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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- University of Manchester **PhD: Philosophy** (Sep 2016 – Present)
THESIS - *Epistemic Exclusion, Resistance, Nudging and Sales*:
Identifying and examining the particular epistemic harms faced by severely excluded social groups, taking UK benefit claimants as a case study. The second half of the thesis introduces and analyses the moral permissibility and practicality of epistemic resistance through manipulation of the cognitive biases of dominant knowers via two new conceptual techniques: *epistemic nudging* and *epistemic salespersonship*.
- University of St Andrews **MLitt: Philosophy** (Sep 2015 – Aug 2016)
Awarded with Distinction. Assessed by nine papers, and a 15,000-word dissertation:
- DISSERTATION: Epistemic obliteration, from a social perspective. Distinction
 - Contemporary Metaphysics: Social Ontology. Distinction
 - Recent Moral Theory: Reasons, Normativity and Transitivity. Distinction
 - Political Philosophy: Global Justice. Distinction
 - Political Philosophy: Rights and Duties. Distinction
 - Research Methods: Epistemology. Distinction
 - Current Issues 2: Philosophy of Language. Distinction
 - Current Issues 2: Philosophy of Mind. Distinction
 - Current Issues 1: Epistemology. Distinction
 - Current Issues 1: Ethics. Merit / Pass
- University of Oxford **BA Hons: Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)** (Oct 2012 - Jun 2015)
Awarded 2(i). Assessed by eight final honours school exams:
- Finals: Metaphysics and Epistemology; Ethics; Early Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Science; The Republic; History of Political Thought; Theory of Politics; Political Sociology.
 - First year exams: General philosophy, Moral philosophy, Logic, Political Theory, UK and US Politics, Micro-economics, Macro-economics.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- Publications:
- ‘**How Might Financial Aid form a part of the Negative Duty Not to Harm, in the Case of Global Poverty?**’
Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society (forthcoming, 2018).
 - ‘**The Curious Case of Ronald McDonald’s Claim to Rights: An Ontological Account of Differences in Group and Individual Person Rights**’
Journal of Social Ontology, vol.4, iss.1 (2018), pp1-28.
 - ‘**Suggestions and Challenges for a Social Account of Sensitivity**’
Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective 5, no.6 (2016), pp18-26. ISSN 2471-9560.
- Papers presented by Invitation*:
- University of Manchester (Sep 2018, UK) ‘**An ontological account of group-agent / individual-agent differences in responsibilities and rights**’
MANCEPT workshops 2018: *Legitimate Injustice and Just Resistance*; invited workshop speaker.
 - University of Vienna (June 2018, Austria) ‘**Nudging and epistemic paternalism: their value in promoting, not undermining, epistemic freedom of choice**’.
7th WFAP Graduate Conference: *Rationality and Democracy*; invited guest speaker.
 - University of Melbourne ‘**Epistemic objectification: the possibility of resistance under**

(May 2018, Australia)	conditions of exclusion’. Postgraduate colloquium: Invited seminar speaker (<i>forthcoming</i>).
University of Manchester (May 2018, UK)	‘Epistemic resistance: individual and collective permissibility’. Manchester Centre for Political Theory seminar series: Invited seminar speaker.
Leeds Beckett University (May 2018, UK)	‘Povertyism, media bias, and epistemic harm’ CeASR Social Change interdisciplinary seminar series: Invited seminar speaker.
Lund University (Apr 2018, Sweden)	‘From collective to individual remedial responsibility for global harms’. Invited workshop speaker.
Kings College London (Nov 2017, UK)	‘Epistemic exclusion and resistance under austerity’. Department of Philosophy; invited guest speaker.
University of Manchester (June 2017, UK)	‘UK austerity measures and epistemic exclusion’. UK Social and Political Inequalities Group: <i>Reflections on 2016: The Politics of Marginalised Groups</i> ; invited to present.
University of Vienna (May 2017, Austria)	‘Povertyism, exclusion, and epistemic objectification’. The Vienna Forum for Analytic Philosophy; invited guest speaker.
University of Keele (Dec 2016, UK)	‘The curious case of Ronald McDonald’s rights as a person’. AHRC NW Consortium; invited speaker for Manchester University.
University of Stirling (Nov 2016, UK)	‘The curious case of Ronald McDonald’s rights as a person’. Stirling Philosophy Society; invited guest speaker.

* Additional papers presented by invitation at various schools and university departments as part of academic outreach work, and papers presented at home university department internal seminars and events; details available on request.

<u>Peer-reviewed accepted papers:</u>	University of Cologne (Sep 2018, Germany)	‘Epistemic resistance’ 10th International Conference of the German Society for Analytic Philosophy (<i>GAP 10</i>).
	University of Pavia (Jun 2018, Italy)	‘Epistemic injustice and the tools of the oppressor’ Conference on <i>Contemporary Issues Across Ethics & Epistemology</i>
	University of Minho (Jun 2018, Portugal)	‘Epistemic injustice and the tools of the oppressor’ The Ninth Annual Braga Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy
	LSE: Dept of Govt (Jun 2018, UK)	‘Just resistance: the permissibility of epistemic nudging in overcoming epistemic harm’ Conference on <i>Injustice, Resistance, and Progress’</i> , (co-sponsored with the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, US).
	ACU Melbourne (May 2018, Australia)	‘Just resistance: the permissibility of epistemic nudging in overcoming epistemic harm’ Conference on <i>Moral Epistemology</i> .
	University of Oxford (Apr 2018, UK)	‘Just resistance: the permissibility of epistemic nudging in overcoming epistemic harm’ The 2018 Oxford Graduate Conference in Political Theory.
	LSE: Dept of Govt (Mar 2018, UK)	‘Injustice, insight, and resistance’ The Fourth Annual Political Theory Graduate Conference.
	University of Madrid (Aug 2017, Spain)	‘Testimonial injustice and epistemic objectification’ Graduate / early career summer school in Social Epistemology.
	European Society for Analytic Philosophy (Aug 2017, Germany)	‘A non-instrumentalist account of epistemic objectification’ The Ninth Congress of the European Society for Analytic Philosophy (LMU Munich).

The 91 st Joint Session (Jul 2017, UK)	'How might compensation form a part of the negative duty not to harm, in the case of global poverty?' Postgraduate Session speaker at The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association (University of Edinburgh).
SAP 2017, Copenhagen (Jun 2017, Denmark)	'Alleviating global poverty: Why the easiest action is also one that is demanded of us.' Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference.
University of St Andrews (May 2017, UK)	'Individual charitable giving and the negative duty not to harm' Conference on <i>The Ethics of Giving</i> .
University of Manchester (May 2017, UK)	'Envisioning the profession we want' (panel member) SWIP / BPA annual conference; plenary session panel member.
Stockholm University (Apr 2017, Sweden)	'Global Poverty and individual duties' The Fifth Stockholm Philosophy Graduate Conference.
University of Oxford (Nov 2016, UK)	'How might compensation form a part of the negative duty not to harm, in the case of global poverty?' The 20 th Oxford Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference.
University College Cork (Oct 2016, Ireland)	'Performative personhood and shared group agency' <i>I, You and We Phi</i> : First Cork Annual Workshop on Social Agency.
University of Manchester (Sep 2016, UK)	'An ontological account of group-agent / individual-agent differences in responsibilities and rights' MANCEPT workshops 2016: <i>Collective Moral Agency & Global Justice</i> .
International Social Ontology Society (Aug 2016, Netherlands)	'An ontological account of group-agent / individual-agent differences in responsibilities and rights' <i>Collective Intentionality X</i> (at The Hague World Forum).
University of Tartu (Mar 2016, Estonia)	'Suggestions and Challenges for a Social Account of Sensitivity' Graduate conference in Social Epistemology.
<u>Residential School</u> <u>Places awarded:</u>	University of Madrid Summer School: Social Epistemology. (Aug 2017) IUC, Dubrovnik Summer School: Social Epistemology & Relativism. (Jul 2017) University of Antwerp Summer School: Political Myth & Propaganda. (Aug 2016)

Conferences / events
Organised:

Open Minds XIII: Postgraduate conference in Philosophy.
Co-convener (Aug 2018).

Selfhood and Self-Consciousness: The third in a Royal Institute of Philosophy series on 'Personhood and Selfhood', additionally sponsored by the MIND Association.
Co-convener (Jul 2018).

The Narrative Self: The second in a Royal Institute of Philosophy series on 'Personhood and Selfhood', additionally sponsored by the UK AHRC North West Doctoral Training Partnership.
Co-convener (Apr 2018).

PhilChat: A MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) event for undergraduate students.
Co-convener (Mar 2018).

Social Personhood: The first in a Royal Institute of Philosophy series on 'Personhood and Selfhood', additionally sponsored by the UK AHRC North West Doctoral Training Partnership.
Lead convener (Jan 2018).

MANCEPT 2017 workshop: 'Collective Agents and Global Structural Injustice'
Co-convener and presenter (Sep 2017).

UoM Philosophy Reading Party: Departmental residential philosophy weekend
Organiser (Jun 2017).

COMPETITIVELY AWARDED ACADEMIC AWARDS**

Sep 2018	Harry Lesser Teaching Prize Funded award for teaching excellence in Philosophy at the University of Manchester.
Sep 2018	MANCEPT workshops 2018 Conference paper presenter funding bursary (competitively awarded).
Aug 2018	The Society for Applied Philosophy (SAP) £1400 funding award to present at a conference in Melbourne (competitively awarded).
July 2017	The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association Conference fees, accommodation and meals scholarship (competitively awarded via selection for the Postgraduate session).
May 2017	The International Social Ontology Society Funded first place in the 2016 International Essay Competition for my paper: 'The Curious Case of Ronald McDonald's Rights as a Person: An Ontological Account of Differences in Group and Individual Person Rights'.
Sep 2016 – July 2019	University of Manchester PhD Studentship: Tuition fees + maintenance + funded Research Training Support.
Sep 2016	MANCEPT workshops 2016 Conference paper presenter funding bursary (competitively awarded).
Mar 2016	University of Tartu Conference funding award (awarded to top 4 peer-reviewed papers accepted to conference).
Sep 2012 – June 2015	University of Oxford Five college prizes received for first class honours in end of semester exams.

*** Additional paper acceptance-based funding awarded for conference travel / accommodation at various conferences, and costs paid for speaking engagements by invitation: details available on request.*

CONFERENCE FUNDING AWARDS ***

July 2018	Arts and Humanities Research Council doctoral cohort development programme funding. £750 (maximum award for a single research pathway) for the third in a series of conferences on Personhood: 'Personhood and Self-Consciousness'.
May 2018	MIND Association major conference grant. £600 (maximum small grant award) for the second in a series of conferences on Personhood: 'The Narrative Self'.
Mar 2018	The Society for Applied Philosophy (SAP) £1250 for a postgraduate conference in Philosophy ('Open Minds XIII').
Jan 2018	Arts and Humanities Research Council doctoral cohort development programme funding. £750 (maximum award for a single research pathway) for the second in a series of conferences on Personhood: 'The Narrative Self'.
Nov 2017	MIND Association major conference grant. £1000 (maximum award for a recurring conference) for a postgraduate conference in Philosophy ('Open Minds XIII').
Sep 2017	Royal Institute of Philosophy postgrad conference funding. £2500 (maximum award) for a series of conferences on aspects of Personhood.
May 2017	Arts and Humanities Research Council doctoral cohort development programme funding. £750 (maximum award for a single research pathway) for the first in a series of conferences on Personhood: 'Social Personhood'.

**** Additional internal conference funding awards received from home university totalling c£3000 to date.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seminar lead and assessment:

- Undergraduate module: Critical Thinking (propositional and predicate logic; philosophical argumentation). (2017/18)

- Undergraduate module: Introduction to Metaphysics and Epistemology. (2017/18)

Lecturer with upper school students aged 15-18:

- Wilmslow High School, Cheshire (UK): 'Making up persons? Group agents and their rights'. (Mar 2018)
- Loreto College, Manchester (UK): 'Injustice when we try to speak – what happens when prejudice clouds perceptions?' (social epistemology - race and epistemic exclusion). (Oct 2017)

ACADEMIC / COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION: POSITIONS HELD

- *Discover Philosophy Day* (widening access scheme for sixth form students): Workshop lead. (Jun 2018)
- Realising Opportunities (widening access scheme): National Student Conference speaker (paid). (Feb 2018)
- Mentor for the *National Literacy Trust* (working in various schools). (Jan 2018 – Present)
- Reviewer for *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (Springer). (Nov 2017 – Present)
- Administrator for *The MIND Association* (paid). (Nov 2017 – Present)
- Assistant Editor at *Global Justice: Theory, Practice, Rhetoric* (paid). (Oct 2017 - Present)
- Manchester Widening Access Programme Tutor (paid). (May 2017 – Present)
- Creator / convener of the PhD Philosophy seminar (Manchester). (Jan 2017 – Present)
- PhD representative, and Dept Policy and Resources Committee representative (Manchester). (Nov 2016 – Present)
- MAP (Minorities and Philosophy) UK Mentor. (Oct 2016 – Present)
- Editorial board member, *Aporia*, St Andrews' philosophy journal. (Sep 2015 – Aug 2016)
- Elected Mature Students Executive, Oxford Student Union Council. (Jun 2014 – Jun 2015)
- Elected Academic Affairs and Access Officer, Harris Manchester College (Oxford). (Jan 2014 – Dec 2014)
- Volunteering: Nightline advisor; outreach mentor; summer school mentor; reading tutor. (Oct 2012 – May 2015)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER SUMMARY – PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT, CONSULTANCY, COMMS, LEADERSHIP

Dates	Client / Employer (Industry)	Role Performed
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For a number of years, including for periods of annual leave during undergraduate and postgraduate study, I worked as a project and strategy consultant in the private sector, holding various senior and responsible positions. Here, I developed a range of skills relevant to my academic career - including research, presentation, communication, facilitation, and leadership capabilities - in addition to gaining insight which informs my applied philosophical research.

Typical responsibilities: Strategic advice to the CEO and Board; Operational design; Programme, portfolio and project management; Client and supplier negotiation and contract preparation; HR strategy design; Matrix and departmental team management (10-400 people); Employee development; Risk and issue management; Stakeholder analysis and management; Test strategy dev and planning; Budget creation, tracking and management; Written and oral presentations, documents and reports; Internal and external corporate communications; Analysis and process re-engineering; Chairing, reporting and participating at departmental, board and shareholder level. *****

Feb 2017 – May 2017	Co-op Food (Retail)	STRATEGY CONSULTANT
Jun 2015 – Aug 2015	Asda Walmart (Retail)	STRATEGY CONSULTANT
Jun 2014 – Sep 2014	Yorkshire Building Society (Banking)	PROGRAMME CONSULTANT
Jul 2013 – Sep 2013	Yorkshire Building Society (Banking)	PROGRAMME CONSULTANT
Jul 2011 – Sep 2012	Yorkshire Building Society (Banking)	PROGRAMME DIRECTOR
Feb 2010 – Jul 2011	Transactis (Retail data services)	EXEC BOARD DIRECTOR
Jul 2009 – Feb 2010	CDMS / Shop Direct Group (Retail fraud prevention)	PROGRAMME DIRECTOR
May 2008 – Jun 2009	Otto UK (Retail)	GROUP HEAD OF PROJECTS
Jul 2006 – Apr 2008	Otto UK (Retail - Financial services)	PROGRAMME MANAGER
Jul 2005 – Jul 2006	GE Money UK (Financial services)	RISK PROJECTS MANAGER
Mar 2000 – Jun 2005	Experian Scorex (Financial risk management)	PROJECT LEADER
Apr 2002 – Dec 2003	Experian Scorex (Financial risk management)	DEPT. TRAINING MANAGER
Sep 1997 – Mar 2000	Ventura (Telecoms / Utilities clients)	BUSINESS ANALYST

***** Further details of specific duties and achievements in role available on request.
