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Areas of Specialisation & Competence

- **AOS:** Philosophy of mind, metaphysics of mind.
- **AOC:** Metaphysics, philosophy of cognitive science, philosophy of science, history of analytic philosophy, philosophy of art, philosophy of religion, elementary logic.

Education

- **PhD** **University of Glasgow.** Philosophy, 2007 - 2014 (part-time).
Thesis: *The Super-Overdetermination Problem*.
Supervisors: Dr David Bain, Dr Stephan Leuenberger, Prof Fiona Macpherson.
Examiners: Prof Derk Pereboom, Dr Campbell Brown, Prof Michael Brady (Chair).
Result: pass with no corrections (viva date: January 16th 2015).
- **MSc** **University of Edinburgh.** Philosophy, 2007.
Dissertation: *Not so Clever: Why Intelligence Research is not a Scientific Discipline*.
Supervisor: Professor Matthew Nudds.
- **MA** **University of Glasgow.** Philosophy, 2006.

Selected Employment

2016 - Present	Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience, GU	Editor of the <i>Illusions Website</i>
2014 - Present	Glasgow School of Art, Forum for Critical Inquiry	Visiting Lecturer
2012 - Present	University of Glasgow, Centre for Open Studies	Tutor in Philosophy
2011 - Present	University of Glasgow, FOCUS West	Widening Participation Tutor
2007 - Present	University of Glasgow, School of Humanities	Tutor & Lecturer in Philosophy
2009 - 2010	University of Stirling, Department of Philosophy	Tutor in Philosophy
2008 - 2010	University of Glasgow, IT Services	IT Tutor

Selected Teaching

2014 - Present, Glasgow School of Art, Forum for Critical Inquiry

- *Introduction to Philosophy and Aesthetics* - introduces epistemology, metaphysics, and ethics (50%), and Aesthetics (50%); I convene, write, lecture, and tutor the entire course delivered to 2nd year undergraduates (10 2-hour classes over 10 weeks).
- *The Art of Thought* - informal logic and critical thinking. I convene, write, lecture, and tutor the entire course which has been delivered to 2nd and 3rd year undergraduates (10 2-hour classes over 10 weeks).

2012 - Present, Centre for Open Studies, University of Glasgow

I single-handedly convene, write, lecture, tutor and assess a number of adult education/elective courses for the Centre. A selection of those courses:

- *Introduction to the Philosophy of mind* - covers core topics in the philosophy of mind including mind-body theories, mental causation, perception, externalism and reference, consciousness (20 2-hour evening classes over 20 weeks).
- *Philosophy - in Technicolour!* - Introduces key issues in the philosophy of art (both high and low), including the origin of art, interpretation, subjectivism versus objectivism, and defining art (10 2-hour evening classes over 20 weeks).
- *20th Century Philosophy* - surveys the history of analytic philosophy (10 2-hour evening classes over 20 weeks).
- *Life, the Universe, and Everything: An Introduction to Philosophy* - covers logic, epistemology, metaphysics and ethics at an elementary level (10 2-hour evening classes over 20 weeks).
- *Is Science Compatible with Religion?* - addresses the question and attendant issues in the philosophy of science, and religion, including the demarcation problem, the nature of the scientific method, and the epistemic status of natural beliefs (1-day, 6 hour weekend course).
- *God, Faith, Science, and Reason: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion* - covers core topics in the philosophy of religion, including arguments for and against the existence of the Abrahamic, monotheistic God, the nature of religion, and religious pluralism (1-day, 6 hour weekend course).
- *Science Fiction and Philosophy* - introduces the philosophy of time, and includes the issues of time travel, personal identity, and radical scepticism (1-day, 6 hour weekend course).
- *It's Alive! An Introduction to the Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence* - addresses a range of issues in cognitive science to do with the development of artificial intelligence, including background issues in the philosophy of mind like the mind-body problem and functionalist analyses of mental states, as well more specific issues like the distinction between modular and non-modular processes, the framing problem, and the singularity (1-day, 6 hour weekend course).
- *The Philosophy of Emotion* - covered the core topics in this area, including the metaphysics of emotion, and the rationality of emotion. (2012-2013; I am no longer teaching this course due to a timetabling clash, 20 2-hour evening classes over 20 weeks).

2007 - Present, Philosophy, School of Humanities, University of Glasgow

- *JH7: Philosophy of Mind* - introduces core topics in the philosophy of mind. I lectured on this 3rd year course for the second semester of 2015-16.
- *1k: Knowledge and the World* - covers Descartes' *Meditations* and related topics in epistemology, metaphysics, and the philosophy of mind, and religion. I tutor on this 1st year course.
- *2K: Knowledge, Meaning, and Inference* - focusses on Russell's *The Problems of Philosophy*, elementary formal logic, and the philosophy of science. I tutor on this 2nd year course (2010-2011; 2015-present).
- *1M Right and Wrong* - introduces normative and applied ethics, Plato's *Republic*, and some topics in political philosophy including democracy and punishment. I tutor on this 1st year course.

2014, Coursera, University of Edinburgh

- *Critical Thinking in Global Challenges* - an online course which introduces basic concepts in critical thinking and applies them to global issues like climate change and obesity. I tutored on this course, both online and in person, for the first semester of 2014-15.

2009-2010, Department of Philosophy, University of Stirling

- *Philosophy - What is it all about?* - Introduces topics in epistemology, metaphysics and ethics. I tutored on this course.
- *Mind, Value, and Reality* - focuses on elementary metaphysics and ethics. I tutored on this course.

Selected Work Experience & Volunteering

- Reviewer for *Theoria*.
- Editor of the *Psychophysical Reduction, Exclusion Problem, Multiple Realisation and Nonreductive Materialism* categories of PhilPapers <<http://philpapers.org/profile/6926>>.
- Graduate Associate of the Network for Sensory Research <<http://networksensoryresearch.utoronto.ca>> (2013-15).
- Graduate Assistant at the Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience <<http://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/humanities/research/philosophyresearch/cspe/>> (2007-2015).
- Departmental Representative for Graduate Teaching Assistants (2009-10; 2012-13).
- Co-chair of the Department's postgraduate seminar, (2009-10).
- Co-organiser of the summer 2010 postgraduate conference held under the auspices of the Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience: Mind, Science, and Everything!
- Trustee of The Children's Wood Charity <<http://thechildrenswood.com/>>.
- Steering Group Member of Flag Up Scotland Jamaica <<http://www.flagupscotjam.uk/>>.
- Representative for Casual Workers, and Glasgow Branch Committee Member, University and College Union <<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/organisations/ucug/>>.

Publications & Work in Progress

- Mental Causation, *Oxford Bibliographies*
Under contract with Oxford University Press
Due for completion August 2016
- *David Hume's Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*
A short introductory text (17000 words) forthcoming with *Macat* <www.macat.com>.
- *Report on the Network for Sensory Research Toronto Workshop on Perceptual Learning*
Connolly et al. (2012); <<http://philpapers.org/rec/CONROT-6>>.
- I have several articles under review at different journals at present. In the interests of ensuring blind review, I am not currently listing them on my CV. Details available upon request.

Selected Research Activities

- May 2016: Satellite 5 Conference, Glasgow; *plenary speaker*- 'Can Machines be Conscious?'
- May 2016: San Francisco State University; *paper presented*- 'Getting Over Overdetermination'.
- April - May 2016: visiting researcher at Berkeley.
- March - April 2016: visiting scholar at CalTech; *paper presented*- 'Overdetermination and Non-Reductive Physicalism'.
- June 2015: Toward a Science of Consciousness, University of Helsinki; *paper accepted* (could not attend due to conflicting commitments).
- May 2015: Emergence and Grounding Conference, University of Glasgow.
- April 2015: Justice Without Retribution Conference, University of Aberdeen.
- March 2014: Three Minute Thesis finalist & Arts College Heat winner, University of Glasgow.
- May 2013: Metaphysics of Mind and Science Workshop, University of Edinburgh.
- March 2013: Sensory Substitution and Augmentation Conference, British Academy.
- May 2012: Workshop: Perceptual Learning and Perceptual Recognition II, University of Toronto; *Co-reporter*.
- February 2012: Technologies of the Mind Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, Computing Science Department, University of Glasgow; *paper presented*- 'What is the Problem of Mental Causation?'
- March 2011: Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference, Harvard University.
- September 2010: Workshop on Types of Explanation in the Special Sciences, University of Cologne.
- July 2009: First Graduate International Summer School in Cognitive Science and Semantics, University of Latvia & Kansas State University; *scholarship recipient & paper presented*- 'Why Believe in Multiple Realisation?'
- July 2009: Metaphysics of Mind Graduate Conference, University of Edinburgh; *paper presented*- 'Kim's Dilemma'.
- December 2008: Ontological Categories Workshop, Durham University.

Grants

- *The Emergence Project, University of Glasgow*
Travel, accommodation, and subsistence grant to visit CalTech and Berkeley for a research trip in March, April, and May 2016.
- *The Network for Sensory Research*
Travel and accommodation grant to attend and report on the Perceptual Learning and Perceptual Recognition II, University of Toronto: 2012.

- *The Sir Richard Stapley Educational Trust*
Subsistence grant: 2006-2007; 2008-2009; 2010-2011.
- *The McGlashan Trust*
Subsistence grant: 2006 - 2014.
- *University of Cologne*
Travel and accommodation grant to attend the Types of Explanation in the Special Sciences Workshop: 2010.
- *University of Latvia & Kansas State University*
Attendance grant for the International Summer School in Cognitive Science and Semantics: 2009.

Referees

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