

# NIKK EFFINGHAM

## Academic Posts

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Lecturer, University of Birmingham, 2009 onwards.  
Lecturer (Fixed-term), University of Birmingham, 2008-09.  
Lecturer (Fixed-term), University of Glasgow, 2007-08.  
Teaching Assistant, University of Leeds, 2000-07.  
CMM Administrator, Centre of Metaphysics and Mind, 2004-07.

## Education

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Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Leeds, Leeds, England, 2007.  
Taught M.A., Philosophy, University of Leeds, Leeds, England, 2001.  
Joint Honours B.A. Philosophy and English, University of Leeds, Leeds, England, 2000.

## Area of Specialisation

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Metaphysics

## Areas of Competence

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Philosophy of Religion	Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of Mind	Philosophy of Language

## Books

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*Key Concepts in Metaphysics* (Routledge, 2010) (co-authored with Helen Beebe and Philip Goff)  
*An Introduction to Ontology* (Polity Press, under contract, to be completed by Spring 2012)

## Articles and Book Chapters

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Endurantism and Perdurantism, in *Continuum Companion to Metaphysics* ed. Manson and Barnard (forthcoming).  
Talking about something (but really talking about nothing), *Analysis Reviews* (forthcoming).  
An Unwelcome Consequence of the Multiverse Thesis, *Synthese* 184 (2012): 375-86.  
Undermining Motivations for Universalism, *Noûs* 45 (2011): 696-713  
Universalism and Classes, *dialectica* 65 (2011): 451-72.  
Sider, Hawley, Sider and the Vagueness Argument, *Philosophical Studies* 154 (2011): 241-50.  
Temporal Parts and Time Travel, *Erkenntnis* 74 (2011): 225-40.  
Mereological Explanation and Time Travel, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 88 (2010): 333-45.  
The Metaphysics of Groups, *Philosophical Studies* 149 (2010): 251-67.  
Composition, Persistence and Identity, in *The Routledge Companion to Metaphysics* ed. Le Poidevin, Simons, McGonigal and Cameron (2009): 296-309.

Universalism, Vagueness and Supersubstantivalism, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87 (2009): 35-42.

A Mereological Challenge to Endurantism, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 85 (2007): 633-40 (co-authored with Jon Robson).

Endurantism and Timeless Worlds, *Analysis* 67 (2007): 140-7 (co-authored with Joseph Melia).

## Book Reviews

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Review of 'The Metaphysics of Perfect Beings' by Michael J. Almeida, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (invited submission, not yet complete).

## Work in Progress

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Mereological Nominalism Renewed (*under consideration*)

The Location of Properties (*under consideration*)

Pythagoreanism (*under consideration*)

Cultural Prejudice and Plenitude (*in preparation*)

How Big's Your Simple? The Simple Question and van Inwagen's *Life* (*in preparation*)

If all the songs were sets (*in preparation*)

Understanding Ontological Dependence (*in preparation*)

The Philosophy of Closed Timelike Curves (*monograph; in preparation*)

## Selected Presentations

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'Another Brick In The Wall: A Mereological Challenge to Endurantism' (presented with Jon Robson) at the University of Manchester *Open Minds Graduate Conference* 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2006.

'From Composition as Identity to Universalism' at the University of St. Andrews 3<sup>rd</sup> *Arché Graduate Conference*, 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November, 2006.

'An Unwelcome Consequence of the Multiverse Approach' at the University of Manchester *Open Minds Graduate Conference* 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2007.

'It Was Us All Along: A possible resolution to the Fermi Paradox', at the Glasgow University Philosophy Society, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2007.

'Cultural Prejudice and the Plenitude Principle' at the University of Glasgow Senior Seminar, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

'Sider, Hawley, Sider and the Vagueness Argument' at the *Joint Session Conference 2008*, 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

'Chorology' at the University of Geneva *εδος Metaphysics Conference*, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

'Invited Response to Jeffrey Snapper's 'Stating Quantifier Variance'', at the 4<sup>th</sup> *CMM Graduate Conference*, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.

'Eleatic Composition', at the University of Nottingham Research Seminar, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2009.

'Eleatic Composition', at the Logic and Metaphysics Forum, University of London, 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.

'Pythagoreanism', at the University of Birmingham Research Seminar, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.

'The Location of Properties', at the University of Birmingham Research Seminar, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2010.

'It Was Us All Along: A possible resolution to the Fermi Paradox', at the University of Birmingham Philosophy Society, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2010.

'The Location of Properties', at the University of Manchester Philosophy Research Seminar, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2011.

'Trying to Understand Ontological Dependence', at the University of Birmingham *Metametaphysics Workshop*, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

'Arbitrary Identifications in Setist Ontologies' at the Universität Rostock, *Collectives in Space and Time*, 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June, 2011.

'Mereological Nominalism Renewed', at the *Joint Session Conference 2011*, 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.

'If all the songs were sets', at the *London Aesthetics Forum*, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.

'How some people (but definitely not most of us) can (kind of) commit autoinfanticide', at the University of Birmingham Research Seminar, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2012.

## Referee Work

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Oxford University Press, Routledge, Continuum, *Mind*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese*, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *dialectica*, *Philosophia*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Analytic Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Crítica*, and *The Journal of Philosophical Research*.

## Teaching Experience

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Supervision experience at the doctoral level (as well as masters-level, both taught and research, and undergraduate level.)

Eleven years teaching experience overall, with seven years teaching upper level philosophy students.

Two years experience teaching medical students as part of interdisciplinary modules.

Two years teaching computer skills to students from all disciplines.

Courses taught:

*Masters level courses taught:*

Metaphysics	Metaphysics component of Masters conversion course
Metaontology	Philosophy of Mind

*Upper level courses taught:*

Metaphysics	Philosophy of Space, Time and Causation
Philosophy of Mind	Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of Language	Vagueness
Philosophy of Religion	Time and Representation*
Medical Ethics	Philosophical Texts

*First year courses taught:*

Philosophy of Mind	Metaphysics
Epistemology	Philosophy of Science
Descartes	Ethics
Leibniz and Locke	Medical Ethics
Reason and Argument	Elementary Logic
Medieval Philosophy	Modern Philosophy
Essay Writing Skills*	Basic Readings in the History of Philosophy*

\* Indicates I only gave a small handful of lectures/seminars rather than an entire course.

## Administrative Roles

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Chair of the EDACS-PTR Mitigations Panel, University of Birmingham, 2011 onwards.

School Extenuating Circumstances Officer, 2011 onwards.

School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion Plagiarism Officer, University of Birmingham, 2010 onwards.

Member of the College of Arts and Law e-Learning Committee, University of Birmingham, 2010 onwards.

Member of the College Misconduct Committee Pool, University of Birmingham, 2010 onwards.

Postgraduate seminar convenor, University of Birmingham, 2008 onwards.

Department of Philosophy Admissions Officer, University of Birmingham, 2011.

Undergraduate Welfare and Mitigations Officer, University of Birmingham, 2009-11.

Departmental Website Office, University of Birmingham, 2008-11.

Administrator, Centre for Metaphysics and Mind, University of Leeds, 2004-07.

Chaired and organised the University of Leeds Postgraduate Seminar, 2004-07.

Worked for the Research and Support Unit at the University of Leeds: a part of the University dedicated to helping academics achieve research grants, 2004.

Organised or co-organised the following events:

*University of Leeds*

Metaphysics and Paradox (Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004)

Space, Time and Ontology (16<sup>th</sup> April, 2005)

Metaphysics of Value (14<sup>th</sup> May, 2005)

Existence and Time (4<sup>th</sup> June, 2005)

Mind, Art and Beauty (24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August, 2006)

Structure in Metaphysics (10<sup>th</sup> March, 2007)

1<sup>st</sup> Annual CMM Graduate Conference (31<sup>st</sup> August, 2006)

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CMM Graduate Conference (20<sup>th</sup> June, 2007)

Mimesis, Metaphysics and Make-Believe: A Conference in Honour of Kendall Walton (21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2007)

*University of Birmingham*

Is there more than one notion of existence? (4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009)

Philosophy of Darwin Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference (June 10<sup>th</sup> 2009)

Metaphysics of Physics Royal Institute of Philosophy Conference (June 25<sup>th</sup> 2009)

## References

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