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About

From September 2013, I will be a Birmingham Fellow in Philosophy. My research lies at the intersection of metaphysics with language and logic. I'm particularly interested in understanding how the tools of formal logic have shaped the analytic philosophical tradition.

You can find more information about me from **[my personal webpage \(https://sites.google.com/site/nickjonesphilosophy/\)](https://sites.google.com/site/nickjonesphilosophy/)**.

Qualifications

I have a PhD in Philosophy from Birkbeck, University of London, supervised by Dorothy Edgington and Fraser MacBride. My thesis was on vagueness and the problem of the many. I also took a BA and MA in Philosophy at the University of Leeds.

Biography

Before joining Birmingham, I was a Fitzjames Research Fellow in Philosophy at Merton College, University of Oxford (2011-2013). Before that, I was a Jacobsen Research Fellow at King's College London and the Institute of Philosophy (2010-2011). I'm originally from Derbyshire.

Postgraduate supervision

I'm interested in supervising graduate students in most areas of metaphysics and philosophy of language.

Research

I mostly think about things like: essence, identity, logical consequence, material constitution, mathematical representation, mereology, modality, objecthood, properties and relations, model-theoretic semantics, persistence, quantification, ontological commitment, truth, and vagueness.

Publications

Selected recent articles

- "Williams on supervenience and logical revisionism", *Journal of Philosophy* 108 (2011): 633-641.
- "Multiple constitution", forthcoming in *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics*. (Winner of the **OSM Younger Scholars Prize for Metaphysics 2012** (http://ammonius.org/winning_essays.php).
- With Will Bynoe: "Solitude without souls: why Peter Unger hasn't established Substance Dualism", *Philosophia*. (**Preprint available online** (<http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11406-012-9384-3>).