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Specialisations: epistemology, philosophy of mind.

Competencies: philosophy of language, ethics (including environmental ethics and ethics of AI), feminist philosophy, early modern philosophy.

## Employment

**Teaching Fellow**                                                                                2022-present
    University of Edinburgh

**Visiting Lecturer**                                                                               2020-2022
    University of Stirling.

**Teaching Fellow**                                                                                2019-2020
    University of Edinburgh.

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**                                                    2016-2019
    University of Campinas (suspended for one year while visiting Stirling).

**Visiting Postdoctoral Research Fellow**                                     2017-2018
    Knowledge Beyond Natural Science project, University of Stirling.

**Visiting Lecturer**                                                                              2015-2016
    University of Stirling.

## Publications

*Published and forthcoming*

**Closure Scepticism and the Vat Argument**
    *Mind* (2017) 127/507, pp. 667-690. DOI: 10.1093/mind/fzw035.

**Radical Interpretation, Scepticism, and the Possibility of Shared Error**
    *Synthese* (2017) 196/8, pp. 3355–3368. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-017-1600-z.

**Semantic Self-Knowledge and the Vat Argument**
    *Philosophical Studies* (2018) 176/9, pp. 2289-2306. DOI: 10.1007/s11098-018-1126-3.

**Putnam's Proof Revisited**
    Co-authored with Crispin Wright. Forthcoming in James Conant and Sanjit Chakraborty, *Engaging Putnam*, De Gruyter.

**Merely Superficially Contingent A Priori Knowledge and the McKinsey Paradox**
    *Synthese* (forthcoming). 24 pages.

*In draft and under review*

**Oppression and Self Knowledge**
    In draft.

**External World Scepticism and Self Scepticism**
    Under consideration at *Philosophical Studies*.

**In Defence of the Lichtenberg Objection**
>   In draft.

*Book review*

**Tim Button (2013), *The Limits of Realism*, Oxford University Press**
>   *Argumenta* (2018) 06.

# Selected talks and presentations

\* = refereed or invited

**In Defence of the Lichtenberg Objection**
>   2022: Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers Group Seminar.*

**External World Scepticism and Self Scepticism**
>   2020: Stirling Philosophy Department Staff Seminar.
>   2019: Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project Seminar.*
>   2019: Edinburgh University Philosophy Department Staff Work in Progress Seminar.

**A Solution to the McKinsey Paradox**
>   2018: Fifth Conference of the Brazilian Society for Analytic Philosophy.*
>   2017: Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project interim workshop.*
>   2017: Stirling Philosophy Department Staff Seminar.

**Semantic Self-Knowledge and the Vat Argument**
>   2017: Edinburgh University Philosophy of Language Group.*
>   2017: Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project Seminar.

**Some Themes from *Roadside Picnic***
>   2017: Café Philosophique, public engagement event at Blackwell's bookshop.*

**Rehabilitating the Causal-Theoretic Argument**
>   2016: University of Campinas visiting Speaker Seminar.*

**Closure Scepticism and the Vat Argument**
>   2016: International Conference: Putnam's Path.*

**Radical Interpretation, Scepticism, and the Possibility of Shared Error**
>   2016: Brazilian Society for Analytic Philosophy Conference.*
>   2015: Stirling Philosophy Department Staff Seminar.
>   2015: Stirling Undergraduate Philosophy Society.

**Scepticism and First-Person Thought**
>   2015: Stirling Undergraduate Philosophy Society.

**Putnam's Proof and Ineffability**
>   2014: Stirling Postgraduate Seminar.
>   2013: Stirling Undergraduate Philosophy Society.
>   2013: Arché Epistemology Seminar.
>   2012: Edinburgh Epistemology Postgraduate Conference.*

**Discontent and the Vat Argument**
>   2012: Seoul Philosophy Postgraduate Conference.*

## Education

**Ph.D in Philosophy at St Andrews and Stirling Joint Program in Philosophy (SASP)**  2010-2014
Thesis title: *A Response to External World Scepticism*.
Supervisors: Professor Peter Sullivan (primary), Dr Adrian Haddock (secondary).
Examiners: Professor Crispin Wright (external), Dr Philip Ebert (internal).

**M.Litt in Philosophy at SASP**  2009-2010
Distinction in both taught component and dissertation.

**B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford**  2004-2007

## Teaching

In the 2020 Edinburgh University Teaching Awards I was nominated for the Teacher of the Year award, and my undergrad course *Ethics of Artificial Intelligence* was nominated for the Outstanding Course award.

**Teaching as a Teaching Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, 2022-present**
2022: *Logic 1*, pre-honours course, tutor.
2022: *Knowledge and Reality*, tutor.

**Teaching as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Stirling, 2020-2022**
2021: *Feminist Philosophy*, honours course, course organiser.
2021: *From Plato to Existentialism*, pre-honours course (online due to Covid), tutor.
2020: *What is it all about?* pre-honours course (online due to Covid), tutor.
2020: *From Plato to Existentialism*, pre-honours course (online due to Covid), tutor.

**Teaching as a Teaching Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, 2019-2020**
2020: *Ethics of Artificial Intelligence*, honours course, course organiser.
2020: *Ethics of Artificial Intelligence*, graduate course, course organiser.
2020: *Knowledge and Reality*, pre-honours course, lecturer.
2019: *Epistemology*, graduate course (online), course organiser.
2019: *Advanced Ethics*, graduate course (online), course organiser.
2019: *Environmental Ethics*, honours course, course organiser.
2019: *Knowledge and Reality*, pre-honours course, lecturer.

**Teaching as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Campinas, 2016-2019**
2019: *Scepticism and First Person Thought*, graduate course, course organiser.

**Teaching as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Stirling, 2016**
2016: *Knowledge and Reality* honours course, course organiser.
2016: *Mind and Metaphysics* honours course, course organiser.

**Teaching as a Teaching Assistant at the University of Stirling, 2011-2014**
2014: *Rationalism and Empiricism,* honours course, teaching assistant.
2014: *Philosophy of Mind,* honours course, teaching assistant.
2014: *Aesthetics University of Stirling*, honours course, teaching assistant.
2014: *What is it all About?* Pre-honours course, teaching assistant.
2013: *Rationalism and Empiricism,* honours course, teaching assistant.
2013: *What is it all About?* pre-honours course, teaching assistant.
2012: *What is it all About?* pre-honours course, teaching assistant.
2011: *Mind and Reality,* pre-honours course, teaching assistant.

**Teaching as a Teaching Assistant at the University of St Andrews, 2010**
    2010: *Mind, Value, and Reality*, pre-honours course, teaching assistant.

## Grants and scholarships

**BEPE Postdoctoral Scholarship**      2017-2018
    £42,000 per annum. To visit the Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Project
    at the University of Stirling.

**FAPESP Postdoctoral Scholarship**      2016-2019
    £20,000 per annum. Suspended whilst visiting Stirling.

**Royal Institute of Philosophy Studentship**      2013-2014
    £3,000 block grant.

**Full AHRC Doctoral Scholarship**      2010-2014
    £13,000 per annum, plus tuition fees and £300 annual travel grant.

## Affiliations

**Member of the Centre for Logic, Epistemology and the History of Science**      2016-2019
    University of Campinas.

**Member of Arché**      2010-2014
    University of St Andrews.

## Organisational experience and academic service

**Referee work**
    *Noûs*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*,
    *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Analysis*, *International Journal for the Study of Skepticism*,
    *Manuscrito*.

**Organisation of research seminars and reading groups**
    Stirling University Visiting Speaker Seminar for the Law and Philosophy Department, 2015-
    2016.
    Stirling University Postgraduate Work in Progress Seminar, 2014-2015.
    Wittgenstein Reading Group at St Andrews, 2011-2012.

**Conference organisation**
    2012 Arché/CSMN Philosophy Graduate Conference. Keynote speakers: John Hawthorne
    (Oxford) and Delia Graff Fara (Princeton).

# References

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**Professor Crispin Wright**
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