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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS (\* = current)

- 2019-2022: University of Oxford, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow in Philosophy \*
- 2018-2019: Durham University, Junior Research Fellow
- 2016-2018: University College Dublin, IRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- 2015-2016: University of Oslo, Stipendiary Lecturer

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- AOS: Epistemology, Ethics, Normativity
- AOC: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophical Methodology

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## PUBLICATIONS

- Evidence and Bias  
*Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Evidence*. Forthcoming.
- Disagreement, Dogmatism, and the Bounds of Philosophy  
*International Journal of Philosophical Studies*. Vol. 27 (4) pp. 591-596 (2019)
- Dilemmic Epistemology  
*Synthese*. Vol. 196 (10) pp. 4059-4090 (2019)
- 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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## UNDER REVIEW/ IN PROGRESS / COMMISSIONED

### Books in progress:

- *Dilemmic Epistemology*: A monograph developing a new position in epistemology – ‘Dilemmism’ – and employing it to shed light on foundational issues in normative epistemology, ethics, and the theory of rationality.
- *Essays on Epistemic Dilemmas*: An edited collection of essays on the topic of epistemic dilemmas, under contract with 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.

### Articles under review:

- Against the Fixed-Point Thesis
- Epistemology Without Guidance
- Epistemic Feedback Loops (Or: How Not To Get Evidence)

### Articles in progress:

- The Breadth of Knowledge
- Epistemology Isn't Ethics
- Who's Afraid of Epistemic Dilemmas?

### Articles commissioned:

- An article for the Routledge volume ‘Seemings’
- An article for the Routledge volume ‘Epistemic Dilemmas: New Arguments, New Angles’

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## EDUCATION

PhD, 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, Prof. Jessica Brown  
Committee: Prof. Timothy Williamson (Oxford), Prof. Jennifer Lackey (Northwestern)

Visiting PhD Student, Philosophy, October 2013 - March 2014

- University of Oxford

Visiting PhD Student, Philosophy, October 2011 - December 2011

- Rutgers University

Master of Arts, Philosophy, September 2009

- University College London

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, September 2007

- University College London

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## AWARDS 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.)

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## TEACHING

2020: Philosophy of Mind

- Undergraduate Tutor (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year), University of Oxford
- Topics: Mind-Brain Identity Theory, Behaviourism, Functionalism, Interpretivism, Elimitivism, Consciousness, Individualism & Anti-Individualism, Self-Knowledge, Perception

2015: EXPHIL03E: History of Philosophy and Science, Ethics

- Seminar Leader (approx. 25 students)
- Undergraduate Introduction to Philosophy Course, University of Oslo
- Topics: *Contemporary Ethics*: Consequentialism, Deontology, Virtue Ethics, Relativism, Feminism, Abortion, Animal Rights. *History of Philosophy*: Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Hume, Kant

2015: FIL42000: Epistemology and Philosophy of Science

- Lecturer & Instructor of Record (approx. 10 students)
- Research Masters Course, University of Oslo
- Topics: Anti-Luminosity, Higher-Order Evidence, Knowledge & Action

2013: PY1006: Reasoning and Knowledge

- Seminar Leader (approx. 15 students)
- Undergraduate Course on Logic, Metaphysics, and Epistemology, University of St Andrews
- Topics: A Priori Knowledge, Induction, Scepticism, Analysis of Knowledge, Introductory Formal Logic

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

2020: Epistemic Feedback Loops

- University of Helsinki \*
- Inquiry Network Group \*
- University of Glasgow \*

2020: Epistemology Without Guidance

- New York University \*

2019: Epistemology Without Guidance

- University of Vienna \*
- University of Oslo \*
- University of Oxford ‡
- University of Cologne 'Epistemic Conflicts' Workshop \*

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 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 ‡
- 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 Northwestern/Notre Dame Graduate Epistemology Conference, Notre Dame University †
- 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 †
- 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'

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

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## ORGANISATION AND 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, & Chair: 2019-ongoing Oxford Epistemology Group
- Co-convener: 2020 reading group on 'Games: Agency as Art'
- Founder, Convener, & Chair: Oslo House Lectures, London
- Founder, Convener, & Chair: 2018-2019 Durham Normativity Seminar
- Co-founder, Co-convener & Co-chair: 2017-2018 Bloomsbury Epistemology Group
- 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

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