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Areas of Specialisation

Epistemology, Logic, Philosophy of Law

Education and Qualifications

2001 – 2005 PhD in Philosophy at the Australian National University.

Awarded in December 2005.

1996 – 2000 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) at the University of Western Australia.

Academic Employment

Aug 2019 – present Reader, University of Edinburgh

Jan 2016 – Aug 2019 Lecturer, University of Edinburgh

Sep 2008 – Dec 2015 Lecturer, University of Glasgow

Jan 2008 – Sep 2008 Lecturer, University of St Andrews

Sep 2006 – Jan 2008 Executive Director of Arché, University of St Andrews

Jan 2006 – Jun 2006 Lecturer, University of York

Honorary Positions

Sep 2009 – Sep 2015 Associate Fellow of the Northern Institute of Philosophy,
University of Aberdeen

Sep 2009 – Sep 2015 Honorary Research Fellow, University of Aberdeen

Publications

Book

2016 *Between Probability and Certainty: What Justifies Belief* (Oxford University Press)

Papers

Forthcoming ‘The Hardest Paradox for Closure’ *Erkenntnis*

Forthcoming ‘Against Legal Probabilism’ in Robson, J. and Hoskins, Z. eds. *Truth and Trial* (Routledge)

Forthcoming ‘Epistemic Logic Without Closure’ *Synthese* (with Stephan Leuenberger)

Forthcoming ‘Varieties of Risk’ *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (with Philip Ebert and Ian Durbach)

Forthcoming ‘Four Arguments for Denying that Lottery beliefs are Justified’ in Douven, I. ed *Lotteries, Knowledge and Rational Belief* (Cambridge University Press)

2019 ‘Full Blooded Entitlement’ in Pedersen, N. and Graham, P. eds. *Epistemic Entitlement* (Oxford University Press)

2018 ‘When Does Evidence Suffice for Conviction?’ *Mind* v127(508), pp1193-1218, included in OUP's list of best philosophy papers of 2018

2018 ‘The Logic of Epistemic Justification’ *Synthese* v195(9), pp3857-3875

2018 ‘Coin Trials’ *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* v48(5), pp726-741

- 2018 'Lottery Judgments: A Philosophical and Experimental Study' *Philosophical Psychology* v31(1), pp110-138 (with Philip Ebert and Ian Durbach)
- 2017 'Why Throwing 92 Heads in a Row is not Surprising' *Philosophers' Imprint* v17, winner of the inaugural [Sanders Prize for Public Philosophy](#)
- 2017 'The Cost of Treating Knowledge as a Mental State' in Carter, A., Gordon, E. and Jarvis, B. eds. *Knowledge First* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
- 2017 'Intuitionistic Probability and the Bayesian Objection to Dogmatism' *Synthese* v194(10), pp3997-4009
- 2016 'Scepticism by a Thousand Cuts' *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism* v6(1), pp44-52
- 2015 'Evidential Incomparability and the Principle of Indifference' *Erkenntnis* v80(3), pp605-616
- 2014 'Knowledge, Justification and Normative Coincidence' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* v89(2), pp273-295
- 2014 'The Arbitrariness of Belief' in Zardini, E. and Dodd, D. eds. *Scepticism and Perceptual Justification* (Oxford: Oxford University Press)
- 2014 'The Epistemology of Religion' *Analysis* v74(1), pp135-147
- 2013 'Entitlement and Evidence' *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* v91(4), pp735-753
- 2013 'Two Notions of Epistemic Risk' *Erkenntnis* v78(5), pp1069-1079
- 2012 'Some Thoughts on the JK-Rule' *Noûs* v46(4), pp791-802
- 2012 'Belief and Degrees of Belief' *Dialectica* v66(3), pp305-308 (with Philip Ebert)

- 2011 'God and the External World' *Ratio* v24(1), pp65-77
- 2010 'A Generalised Lottery Paradox for Infinite Probability Spaces' *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* v61(4), pp821-831
- 2010 'What Else Justification Could Be' *Noûs* v44(1), pp10-31 reprinted in Neta, R. ed. *Epistemology* (Routledge, 2012)
- 2009 'Transmission Failure Explained' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* v79(1), pp164-189
- 2007 'Ceteris Paribus Conditionals and Comparative Normalcy' *Journal of Philosophical Logic* v36(1), pp97-121

Book Reviews

- 2017 Review of *Pragmatic Encroachment, Religious Belief and Practice* by Aaron Rizzieri *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, v9
- 2014 Review of *Justification and the Truth Connection* by Clayton Littlejohn, *Philosophical Quarterly* v64
- 2013 Review of *Quitting Certainties* by Michael Titelbaum, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*

Grants and Awards

- Awarded, along with Dr Philip Ebert, an AHRC research grant for a project entitled **Varieties of Risk** (Sep 2020 – Mar 2023) Value: £767,237
- Awarded the inaugural **Sanders Prize for Public Philosophy** for my paper 'Why Throwing 92 Heads in a Row is Not Surprising', Nov 2016

<http://www.marcsandersfoundation.org/sanders-prizes/public-philosophy-award/>

- Awarded, along with Dr Stephan Leuenberger and Professor Burkhard Schafer, an AHRC Research Grant for a project entitled **The Whole Truth**, Jan 2016 – Aug 2017. Value: £186,781
<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/research/philosophyresearch/researchprojects/thewholetruth/>
- Awarded an AHRC Research Leadership Grant for a project entitled **Justification and Probability**, Sep 2014 – Mar 2015. Value: £64,543
<https://gtr.ukri.org/projects?ref=AH%2FL009633%2F1>
- Awarded grants from the Scots Philosophical Association, the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association to support a series of workshops in epistemology and law. Combined Value: £4,050.

Teaching and Supervision

Teaching

I have taught extensively at sub-honours, honours and postgraduate levels. I have taught courses on the following topics:

- Epistemology
- Formal Epistemology
- Philosophy of Law
- Logic
- Critical Thinking
- Philosophy of Science
- Metaphysics
- Russell and Ayer

Supervision

I am currently primary supervisor for three PhD students. Topics I currently supervise/have supervised include:

- Fictionalism and Scepticism
- Epistemic Anxiety and Epistemic Risk
- The Analysis of Knowledge
- Epistemic Gradualism
- Externalist Accounts of Evidence
- Epistemological Disjunctivism
- Proper Functionalist Accounts of Warrant
- Foreknowledge and Predestination
- Counterfactual Analyses of Causation
- The Epistemology of Emotions

Recent Presentations

- Feb 2020 ‘Lexical Priority, Decision Theory and De Minimis Risk’ Luck, Risk and Competence Workshop, University of Seville
- Feb 2020 ‘The Hardest Paradox for Closure’ Institute of Philosophy, University of London
- June 2019 ‘The Hardest Paradox for Closure’ Closure and Transmission Workshop, University of Edinburgh
- April 2019 ‘Accuracy, Proof and the Right Against Wrongful Conviction’ University of Helsinki
- April 2019 ‘The Hardest Paradox for Closure’ Competence and Success in Epistemology Workshop, University of Helsinki

- April 2019 'Accuracy, Proof and the Right Against Wrongful Conviction' Evidence in Ethics and the Law Conference, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Keynote Address)
- Mar 2019 'Accuracy, Proof and the Right Against Wrongful Conviction' JC Smith Trust Fund Visiting Scholar Workshop, University of Nottingham
- Aug 2018 'Civil Liability and the 50%+ Standard of Proof', University of Gdansk
- Aug 2018 'When Does Evidence Support Belief?' Formal Philosophy Workshop, University of Gdansk
- Jun 2018 'Civil Liability and the 50%+ Standard of Proof' University of Edinburgh
- Apr 2018 'Civil Liability and the 50%+ Standard of Proof', University of Aarhus
- Nov 2017 'Epistemic Logic Without Closure' Glasgow/Melbourne Formal Philosophy Workshop (with Stephan Leuenberger)
- Sep 2017 'When Does Evidence Suffice for Conviction?' Epistemology Research Group, University of Edinburgh
- Jun 2017 'When Does Evidence Suffice for Conviction?' Workshop on Truth, Knowledge and the Criminal Trial, University of Nottingham
- Jun 2017 'The Logic of Epistemic Justification' Workshop on Fallibility, Rational Belief and Knowledge, University of Barcelona
- May 2017 'The Logic of Epistemic Justification' Leuven-Cologne Epistemology Workshop, University of Leuven (Keynote Address)
- May 2017 'Violence Risk Assessment in the Law and the Group to Individual Problem' Total Evidence Workshop, University of Edinburgh
- Feb 2017 'When Does Evidence Suffice for Conviction?' Workshop on Legal Standards of Proof, University of Edinburgh

- Nov 2016 'Fallibilism, Infallibilism and the Logic of Epistemic Justification' Certainty and Infallibilism Conference, Collège de France, Paris
- Oct 2016 'A Puzzle About Knowledge, Justification and the Future' University of St Andrews
- Jun 2016 'The Logic of Epistemic Justification' Epistemology Workshop, University of Stockholm
- Apr 2016 'Why Throwing 92 Heads in a Row is Not Surprising' University of Edinburgh
- Nov 2015 'Lottery Beliefs Are Not Justified' University of Glasgow
- Oct 2015 'When Does Evidence Suffice for Conviction?' University of St Andrews
- Feb 2015 'Every Belief Has a Right to be True' Glasgow Centre for Open Studies Public Lecture Series
- Dec 2014 'When Does Evidence Suffice for Conviction?' Workshop on Statistical Evidence in Epistemology and the Law, University of Glasgow
- Nov 2014 'The Cost of Treating Knowledge as a Mental State' Knowledge First Workshop, University of Edinburgh
- Sep 2014 'When Does Evidence Suffice for Conviction?' Norms of Reasoning Workshop, University of Bochum
- Jun 2014 'Every Belief Has a Right to be True' Yonsei University, Seoul
- Apr 2014 'When Does Evidence Suffice for Conviction?' University of Groningen
- Jan 2014 'Rethinking the Lottery and the Preface' Research Colloquium, University of Glasgow
- Jul 2013 'On Lottery Driven Scepticism' New Perspectives on External World Scepticism Conference, Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy

- Apr 2013 'Rethinking the Lottery and the Preface' Aims and Norms Workshop, University of Southampton
- Nov 2012 'Justification and Normalcy' Edinburgh Philosophy Society
- Jun 2012 'Entitlement and Evidence', European Epistemology Network Conference, University of Modena
- Jun 2012 'Basic Arithmetical Knowledge: A Response to Crispin Wright', Conference on A Priori Knowledge, University of Aberdeen
- Apr 2012 'Justification, Normalcy and Evidential Probability', Justification, Normality and Normativity Conference, Institut Jean Nicod, Paris
- Mar 2012 'Justification, Normalcy and Evidential Probability', University of Aberdeen
- Feb 2012 'Knowledge, Justification and Normative Coincidence', Queen's University, Belfast
- Jan 2012 'Knowledge, Justification and Normative Coincidence', University of Edinburgh
- Oct 2011 'Some thoughts on the JK-rule', University of Aberdeen
- Jun 2011 'Knowledge, Justification and Normative Coincidence', University of Aberdeen

Professional Service

Examiner Appointments

- I have twice served as external examiner for a PhD thesis (2010, 2018)
- I have served as external examiner for a research Masters thesis (2015).
- I have served five times as internal examiner for a PhD thesis (2012, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020).

Editorships

- I am a member of the editorial board of the *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2015 –
- I am a member of the editorial panel of the journal *Thought*, 2011 –
- I am an area editor for the *PhilPapers* directory of online philosophical books and articles, editing the category ‘Transmission of Warrant’ (2010 –) and ‘Evidence and Proof in Law’ (2017 –)
- I was guest editor for the journal *Dialectica*, 2012-2013

Refereeing

- I have refereed research grant applications for the Leverhulme Trust and for the University of Leuven (2016, 2017).
- I was appointed as an external assessor for the University of Aberdeen trial REF. (2012)
- I have refereed over eighty papers for the following journals: *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Dialogue*, *Episteme*, *Erkenntnis*, *Ergo*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*, *International Journal of Philosophical Studies*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Law and Philosophy*, *Logic and Logical Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Modern Law Review*, *Noûs*, *Philosophers’ Imprint*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Thought*.
- I have refereed book proposals and manuscripts for Routledge and for Oxford University Press.

Conference Organisation

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| May 2017 | Conference on the requirement of total evidence at the University of Edinburgh |
| Dec 2014 | Conference on statistical evidence in epistemology and the law at the University of Glasgow |
| May 2010 | Conference on belief and degrees of belief at the University of Stirling |
| Dec 2009 | Conference on the lottery paradox at the University of Glasgow |