

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

AOS: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Logic and Language, Epistemology

AOC: Philosophy of Mathematics, Formal Logic

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016-continuing University of Oxford, Magdalen College
Waynflete Professor of Metaphysical Philosophy
Fellow of Magdalen College
Member of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics

2015-2016 University of Oxford, Balliol College
Waynflete Professor elect of Metaphysical Philosophy
Fairfax Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Balliol College

2007-2015 University of Oxford, Balliol College
CUF Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Oxford
Fairfax Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Balliol College

2005-2007 The Queen's College, Oxford
Junior Research Fellow in Philosophy

EDUCATION

2004-2007 University of Oxford, Balliol and Queen's Colleges
DPhil in Philosophy

2002-2004 University of Oxford, Balliol College
BPhil in Philosophy (with distinction)

1998-2002 Hebrew University of Jerusalem
BSc in Mathematics, Philosophy, and Computer Science
(with distinction)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- **Category Mistakes**, Oxford University Press 2013. Paperback edition: Oxford University Press, 2016.

Research Articles

- **Epistemicism about vagueness and meta-linguistic safety**, *Nous* (forthcoming).
- **Category mistakes and figurative language**, *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming).
- **Reflections on the ideology of reasons** (with John Hawthorne), forthcoming in Star, D. (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*, Oxford University Press.
- **Endurantism vs. perdurantism?: A debate reconsidered**, *Nous* 50 (2016): 509-532.
- **Response to Abrusán, Shaw, and Elbourne**, *Inquiry* 59 (2016): 559-586 (part of a symposium on my book *Category Mistakes*).
- **Why neither diachronic universalism nor the argument from vagueness establishes perdurantism**, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 45 (2015): 113-126.
- **The myth of the de se**, *Philosophical Perspectives* 29 (2015): 249-283.
- **Semantic sovereignty**, (with Stephen Kearns), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 85 (2012): 322-350.
- **Strict finitism and the happy sorites**, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 41 (2012): 471-491.
- **Arbitrary reference**, (with Wylie Breckenridge), *Philosophical Studies* 158 (2012): 377-400.
- **Assertion and epistemic opacity**, (with John Hawthorne), *Mind* 119 (2010): 1087-1105.
- **Category mistakes are meaningful**, *Linguistics & Philosophy* 32 (2009): 553-581.
- **Assertion, context, and epistemic accessibility**, (with John Hawthorne), *Mind* 118 (2009): 377-197.
- **The last dogma of type-confusions**, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 109 (2009): 1-29.
- **Epistemicism about vagueness and meta-linguistic safety**, (with Stephen Kearns) *Philosophical Perspectives* 22 (2008): 277-304.
- **Another note on Zeno's arrow**, *Phronesis* 53 (2008): 359-272.
- **Strict finitism refuted?**, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 107 (2007): 403-411.

Reference Articles

- **Arguments by Leibniz's Law in metaphysics**, *Philosophy Compass* 6 (2011): 180-195.

Responses, Critical Notices, and Book Reviews

- **Logical validity, necessary existence, and the nature of propositions**, forthcoming in *Analysis* (part of a symposium on Trenton Merricks's *Propositions*).
- **Natural language and how we use it: Psychology, pragmatics, and presupposition**, *Analysis* 70 (2010): 160-174 (extended critical notice of Soames, *Philosophical Essays* vol. 1).
- **Review of Peter Ludlow**, *The Philosophy of Generative Linguistics*, *Analysis* 72 (2012): 844-846.
- **Review of Robert Stalnaker**, *Our Knowledge of the Internal World*, *Philosophical Review* 119 (2010): 384-391

SELECTED TALKS

Named and Keynote Lectures

- The Mark Sainsbury Annual Lecture, KCL, May 2015 ('Endurantism vs. perdurantism: a debate reconsidered')
- Keynote talk in 'Logic, Grammar, and Meaning', University of East Anglia, June 2014 ('Epistemicism, distribution, and the argument from vagueness')
- Keynote talk at 7th Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics, Cambridge, January 2014 ('Arbitrary reference in logic and mathematics')
- Keynote talk at SPR-11, University of Basque Country, November 2011 ('The myth of the de se')

Arbitrary Reference

- Reference Workshop, University of Oslo, August 2007
- Philosophical Logic Workshop, University of Oxford, March 2008
- 'Analytic Philosophy of Mind and Language', Maison Francais Oxford, December 2011

Assertion, Context, and Epistemic Accessibility

- Second Oxford-Paris Philosophy of Language Workshop, June 2007
- UCL Linguistics Department, May 2008
- Assertion Workshop, University of St. Andrews (Arché/CSMN), May 2008
- Formal Philosophy Seminar, University of Leuven, March 2009

Assertion and Epistemic Opacity

- Departmental Seminar, University of Nottingham, March 2011
- Logic, Language, and Metaphysics Seminar, University of Leeds, March 2011

Category Mistakes and Figurative Language

- 'Go Figure: Understanding Figures of Speech', London, June 2013.
- Philosophy Society, University of Sussex, February 2014.
- Colloquium, Bristol University, March 2015

Conditional Acceptance

- Sixth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Krakow, August 2008
- New York University, November 2014
- Logic, Epistemology, and Metaphysics Forum, London, March 2015
- Colloquium, Carnegie Mellon University, April 2015
- Rutgers Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University, October 2015
- Colloquium, York University, October 2015

Conditional Justification

- Sixth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Krakow, August 2008

Endurantism vs. perdurantism?: a debate reconsidered

- Colloquium, Yale University, November 2014
- Colloquium, Edinburgh University, January 2015
- Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin, June 2015

Epistemicism about Vagueness and Meta-linguistic Safety

- The London Logic and Metaphysics Forum, The Institute of Philosophy, November 2007

- Vagueness and Language Use, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, April 2008
- Phlox Inaugural Workshop, Berlin, September 2008
- Logic, Language, and Cognition Seminar, King's College London, February 2012

Epistemicism, Distribution, and The Argument from Vagueness

- Vagueness Workshop, University of Birmingham, February 2014
- 'Meaning and Modality', University of Oslo, June 2014
- Colloquium, University of St Andrews, March 2016
- Colloquium, Princeton University, November 2015

The Last dogma of Type Confusions

- 'Mathematical Methods in Philosophy', Bristol University, September 2008
- The Aristotelian Society, London, October 2008
- Philosophical Society, University of Oxford, May 2009

The Myth of the De Se

- De-Se Workshop, Arché Centre, University of St. Andrews, December 2011
- Colloquium, Reading University, March 2012
- Colloquium, Brown University, March 2012
- Departmental Seminar, The Faculty of Linguistics, University of Oxford, April 2012
- Colloquium, Rutgers University, March 2013
- 'Philosophy of Language in the UK', University of Leeds, March 2014
- Colloquium, University of Stockholm, October 2015

Reflections on Leibniz's Law

- Conference in honour of Dorothy Edgington, Institute of Philosophy, London, May 2011

Semantic Sovereignty

- Third Oxford-Paris Workshop on Language and Ontology, Paris, June 2008
- Departmental Seminar, University of Manchester, March 2009
- Senior Seminar, University of Leeds, March 2009
- Logos Colloquium, University of Barcelona, April 2009
- Work in Progress Seminar, MIT, February 2010
- Departmental Seminar, Boston University, March 2010
- Colloquium, University of Texas, Austin, May 2010
- University of Oslo, August 2013

Strict Finitism and the Happy Sorites

- Workshop on Vagueness and Metaphysics, University of Barcelona, June 2009
- Logic Group, University of Connecticut, February 2010
- Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris, February 2011

Strict Finitism Refuted?

- The Finitism, Intuitionism, and Computation Work Group, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April 2006
- The Oxford Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar, May 2006
- Mind Association and Aristotelian Society Joint Sessions (graduate sessions), July 2006

Category Mistakes are Meaningful (various versions)

- Colloquium, Rutgers University, February 2006
- Colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2006
- Colloquium, MIT, January 2007
- Colloquium, University of Durham, November 2007

Commentaries & responses

- Gideon Rosen, ‘“Mistake of fact” and moral blame’, SOFIA (Mexico), January 2007
- Timothy Williamson, ‘Reference, inference and the semantics of pejoratives’, Implicature Workshop, University of Oslo (CSMN), November 2007
- Jeff King, ‘Questions of unity’, Philosophical Logic Workshop, Princeton University, May 2009
- Sarah Moss, ‘On the pragmatics of counterfactuals’, BSPC, August 2008
- Sean Aas, ‘Necessity and (as?) normativity’, APA Eastern Division, Boston, December 2010
- Dead Zimmerman, ‘Materialism, Dualism and “simple” theories of personal Identity’, Oxford Metaphysics Workshop, September 2011
- Charity Anderson, ‘Defeat, testimony, and miracles’, Testimony and Religious Epistemology, March 2014
- Andy Rogers and Liz Jackson, ‘Salvaging Pascal’s Wager’, Formal Epistemology and Religious Epistemology, December 2014
- Comments on Nate Charlow (2007), Adam Stewart-Wallace (2008), and Mihaela Popa (2009) in the Oxford Graduate Philosophy conference.

TEACHING

Graduate Lectures and Seminars

- Leverhulme Authors and Papers Seminar (2016, 2017)
- Vagueness (2013, with Cian Dorr, John Hawthorne, and Timothy Williamson)
- Between Semantics and Pragmatics (2011)
- First-year Graduate Seminar (2011, with John Hawthorne)
- Philosophy of Logic and Language BPhil Seminar (2011; 2009 with Cian Dorr)
- Metaphysics and Epistemology BPhil Seminar (2009 with Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra; 2007 with Antony Eagle)
- Introduction to Semantics for Philosophy Graduate Students (2008 with Timothy Williamson)

Graduate Supervision

- DPhil: Annina Loets, Sarah Lane-Smith, Alexander Kaiserman (2016), Sebastian Petzolt (2015)
- BPhil Thesis: James Kirkpatrick (2015), Laura Delgado (completed 2011)
- MPhil in Linguistics Thesis: Monika Kreile (completed 2012, co-supervisor)
- BPhil & MPhil in Linguistics, multiple supervisions for: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language

Undergraduate Lectures

- General Philosophy (2014, 2015)
- Philosophy of Logic and Language (2008, 2009)

Undergraduate Classes & Tutorials (numerous occasions)

- Knowledge and Reality
- Philosophy of Logic and Language
- Logic: Introduction to Logic; Elements of Deductive Logic; Formal Logic
- Frege's Foundations of Arithmetic
- General Philosophy
- History of Philosophy from Descartes to Kant (esp. Descartes, Hume, and Locke)
- Philosophy of Mathematics
- Undergraduate thesis supervisions

SELECTED INTERNAL SERVICE

Faculty of Philosophy

- Women's Officer (2015-2016)
- BPhil Course Co-ordinator (2011-2012)
- Graduate Studies Committee (2008-2013)
- Appointment Committee for CUF Fellowship at Balliol College (2016)
- Appointment Committee for CUF Fellowship at St Hilda's College (2014)
- Appointment Committee for CUF Fellowship at Corpus Christi College (2011)
- Appointment Committee for Departmental Lectureship (vice Prof. Williamson) (2010)
- Mellon Career Development Fellowship in Semantics: Successful bid to fund post; Appointment Committee for the post (2009).
- Internal Examiner for DPhil: Andy Yu (2016), Jeremy Goodman (2015), Emanuel Viebahn (2015), Gail Leckie (2013)
- Wide range of examining duties (including: Chairman of examiners for Mathematics and Philosophy Part B; Examiner for PPE, Physics and Philosophy, and Mathematics and Philosophy Part C; Assessor for a large number of FHS and BPhil theses, extended essays, and exams).

Balliol College

- Executive Committee (2014-2016)
- Academic Committee (2009)
- Appointment Committee for Junior Research Fellowship in the Arts and Social Science (2009)
- College Governing Body and Tutorial Board

Other Oxford Colleges

- Assessor for Junior Research Fellowship, Merton College (2016)
- Assessor for Fellowship by Examination, Magdalen College (2013, 2014, 2016)
- Appointment committee for non-stipendiary JRF in Philosophy, Jesus College (2011)

SELECTED EXTERNAL SERVICE

- Member of the Editorial Board for *Disputatio*, *Ergo*, *Thought*, and *Mind*.
- Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Disputatio*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Ratio*, *Synthese*, *Thought*
- Editor of the 'Assertion' category in *PhilPapers*
- External PHD Examiner (Matthew McKeever, 'A new theory of reference', University of St. Andrews, 2016)
- External PhD Examiner (Mirja Holst, 'Ordering Semantics for Incomplete Descriptions', University of Leeds, 2012)
- External PhD Examiner (Torfinn Huvenes, 'On the contrary: disagreement, context, and relative truth'), University of Oslo (2011)
- Appointment Committee for Postdoctoral Fellowship in Philosophical Logic, University of Oslo (2012)
- Academic advisor for the Open University, Israel
- Reviewer for the Israeli Science Foundation

AWARDS AND EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

- **Philip Leverhulme Prize**, £100,000 over three years (2014)
- New Insights in Religious Epistemology, two terms buy-out grant (2014)
- Visiting Professor (advanced research seminar) at Centre for Logic, Language, and Cognition, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2011)
- Leverhulme International Network on *de se* thought (2016-
- AHRC Metaphysical Indeterminacy Research Network, University of Leeds (2011-2013)
- Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Visiting (2010)