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Degrees:

Bachelor in theoretical philosophy,	1993
PhD in theoretical philosophy,	2002
Thesis: <i>If Tropes</i> (supervisor: Professor Nils-Eric Sahlin)	
Docent in theoretical philosophy,	2010

Present employment

Full professor in theoretical philosophy (chair), University of Gothenburg	2012 →
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Previous employments:

090101-120731	Researcher, Lund University
050101-081231	Post-Doc (forskarassistent), Lund University
020701– 041231	Lecturer, Lund University
030115– 030930	Project Assistant, Malmö University
020101-021231	Lecturer, Växjö University
010208–011231	Project Assistant, Lund University
960201– 010207	PhD, Lund University

PhD Supervision:

Tobias Hansson Wahlberg, *Objects in Time: Studies of Persistence in B-time* (finished 2009).

Susanna Salmijärvi, *social ontology for abstract entities*. Ongoing (since 2012 – currently on a break).

Ylwa Sjölin Wirling, *on the metaphysical underpinning for a viable epistemology of modality*. Ongoing (since 2014, expected to finish 2018).

Thesis

If Tropes, Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2002.
Defended 4/6 2002.

Supervisor: Nils-Eric Sahlin (Lund University).

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Opponent: Herbert Hochberg (University of Texas at Austin).

Reviewed in e.g., *Mind* (J. Bacon 116.462 (2007): 459-462); *Polish Journal of Philosophy* (P. Rojek 1.1(2007): 151-154); *Theoria* (H. Hochberg 71.3(2005): 277-286); *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, (E. Funkhouser <http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=1382>) and *Metaphysica* (K. Trettin, 1(2004): 151-158). Discussed in detail in e.g., Herbert Hochberg's "Relations, Properties and Particulars" (in *Relations and Predicates*, ed. by Hochberg & Mulligan, Ontos Verlag, 2004) and in Christer Svennerlind's PhD thesis *Moderate Nominalism and Moderate Realism*, Göteborg: Acta Universitatis Gothoburgensis, 2008.

Research Projects:

Present:

Metaphysical Explanation: Research project financed by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond 2017-2019.

Past:

Complex Wholes: Research project financed by the Swedish Research Council since 2012-2015.

Ontological Justification – From Appearance to Reality: Research project financed by Riksbankens Jubileumsfond 2009-2012.

Collaborations and Networks:

Present:

Nordic Network in Metaphysics: Network initiated by myself and Matti Eklund (Uppsala). First two meetings organized in Uppsala, Sep 2015, and in Kristiansand (University of Agder), October 2016. Future meetings are planned to take place in Tampere 2017 and in Gothenburg (organized by me) in 2018.

The Metaphysics & Collectivity Group: Research group working in the intersection between metaphysics, mereology, social ontology, philosophy of action and moral philosophy. The group's research focuses the nature of collectives and social entities, such as organizations, associations, and informally organized groups. Founded in 2012, the group has organized five workshops and two international conferences (in Lund, October 2013 and in Gothenburg, June 2015). Aug 30-Sep 1, 2017 the group organizes the fifth ENSO-conference in Lund.

Past:

Universals: project based in Italy focusing on various aspects of the problem of universals. I collaborated in the form of a contribution to one of the project's volumes (published by CUP, 2015). Editors for this volume are G. Galluzzo and M. J. Loux. Also participating are E. J. Lowe, Robert Garcia, S. C. Gibb, Peter van Inwagen, John Heil, and Fraser McBride.

The Metaphysics in Science Group: 2002-2007. Research network working on issues in the metaphysics of science with members from several European countries. The group organized a total of six workshops (Lund and Edinburgh, - 02; Athens – 03; Reading, - 04; Ghent, - 05, and; Lund, - 07). Primarily financed by the British Research Council.

This financing stopped in – 07, and the project was cancelled only to be “reborn” soon after in the form of a more traditional research project (on the same theme), placed in Great Britain.

Metametaphysics: 2005-2009. Informal network of philosophers interested in meta-issues in metaphysics. Members of the network organized four workshops/conferences (Nottingham - 06; Lund – 06; Turku - 08; Gent, - 09). I was involved in the organization of the last three workshops (and the main-organizer of the workshop in Lund).

Conferences/Workshops I have – or will – (co)organize:

Social Complexes II, 8-10/6 2015 Gothenburg (as co-organizer)
Nordic Network in Metaphysics, 20-21/10 2015 Uppsala (as co-organizer)
Metaphysical Explanation I, 20-21/9 2016 Gothenburg
1st workshop on metaphysical explanation, 11/5 2017 Gothenburg
ENSO V, 30/8-1/9 2017 (forthcoming), Gothenburg (as co-organizer)
2nd workshop on metaphysical explanation, 12/9 2017, Gothenburg
Metaphysical Explanation II, 13-14/2 2018, Gothenburg
Workshop: Transformative Experience, 7/6 2018 (forthcoming) Gothenburg

Presentations/Comments at workshops/conferences:

2019 Jonthan Lowe and Ontology, memorial conference, Warsaw
(organized by Mirosław Szatkowski), forthcoming.
2018 Objects and Properties: Generating Dialogue, Cambridge (organized
by Alex Moran), forthcoming.
2017 Nordic network in Metaphysics, University of Tampere (organized by
Jani Hakkarainen and Markku Keinänen) (invited speaker)
2017 Conference, ‘Quo Vadis Metaphysics?’, Warsaw (organized by
Mirosław Szatkowski) (invited speaker)
2017 Conference, ECAP 9, Munich (organized by Stephan Hartmann, et al.)
(invited panel speaker)
2017 Student workshop, Främjandet av kvinnor i filosofi (organized by
Föreningen för främjande av kvinnor i filosofi) (invited speaker)
2017 Workshop, ‘The Whole Truth’, Glasgow (organized by Stephan
Leuenberger and Bruno Whittle) (invited speaker)
2017 Conference, ‘Ranch Metaphysics’, Tucson Arizona (organized by
Laurie Paul) (invited speaker).
2016 Nordic Network in Metaphysics, at the University of Agder,
Kristiansand (invited speaker) (organized by Einar Duenger Bohn).
2016 Nordphil, a Nordic MA- and BA philosophy Conference (invited
keynote speaker)
2015 Conference on properties (organized by Andrea Bottani and Thomas
Sattig), in Bergamo, Italy (invited speaker).
2015 Workshop on grounding (organized by Nick Treanor), in Edinburgh,
UK (invited speaker).
2015 Workshop on properties (organized by Francesco Orilia) in Macerata,
Italy (invited speaker).

- 2015 Conference, APA Central, St Louis. Invited to comment on paper by Jason Turner (at a symposium on the metaphysics of facts organized by Andrew Cortens).
- 2015 Conference, 'Ranch Metaphysics', Tuscon, Arizona (Laurie Paul organizing). Invited to comment on paper by Jason Turner.
- 2014 Workshop, *Truthmaking as Grounding: For and Against* (invited speaker), Barcelona.
- 2014 Workshop, *Metaphysics and Method* (invited speaker), London Institute of Philosophy.
- 2013 Conference, *Filosofidagarna*, Stockholm (invited speaker)
- 2012 Conference, SOPHA, Paris (invited speaker)
- 2012 Workshop, *Relativism*, Gent (invited speaker)
- 2008 Conference, *The Bradley Regress*, Genève (invited speaker)
- 2008 Workshop *Infinite Regress Arguments*, Gent (invited speaker)
- 2008 Symposium on Ivar Segelberg's philosophy, Gothenburg (invited speaker)
- 2008 Workshop, *Metaphysics and Its Methods*, Crakow (invited speaker)
- 2008 Workshop, *Themes in the Metaphysics of D. M. Armstrong*, Nottingham (invited speaker)
- 2007 Conference, *Structure and Identity*, Brussels
- 2007 Workshop, *Metaphysics in Science Group*, Lund (invited speaker)
- 2007 Conference, *Filosofidagarna*, Umeå (invited speaker)
- 2006 Conference, *Methodological Issues in Contemporary Metaphysics*, Nottingham University (invited speaker)
- 2006 Workshop, *PPP*, Kronowall (invited speaker)
- 2006 Workshop, *The Reading Exchange*, Lund (invited speaker)
- 2005 Conference, *Filosofidagarna*, Uppsala
- 2005 Conference, *Perspectives on Identity*, Vrije University, Amsterdam
- 2005 Conference, *ECAP 5*, Lissabon
- 2004 Workshop, *PPP*, Kronowall (invited speaker)
- 2004 Workshop, *Metaphysics in Science Group*, Reading (invited speaker)
- 2003 Conference, *Filosofidagarna*, Linköping
- 2001 Conference, *Filosofidagarna*, Stockholm
- 1999 Conference, *Filosofidagarna*, Göteborg
- 1997 Conference, *Filosofidagarna*, Lund
- 1996 Conference, *ECAP 2*, Leeds

Invited speaker at other academic institutions, in Sweden and abroad:

- 2018 Staff Colloquium, theoretical philosophy, Uppsala University (organized by Matti Eklund), forthcoming.
- 2018 Staff Colloquium, Dpt of philosophy, University of Valencia (organized by Pablo Rychter), forthcoming.
- 2017 Staff Colloquium (research unit for epistemology, metaphysics and philosophy of cognition), Aarhus University.
- 2017 The Road Less Traveled, seminar series, Dpt of Philosophy, Lund University (organized by Tobias Hansson Wahlberg).
- 2015 Staff Colloquium, Dpt of Philosophy, Stockholm University

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2015 Staff Colloquium, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris
2013 PhD seminar in history, Gothenburg University
2013 Staff Colloquium in pedagogy, Gothenburg University
2012 Colloquium in theory of science, Gothenburg University
2012 The Philosophical Society, Gothenburg University
2011 A series of lectures at the institute of philosophy at the Pontificia
Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile
2008 Staff Colloquium in theoretical philosophy, Uppsala University
2008 The Philosophical Society, Uppsala University
2006 Staff Colloquium, Philosophical Faculty, Vrije university, Amsterdam
2005 Staff Colloquium in theoretical philosophy, Gothenburg University
2004 Staff Colloquium in theoretical philosophy, Uppsala University
2004 The Philosophical Society, Uppsala University
2003 Staff Colloquium in odontology, Malmö University
2002 Staff Colloquium in philosophy, KTH

External Evaluator:

Oslo university 2005: Opponent on S. Gundersen's PhD thesis: "Bevissthet og materie";
Sidney university 2007: external examiner (with L. A. Paul and D. M. Armstrong) on M. J. Minehan's PhD thesis: "Properties and Morality";
Member of the group of examiners of applications in philosophy and jurisprudence to the Swedish Research Council, 2007.
External examiner of Ingemar Lindahl's PhD thesis "On Causal Attribution", 2009
External examiner of Martin Berzell's PhD thesis "Electronic Healthcare Ontologies - Philosophy, the real world and IT structures", 2010.
External examiner for a lectureship in theoretical philosophy, Umeå University, 2012.
External examiner of a research project in ontology for the Danish Research Council: "World in the Making – An Interactionist Analysis of Sociable Technology", 2012.
External examiner for a research project in metaphysics for the Polish research council 2013.
External examiner of one applicant for a PhD position in pedagogy placed at the Faculty of Education, University of Gothenburg, 2014
Substitute member of the grading committee for Robin Stenwall's PhD thesis "Truth, Grounding and Dependence" (Lund University), 2015.
External examiner for an application to become "professor with special responsibilities", Aarhus University (Denmark), 2015.
External examiner for Einar Bøhn's application for promotion to the position of full professor of philosophy at the University of Agder (together with Christel Fricke and Jan-Olav Henriksen), 2016.
Member of the grading committee for Asger Kirkeby-Hindrup's PhD thesis "Empirical Data in the Philosophy of Mind: Free Will, Higher-Order Thought, and Misrepresentation" (Lund University), May 2017
Member of the grading committee for Jeroen Smid's PhD thesis "Parthood, Identity, and Composition: Studies in Mereology" (Lund University), June 2017.

Refereeing:

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Referee: *Theoria* (since 2001); *Dialectica* (since 2005); *Erkenntnis* (since 2007); *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (since 2007); *Philosophical Quarterly* (since 2009); *Mind* (since 2009); *Philosophical Studies* (since 2010); *Journal of Philosophical Research* (since 2010); *Acta Analytica* (since 2012); *Philosophical Imprints* (since 2013); *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* (since 2016); *Synthese* (since 2016); *Philosophical Studies – Book Series* (since 2017); *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (since 2017); *Philosophical Papers* (since 2018).

I have also evaluated book manuscripts for Oxford University Press.

Editor:

Associate editor: *Theoria* 2001-2008

Consulting editor: *Theoria* 2011-

Member of the scientific committee for the Italian book-series “*Ritratti di filosofia contemporanea*”, 2015-

Member of the editorial advisory board for the book series *Mind, Meaning and Metaphysics*, published by Bloomsbury Publishing, 2017-

Awards:

Kungliga vitterhetsakademien (the Royal Academy of the Humanistic Sciences): The Rettig Prize 2011 (“för hennes internationellt uppmärksammade forskning i filosofi med inriktning mot metafysik och ontologi”).

Other:

Member of the board of Stiftelsen Bokförlaget Thales.

Member of the board of Stiftelsen *Theoria*.

Member of the board of Hultengrens fond för filosofi (Uppsala/Stockholm), aimed at funding translations of work in philosophy into Swedish.

Member of the board of Svenska filosofisällskapet.

Member of board of the Swedish National Committee for Logic, Methodology and Philosophy, appointed by the Royal Academy of Sciences.

Publications

Monographs

2002 *If Tropes*, Kluwer Academic Publishers

Edited Volumes and Special Editions:

2005 *Risk och det levande mänskliga*, ed. by A.-S. Maurin, I. Brinck, J. Persson & S. Halldén, Nora: Nya Doxa.

2007 *Filosofins Nytt*, special issue of *Insikt och Handling*, 22, ed. by A.-S. Maurin, D. Egonsson & J. Persson.

2017 *Filosofisk Tidskrift* (“Göteborgsnumret”), 3, A-S Maurin & S. Radovic, reds.

Papers in Anthologies:

- 2005 “(För) enkla lösningar i en komplicerad värld”, in *Risk och det levande mänskliga*, ed. by A.-S. Maurin, I. Brinck, J. Persson & S. Halldén, Nora: Nya Doxa.
- 2007 “Infinite Regress: Virtue of Vice?”, in: *Hommage à Wlodek*, ed. by T. Rønnow-Rasmussen, B. Petersson, J. Josefsson & D. Egonsson, URL: <http://www.fil.lu.se/HommageaWlodek>
- 2008 “Does Ontology Matter?”, in *Tropes, Universals, and the Philosophy of Mind*, ed. by S. Gozzano & F. Orilia, Ontos Verlag.
- 2008 “The One over Many”, in *Problems from Armstrong*, ed. By M. Keinänen & T. DeMey, Acta Philosophica Fennica: Helsinki
- 2010 “A World of Tropes”, in *Worldviews Science and Us: Studies of Analytical Metaphysics*, ed. by R. Vanderbeeden, World Scientific Publishers: Brussels.
- 2013 “Infinite Regress Arguments.” in *Jobanssonian Investigations*, ed. By C. Svennerlind, J. Almäng, och R. Ingthorsson. Heusenstamm: Ontos Verlag.
- 2014 “Segelberg on Unity and Complexity”, in: *Philosophy and Botany. Essays on Ivar Segelberg*. H. Malmgren, ed. Stockholm: Thales.
- 2015 “States of Affairs and the Relation Regress.” in *The Problem of Universals in Contemporary Philosophy*. G. Galluzzo and M. J. Loux eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- 2016 “Tropes: For and Against”, in *Metaphysics and Scientific Realism: Essays in Honour of David Malet Armstrong*, EIDE – Foundations of Ontology, De Gruyter, F. Calemi (ed.).
- Fc. “A Van Inwagen Defense of Constitutionalism”, in *Quo Vadis Metaphysics? – Essays in Honour of Peter van Inwagen*, De Gruyter.

Papers in Journals:

- 1998 “Davidson on Properties”, *Dialectica*, 52: 1
- 2000 “Om enhet i mångfald”, *Filosofisk tidskrift*, 4
- 2001 (with J. Persson) “Realistic Metaphysics. An interview with D. H. Mellor”, *Theoria*, 67: 2
- 2005 “Same but Different”, *Metaphysica*, 1
- 2005 (with N.-E. Sahlin) “Some Ontological Speculations: Ramsey on Particulars, Universals and Facts”, in *Ramsey’s Ontology*, N-E Sahlin, ed., *Metaphysica*, special issue 3
- 2005 (with I. Brinck) “Realistic Metaphysics. An interview with D. M. Armstrong”, *Theoria*, 71: 1
- 2009 ”Russells regress: en replik”, *Filosofisk tidskrift*, 3
- 2010 “Trope Theory and the Bradley Regress”, *Synthese*, 175
- 2010 “Svar på svar”, *Filosofisk tidskrift*, 1
- 2011 “An Argument for the Existence of Tropes”, *Erkenntnis*, 74
- 2012 “Bradley’s Regress,” *Philosophy Compass*, 7.11

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- 2013 “Exemplification as Explanation”, *Axiomathes*, 23.2
2017 “Filosofi och (annan) vetenskap”, *Filosofisk tidskrift*, 3.
Fc. “Grounding & Metaphysical Explanation: it’s complicated”,
Philosophical Studies.

Encyclopedia articles and bibliographical overviews:

- 2013 “Tropes,” *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*, ed. by D. Pritchard.
2013 “Metametaphysics,” *Oxford Bibliographies*, ed. by D. Pritchard.
2013 “Tropes,” *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. by E. N. Zalta.
Fc. “Particulars,” *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. by J. Tallant.

Reviews:

- 2013 “Tropes – Properties, Objects and Mental Causation by D. Ehring.”
The Journal of Philosophy 110.2