

# Ezra Rubenstein

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## EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Philosophy: Assistant Professor (January 2023 –)

## EDUCATION

Rutgers University: Ph.D. in Philosophy, Sept 2016 – Oct 2022

Dissertation: ‘Essays on Metaphysical Explanation’

Committee: Jonathan Schaffer (co-chair), Ted Sider (co-chair), Karen Bennett, Alex Skiles

University of Oxford: BPhil in Philosophy, Oct 2013 – June 2015;

MMathPhil in Maths and Philosophy, Oct 2009 – June 2013

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Philosophy of Physics, Philosophy of Mind

## PUBLICATIONS

‘Two Approaches to Metaphysical Explanation’, *Nous*, forthcoming

‘Cohesive Proportionality’, *Philosophical Studies*, 2023

‘Proportionality in Causation’ (Parts I & II), *Philosophy Compass*, 2023

‘Grounding Identity in Existence’, *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*, 2023

‘Grounded Shadows, Groundless Ghosts’, *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2022

## TALKS

‘The Nomic Exclusion Argument for Physicalism’

- November 2023 – Work-in-progress talk at UC Berkeley
- April 2023 – ‘Method, Theory and Reality’ group

‘Probability from Symmetry’

- April 2023 – Princeton Metaphysics Workshop
- March 2023 – Colloquium at MIT
- March 2023 – NYU/Rutgers Foundations of Probability Group
- March 2023 – Colloquium at UC Berkeley

Comments on Ian Miller’s ‘Concrete Modal Realism and Indestructibility’

- February 2023 – Colloquium at Central Division APA, Denver.

‘Against Grounding Physicalism’

- September 2022 – NYU Philosophy of Mind Discussion Group

‘Generalism without Dependence’

- January 2021 – Colloquium at Eastern Division APA, New York (Online)
- July 2020 – The Joint Session, University of Kent (Online)

‘What is the Exclusion Argument against Dualism?’

- March 2020 – Rutgers-Bochum Conference, Rutgers University

‘Grounded Shadows, Groundless Ghosts’

- February 2020 – Symposium at Central Division APA, Chicago.
- November 2019 – Society for Metaphysics of Science, University of Toronto

Comments on Daniel Murphy’s ‘Symmetry-Breaking Determination’

- January 2018 – Symposium at Eastern Division APA, Savannah (Online)

## TEACHING

UC Berkeley

Fall 2023      Philosophy of Science

Spring 2023    Philosophy of Physics

Rutgers

Fall 2022      TA for Ernie Lepore, Introduction to Logic

Spring 2022    Minds, Machines, and Persons

Fall 2021      Philosophy of Mathematics

Spring 2020    Introduction to Formal Reasoning and Decision Making

Fall 2019      Introduction to the Philosophy of Science

Spring 2019    Introduction to Philosophy

Spring 2019    Grader for Ted Sider, Intermediate Logic

Fall 2018      TA for Ted Sider, Introduction to Philosophy

Fall 2018      Grader for Susanna Schellenberg, Cognition and its Neural Basis

Fall 2017      Grader for Ted Sider, Applied Symbolic Logic

## SERVICE

- Referee for: *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Mind*, *Erkenntnis*, The MIT Press, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Philosophia*
- UC Berkeley Graduate Admissions Committee: 2022–23
- Rutgers Colloquium Committee: 2018–19, 2020–21
- Reading group organizer: Rutgers Philosophy of Science 2018–19, Rutgers Metaphysics 2021–22, UC Berkeley Metaphysics and Science 2023–24