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Education

2011-14 Ph.D. Philosophy (no corrections), University of Manchester.
Thesis: *The Semantics of Knowledge Attributions: A Defence of Moderate Invariantism*.
Supervisors: Prof Thomas Uebel, Prof Julian Dodd, Dr Graham Stevens.
Examination committee: Prof Jessica Brown, Dr David Liggins.

2009-10 MA Philosophy (distinction), University of Manchester.
Dissertation: *Understanding the Private Language Argument*.
Supervisor: Prof Julian Dodd.

2006-09 LLB Law (2:i Hons), University of Manchester.

Selected Employment

Academic: Teaching Assistant, University of Manchester; 2012-2015.
Research Assistant, University of Manchester; Project: *Exploring Issues in Semantics at the Intersection of Linguistics and Philosophy*; PI: Dr Graham Stevens; Feb-Aug 2013.

Administrative: Research Grant Writer, University of Manchester; Jan. 2017-present.
Research Support Officer, University of Manchester; Feb. 2016-Jan. 2017.
Doctoral Programmes Administrator, University of Manchester; Aug. 2015-Feb. 2016.

Research Interests

Areas of specialisation: Philosophy of Language; Epistemology; Formal Semantics.
Areas of competence: Logic; Later Wittgenstein.

Publications

Published: 'Semantic Relativism and Ways of Knowing.' *Synthese* (forthcoming, 11,000 words).
'Projective Adaptivism.' *Philosophical Papers* (forthcoming, 9,000 words).
'Contextualism and Weird Knowledge.' *The Philosophical Quarterly* 63 (2013): 565-575.

Under review: 'Relativism and Sufficiency'.
'On the Use of Linguistic Intuitions in Semantics'.

Work in progress: 'Invariantist, Contextualist, and Relativist Semantics'.
'A Non-Truth-Conditional Semantics for Knowledge Attributions'.

Selected Funding and Awards

2015 University of Manchester Faculty of Humanities Award for Distinguished Achievement (£100).

2011-14 University of Manchester School of Social Sciences Studentship (c. £40,000).

Selected Talks

- Peer-reviewed: 'Semantic Relativism and Entailment.' *Open Minds IX*; University of Manchester; July 2014.
'The Role of Conceptual Intuitions in Descriptive Semantics.' *We Need to Talk*; University of Vienna; May 2014.
'Are Knowledge Attributions Assessment-Sensitive?' *Northern Institute of Philosophy Relativism Masterclass*; University of Aberdeen; July 2013.
'Knowledge Attributions, Questions and Enquiry.' *Open Minds VIII*; University of Manchester; July 2013.
- Non-peer-reviewed: 'Relativism and Sufficiency.' *Semantics Lab*; University of Manchester; Nov. 2017.
- Research development: 'Applying for Research Funding.' *Grant Writing Workshop*; The University of Manchester; June 2017.

Teaching Experience

- Lecturing : Guest lecturer for 1st and 3rd year UG courses in epistemology and metaphysics.
- Tutorial Teaching: Seminar tutor across a range of subjects, including epistemology, metaphysics, logic, critical thinking, philosophy of language, history of analytic philosophy, philosophy of science and social science.

Summary of Current Research

In 'A Non-Truth-Conditional Semantics for Knowledge Attributions' I give a novel semantics for knowledge attributions. It is based on Chris Potts' work in linguistics, especially *The Logic of Conventional Implicatures*, and differs radically from current invariantist/contextualist/relativist models.

More generally, I am interested in indexicality, context-sensitivity, context-sensitive semantics and pragmatics and the notion of context. I am interested in how and why have contexts been, and continue to be, appealed to in semantics, and what implications this has for semantic analysis.

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