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Academic positions

2018- Associate Professor of 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

2021-2023 Humboldt Research Fellow, Bielefeld University

postponed Collaborative Visiting Fellow, ConceptLab, University of Oslo

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

M.A./B.A. (Hons.) in P.P.E., University of Oxford (1st class)
A.B. in Philosophy, Georgetown University (summa cum laude)

Publications

PAPERS

2021

2021

forthcoming Borg, E., Fisher, S., Harrison, R., Hansen, N., Salomons, T., Ravindran, D., and Wilkinson,

H. "Pain Priors, Polyeidism, and Predictive Power: A Preliminary Investigation into Individual Differences in Our Ordinary Thought about Pain", *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*. Salomons, T., Harrison, R., **Hansen, N.**, Stazicker, J., Sorensen, A., Thomas, P., and Borg, E.

"Is Pain 'All in Your Mind'?" Review of Philosophy and Psychology, 1–16.

Hansen, N. "Metalinguistic Proposals", Inquiry, 64(1-2), 1-19.

Adams, Z. and Hansen, N. "The Myth of the Common-Sense Conception of Color", in Asa

Wikforss and Teresa Marques (eds.), Shifting Concepts: The Philosophy And Psychology of

Conceptual Variability, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2020 Hansen, N. "'Nobody Would Really Talk That Way!': The Critical Project in Contemporary

Ordinary Language Philosophy", Synthese, 197(6), 2433-2464.

- Francis, K., Beaman, P., and **Hansen, N.** "Stakes, Scales, and Skepticism", *Ergo*, 6(16), 427–487. Dataset: http://dx.doi.org/10.17864/1947.205
- Hansen, N., Porter, J.D., and Francis, K. "A Corpus Study of 'Know': On the Verification of Philosophers' Frequency Claims about Language", *Episteme*, 1–27.
- Borg, E., **Hansen**, N., and Salomons, T. "The Meaning of Pain Expressions and Pain Communication", for *Meanings of Pain*, *Vol. II*, ed. Simon van Rysewyk, 261–282. Dordrecht: Springer.
- Grindrod, J., Andow, J., and **Hansen, N.** "Third-Person Knowledge Ascriptions: A Crucial Experiment for Contextualism", *Mind & Language*, 34(2), 158–182.
- Hansen, N. "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.
- Hansen, N. "Must We Measure What We Mean?", Inquiry, 60(8), 785-815.
- Hansen, N. and Chemla, E. "Color Adjectives, Standards, and Thresholds: An Experimental Investigation", *Linguistics and Philosophy*, 40(3), 239–278.
- Hansen, N. "A New Argument from Interpersonal Variation to Subjectivism about Color: A Response to Gómez-Torrente", *Noûs*, 51(2), 421–428.
- Hansen, N. "Color Comparisons and Interpersonal Variation", Review of Philosophy and Psychology, 8(4), 809–826.
- Hansen, N. "Experimental Philosophy of Language", Oxford Handbooks Online, 1-31.
- Hansen, N. and Chemla, E. "Linguistic Experiments and Ordinary Language Philosophy", *Ratio*, 28(4), 422–445.
- Hansen, N. "Contemporary Ordinary Language Philosophy", Philosophy Compass, 9(8): 556–569.
- Hansen, N. "Contrasting Cases", in James Beebe (ed.), *Advances in Experimental Epistemology*, 71–95. New York: Bloomsbury.
- Hansen, N. and Chemla, E. "Experimenting on Contextualism" (with Emmanuel Chemla), Mind & Language, 28(3): 286–321.
- Hansen, N. "A Slugfest of Intuitions: Contextualism and Experimental Design", Synthese, 190(10): 1771–1792.
- Hansen, N. "J.L. Austin and Literal Meaning", European Journal of Philosophy, 22(4): 617–632.
- Hansen, N. "On An Alleged Truth/Falsity Asymmetry in Context Shifting Experiments", The Philosophical Quarterly 62(248): 530-545.
- Hansen, N. "Color Adjectives and Radical Contextualism", Linguistics and Philosophy 34(3): 201–221.

EDITED VOLUMES

- Borg, E., Fisher, S., **Hansen, N.**, Scarafone, A., Shardimgaliev, M. Special issue of *Ratio*, 33(4), "Applied Philosophy of Language: Politics and Power"
- Borg, E. and **Hansen, N.** Special issue of *Ratio*, 28(4), "Investigating Meaning: Experimental Approaches"

Reviews

- Review of Avner Baz, The Crisis of Method in Contemporary Analytic Philosophy, for Mind, 128(511), 963–970.
- Review of Krista Lawlor, Assurance: An Austinian View of Knowledge and Knowledge Claims, for the European Journal of Philosophy, 24(1): 298–302.
- Review of Avner Baz, When Words Are Called For: A Defense of Ordinary Language Philosophy, for The Philosophical Quarterly, 64(254): 179–181.
- Review of Paul Elbourne, Meaning: A Slim Guide to Semantics, for Philosophy in Review, 33(1): 31-33.

Work in progress

- "A Quantitative History of Ordinary Language Philosophy" (with J.D. Porter)
- "Ordinary Language Ideology" (with David Plunkett)
- "No Modification without Aberration? The Use of Linguistic Corpora in Ordinary Language Philosophy" (with Robert Bishop, John Schwenkler, Justin Sytsma, and Mike Zahorec)
- "Socratic Questionnaires" (with Hamish Greening and Kathryn Francis) (under review)
- "Extremely Racist' and 'Incredibly Sexist': An Empirical Response to the Charge of Conceptual Inflation in Expressions Condemning Oppression" (with Shen-yi Liao) (under review)
- Must We Measure What We Mean? Ordinary Language Philosophy and the Experimental Investigation of Meaning

Impact outside academia

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

Awards, fellowships, grants

2022	Fritz Thyssen Stiftung Conference Grant, "Philosophy's Experimental Turn and the
	Challenge from Ordinary Language" (€20,000)
2021-2023	Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (c. €30,000)
postponed	Collaborative Visiting Fellowship, ConceptLab, University of Oslo (15,000 kr)
2019-2020	University Research Fellowship, University of Reading (£10,000)
2019	Open Research Award (with Kathryn Francis and Phil Beaman), "Open and Online
	Experimental Philosophy", University of Reading
2019	Centre for Integrative Neuroscience and Neurodynamics Grant, "Applying New Quantita-
	tive Methods in Experimental Philosophy of Language" (£3,022)
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 fellow-
	ship)
2015, 2014	Best Research Output (Early Career Researcher), School of Humanities, University of
0. 1	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
2003 2007	fund a History of 20th Century British Philosophy lecture series), awarded twice
2004	Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation Practicum Grant (awarded for a proposal
2004	to integrate philosophy into a high school humanities curriculum)
2002-2007	Century Fellow (award covering tuition with stipend), University of Chicago
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Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies (national award covering tuition and stipend for 2002-2003 the first year of graduate study) Allbritton Scholar, Brasenose College, University of Oxford (Georgetown University award 2000-2002 covering tuition and stipend for two years at Oxford) Ryan Medal (for highest GPA in advanced philosophy courses at Georgetown University) Undergraduate philosophy thesis defended with distinction, Georgetown University 2000 Research Network Membership Swedish Rijksband Jubileumsfond, "Knowledge Resistance: Causes, Consequences and Cures" 2019-2025 AHRC Research Network, "Pervasive Context Sensitivity in Natural Language" 2014-2016 ESF Eurocores CCCOM Research Project, "Communication in Context" 2012-2014 Talks Invited unless otherwise noted Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, Philosophical Methods Workshop upcoming European Experimental Philosophy Conference (refereed) upcoming The Implementation Challenge for Conceptual Engineering Workshop, Arché, St. Andrews 2021 University of Nottingham 2020 University of Pennsylvania, Experimental Study of Meaning Lab 2020 Corpus Fortnight, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand 2020 postponed ConceptLab, University of Oslo University of Essex 2020 University of Southampton 2020 San Francisco State University **Ethical Reading** 2019 University of Bochum, Experimental Philosophy and the Method of Cases Colloquium 2019 Barcelona Workshop on Issues in Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Ethics (refereed) 2019 San Francisco State University 2019 Central Division APA, Symposium on Metapragmatics 2019 Uppsala University, Philosophy of Online Speech Acts and Communication 2010 University of Zürich, Ordinary Language Philosophy Workshop (refereed) 2018 University of Chicago, Linguistics and Philosophy Workshop University of Illinois Chicago, Works in Progress Seminar 2018 New College of the Humanities, Cognitive Science Research Group, London 2018 Lawrence University, Wisconsin 2017 Stanford University, SemPrag (Semantics and Pragmatics) Workshop 2017 Stanford University Humanities Center 2017 University of Chicago, Meaning, Metaphor, and Maimonides: Conference in honor of Josef 2016 New School for Social Research, New York 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 2016 Peking University, Pervasive Context Conference 2015 University of Oxford and Maison Française d'Oxford, J.L. Austin's Philosophy Today 2015 University of Oslo, 3rd Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference (refereed) 2015 Spanish National Research Council, Madrid, Workshop on Gradability, Scale Structure and 2015 Vagueness: Experimental Perspectives (refereed) Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China 2014

CCCOM Workshop, Vihula, Estonia

2014

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	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	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 Stockholm, 1st Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference (refereed)
2011	University of Helsinki
2011	University of Barcelona, XIII Taller d'Investigació en Filosofia Conference (refereed)
2011	Åbo Akademi, Turku, Finland
2011	Institut Jean-Nicod, "CPR Days" conference
2011	Institut Jean-Nicod, Doc'in Nicod Workshop
	Northern Institute of Philosophy, University of Aberdeen, Logic and Language Conference
2010	(refereed)
2010	Northwestern University, PhLing (Philosophy and Linguistics) Workshop
2009	Institute for the Philosophy of Language, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Context and Levels
	of Locutionary Content Conference, Lisbon (refereed)
2009	Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Filosófico, Issues in Contemporary Semantics and Ontology
	1 Conference, Buenos Aires (refereed)
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
2007	University of New Mexico, Pop Culture Conference (refereed)
2006	Cornell University, Aesthetics of Pop Conference (refereed)
2005	Oxford University, Graduate Philosophy Conference (refereed)
2005	University of Iowa, Graduate Philosophy Conference (refereed)
2005	University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Mellon Graduate Philosophy Conference (refereed)
2005	University of Utah, Intermountain West Philosophy Conference (refereed)
2004	Indiana University, Indiana Philosophical Association Conference (refereed)
2003	Reed College, Northwest Philosophy Conference (refereed)
2003	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Graduate Philosophy Conference (refereed)
	Comments
cancelled	Jeremy Wyatt, "What is Faultless Disagreement about Matters of Personal Taste?", Pacific APA
2019	Deniz Rudin, "Rising Imperatives", CSLI Linguistics and Philosophy of Language Workshop, Stanford, CA
2018	Julia Zakkou, "Presupposing Counterfactuality", Meaning Workshop, Skáholt, Iceland
2017	Rachel Sterken, "The Structures of Social Structural Explanation", California Philosophy
201/	Workshop, Malibu, CA
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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
	Video
2019	Experimental Philosophy of Language, for the <i>Into the Coast</i> series of video interviews with philosophers (41 minutes)
2015	Reason and Argument, course trailer for the University of Reading (2 minutes)
	Teaching
	Awards
2020	UROP Supervisor of the Year Award
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
2020	UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme): New Online Methods in Experimental Philosophy of Language
2019	Graduate Seminar: New Quantitative Methods in Experimental Philosophy of Language
2019	Independent Learning Module
2019	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

Ph.D. and Postdoc 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) (Lecturer in Psychology, University of Keele)

Benjamin Paget-Woods, *How Epistemic Emotions are Shaping Epistemology* (co-supervisor with Conor McHugh) (Ph.D.)

Sarah Fisher, Framing Effects and Context in Language Comprehension (co-supervisor with Emma Borg) (Ph.D.) (Philosophy Faculty Coordinator, University of Vienna)

Neil Hamilton-Fairley, *The Context Sensitivity of Thought* (co-supervisor with Emma Borg) (Ph.D.)

Jumbly Grindrod, *Epistemic Contextualism as a Linguistic Thesis* (co-supervisor with Emma Borg) (Ph.D.) (Lecturer, University of Reading)

Service to the profession

Editorial

2017-	Editor (one of 10), Mind & Language
2016-	PhilPapers editor for Experimental Philosophy: Contextualism and Invariantism
2012-	Associate Editor, <i>Ratio</i>

BOOK AND JOURNAL REFEREE

MIT Press, Oxford University Press (x5), Routledge (x4), Springer

Analysis (x5), Australasian Journal of Philosophy (x7), British Journal for the History of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy (x3), Cognitive Science (x4), Croatian Journal of Philosophy, dialectica (x3), Discipline Filosofiche, Disputatio, Ergo, Erkenntnis (x6), European Journal of Philosophy (x3), Filozofia Nauki, Folia Linguistica, Frontiers in Psychology, HOPOS: Journal of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science, Hypatia, Inquiry (x5), Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy, Journal of Philosophical Research, Journal of Philosophy, Journal of Pragmatics, Journal of Semantics, Language under Discussion, Lingua (pre-2015), Linguistics and Philosophy (x6), Mind (x2), Mind & Language (x4), Nordic Wittgenstein Review, Noûs, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly (x2), Philosophers' Imprint (x2), The Philosophical Quarterly (x3), Philosophical Papers (x2), Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies (x6), Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Ratio, Review of Philosophy and Psychology (x4), SAGE Open, Semantics & Pragmatics, Synthese (x8), Teorema

GRANT REFEREE

2020	Swiss National Science Foundation
2020	National Science Center, Poland
2020	Leverhulme Trust
2018	Stanford Humanities Center, External Faculty Fellowship
2018	Institut d'études avancées de Paris
2015-	Arts and Humanities Research Council Peer Review College (x3)
2013	Evaluator and rapporteur for the Norwegian-Estonian Research Cooperation Program
2013	Referee for the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)

Conference Referee

SALT (Semantics and Linguistic Theory) 26, 29 2016-

9th International and Interdisciplinary Conference on Modeling and Using Context 2015

Promotion and Tenure Referee

Dickinson College, University of Iceland (x2)

Ph.D. Examiner

upcoming	Internal Examiner: Marat Shardimgaliev, TBD
2020	Internal Examiner: Sami Rissanen, Theories of Meaning
2020	Internal Examiner: Robert Fletcher, The Challenges of Dissociation for Non-Reductive Monism
2019	Internal Examiner: Michela Bariselli, Humour in Samuel Beckett
2014	Internal Examiner: Scott Normand, Wittgenstein's Middle-Period Philosophy of Mathematics
	through the Lens of the No-Conjecture Thesis
2013	Internal Examiner: Eileen Walker, A Pathway to Natural Kind Essentialism
2012	External Examiner (University of Barcelona): Laura Pérez, Ascriptions in Context: An Exper-
	imental Study on the Context-sensitivity of Belief Reports

University of Reading

2020	Careers
2019	Visiting Speaker co-coordinator
2018-	Grant Development College
2017-2019	Part 3 Coordinator
2017-2018	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,

Personal Tutor (academic advisor for \approx 10–30 students/year)

early modern, and the history of analytic philosophy)

2012-

References

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