

# 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, under contract to be completed 2010) (co-authored with Helen Beebee and Philip Goff)

## Articles

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Endurantism and Timeless Worlds, *Analysis* 67 (2007): 140-7 (co-authored with Joseph Melia).  
A Mereological Challenge to Endurantism, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 85 (2007): 633-40 (co-authored with Jon Robson).  
Universalism, Vagueness and Supersubstantivalism, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 87 (2009): 35-42.  
Composition, Persistence and Identity, in *The Routledge Companion to Metaphysics* ed. Le Poidevin, Simons, McGonigal and Cameron (2009): 296-309.  
Undermining Motivations for Universalism, *Noûs* (forthcoming).  
The Metaphysics of Groups, *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).  
Mereological Explanation and Time Travel, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming).  
Endurantism and Perdurantism, *Continuum Companion to Metaphysics* (forthcoming).  
Sider, Hawley, Sider and the Vagueness Argument, *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).

## Work in Progress

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Temporal Parts and Time Travel (*under revise and resubmit*)

Universalism and classes (*under consideration*)

The Metaphysics of Musical Works

An Unwelcome Consequence of the Multiverse Thesis

## 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.

‘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 *ειδος Metaphysics Conference*, 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

‘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.

## Referee Work

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Oxford University Press, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *The Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Erkenntnis*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Inquiry*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy* and *The Journal of Philosophical Research*.

## Teaching Experience

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Ten years teaching experience overall, with six 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

*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

*First year courses taught:*

Philosophy of Mind  
Epistemology  
Descartes  
Leibniz and Locke  
Reason and Argument  
Medieval Philosophy  
Essay Writing Skills\*

Metaphysics  
Philosophy of Science  
Ethics  
Medical Ethics  
Elementary Logic  
Modern Philosophy  
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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Welfare and Mitigations Officer, University of Birmingham, 2009 onwards.

Departmental Website Coordinator, University of Birmingham, 2008 onwards.

Postgraduate seminar convenor, University of Birmingham, 2008-10.

Administrator, Centre for Metaphysics and Mind, 2004-07.

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

Worked for the Research and Support Unit at 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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