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I am a mature student, a former teacher of Modern Languages, and currently (Oct 2007) embarking on my third part-time year as a doctoral student.

My interests are in the nexus where metaphysics, theory of reference and modality intertwine. The provisional title of my thesis is 'In Defence of the Necessary A Posteriori'. I am currently looking at the link between direct reference theories in semantics and direct realism in metaphysics. (The paper I am giving at this conference is part of that project.) I am also investigating theoretical identity statements, and looking at the various arguments which underpin the claim that water is necessarily H<sub>2</sub>O.

Papers completed as a graduate student:

Kripke's Argument for the Necessity of Identity. Critique of Lowe's Attack on the Kripke-Barcan Proof.

(Work in progress: part of a chapter on Theoretical Identity Statements)

May 2007

The Semantics of Natural Kind Terms

(Longer version of the paper to be given at the conference 'Nature and its Classification', Oct 2007)

November 2006

Unveiling the Mysteries of the Matrix: A Dummies Guide to Two-Dimensional Semantics

March 2006

Kripke's Critique of the 'Frege-Russell Descriptions Theory' (MA thesis)

September 2005

The Limits of Conceivability as a Guide to Possibility  
September 2004

The Location of Thought, and the Search for 'Narrow Content'

April 2004

Critique of Kripke's Anti-Materialist Argument  
January 2004

