# Curriculum Vitae

## Adam Russell Murray

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## Employment

Assistant Professor (Department of Philosophy, University of Manitoba: as of July 1st, 2018)

Lecturer (Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto: 2016–18)

## Education

PhD, Philosophy, University of Toronto; Dissertation: *Perspectives on Modal Metaphysics*; Supervisors: Jessica M. Wilson and Benj Hellie; Readers: Nate Charlow and Nick Stang; External Examiner: Louis deRosset; 2017

MA, Philosophy, University of Manitoba; Thesis: *Actualist Modal Realism*; Supervisor: Chris Tillman; 2009

BA, University of Winnipeg (Political Science; 2003)

## Area of specialization

Metaphysics and philosophy of language (modality; essence; singular reference; context; individuation; and their philosophical logic)

## Areas of teaching competence

Epistemology; logic and the philosophy of logic; general metaphysics of science; history of analytic philosophy; early modern philosophy

## Research

### Edited Volume

(With Chris Tillman). *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions*. New York: Routledge. 2022.

### Articles

Forth.  Overlap, overdetermination, and the necessity of origin. *Asian Journal of Philosophy* (symposium contribution, responding to Sung-Il Han, A new problem for Kripkean defenses of origin theses. 5600 words; invited)

2022  Propositional dependence and perspectival shift. In: *The Routledge Handbook of Propositions* (Chris Tillman and Adam R. Murray, eds.). New York: Routledge. 393–407.

2020  Relativized metaphysical modality: Index and context (with Benj Hellie and Jessica Wilson). In: *The Routledge Handbook of Modality* (Otávio Bueno and Scott Shalkowsi, eds.). New York: Routledge. 82–100.

2014    Not the optimistic type (with Ben Caplan, Brian McLean, and Chris Tillman). *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43: 575–589.

2013    Spinoza on essence and ideal individuation. *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 43: 78–96.

2012    Relativized metaphysical modality (with Jessica Wilson). In: *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* 7 (Karen Bennett and Dean Zimmerman, eds.). 189–226.

## Awards and grants

University of Manitoba Service Award (2023)
SSHRC Exchange Travel Grant (University of Manitoba, 2023)
University of Manitoba New Faculty Research Grant (2019–21)
Michael J. Herman Graduate Fellowship (University of Toronto, 2016–17)
Doctoral Completion Grant (University of Toronto, 2015–16)
Ontario Graduate Fellowship (2013–14)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council PhD Research Fellowship (2011–13)
Ontario Graduate fellowship (2011–12)
Manitoba Graduate fellowship (2008–9)
Mary Catherine Cartwright Graduate Fellowship (University of Manitoba, 2008–9)

## Academic Talks

2023    Propositional harmony (with Chris Tillman): European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Vienna

Essence, kinds, and contingency: Issues on the (Im)Possible XI, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava

Plenitude and modal paradox: University of Toronto, with comments by Alice Huang (Toronto)

2022    Barcan Formulas and the limits of possibility: University of Lisbon (Language, Mind and Cognition research group)

Selection and propositional structure (with Chris Tillman): Sixth Italian Conference on Analytic Metaphysics and Ontology, L'Aquila, Italy

2019    Necessitist propositional dependence: Analytic Philosophy Workshop, Yonsei University, Seoul

Propositional dependence and perspectival shift: Birmingham Higher-Order Metaphysics Workshop, University of Birmingham

N↛E (with Chris Tillman): University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Symposium talk on modal paradox: American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Vancouver

Symposium talk on propositional dependence: Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia

2018    Eternal existents: Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal

Existence and nonexistence in modal perspectivism: Society for Exact Philosophy, University of Connecticut

Chisholm's Paradox in perspective: (i) Koç University, Istanbul (department colloquium; invited); (ii) University of Manitoba (department colloquium; invited)

2017    Contingency in the necessary framework of objects: Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto Metropolitan University

| 2016 | Modal dependence: Bilkent University, Ankara (department colloquium; invited) |
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| 2014 | Essence, modality, and material origins: Yonsei Philosophy Conference, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (invited) |
| 2013 | Absolute and relative essence: (i) Western Canadian Philosophical Association, Winnipeg, Manitoba, with comments by Damian Melamedoff (University of Toronto); (ii) Canadian Philosophical Association, Victoria, British Columbia, with comments by Curtis Kehler (University of British Columbia); (iii) Society for Exact Philosophy, Montreal |
| 2011 | Spinoza on essence and ideal individuation: Princeton-Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference in the History of Philosophy, Princeton University, with comments by Katharine Gasdaglis (Columbia) |
| | Independence and parallelism in Spinoza's *Ethics*: (i) University of Toronto Early Modern Research Group; (ii) Western Canadian Philosophical Assocation, Calgary, Alberta, with comments by Amy Schmitter (University of Alberta); (iii) Southern Philosophical Association, Pensacola, FL |
| 2010 | Actualism and mere possibilia: East-Asian Society for Analytic Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Kyoung-Hee University, Seoul |
| 2009 | Proxy actualism: (i) XXII World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea; (ii) University of Manitoba Philosophical Fridays |

## Commentaries

| 2019 | Tim Juvshik: Against a neo-Quinean metaontology, Canadian Philosophical Association, University of British Columbia |
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| | Todd Ganson: Causally idle objects of perception, American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Denver CO |
| 2018 | Travis LaCroix: Reference by proxy and truth-in-a-model, Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary |
| | Evan Woods: Many, but ~~almost~~ one, Canadian Philosophical Association, Université du Québec à Montréal |
| 2017 | Andrew Parisi: Barcan up the wrong tree, Canadian Philosophical Association, Toronto Metropolitan University |
| 2014 | Justin Dallman: Existence and cognitive event theories of propositions, Western Canadian Philoophical Association, Winnipeg |
| 2012 | Juhani Yli-Vakkuri: Modal skepticism and counterfactual knowledge, *Varieties of Possibility*, 11th Annual Graduate Conference, Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto (with Trevor Teitel) |
| 2008 | Jeff Kochan: Technology and freedom in Martin Heidegger, Western Canadian Philosophical Assocation, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan |

## Teaching

### Seminars

Puzzles of Modal Variation (Winter 2023)

Modal Metaphysics after *Naming and Necessity* (Winter 2021)

Transformative Experience (MA-level directed reading course, Summer 2020)

Modal logic and metaphysics (Fall 2018)

Socrates Project (400-level undergraduate seminar focused on research and teaching; University of Toronto, 2016–17)

Seminar in Metaphysics (400-level; University of Toronto, Fall 2017)

**Undergraduate**

Introduction to Philosophy (2022-23)

Intermediate Logic (Winter 2024, Fall 2022)

Theory of Knowledge (Fall 2021, Winter 2020)

Introduction to Logic (Fall Semesters: 2023, 2021, 2020; 2019–20 AY)

History of Analytic Philosophy (Fall 2023, Winter 2019)

Critical Thinking (Winter 2019; Summer 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010)

Metaphysics (300-level; University of Toronto, Winter Semesters: 2018, 2017)

Knowledge and Reality (University of Toronto; Fall Semesters: 2017, 2016; co-taught with Dominic Alford-Duguid: Summer 2014)

Symbolic Logic (University of Toronto, Summer 2013)

**Supervision and other teaching activities**

**Research supervision**

Shamima Akter (co-supervisor from 2023)

Greg Glatz (committee member from 2022)

Ursula Chojko-Bolec (supervisor, MA 2023)

Harley Dyck (supervisor, MA 2022)

Julia Minarik (MA 2021; committee member from 2019)

Tumpa Bithy (co-supervisor; MA 2021)

Lucas Bennett (Socrates Project thesis supervisor, Toronto, 2018)

**Other activities**

Course developer: Introduction to Logic (Distance/Online version, Fall 2021)

Acting Graduate Chair: (Fall 2021, 2020-21 AY)

Guest lecture on modal metaphysics (MA seminar in philosophy of language: University of Manitoba, Winter 2022)

Guest lecture on the metaphysics of propositions (MA seminar in metaphysics: University of Manitoba, Winter 2020)

Departmental teacher-training coordinator (for first-time instructors, teaching assistants, and graders: Toronto, 2016–2018)

# Service

### General academic philosophy

Canadian Philosophical Association Board of Governers (from June 2022)

Co-organizer (with Chris Tillman): 58th Annual meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association (Winnipeg, October 2022)

Merit Review Committee Member (Philosophy): 2022 SSHRC Insight Development Grants Competition

Referee for the Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference (July 2022)

Referee for *Analysis*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Minds and Machines*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*

### Faculty

Arts Executive Committee (as of May 2023, second two-year term)

Faculty judge, University of Manitoba Undergraduate Research Awards (Fall 2018–21)

Graduate Executive Committee (Fall 2021; 2020-21 AY)

**Departmental**

University of Manitoba Department of Philosophy: Hiring committees (2023–24); Personnel and Budget Committee (2021–); Visiting Speakers Committee (2018–; chair as of 2020); Undergraduate Program Committee (2018–21)

University of Manitoba "Info Days" (Departmental representative; 2023, 2018–20); University of Manitoba "Evening of Excellence" (Departmental representative, Winter 2019–20)

Co-organizer (with Belinda Piercy): University of Toronto Undergraduate Research Conference (Spring 2017 and 2018)

*Noesis*: The University of Toronto Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy (typesetting and general tech consultant, LaTeX, BiBTeX, Linux, 2016–18)

# References

Jessica Wilson (Professor, Philosophy, Toronto) ; `jessica.m.wilson@utoronto.ca`

Benj Hellie (Professor, Philosophy, Toronto); `benj.hellie@utoronto.ca`

Nate Charlow (Associate Professor, Philosophy, Toronto); `nate.charlow@utoronto.ca`

Nick Stang (Associate Professor, Philosophy, Toronto); `nick.stang@gmail.com`

Louis deRosset (Professor, Philosophy, University of Vermont); `louis.derosset@uvm.edu`