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### Research and Teaching Interests

Thomas McKay's principal interests include the philosophy of language and logic. His publications have been on topics in modal logic, on reference, on belief and action, and on plural predication and quantification. He has written a text employing restricted quantification, *Modern Formal Logic* (Macmillan, 1989; second edition, Thomson, 2006), a critical thinking text, *Reasons, Explanations and Decisions* (Wadsworth, 2000), and the book *Plural Predication* (Oxford, 2006).

### Selected Publications

#### Book:

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#### Textbooks:

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