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Academic positions

- 2018– *Associate Professor of Theoretical Philosophy*, University of Reading, U.K.
2012–2018 *Lecturer*, University of Reading, U.K.
2012 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Language and Cognition, Umeå University, Sweden
2010–2011 *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Institut Jean-Nicod (CNRS-EHESS-ENS), Paris, France

Visiting positions

- 2018 *Visiting Scholar*, Center for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford University
2016–2017 *External Faculty Fellow*, Humanities Center, Stanford University

Areas of specialization & competence

AOS: Philosophy of language (AOC: Epistemology • Experimental Semantics and Pragmatics • History of Analytic Philosophy • Metaphysics)

Education

- 2010 PH.D. in Philosophy, University of Chicago
2002 M.A./B.A. (HONS.) in P.P.E., University of Oxford (1st class)
2000 A.B. in Philosophy, Georgetown University (*summa cum laude*)

Publications

PAPERS

- forthcoming “[The Myth of the Common Sense Conception of Color](#)” (with Zed Adams), in Åsa Wikforss and Teresa Marques (eds.), *Shifting Concepts: The Philosophy And Psychology of Conceptual Variability*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2018 “[Third-Person Knowledge Ascriptions: A Crucial Experiment for Contextualism](#)” (with Jumbly Grindrod and James Andow), *Mind & Language*, Early View, 1–25.
- 2018 “[Just What Is It That Makes Travis’s Examples So Different, So Appealing?](#)”, in Collins, J., and Dobler, T. (eds.), *The Philosophy of Charles Travis: Language, Thought, and Perception*, 113–134. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2018 “[‘Nobody Would Really Talk That Way!’: The Critical Project in Contemporary Ordinary Language Philosophy](#)”, *Synthese*, Online First, 1–32.
- 2017 “[Must We Measure What We Mean?](#)”, *Inquiry*, 60(8), 785–815.
- 2017 “[Color Adjectives, Standards, and Thresholds: An Experimental Investigation](#)” (with Emmanuel Chemla), *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 40(3), 239–278.

- 2017 “A New Argument from Interpersonal Variation to Subjectivism about Color: A Response to Gómez-Torrente”, *Noûs*, 51(2), 421–428.
- 2017 “Color Comparisons and Interpersonal Variation”, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 8(4), 809–826.
- 2015 “Experimental Philosophy of Language”, *Oxford Handbooks Online*, 1–31.
- 2015 “Linguistic Experiments and Ordinary Language Philosophy” (with Emmanuel Chemla), *Ratio*, 28(4), 422–445.
- 2014 “Contemporary Ordinary Language Philosophy”, *Philosophy Compass*, 9(8): 556–569.
- 2014 “Contrasting Cases”, in James Beebe (ed.), *Advances in Experimental Epistemology*, 71–95. New York: Bloomsbury.
- 2013 “Experimenting on Contextualism” (with Emmanuel Chemla), *Mind & Language*, 28(3): 286–321.
- 2013 “A Slugfest of Intuitions: Contextualism and Experimental Design”, *Synthese*, 190(10): 1771–1792.
- 2012 “J.L. Austin and Literal Meaning”, *European Journal of Philosophy*, 22(4): 617–632.
- 2012 “On An Alleged Truth/Falsity Asymmetry in Context Shifting Experiments”, *The Philosophical Quarterly* 62(248): 530–545.
- 2011 “Color Adjectives and Radical Contextualism”, *Linguistics and Philosophy* 34(3): 201–221.

EDITED VOLUMES

- 2015 Special issue of *Ratio*, 28(4), “Investigating Meaning: Experimental Approaches” (edited with Emma Borg)

REVIEWS

- 2016 Review of Krista Lawlor, *Assurance: An Austinian View of Knowledge and Knowledge Claims*, for the *European Journal of Philosophy*, 24(1): 298–302.
- 2014 Review of Avner Baz, *When Words Are Called For: A Defense of Ordinary Language Philosophy*, for *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 64(254): 179–181.
- 2013 Review of Paul Elbourne, *Meaning: A Slim Guide to Semantics*, for *Philosophy in Review*, 33(1): 31–33.

Work in progress

- “A Corpus Study of ‘Know’: On the Verification of Philosophers’ Frequency Claims about Language” (with J.D. Porter and Kathryn Francis) (under review)
- “Metalinguistic Proposals”
- “Really Radical Contextualism”
- “Stakes, Scales, and Skepticism” (with Kathryn Francis and Phil Beaman)
- Review of Avner Baz, *The Crisis of Method in Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*, for *MIND*

Impact outside academia

- Visage typeface by Labour, LLC
- BLUSH Jewelry Exhibit in San Francisco by Sienna Patti Gallery

Awards, fellowships, grants

- 2019–2022 Marie Skłodowska-Curie AIAS-COFUND Fellowship (declined)
- 2017–2019 Leverhulme Research Project Grant, “The Psychology of Philosophical Thought Experiments” (£101,062)
- 2016–2017 External Faculty Fellowship, Humanities Center, Stanford University (\$100,000)

- 2016–2017 British Academy Skills Innovator Award (declined because of conflict with Stanford fellowship)
- 2015, 2014 Best Research Output (Early Career Researcher), School of Humanities, University of Reading
- 2014–2016 Co-Investigator, Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Research Networking Scheme, “Pervasive Context Sensitivity in Natural Language”, University of Reading and Peking University (China) (£25,941)
- 2014–2015 British Academy Quantitative Skills Acquisition Award, “Quantitative Methods in Experimental Philosophy of Language” (£9,924)
- 2011, 2012 SIAS Summer Institute on “The Second Person”, National Humanities Center and Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (travel grant and stipend)
- 2008 Lee Prize (best graduate essay in theoretical philosophy) (shared), University of Chicago
- 2007–2008 Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2007–2008 Franke Institute of the Humanities Affiliated Fellow, University of Chicago
- 2005–2007 Nicholson Center for British Studies, Graduate Project Grant (competitive grant used to fund a History of 20th Century British Philosophy lecture series), awarded twice
- 2004 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Practicum Grant (awarded for a proposal to integrate philosophy into a high school humanities curriculum)
- 2002–2007 Century Fellow (award covering tuition with stipend), University of Chicago
- 2002–2003 Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (national award covering tuition and stipend for the first year of graduate study)
- 2000–2002 Allbritton Scholar, Brasenose College, University of Oxford (Georgetown University award covering tuition and stipend for two years at Oxford)
- 2000 Ryan Medal (for highest GPA in advanced philosophy courses at Georgetown University)
- 2000 Undergraduate philosophy thesis defended with distinction, Georgetown University

Talks

INVITED

- upcoming Central Division APA, Symposium on Metapragmatics
- upcoming University of Illinois Chicago
- 2018 New College of the Humanities, Cognitive Science Research Group, London
- 2017 Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin
- 2017 Stanford University, SemPrag (Semantics and Pragmatics) Workshop
- 2017 Stanford University Humanities Center
- 2016 University of Chicago, Meaning, Metaphor, and Maimonides: Conference in honor of Josef Stern
- 2016 New School for Social Research, New York
- 2016 New York Philosophy of Language Workshop
- 2016 University of Cambridge, Semantics, Pragmatics and Phil Language research group
- 2016 University of Zürich, colloquium, “Theoretical Philosophy: Concepts, Ideas, Universals”
- 2016 London Institute of Philosophy, Logic, Epistemology and Metaphysics Forum
- 2016 City University London, Department of Psychology
- 2015 Peking University, Pervasive Context Conference
- 2015 University of Oxford and Maison Française d’Oxford, J.L. Austin’s Philosophy Today
- 2014 Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China
- 2014 CCCOM Workshop, Vihula, Estonia
- 2014 Institut Jean-Nicod, Groupe de travail “Philosophie Expérimentale”, Paris
- 2014 *Ratio*/Centre for Cognition Research Conference on Semantics and Science, University of Reading
- 2013 University of Kent
- 2013 University of Southampton, Philosophy Society
- 2013 Los Angeles Museum of Neon Art “Neon Cruise”, Los Angeles to Las Vegas

- 2013 Åbo Akademi, The Contemporary Significance of Ordinary Language Philosophy (Plenary lecture), Turku, Finland
- 2013 CCCOM Workshop on Context, Trondheim, Norway
- 2013 University of East Anglia
- 2013 University of Reading
- 2013 All Souls College, University of Oxford, Semantic Content Seminar
- 2012 University of Barcelona, Conference: Empirical Data and Philosophical Theorizing
- 2012 Umeå University, Philosophical Society
- 2012 University of Stockholm, CCCOM Workshop: Communication and Understanding
- 2012 University of Chicago, Philosophical Reunion Conference II
- 2012 University of Reading
- 2012 Umeå University, Sweden (presentations to both philosophy and linguistics)
- 2011 Château de Cerisy, Meaning, Context and Implicit Content Conference, Normandy, France (Plenary lecture)
- 2011 New School for Social Research, Wittgenstein Workshop, New York
- 2011 University of Helsinki
- 2011 Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland
- 2011 Institut Jean-Nicod, "CPR Days" conference
- 2011 Institut Jean-Nicod, Doc'in Nicod Workshop
- 2011 University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2010 Northwestern University, PhLing (Philosophy and Linguistics) Workshop
- 2010 University of Western Ontario
- 2009 Georgetown University
- 2008 University of Chicago, Franke Institute for the Humanities
- 2007 Université de Picardie, Colloque international: *Perception et sense commun: Austin et la question du réalisme*

REFEREED

- upcoming Buffalo X-Phi Conference (joint work presented by Kathryn Francis)
- 2018 UK X-Phi Workshop, UCL (joint work presented by Kathryn Francis)
- 2015 University of Oslo, 3rd Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference
- 2015 Spanish National Research Council, Madrid, Workshop on Gradability, Scale Structure and Vagueness: Experimental Perspectives
- 2011 University of Stockholm, 1st Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference
- 2011 University of Barcelona, XIII Taller d'Investigació en Filosofia Conference
- 2010 Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, Logic and Language Conference
- 2009 Institute for the Philosophy of Language, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Context and Levels of Locutionary Content Conference, Lisbon
- 2009 Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Filosófico, Issues in Contemporary Semantics and Ontology 1 Conference, Buenos Aires
- 2007 University of New Mexico, Pop Culture Conference
- 2006 Cornell University, Aesthetics of Pop Conference
- 2005 Oxford University, Graduate Philosophy Conference
- 2005 University of Iowa, Graduate Philosophy Conference
- 2005 University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Mellon Graduate Philosophy Conference
- 2005 University of Utah, Intermountain West Philosophy Conference
- 2004 Indiana University, Indiana Philosophical Association Conference
- 2003 Reed College, Northwest Philosophy Conference
- 2003 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate Philosophy Conference

COMMENTS

- upcoming TBD, Meaning Workshop, Skárholt, Iceland
- 2017 Rachel Sterken, "The Structures of Social Structural Explanation", California Philosophy Workshop, Malibu, CA

- 2016 Mark Phelan, “Gradability and Multidimensionality in Aesthetic Adjectives”, Pacific APA, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 Inés Crespo, “Certainty in Pain and Taste”, PALMYR X, Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris
- 2009 John MacFarlane, “Disagreement”, Perspectival Thought Workshop, University of Chicago

Teaching

AWARDS

- 2014, 2015 Nominated for Reading University Student Union Teaching Excellence Award (x2)
- 2013– Fellow of the U.K. Higher Education Academy
- 2010 Teaching Award for Excellence in Course Design, University of Chicago
- 2007 Stuart A. Tave Teaching Fellowship (competitive Division of the Humanities award)

UNIVERSITY OF READING

- upcoming *Speech Attacks: Bullshit, Lies, Propaganda*
- 2018 Independent Learning Module
- 2017 *Speech Attacks: Bullshit, Lies, Propaganda*
- 2017 *Colour*
- 2016 *Philosophy of Language*
- 2016 *Experimental Philosophy* (co-taught)
- 2015 *Reason and Argument*
- 2015 UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme): *Logic for Humans: Philosophical Perspectives on the Psychology of Reasoning*
- 2014 *Reason and Argument*
- 2013 *Truth and Bullshit*
- 2013 *Reason and Argument*
- 2013 *Ph.D. Class: Philosophy and Cognitive Science* (co-taught)
- 2013 *Wittgenstein and Philosophy of Language* (co-taught)
- 2013 *Early Modern Philosophy 2: Hume and Kant* (co-taught)
- 2012 *Reason and Argument* (co-taught)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

- 2010, 2007 *Philosophical Perspectives II: Early Modern Philosophy*
- 2008–2009 *B.A. Honors Thesis Workshop*
- 2008 *Philosophical Perspectives I: Ancient Philosophy*
- 2007 *Philosophical Perspectives III: 18th and 19th Century Moral Philosophy*
- 2007 *Telling the Truth: Skepticism, Relativism and Bullshit* (Tave Fellowship Class)

ELSEWHERE

- 2004, 2005 *Philosophy of Mind* (co-taught), Center for Talented Youth, Loyola Marymount University
- 2004 *Personal Identity*, (Funded by Woodrow Wilson Practicum Grant), University High School, California State University Fresno
- 2003 *Ethics* (co-taught), Center for Talented Youth, Johns Hopkins University

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

- 2018–2019 Su Wu, *Experimental Epistemology* (Visiting Ph.D. student, Sun Yat-sen University)
- 2017–2019 Kathryn Francis, *The Psychology of Philosophical Thought Experiments* (Postdoctoral Researcher)
- 2016– Sarah Fisher, *The Semantics and Pragmatics of Framing Effects* (co-supervisor with Emma Borg) (Ph.D.)

- 2016– Benjamin Paget-Woods, *Do Intuitions Support Multiple Types of Knowledge?* (co-supervisor with Conor McHugh) (Ph.D.)
- 2015– Neil Hamilton-Fairley, *The Context Sensitivity of Thought* (co-supervisor with Emma Borg) (Ph.D.)
- 2013–2017 Jumbly Grindrod, *Epistemic Contextualism as a Linguistic Thesis* (co-supervisor with Emma Borg) (Ph.D.)

Service to the profession

EDITORIAL

- 2017– Editor, *Mind & Language*
- 2016– PhilPapers editor for *Experimental Philosophy: Contextualism and Invariantism*
- 2012– Associate Editor, *Ratio*

BOOK AND JOURNAL REFEREE

Analysis, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (x4), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (x2), *Cognitive Science* (x2), *Croatian Journal of Philosophy, dialectica* (x3), *Discipline Filosofiche*, *Disputatio*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis* (x3), *European Journal of Philosophy* (x2), *Folia Linguistica*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, *HOPOS: Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science*, *Inquiry* (x2), *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Language under Discussion*, *Lingua* (pre-2015), *Linguistics and Philosophy* (x4), *MIND*, *Mind & Language* (x4), *Nordic Wittgenstein Review*, *Noûs*, Oxford University Press (x3), *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophers' Imprint*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Studies* (x3), *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, *Ratio*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* (x4), *Routledge* (x2), *SAGE Open*, *Semantics & Pragmatics*, *Springer*, *Synthese* (x6), *Teorema*

GRANT REFEREE

- 2018 Institut d'études avancées de Paris
- 2015– Arts and Humanities Research Council Peer Review College (x2)
- 2013 *Evaluator* and *rapporteur* for the Norwegian-Estonian Research Cooperation Program
- 2013 *Referee* for the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)

CONFERENCE REFEREE

- 2016– SALT (Semantics and Linguistic Theory) 26
- 2015 9th International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Modeling and Using Context

PH.D. EXAMINER

- 2014 *Internal Ph.D. Examiner*: Scott Normand, *Wittgenstein's Middle-Period Philosophy of Mathematics through the Lens of the No-Conjecture Thesis*
- 2013 *Internal Ph.D. Examiner*: Eileen Walker, *A Pathway to Natural Kind Essentialism*
- 2012 *External Ph.D. examiner* (University of Barcelona): Laura Pérez, *Ascriptions in Context: An Experimental Study on the Context-sensitivity of Belief Reports*

UNIVERSITY OF READING

- 2019 Co-organizer of the *Ratio* conference: "Applied Philosophy of Language"
- 2017– Admissions, Open and Visit Days
- 2016 Director of Teaching and Learning

2014 Admissions and Open Days
 2014 Co-organizer (with Emma Borg) of the *Ratio*/CCR Conference: “Semantics and Science: What Can Experiments Tell Us about How to Model Meaning?”
 2014– Department Representative to the Americas Regional Advisory Group
 2013–2016 Internationalization (China, USA)
 2012–2016 Part 1 Coordinator
 2012–2016 Study Abroad Coordinator
 2012– Supervisor for various B.A. and M.A. theses (on topics in language, mind, epistemology, early modern, and the history of analytic philosophy)
 2012– Personal Tutor (academic advisor for \approx 10–30 students/year)

References

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