of Aarhus (Denmark), 2003  
University of Bucharest, 2003  
Logica 2003 conference, Czechoslovakia, invited lecture, 2003  
Cambridge University, Centenary Conference on Frank Ramsey, 2003

Other Invited Lectures: United States

University of Massachusetts (Amherst), 1972  
New York University, 1972  
University of Pittsburgh, 1972

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1972  
New York University, 1973  
University of California at Irvine, 1974  
University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), 1974  
Harvard University, 1974  
Annual Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy (discussant), 1974  
University of Wisconsin (Madison), 1975  
Rutgers University, 1975  
University of Michigan, 1976  
Tufts University, 1976  
University of Cincinnati, 1976  
University of California at Berkeley, 1976  
Stanford University, 1976  
University of Pennsylvania, 1976  
University of Pittsburgh Center for the Philosophy of Science, 1977  
Long Island University Conference in the Philosophy of Language, 1977  
UCLA, 1977  
University of Washington (Seattle), 1977  
Arizona State University Philosophy of Language Conference, 1978  
University of California at Santa Barbara, 1978  
University of Oklahoma, 1978  
Princeton University, 1978  
University of Pennsylvania, 1978  
Society for Exact Philosophy, 1980  
University of California at La Jolla, 1981  
University of California at Berkeley, 1981  
Rice University Conference on Realism, 1981  
University of Michigan Conference on Realism and Knowledge, 1982  
University of California at Irvine, 1982  
American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 1982  
Mellon Lecture in the Humanities, University of Southern California, 1982  
American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 1983

University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), 1983  
University of Chicago, 1983  
University of Arizona, 1983  
Syracuse University, 1984  
University of Massachusetts (Amherst), 1984  
University of Rochester, 1984  
Cornell University, 1984  
Northwestern University Conference on Realism, 1984  
Sloan Foundation Conference in the Philosophy of Psychology, Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology, 1984  
Philosophy of Science Association biennial Conference, 1984  
University of Wisconsin (Madison), 1985  
University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee), 1985  
University of Arizona, 1986  
American Philosophical Association, Western Division, 1986  
University of California (Riverside), 1986  
University of Colorado (Boulder), 1987  
University of Rochester, conference on nominalism, 1987  
University of California (Irvine), 1987  
University of Pittsburgh Center for the Philosophy of Science, 1987  
UCLA, 1988  
Graduate Center, City University of New York, 1988  
University of California, San Diego, 1989  
Princeton University, 1989  
Harvard University, 1989  
Western Washington University Philosophy Conference, 1990  
American Philosophical Association, "Author Meets Critic" session on *Realism,  
Mathematics and Modality*, 1990  
Graduate Center, City University of New York, 1992  
American Philosophical Association, Central, 1992  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1992  
City College of NY, physics dept, 1992

New York University, 1993  
Rutgers University, 1993  
University of Vermont, 1993  
CUNY Graduate Center logic seminar, 1993  
CUNY Graduate Center logic colloquium, 1994  
University of Nebraska, 1994  
Columbia University, 1996  
New York University, 1996  
Annual Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy, 1996  
University of Connecticut, 1997  
University of Maryland, conference on analyticity, 1997  
Temple University, 1997  
CUNY Graduate Center, 1997  
University of Pittsburgh, 1997  
Annual Chapel Hill Colloquium in Philosophy (discussant), 1998  
University of California at Davis, 1998  
Stanford University, 1999  
Princeton University, first Benacerraf Lecture, 1999  
University of California at Irvine, 1999  
American Philosophical Association (Pacific), 2000  
Rutgers University Epistemology Conference, 2000  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2000  
University of Wisconsin, 2000  
American Philosophical Association, Central, 2001  
Syracuse University, Metaphysical Mayhem (discussant), 2001  
University of California Irvine: Workshop on the Applications of Mathematics, 2002  
New York City Logic Conference in honor of Mel Fitting, 2002  
Syracuse University, 2002  
University of Connecticut conference, Vagueness and the Paradoxes, 2002  
Rice University (Williamson Lecture), 2002  
City University of New York, 2002  
University of Massachusetts (Amherst), 2003

American Philosophical Association, 2003

University of North Carolina, 2004

American Philosophical Association: discussant, 1972, 1974, 1980, 1981 (twice),  
1983, 1984, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1998, 2002