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AOS: epistemology.

AOC: ethics (including feminist philosophy, environmental ethics, and ethics of AI).

Employment

Visiting Lecturer University of Stirling	2020-present
Teaching Fellow University of Edinburgh.	2019-2020
Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Campinas (suspended for one year while visiting Stirling).	2016-2019
Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow Knowledge Beyond Natural Science project, University of Stirling.	2017-2018
Visiting Lecturer University of Stirling.	2015-2016

Education

Ph.D in Philosophy at St Andrews and Stirling Joint Program in Philosophy (SASP) Thesis title: <i>A Response to External World Scepticism</i> . Supervisors: Professor Peter Sullivan (primary), Dr Adrian Haddock (secondary). Examiners: Professor Crispin Wright (external), Dr Philip Ebert (internal).	2010-2014
M.Litt in Philosophy at SASP Distinction in both taught component and dissertation.	2009-2010
B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford	2004-2007

Publications

Published and forthcoming

Closure Scepticism and the Vat Argument

Mind (2017) 127/507, pp. 667-690. DOI: 10.1093/mind/fzw035.

Radical Interpretation, Scepticism, and the Possibility of Shared Error

Synthese (2017) 196/8, pp. 3355–3368. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-017-1600-z.

Semantic Self-Knowledge and the Vat Argument

Philosophical Studies (2018) 176/9, pp. 2289-2306. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-018-1126-3.

Putnam's Proof Revisited (with Crispin Wright)

Forthcoming in James Conant and Sanjit Chakraborty (eds) *Engaging Putnam*, De Gruyter.

In draft and under review

Merely Superficially Contingent A Priori Knowledge and the McKinsey Paradox

Under consideration at *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

External World Scepticism and Self Scepticism

Under consideration at *Philosophical Studies*.

The Lichtenberg Objection Defended

In draft.

Selected talks and presentations

* = refereed or invited

External World Scepticism and Self Scepticism

2020: Stirling Philosophy Department Staff Seminar.

2019: Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project Seminar.*

2019: Edinburgh University Philosophy Department Staff Work in Progress Seminar.

A Solution to the McKinsey Paradox

2018: Fifth Conference of the Brazilian Society for Analytic Philosophy.*

2017: Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project interim workshop.*

2017: Stirling Philosophy Department Staff Seminar.

Semantic Self-Knowledge and the Vat Argument

2017: Edinburgh University Philosophy of Language Group.*

2017: Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project Seminar.

Some Themes from *Roadside Picnic*

2017: Café Philosophique, public engagement event at Blackwell's bookshop.*

Rehabilitating the Causal-Theoretic Argument

2016: University of Campinas visiting Speaker Seminar.*

Closure Scepticism and the Vat Argument

2016: International Conference: Putnam's Path.*

Radical Interpretation, Scepticism, and the Possibility of Shared Error

2016: Brazilian Society for Analytic Philosophy Conference.*

2015: Stirling Philosophy Department Staff Seminar.

2015: Stirling Undergraduate Philosophy Society.

Scepticism and First-Person Thought

2015: Stirling Undergraduate Philosophy Society.

Putnam's Proof and Ineffability

2014: Stirling Postgraduate Seminar.

2013: Stirling Undergraduate Philosophy Society.

2013: Arché Epistemology Seminar.

2012: Edinburgh Epistemology Postgraduate Conference.*

Discontent and the Vat Argument

2012: Seoul Philosophy Postgraduate Conference.*

Externalism and Scepticism

2013: Stirling Postgraduate Seminar.

The Causal-Theoretic Argument and Scepticism

2014: Stirling Postgraduate Seminar.

The Model-Theoretic Argument and Metaphysical Realism

2011: St Andrews Postgraduate Seminar.

Teaching

Teaching as a Tutor at the University of Stirling 2020

2020: *What is it all about?* pre-honours course (online due to Covid), tutor.

2020: *From Plato to Existentialism*, pre-honours course (online due to Covid), tutor.

Teaching as a Teaching Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, 2019-2020

2020: *Ethics of Artificial Intelligence*, honours course, course organiser.

2020: *Ethics of Artificial Intelligence*, graduate course, course organiser.

2020: *Knowledge and Reality*, pre-honours course, lecturer.

2019: *Epistemology*, graduate course (online), course organiser.

2019: *Advanced Ethics*, graduate course (online), course organiser.

2019: *Environmental Ethics*, honours course, course organiser.

2019: *Knowledge and Reality*, pre-honours course, lecturer.

In the 2020 Edinburgh University Teaching Awards I was nominated for the Teacher of the Year award, and my undergrad course *Ethics of Artificial Intelligence* was nominated for the Outstanding Course award.

Teaching as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Campinas, 2016-2019

2019: *Scepticism and First Person Thought*, graduate course, course organiser.

Teaching as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Stirling, 2016

2016: *Knowledge and Reality* honours course, course organiser.

2016: *Mind and Metaphysics* honours course, course organiser.

Teaching as a Teaching Assistant at the University of Stirling, 2011-2014

2014: *Rationalism and Empiricism*, honours course, teaching assistant.

2014: *Philosophy of Mind*, honours course, teaching assistant.

2014: *Aesthetics University of Stirling*, honours course, teaching assistant.

2014: *What is it all About?* Pre-honours course, teaching assistant.

2013: *Rationalism and Empiricism*, honours course, teaching assistant.

2013: *What is it all About?* pre-honours course, teaching assistant.

2012: *What is it all About?* pre-honours course, teaching assistant.

2011: *Mind and Reality*, pre-honours course, teaching assistant.

Teaching as a Teaching Assistant at the University of St Andrews, 2010

2010: *Mind, Value, and Reality*, pre-honours course, teaching assistant.

Grants and scholarships

BEPE Postdoctoral Scholarship

2017-2018

£42,000 per annum. To visit the Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project at the University of Stirling.

FAPESP Postdoctoral Scholarship £20,000 per annum. Suspended whilst visiting Stirling.	2016-2019
Royal Institute of Philosophy Studentship £3,000 block grant.	2013-2014
Full AHRC Doctoral Scholarship £13,000 per annum, plus tuition fees and £300 annual travel grant.	2010-2014

Affiliations

Member of the Centre for Logic, Epistemology and the History of Science University of Campinas.	2016-2019
Member of Arché University of St Andrews.	2010-2014

Organisational experience and academic service

- 2015-2016: Convenor of the Stirling University Visiting Speaker Seminar for the Law and Philosophy Department.
- 2014-2015: Convenor of the Stirling University Postgraduate Work in Progress Seminar.
- 2012: Co-organiser of the Arché/CSMN Philosophy Graduate Conference. Keynote speakers: John Hawthorn (Oxford) and Delia Graff Fara (Princeton).
- 2011-2012: Organiser of the Wittgenstein Reading Group at St Andrews.
- Referee for *Noûs*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, and *Manuscripta*.

References

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