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Areas of Specialization

Aesthetics, esp. Philosophy and Literature
Ethics
Philosophy of Religion
Quaker Theology and Social Thought

Areas of Competence

Social Philosophy
Metaphysics, esp. Action Theory
History of Philosophy: Wittgenstein, Post-Kantian, Phenomenology

Education

DPhil	Philosophy. New College, University of Oxford Dissertation: <i>Good Form: Difficult Realities and Literary Testimony</i> Supervisor: Stephen Mulhall	2020–
BA	Philosophy. Colorado College <i>Magna cum laude</i> and distinction in philosophy	2017–20

Visiting Student, 2019–20, University of Warwick, MA in Philosophy program.

Teaching Experience

I. Tutorials, University of Oxford

1. Aesthetics, Regent's Park College, Hilary 2023.
2. Aesthetics, St Hugh's College, Michaelmas and Hilary, 2022–3.
3. Heidegger (Post-Kantian Philosophy), University College, Michaelmas 2022.
4. Heidegger Revision Class, St Hugh's College, Trinity 2022.
5. Heidegger (Post-Kantian Philosophy), St Hugh's College, Trinity 2022.
6. Aesthetics, St Anne's College, Hilary 2022.
7. Ethics Revision Class, Mansfield College, Hilary 2022.

II. Teaching Assistantships, University of Oxford

1. General Philosophy, St Hugh's College, Michaelmas 2021. Marked student essays, led small group tutorials, contributed to class discussions, and led the class on God and evil.

III. Other Teaching

1. Facilitator, Climate Justice Learning Day, North East Thames Area Meeting and Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, October 2022.

2. PPE UNIQ Summer School (access programme in ethics and political philosophy), Politics Faculty, University of Oxford, July 2022.
3. Course Leader, The Future and Foundations of Quaker Change-Making, course with Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and Friends World Committee for Consultation, Winter 2022.
4. Tutor, The Scholars Programme, The Brilliant Club. Gave English literature tutorials to KS4 students at the Rokeby School, 2021.

IV. Teaching Positions

1. Associate Tutor/Facilitator, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, 2022–.

Publications

I. Journal Articles

1. “‘This is our testimony to the whole world’: Quaker Peace Work and Religious Experience”. *Religions* 13(7), 2022: 623.
2. “The Givenness of Other People: On Singularity and Empathy in Husserl”. *Human Studies: A Journal for Philosophy and the Social Sciences* 44(3), 2021: 333–50.
3. “To Not Lose Sight of the Good: Notes on the Zapatismo Ethic”. *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 19(2), 2020: 365–79.
Reprinted in *Religious Theory*, 2020, and *The New Polis*, 2020.
4. “On Neighborly and Preferential Love in Kierkegaard’s *Works of Love*”. *Journal of Philosophy and Scripture* 8, 2019: 1–20.
5. “Reconceptualizing Species as Species-towards-Extinction”. *Southwest Philosophy Review* 34(2), 2018: 117–23.

II. Books

1. *Diseases of the Head: Essays on the Horrors of Speculative Philosophy*. Edited collection. Punctum Books, 2020.
2. *Speculative Annihilationism: The Intersection of Archaeology and Extinction*. Zero Books, 2019.
Russian translation by Gleb Kolomiets, Hyle Press, 2021.

III. Articles in Edited Collections

1. “Introduction: On the Diseases of the Head”. *Diseases of the Head*, ed. Matt Rosen. Punctum Books, 2020: 13–42.
2. “Those Who Aren’t Counted”. *Diseases of the Head*, ed. Matt Rosen. Punctum Books, 2020: 113–62.

IV. Reviews

1. Review of *Explaining Evil: Four Views*, ed. W. Paul Franks. *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17(6), 2020: 686–9.
2. Review of *Aspiration: The Agency of Becoming*, by Agnes Callard. *The Catalyst*, 2020.

V. Essays, Poems, and Other Writing

1. “Fall Made”. A poem in *Friends Journal*, September 2022.
2. “Names and numbers”. Letter in *The Friend*, 22 July 2022.

3. “Thought for the Week: Matt Rosen Remembers James Parnell”. *The Friend*, 31 March 2022.
 4. “Convex Harbor”. A poem in *Eunoia Review*, May 2021.
 5. “Noah’s Road Song” and “Katabasis Tune”. Two poems in *Willy & Penn*, February 2021.
 6. “Letter to the Editors: Enough Dreaming Small”. *The Catalyst*, December 2020.
 7. “Three simple questions to re-define higher education”. *LSE Impact of Social Sciences Blog*, June 2020.
 8. “The Lesser Evil”. *The Catalyst*, May 2020.
 9. “In Praise of Welcoming: Remarks on the Ethics of Politics”. *Anamnesis: The Colorado College Journal of Philosophy* IV, 2019: 6–11.
 10. “Reflections on the Philosophy of Stapletonism”. *Res Publica: The Colorado College Journal of Political Studies* I, 2019.
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Presentations

“Difficult Laughter”. Philosophy and Comedy Workshop, British Society for Aesthetics and University of Kent, July 2022.

“Failures to Make Sense and the Revolt against Mourning”. Concordia University Graduate Philosophy Conference on domination, desire, and dialogue, April 2022.

“Quakers and the Practical Theology of Peace”. International Conference on Practical Theology, Imam Sadiq University, March 2022.

“‘This is our testimony to the whole world’: On Grounding the Quaker Peace Testimony”. In the Shadows of Religious Experience Conference, University of Vienna and Society for the Phenomenology of Religious Experience, October 2021.

“Poetic Form, Moral Vision, and the Difficulty of Reality”. Fact, Fiction, and Narration Conference, University of Rijeka and Croatian Society for Analytic Philosophy, September 2021.

“Form, Vision, and the Business of Philosophy: Themes from Diamond and Hipponax”. Phigs Summer Colloquium, University of Kent, July 2021.

“Literary Form, Banality, and Difficult Realities”. Philosophy Across Disciplines Conference, Newcastle University, June 2021.

“Poetic Form, Difficult Realities, and the Writing of Philosophy”. 20th Annual Toronto Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Toronto, May 2021.

“Poetic Form, Moral Vision, and the Difficulty of Reality”. DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford, Trinity 2021.

“Poetic Form and Moral Vision: Themes from Hipponax and Cora Diamond”. The World in Words Conference, Concordia University, April 2021.

“On Feeling that the Rain Should Stop: Virtues, Values, and Norms in Scheler”. Understanding Value IX, University of Sheffield, December 2020.

“Virtue and Particularism in Scheler”. Western Michigan University Graduate Philosophy Conference, November 2020.

“Genealogical Transgression”. DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford, Michaelmas 2020.

“When Psychological Intuitions Conflict: Joint Attention and the Coexistence Problem”. Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, paper accepted but conference cancelled (pandemic).

“Some Remarks on the Phenomenology of Life”. Undergraduate Research Forum, US Air Force Academy, paper accepted but conference cancelled (pandemic).

“The Text as a Site of Hope: Meillassoux’s Virtual God and the Advent in Literature”. Literature and Event Conference, University of Warwick, February 2020.

“Analogy and Asymmetry in Second-Personal Moral Attention”. The London–Warwick Mind Forum, LSE, November 2019.

“Three Questions about Education”. Accelerated Academy Symposium, Michigan State University, November 2019.

“The Heresy of the Generic Ethic”. New Symbolization Project, Boise State University, October 2018.

“An Application of the *Zhuangzi*’s Epistemological Pluralism to the Methodological Pluralism of Feyerabend’s *Against Method*”, Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, Pacific University, 2018.

Grants and Awards

- 2023 Cadbury Scholar, Pendle Hill Quaker Center for Study and Contemplation
- 2022 Research Grant, New College, University of Oxford
- 2021 Cultural Award, New College, University of Oxford (awarded twice)
To pursue Quaker work for peace and climate justice
- 2021 Don Lavoie Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
- 2020 Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center, George Mason University
Awarded but fellowship declined due to pandemic travel restrictions
- 2020 J. Glenn Gray Prize, Colorado College
For ‘exemplary skill and sensitivity at philosophical analysis’
- 2020 Academic Opportunities Grant, Colorado College
- 2019 Ginger Morgan Legacy Award, Colorado College
For ‘leading efforts in appreciation for diversity within the college’
- 2018 Conference Presentation Grant, Colorado College (awarded twice)
- 2018 First Year Essay Contest Finalist, Colorado College

Professional Activities

Organising

1. Co-convenor, DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford, Trinity and Michaelmas Terms, 2022.
2. Co-organiser, The Future and Foundations of Quaker Change-Making, Young Friends Worldwide for Climate Action, Peace, and Justice Network (of the Friends World Committee for Consultation) and Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, 2021–22.
3. Organiser, Reading Group on Foot's *Natural Goodness*, University of Oxford & In Parenthesis Project, Trinity Term, 2021.
4. Organiser, Cora Diamond Reading Group, University of Oxford & In Parenthesis Project, Spring Break and Trinity Term, 2021.
5. Organising Committee, 25th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2021.
6. Organiser, Anscombe on Action & Mind Reading Group, University of Oxford & In Parenthesis Project, Hilary Term, 2021.

Conference Chairing

1. Chair for Thomas Ralston's "Disappearing GEN: a puzzle about the semantics of bare plurals", DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford, June 2022.
2. Chair for Matthew Bradley's "Authenticity, aestheticism, and living one's life like a work of art", DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford, June 2022.
3. Chair for Mariona Miyata-Sturm's "Beauty is a Heuristic, Not a Virtue", DPhil Seminar, University of Oxford, May 2022.
4. Chair for three presentations, BPPA Seminar Series, Spring 2021.
5. Chair for Rebecca Rowson's "Perceptual Media and Other Minds", 24th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, February 2021.

Refereeing

1. 26th Annual Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2022.
2. 25th Annual Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2021.
3. AHRC-TORCH Student Peer Review College, University of Oxford, 2020.
4. *Plí: The Warwick Journal of Philosophy*; *Kriterion: Journal of Philosophy*.

Interviewing

1. Training to interview for undergraduate admissions, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, 2021.
2. Interviewer for undergraduate admissions, Colorado College, 2020–21.

Other Service and Activities

1. Reader for the Opening Oxford 1871 Project (representing the Society of Friends), TORCH, University of Oxford, May 2022.
2. Member, Committee of the Young Friends Worldwide for Climate Action, Peace, and Justice Network, 2021–.
3. Co-organiser for young Friends and Elder, Oxford Friends Meeting, 2021–. Other Quaker service: Convenor of Friendly Bible Study, 2022; Naming Group, 2022; Pastoral care team, Britain Yearly Meeting, 2022; Co-convenor of Enquirers Series, 2022–3.

4. Steering group member and webmaster, The Loving Earth Project, Woodbrooke and the Quaker Arts Network, 2021–. Co-editor of *Loving Earth: Some Starting Points for Earthcare* (2021), published by the Quaker Arts Network. Co-editor of *Animals and Their Homes: Some Threats and Ways to Help* (2022), forthcoming with the Quaker Arts Network.
5. Peer Advisor, Global Outreach Team, Center for Global Education and Field Study, Colorado College, 2021–.
6. Campaigner, Disarm Oxford, 2021–22.
7. Environment and Ethics Officer and Rep. to the Oxford Student Union Council, New College MCR, University of Oxford, 2021–22. Passed the motion to create the Environment and Ethics position in New College MCR.
8. Vice President and Treasurer, Executive Committee, British Postgraduate Philosophy Association, 2020–22.
9. DPhil Mentor, Philosophy Graduate and Undergraduate Mentoring Schemes, University of Oxford, 2020–22.
10. Assistant Verger, Chapel of New College, Oxford, 2021.
11. DPhil representative for graduate induction, Oxford Philosophy Faculty, Michaelmas 2021.
12. Support Worker, Disability Advisory Service, University of Oxford, 2021.
13. Editorial Staff, *Anamnesis: The Colorado College Journal of Philosophy*, 2018–19.

References available upon request.