

# SAMUEL Z. ELGIN

*Curriculum Vitae*

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## Employment

### University of California, San Diego

Assistant Professor 2020-Present  
Postdoctoral Fellow 2018-2020

## Education

### Yale University

Ph.D. in Philosophy 2018  
M. Phil in Philosophy 2015  
M.A. in Philosophy 2013

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## Area of Specialization

Metaphysics

## Areas of Competence

Logic, Epistemology,  
Philosophy of Science

### University of California, Berkeley

Exchange Scholar 2016-18

### Reed College

B.A. in Philosophy 2011

## Publications

Knowledge is Closed under Analytic Content 2021  
*Synthese*, forthcoming  
The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis 2021  
*The Review of Symbolic Logic*, forthcoming  
Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics 2020  
*Journal of Philosophical Logic*, Vol. 50, Pg. 97-115  
Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories 2020  
*Erkenntnis*, forthcoming  
Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge 2018  
*Synthese*, forthcoming  
On Question-Begging and Analytic Content 2018  
*Synthese*, Vol. 197, Pg. 1149-63  
The Unreliability of Foreseeable Consequences 2015  
A Return to the Epistemic Objection  
*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, Vol. 18, Pg. 759-66

## Works Under Review

Definition

The Levels of the Empirical Sciences

The Epistemology of Identity

Essence, Modality and Identity

### **Invited Presentations**

- The New Paradox of Analysis 2021  
*Central Division of the American Philosophical Association*
- Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories 2019  
*Department Colloquium, University of California, San Diego*
- The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis 2018  
*Department Colloquium, Reed College*
- Dewey, Confucius and the Aims of Education 2016  
*Conference on Educational Reform, Hangzhou Normal University*

### **Submitted Presentations**

- Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics 2020  
*Conference on Mathematical and Numerical Inspirations in Philosophy, Stanford University*
- Counterfactual Logic and the Necessity of Mathematics 2020  
*13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics, Cambridge University*
- Does Definition Admit of Substitution? 2020  
*Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association*
- Physicalism and the Identity of Identity Theories 2019  
*Society for the Metaphysics of Science, University of Toronto*
- The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis 2019  
*International Congress on Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology*
- The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis 2019  
*Truthmaker Semantics: Applications in Philosophy and Linguistics, Hamburg University*
- The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis 2018  
*Northern New England Philosophical Association, University of Vermont*
- The Semantic Foundations of Philosophical Analysis 2018  
*Conference on Essence and Language, Canadian Metaphysics Collaborative*
- Verifying Physicalism 2018  
*Workshop on the History & Metaphysics of the Concept of Laws of Nature, Central European University*
- Question-Begging and Analytic Content 2018  
*Graduate Philosophy Conference, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México*
- Question-Begging and Analytic Content 2018  
*Central Division, American Philosophical Association*
- Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge 2017  
*Philosopher's Cocoon, University of Tampa*
- Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge 2020  
*Epistemic Virtues and Epistemic Skills, Bled Epistemology Conference, Slovenia*
- Computability and Conceivability 2016  
*Conference on Evidence and Imagination, Graz University*
- Merely Partial Definition and the Analysis of Knowledge 2016  
*Northern New England Philosophical Association, Keene State University*

Concerning the Nature of Definition <i>Northern New England Philosophical Association, Bates College</i>	2015
Ethical Atomism and the Immorality of Hypocrisy <i>Conference for Young Analytic Philosophers, Salzburg</i>	2015
Hypocrisy: The Tribute Vice Pays to Virtue <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Syracuse University</i>	2015
The Myth of Balanced Consequences <i>British Society for Ethical Theory, Cambridge University</i>	2014
Epistemic Contextualism <i>Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Pacific University</i>	2009

### Commentaries

Tropes of Mereology: A Theory of Facts and Truth-Making, by Aviv Hoffman <i>Pacific Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2021
Compliance and Command, by Kit Fine <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Yale University</i>	2016
Diamonds are Forever, by Cian Dorr <i>Graduate Philosophy Conference, Yale University</i>	2015
Natural Kinds Light, by Ásta Kristjana Sveinsdóttir <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2012
Explanatory Kinds: A Definition of Normality for Generics, by Bernard Nickel <i>Eastern Division, American Philosophical Association</i>	2012

### Graduate Coursework

Mathematical Logic	Sun-Joo Shin
Topics in Epistemology	Keith DeRose
First-Year Seminar	George Bealer and Bruno Whittle
Frege's Philosophy of Logic and Language	Susanne Bobzein
Computability and Logic	Sun-Joo Shin
Monism	Michael Della Rocca
Metaethics*	Matthew Smith
Belief * Keith DeRose and Bruno Whittle	
Philosophy of Philosophy	George Bealer
Logical Foundations of Metaphysics	George Bealer
Normative Ethics	Shelly Kagan
Leibniz	Michael Della Rocca
Topics in the Philosophy of Mathematics*	Bruno Whittle
Works in Progress	Zoltan Szabo and Jason Stanley
Definition, Essence, and Ground*	George Bealer
Works in Progress	Sun-Joo Shin
Theories of the Good*	Shelly Kagan
Reductionism*	Elizabeth Miller
Seminar on Teaching Philosophy	Lara Buchak
Truth-Maker Semantics*	Kit Fine
Why is there Anything Except Physics?*	Shamik Dasgupta and Geoffrey Lee
Truth as a Human Value*	Gila Sher

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## Teaching Experience

### *As the Primary Instructor*

<b>Ethics and Society I</b> University of California, San Diego	2021
<b>Ethics and Society II</b> University of California, San Diego	2021
<b>Critical Reasoning and Critical Consumption</b> University of California, San Diego	2021
<b>Symbolic Logic</b> University of California, San Diego	2019

### *As a Teaching Assistant*

<b>Philosophical Methods</b> Primary Instructor: Geoffrey Lee University of California, Berkeley	2017
<b>Philosophical Methods</b> Primary Instructor: Lara Buchak University of California, Berkeley	2017
<b>Philosophical Methods</b> Primary Instructor: Daniel Warren University of California, Berkeley	2016
<b>Perspectives on Human Nature</b> Primary Instructor: Joshua Knobe Yale University	2015
<b>First-Order Logic</b> Primary Instructor: Bruno Whittle Yale University	2013 & 2014
<b>Life</b> Primary Instructor: Shelly Kagan Yale University	2013

## Summer Programs

The History and Metaphysics of the Concept of Laws of Nature <i>Central European University</i>	2018
Metaphysical Mayhem <i>Rutgers University</i>	2014

## Honors and Fellowships

2018	Graduate Student Travel Stipend Prize, Central Division APA
2016	Robert M. Leylan Fellowship
2015	Edgar H. Stone Fellowship
2014	Edgar H. Stone Fellowship
2012	Frank Patterson Fellowship
2011	Commendation for Excellence in Academic Performance
2009	Commendation for Excellence in Academic Performance

## Academic and Professional Service

2018-20	<b>Organizer</b>	U.C. San Diego Working Group in Metaphysics
2015-16	<b>Organizer</b>	Yale Epistemology, Logic, Language and Metaphysics Working Group
2015	<b>Organizer</b>	Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference
2015	<b>Teacher</b>	Splash! Outreach Program for Local Middle/High School Students
2013-15	<b>Tutor</b>	New Haven Reads
	<b>Reviewer</b>	Mind, Journal of Philosophical Logic, Analysis, Philosophical Quarterly, Synthese, Erkenntnis, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Philosophical Research, Open Philosophy

## References

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