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## EMPLOYMENT

Current:

- Leverhulme Early Career Fellow in Philosophy, University of Oxford

Previous:

- 2018-2019: Junior Research Fellow, Durham University
- 2016-2018: IRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University College Dublin
- 2015-2016: Stipendiary Researcher, University of Oslo

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- AOS: Epistemology, Ethics, Theory of Rationality
- AOC: Philosophical Methodology, Philosophy of Language

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## PUBLICATIONS

- “Disagreement, Dogmatism, and the Bounds of Philosophy”  
*International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, Forthcoming
- “Dilemmic Epistemology”  
*Synthese*, Forthcoming
- “Knowledgeable Assertion in the Image of Knowledgeable Belief”  
*Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy*. Vol. 62 (2) pp. 168-184. (2019)
- “Uniqueness, Rationality, and The Norm of Belief”  
*Erkenntnis*. Vol. 84 (1) pp. 57-75 (2019)
- “Luminosity Failure, Normative Guidance, and The Principle ‘Ought-Implies-Can’”  
*Utilitas*. Vol. 30 (4) pp. 439-457. (2018)
- “Guidance, Obligations, and Ability: A Close Look at The Action Guidance Argument For Ought-Implies-Can”  
*Utilitas*. Vol. 30 (1) pp. 73-85. (2018)
- “No Excuses: Against The Knowledge Norm of Belief”  
*Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*. Vol 6. (3) pp. 157-166 (2017)
- “Do We Matter?”  
*Aeon*, June 2017
- "Consistency and Evidence"

*Philosophical Studies*. Vol. 169 (2), pp. 333-338 (2014)

- "Is Knowledge the Ability to  $\Phi$  For the Reason That p?"  
*Episteme*. Vol. 11 (4), pp. 457-462 (2014)

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D, Philosophy, September 2010 - June 2015

- University of St Andrews & University of Oslo  
Title: "The Nature and Roles of Knowledge"  
Submitted: Dec 2014, Awarded: June 2015  
Supervisors: Prof. Herman Cappelen (Joint primary), Prof. Jessica Brown (Joint primary), Prof. Matthew McGrath, Prof. Olav Gjelsvik  
Committee: Prof. Timothy Williamson (Oxford), Prof. Jennifer Lackey (Northwestern), Dr. Patrick Greenough (St Andrews), Prof. Sebastian Waltz (Oslo)

Visiting Ph.D Student, Philosophy, October 2013 - March 2014

- University of Oxford  
Supervisors: Prof. Timothy Williamson, Prof. John Hawthorne

Visiting Ph.D Student, Philosophy, October 2011 - December 2011

- Rutgers University  
Supervisors: Prof. Jason Stanley, Prof. Brian Weatherson

Master of Arts, Philosophy, September 2009

- University College London, London, UK

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, September 2007

- University College London, London, UK

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## UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

Books in progress

- *Epistemic Dilemmas*: An edited collection of essays on the topic of epistemic dilemmas, commissioned by Oxford University Press. Contributors: Timothy Williamson, Ralph Wedgwood, Ram Neta, Matthew McGrath, Anna-Maria Eder, Daniel Greco, Clayton Littlejohn, Jacob Ross, Catrin-Campbell Moore, Mikkel Gerken, Errol Lord, Kurt Sylvan, Juan Comesana, Declan Smithies, Nick Hughes, Alex Worsnip.

Papers in progress

- "Are the Requirements of Rationality Immune to Rational Doubt?"
- "Epistemic Dilemmas: Some Objections Considered"
- "The Guidance Game"

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## AWARDS, HONORS AND GRANTS

2019-2022: Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship, University of Oxford

- Value: £150,000 (approx.)

2016-2018: Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Research Fellowship

- Value: €85,000 (approx.)

2012-2016: University of Oslo Doctoral Fellowship

- Value: £180,000 (approx.)

2010-2014: Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award, University of St Andrews

- Value: £45,000 (approx.)

## TEACHING

2015: EXPHIL03E: History of Philosophy and Science, Ethics

- Seminar Leader
- Undergraduate Introduction to Philosophy Course, University of Oslo
- Topics Covered: Contemporary Ethics, Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Hume, Kant

2015: FIL42000: Epistemology and Philosophy of Science

- Lecturer & Instructor of Record
- Research Masters Course, University of Oslo
- Topics Covered: Anti-Luminosity, Higher-Order Evidence, Knowledge & Action

2013: PY1006: Reasoning and Knowledge

- Tutor, Undergraduate Course
- University of St Andrews
- Topics Covered: A Priori Knowledge, Induction, Internalism vs. Externalism, Scepticism, Analysis of Knowledge, Introductory Formal Logic

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (\* = invited. † = refereed. ‡ = in-house.)

2019: “The Guidance Game”

- University of Cologne ‘Epistemic Conflicts’ Workshop (upcoming) \*
- University of Vienna (upcoming) \*

2019: “Are the Requirements of Rationality Immune to Rational Doubt?”

- University of Cologne \*
- University of Sheffield \*
- Kings College London \*
- University of Helsinki \*

2018: “Are the Requirements of Rationality Immune to Rational Doubt?”

- University of St Andrews \*

2018: “Epistemic Dilemmas”

- Humboldt Normativity Conference, Berlin †
- Logic, Epistemology, & Metaphysics Group, Institute of Philosophy, London \*
- European Epistemology Network Meeting, VU Amsterdam †

2018: "Luminosity Failure, Normative Guidance, and the Principle 'Ought-Implies-Can'"

- Joint Session, University of Oxford †

2017: "Commentary on Edouard Machery's "Philosophy Within Its Proper Bounds"

- University College Dublin, Author Meets Critics Session ‡

2017: "A Dilemmic Approach To The Epistemology of Disagreement"

- Disagreement In Science and Beyond WEXD Workshop, University College Dublin ‡

2017: "Dilemmic Epistemology"

- University of Oslo \*
- University of Leuven \*

2016: "A Close Look At The Action Guidance Argument For Ought-Implies-Can"

- University College Dublin ‡

2016: "Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don't: A Defense Of Doxastic Dilemmas"

- Holmenkollen Workshop, University of Oslo ‡

2015: "Damned If You Do, Damned If You Don't: A Defense Of Doxastic Dilemmas"

- Epistemic Incoherence Workshop, University of St Andrews \*
- Holmenkollen Workshop, Holmenkollen, University of Oslo ‡

2015: "Epistemic Permissibility and Epistemic Irrationality"

- Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, Harvard University †
- JustGroningen Workshop on Epistemic Justification, University of Groningen †
- 6th Annual Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference, Notre Dame University †
- CSMN Thorbjornsrud Seminar, Jevnaker ‡
- CSMN Colloquium, University of Oslo ‡

2015: "Internalism and Externalism"

- Public Lecture, University of Oslo ‡

2015: "From Moore's Paradox to the Knowledge Norm of Belief"

- CSMN Work in Progress Seminar, University of Oslo ‡

2014: "Is knowledge the ability to  $\Phi$  for the reason that p?"

- WCPA Annual Conference, University of British Columbia †

2014: "Is the self a fiction?"

- Change My Mind project, Barbican Centre \*
- Change My Mind project, Praxis Studios \*

2013: "Consistency and Evidence"

- University of Stockholm Graduate Conference †
- University of Manchester Open Minds VIII Conference †
- University of Edinburgh Epistemology Graduate Conference †
- Arché Evidence, Justification, and Knowledge seminar, University of St Andrews ‡

2013: "Knowledge, risk, and action"

- Arché Evidence, Justification, and Knowledge seminar, University of St Andrews ‡

2013: "Commentary on Stephen Hetherington's 'Knowledge as potential for action'"

- University of Cambridge Roles of Knowledge Conference \*

2013: "Commentary on Daniel Whiting's 'Belief, Truth, Rationality, and The Lottery'"

- University of Oslo/University of Southampton Aims & Norms of Belief: Judgment & Reasoning Workshop ‡

2012: "Iterated Moorean Conjunctions"

- Arché Evidence, Justification, and Knowledge seminar, University of St Andrews ‡
- CSMN Colloquium, University of Oslo ‡

2011: "Justifications, excuses, and epistemic norms of practical reasoning"

- Arché Contextualism and Relativism seminar, University of St Andrews ‡

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## SERVICE

- Journal Referee: *Philosophers' Imprint*, *Analysis*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Erkenntnis*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *dialectica*, *Episteme*, *Inquiry*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Theoria*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*
- Founder & Convener: Oslo House Lectures, London
- Lead Organiser: 2018-2019 Durham Normativity Seminar
- Co-organiser: 2017-2018 Bloomsbury Epistemology Group, University of London
- Referee, 2015 Fordham University Summer Seminar on Understanding
- Co-organiser, 2013 Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference
- Lead Organiser, 2012 Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference
- Referee 2011, Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference

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## REFERENCES

Prof. Herman Cappelen

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