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# THEODORE SIDER

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## Education

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Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 1993  
B.S., Mathematics, Philosophy, Physics, Gordon College, 1988

## Permanent Appointments

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University of Rochester, Assistant Professor, 1992–97; Associate  
Professor, 1997–98  
Syracuse University, Associate Professor, 1998–2002  
Rutgers University, Associate Professor, 2002–04; Professor, 2004–07  
New York University, Professor, 2007–

## Visiting Appointments

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University of Leeds, Visiting Research Professor, Fall 2003  
Australian National University, Visiting Fellow, Summer 2005

## Areas of Specialization

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Metaphysics, Philosophy of Language

## Area of Teaching Competence

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Logic

## Awards

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1998 University of Rochester Professor of the Year (awarded by the  
Student Association)  
2003 APA Book Prize (formerly the Matchette Prize), for  
*Four-Dimensionalism*

## Books

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- Four-Dimensionalism: An Ontology of Persistence and Time* (Oxford, 2001; Japanese translation, 2007)
- Riddles of Existence: A Guided Tour of Metaphysics* (with Earl Conee, Oxford, 2005; Japanese translation forthcoming). Chapter on “Time” reprinted in Tamar Szabó Gendler, Susanna Siegel, and Steven M. Cahn, eds., *The Elements of Philosophy: Readings from Past and Present* (Oxford, 2007)
- Logic for Philosophy* (Oxford, forthcoming)

## Edited Book

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- Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics* (Basil Blackwell, 2007).  
Co-editors: John Hawthorne, Dean Zimmerman

## Articles

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- “Might Theory X Be a Theory of Diminishing Marginal Value?”, *Analysis* 51 (1991): 265–71
- “Tooley’s Solution to the Inference Problem”, *Philosophical Studies* 67 (1992): 261–75
- “In Defense of Global Supervenience”, with R. Cranston Paull, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 52 (1992): 833–54
- “Asymmetry and Self-Sacrifice”, *Philosophical Studies* 70 (1993): 117–32
- “Van Inwagen and the Possibility of Gunk”, *Analysis* 53 (1993): 285–89
- “Sorensen on Unknowable Obligations”, *Utilitas* 7 (1995): 273–79
- “Three Problems for Richard’s Theory of Belief Ascription”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 25 (1995): 487–514
- “Sparseness, Immanence, and Naturalness”, *Noûs* 29 (1995): 360–77
- “Naturalness and Arbitrariness”, *Philosophical Studies* 81 (1996): 283–301
- “Intrinsic Properties”, *Philosophical Studies* 83 (1996): 1–27
- “All the World’s a Stage”, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 74 (1996): 433–53. Reprinted in Sally Haslanger and Roxanne Marie Kurtz, eds., *Persistence: Contemporary Readings* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2006), 91–117

- “A New Grandfather Paradox?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 57 (1997): 139–44
- “On the Paradox of the Question”, *Analysis* 57 (1997): 97–101
- “Four-Dimensionalism”, *Philosophical Review* 106 (1997): 197–231.  
Reprinted in Haslanger and Kurtz, 55–87
- Critical Study of Michael Jubien’s *Ontology, Modality, and the Fallacy of Reference*, *Noûs* 33 (1999): 284–94
- “Presentism and Ontological Commitment”, *Journal of Philosophy* 96 (1999): 325–47. Reprinted in Haslanger and Kurtz, 367–91
- “Global Supervenience and Identity across Times and Worlds”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 59 (1999): 913–37
- “The Stage View and Temporary Intrinsic”, *Analysis* 60 (2000): 84–88. Reprinted in Haslanger and Kurtz, 443–48
- “Simply Possible”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 60 (2000): 585–90
- “Recent Work on Identity Over Time”, *Philosophical Books* 41 (2000): 81–89
- “Criteria of Personal Identity and the Limits of Conceptual Analysis”, *Philosophical Perspectives* 15, *Metaphysics* (Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, 2001), pp. 189–209
- “Maximality and Intrinsic Properties”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 63 (2001): 357–64
- “The Ersatz Pluriverse”, *Journal of Philosophy* 99 (2002): 279–315
- “Hell and Vagueness”, *Faith and Philosophy* 19 (2002): 58–68
- “Time Travel, Coincidences and Counterfactuals”, *Philosophical Studies* 110 (2002): 115–38
- “Locations”, with John Hawthorne, *Philosophical Topics* 30 (2002): 53–76. Reprinted in John Hawthorne, *Metaphysical Essays* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006), 31–52.
- “Maximality and Microphysical Supervenience”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 66 (2003): 139–49
- “Against Vague Existence”, *Philosophical Studies* 114 (2003): 135–46
- “Reductive Theories of Modality”, in Michael J. Loux and Dean W. Zimmerman, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Metaphysics* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003), pp. 180–208
- “What’s So Bad about Overdetermination?”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 67 (2003): 719–26

- “Precis of *Four-Dimensionalism*” and “Replies to Critics”, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 68 (2004): 642–47, 674–87
- “Another Look at Armstrong’s Combinatorialism”, *Noûs* 39 (2005): 680–96
- “Traveling in A- and B- Time”, *The Monist* 88 (2005): 329–35.  
Reprinted in L. Nathan Oaklander, ed., *The Philosophy of Time, Vol. 4: Time and Physics* (Routledge: 2008)
- “Kripke’s Revenge”, with David Braun, *Philosophical Studies* 128 (2006): 669–82
- “Quantifiers and Temporal Ontology”, *Mind* 115 (2006): 75–97
- “ ‘Bare Particulars’ ”, *Philosophical Perspectives* 20 (2006): 387–97
- “Against Monism”, *Analysis* 67 (2007): 1–7
- “Vague, so Untrue” (with David Braun), *Noûs* 41 (2007): 133–56
- “Parthood”, *Philosophical Review* 116 (2007): 51–91
- “Neo-Fregeanism and Quantifier Variance”, *Aristotelian Society, Supplementary Volume* 81 (2007): 201–32
- “Temporal Parts”, in Theodore Sider, John Hawthorne, and Dean W. Zimmerman (eds.), *Contemporary Debates in Metaphysics*, Blackwell 2007.
- “Ontological Realism”, in David Chalmers, David Manley, and Ryan Wasserman, eds., *Metametaphysics*, forthcoming in 2008 from Oxford University Press
- “Yet another Paper on the Supervenience Argument against Coincident Entities”, forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
- “Against Vague and Unnatural Existence: Reply to Liebesman and Eklund”, forthcoming in *Noûs*
- “Monism and Statespace Structure”, forthcoming in Robin Le Poidevin, ed., *Being: Developments in Contemporary Metaphysics* (Cambridge University Press)
- “Williamson’s Many Necessary Existents”, forthcoming in *Analysis*

## Reviews

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- André Gallois, *Occasions of Identity*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 52 (2001): 401–5
- Charles Chihara, *The Worlds of Possibility*, *Philosophical Review* 110 (2001): 88–91

Lynne Rudder Baker, *Persons and Bodies*, *Journal of Philosophy* 99  
(2002): 45–48

Trenton Merricks, *Objects and Persons*, *Mind* 113 (2004): 195–98

## Work in Progress

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“Beyond the Humphrey Objection”

“Composition as Identity and Emergent Properties: Reply to  
McDaniel”

*Writing the Book of the World*

## Presentations

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“Naturalness and Arbitrariness”, 1992: Virginia, Rochester; 1995:  
Pacific APA

“All the World’s a Stage”, 1993: Rochester

“Four-Dimensionalism”, 1993: UMass reunion conference; 1994:  
Pacific APA; 1996: Arizona, Michigan; 1997: Rutgers

“Sparseness, Immanence, and Naturalness”, 1994: Rochester

“Sorensen on Unknowable Obligations”, 1995: UNC Greensboro  
Ethics conference

“Global Supervenience and Coincident Entities”, 1996: Pacific APA

“The Ersatz Pluriverse”, 1996: Rochester; 1997: Pacific APA,  
Metaphysical Mayhem conference, Syracuse, Princeton; 1998:  
Yale; 2000: Massachusetts

“Can there Exist Two Things at the Same Place at the Same Time?”,  
1997: SUNY Geneseo

“Criteria of Personal Identity and the Limits of Conceptual  
Analysis”, 1998: Pacific APA; 2001: Pew conference on persons

“Presentism and Ontological Commitment”, 1998: Metaphysical  
Mayhem conference; 1999: Philosophy of Time Society, Central  
APA

“Time and Temporal Parts”, 1999: Metaphysical Mayhem  
conference, UMass reunion conference; 2000: Rochester, Pacific  
APA, Connecticut (Ruth Evelyn Parcells Memorial Lecture)

“Against Presentism”, 1999: Cornell; 2000: Texas, Eastern APA

“Reducing Modality”, 2000: Bellingham Summer Philosophy  
Conference; 2002: Brown; 2003: St. Andrews, Colorado, Leeds;

2004: Manitoba; 2005: Cornell, Texas, Australasian Association of Philosophy conference, Arizona State

“Vague, so Untrue”, 2001: Western Washington, Calvin, UMass reunion conference, Virginia; 2002: UC Davis, MIT, Alabama; 2003: Oxford, Boise State, New Jersey Regional Philosophical Association, Princeton-Rutgers graduate student conference, Richmond, Leeds, Stockholm; 2004: Southern Illinois, Kentucky; 2005: Australian National University, Massey (NZ); 2006: Alberta, Miami

“Time Travel, Coincidences and Counterfactuals”, 2001: Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference

“Hell and Vagueness”, 2002: Union College, Alabama

“Time Travel”, 2002: SUNY New Paltz; 2003: Boise State, Rutgers undergraduate philosophy club

APA “Author meets critics” sessions on *Four-Dimensionalism*, San Francisco, Spring 2003; Washington, DC, December 2003

“Parthood”, 2003: Leeds, Central European University (Budapest); 2004: Queen’s (Ontario), Virginia, St. Louis, USC, Toronto, Criteria of Identity conference in Leuven Belgium; 2005: Arkansas, Missouri, Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference, Australian National University, Canterbury (NZ), Wisconsin; 2006: Calgary, Nassau CC, West Virginia

“Quantifiers and Temporal Ontology”, 2003: Leeds; 2004: Eastern APA; 2005: Cornell

“Kripke’s Revenge”, 2003: Leeds

“Another Look at Armstrong’s Combinatorialism”, 2003: Leeds

“Ontological Realism”, 2005: Australian National University conference on Metametaphysics, Otago (NZ), Victoria (NZ), Princeton, Oxford graduate conference; 2006: Miami, Northern Illinois, Leeds conference on being, Brown graduate conference, Brandeis; 2007: Utah, CUNY, Stanford, Chapel Hill Colloquium; 2008: Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, UCSB, Minnesota

“Philosophy of Time”, 2006: Metaphysical Mayhem conference; 2007: Arizona Ontology Conference

“Monism and Statespace Structure”, 2006: Yale graduate conference; 2007: UMass reunion conference; 2008: Arizona Ontology Conference

“NeoFregeanism and Quantifier Variance”, 2006: Bellingham

Summer Philosophy Conference; 2007: Aristotelian Society Joint Session

“Which Disputes are Substantive?”, 2007: Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference

“Logical Structure”, 2007: Connecticut

“The State of Metaphysics”, 2008 Alabama “Philosophy Today” speaker series

“Meta-metaphysics”, 2008: Alabama

## Referee Work

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For Kluwer Academic Publishers, Cambridge University Press, University of Toronto Press, Oxford University Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge Press, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ethics*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, and *Synthese*

## Professional Organizations

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Editorial board, *Philosophical Studies*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Board of associate editors, *Noûs*

Member, American Philosophical Association

## University Service

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University of Rochester Administrative Committee, Fall 1993-Spring 1995

University of Rochester Faculty Council, Fall 1996-Spring 1998

University of Rochester Freshman Advising, Fall 1993-Spring 1998

University of Rochester Program Reviewer, Summer 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

University of Rochester Mock Interviews for Rhodes Scholarship candidates, Fall 1994, 1995, 1996

Syracuse University Summer advising, Freshman advising, and Freshman Forum, 1999

Syracuse University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1999  
Syracuse University, Sophomore advising, 2000  
Rutgers University Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2004