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Current offices

University Reader in Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Cambridge. Fellow and College Lecturer in Philosophy, Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

Qualifications

1995. B. A. Mathematics, University of Oxford.

1996. M.A. Philosophy, University of Sussex.

2001. Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Cambridge.

2009. MSc. Economics, Birkbeck College, London.

Professional Appointments

2000. Temporary Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Birmingham.

2000-2003. College Teaching Officer, Girton College, Cambridge.

2004-2011. Official Fellow in Philosophy, Girton College.

2004-11. University Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Cambridge.

2011-13. Bye-fellow in Philosophy, Girton College.

2011-16. University Senior Lecturer, University of Cambridge.

2015-. Fellow and College Lecturer in Philosophy, Gonville and Caius College.

2016-. University Reader in Philosophy, University of Cambridge.

Publications

1. Peer-reviewed articles

2000. Hale on some arguments for the necessity of necessity. Mind 109: 81-92.

2005. Evidential Decision Theory and medical Newcomb problems. *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 56: 191-98.

2009. Gómez-Torrente on rigidity and essentiality. Mind 118: 121-33.

2011a. Out of the closet. Analysis 71: 77-85.

2011b. Walters on conjunction conditionalization. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 111: 115-22

2012a (with Huw Price). Arntzenius on 'Why ain'cha rich?' Erkenntnis 77: 15-30.

2012b. Push the button. *Philosophy of Science* 79: 386-95.

2013. Causal Decision Theory: a counterexample. Philosophical Review 122: 289-306.

2014a. Dicing with death. Analysis 74: 587-92.

2014b (with Adam Caulton). Causal Decision Theory and EPR correlations. *Synthese* 191: 4315-52.

2014c. Causal Decision Theory and the fixity of the past. *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* 65: 665-85.

2015a. Infallibility in the Newcomb Problem. Erkenntnis 80: 261-73.

2015b. Hume and the independent witnesses. *Mind* 124: 1013-44.

2016. Exploiting cyclic preference. Mind. doi: 10.1093/mind/fzv218

2017 (with Bernhard Salow). Don't look now. British Journal for the Philosophy of Science.

2. Invited Articles

2007. Agency and causation. In Corry, R. and H. Price (ed.), *Causation, Physics and the Constitution of Reality: Russell's Republic Revisited*. Oxford: OUP: 120-55.

2008. W. V. Quine. In Misak, C. (ed.), Oxford Handbook of American Philosophy. Oxford: OUP: 290-338.

2010a. Causation and decision. Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society 110: 111-31.

2010b. Deductive inference and aspect perception. In Ahmed, A. (ed.), *Wittgenstein's 'Philosophical Investigations': A Critical Guide*. Cambridge: CUP: 197-217.

2011a. Wittgenstein: *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*. In Lee, B. (ed.), *Key Thinkers: Philosophy of Language*. London: Bloomsbury / Continuum: 76-84.

2011b. Wittgenstein: *Philosophical Investigations*. In Lee, B. (ed.), *Key Thinkers: Philosophy of Language*. London: Bloomsbury / Continuum: 121-37.

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- 2013. From game-theoretical accounts of co-operation to meta-ethical choices. *Studies in Christian Ethics* 26: 176-83 (special edition on evolution and game theory).
- 2017. Wittgenstein on seeing aspects. In Glock, H.-J. and J. Hyman (ed.), *Blackwell Companion to Wittgenstein*. Oxford: Blackwell: 517-32.
- Forthcoming a. Signaling systems and the Transcendental Deduction. In Goldschmidt, T. and K. Pearce (ed.), *Idealism: New Essays in Metaphysics*. Oxford: OUP.
- Forthcoming b. Forthcoming. Psychological Newcomb Problems. In Ahmed, A. (ed.), *Classic Philosophical Arguments: Newcomb's Problem*. Cambridge: CUP.
- Forthcoming c. Do miracles provide evidence for religious belief? In Peterson, M. L. and R. VanArragon (ed.), *Contemporary Debates in Philosophy of Religion*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Forthcoming d. Self-control and hyperbolic discounting. In J. L. Bermudez (ed.) *Self-Control & Rationality: Interdisciplinary Essays*. Cambridge: CUP.
- Forthcoming e. Miracles. In G. Oppy et al. (ed.), *Theism and Atheism: Opposing Viewpoints in Philosophy*, Macmillan Reference USA.
- Forthcoming f. Rationality and future discounting. *Topoi* (special edition on 'New trends in Rational Choice'.)

3. Books

2007. Saul Kripke. London: Bloomsbury / Continuum.

2010a. Wittgenstein's 'Philosophical Investigations': A Reader's Guide. London: Bloomsbury / Continuum. (Korean translation 2013.)

2010b (ed.) Wittgenstein's 'Philosophical Investigations': A Critical Guide. Cambridge: CUP. 2014. Evidence, Decision and Causality. Cambridge: CUP.

Forthcoming a. (ed.). Classic Philosophical Arguments: Newcomb's Problem. Cambridge: CUP.

Forthcoming b. The Value of the Future. Princeton: Princeton UP.

4. Reviews etc.

- 2001. Quine. Richmond Journal of Philosophy 1: 29-34.
- 2006. Review of M. de Gaynesford, *John McDowell*; T. Thornton, *John McDowell*. *Mind* 115: 403-9.
- 2009. Review of Pears, D., *Paradox and Platitude in Wittgenstein's Philosophy. Mind* 117: 200-3.
- 2012. Review of Hale, R. and A. Hoffman (ed.), *Modality: Metaphysics, Logic and Epistemology. Mind* 121: 817-22.
- 2013. Il vero scoglio é la prova etica. In Il Sole 24 Ore, 12 May.
- 2016. Review of Epstein, B. The Ant Trap. Times Literary Supplement, 29 April.
- 2016. Review of Buchak, L., Risk and Rationality. British Journal for the Philosophy of Science Reviews:

https://bjpsbooks.wordpress.com/2016/08/22/lara-buchak-risk-and-rationality/

Forthcoming. Kripke, Saul Aaron. In Crane, T. (ed.), *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*. London: Routledge.

Recent and forthcoming invited presentations

- 6. 2015. Debate on Causal and Evidential Decision Theory. With Prof. Rachael Briggs (Stanford), Prof. Wlodek Rabinowicz (Lund) and Prof. Robert Stalnaker (MIT). Decisions, Games and Logic conference: LSE.
- 11. 2015. Rationality and future discounting. Serious Metaphysics Group: Cambridge.
- 2. 2016. Building better beliefs. Plenary address: National Federation of Atheist, Humanist and Secular Student Societies.
- 3. 2016. Counterfactuals and Morgenbesser's coin (comments). APA Central Division, Chicago.
- 4. 2016. Blame, belief and statistical evidence. Theoretical Philosophy Colloquium. Groningen.
- 6. 2016. Don't look before you leap. Workshop on Reasons and Mental States in Decision Theory. LSE.

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- 9. 2016. Belief, blame and statistical evidence. Workshop on Non-Categorical Thinking. Department of Philosophy and Education, University of Turin.
- 10. 2016. Belief and statistical evidence. Philosophy Colloquium, University of York.
- 10. 2016. Belief and statistical evidence. CAMPOS, Cambridge.
- 10. 2016. Rationality and Future Discounting. New Trends in the Theory of Rational Choice, Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy.
- 3. 2017. Belief and statistical evidence. Visiting Speaker Series, University of Stirling.
- 5. 2017. Self-control and hyperbolic discounting. Rationality and Self-control Workshop, Texas A & M University.
- 11.2017. Causation and statistical evidence. Seminar on Causation and Explanation, Venice International University
- 2.2018. TBD. Visiting speaker series, University of Glasgow.
- 2.2018. TBD. European Network for Non-Categorical Thought, University of Amsterdam.
- 6.2018. Cyclic preference. Foundations of Utility under Risk. University of Leeds.

Grants, Awards and other Honours

- 2006. Early Career Fellowship (University of Cambridge): £6K.
- 2009-10. Leverhulme Research Fellowship: £40K.
- 2013-. Patron, Gibraltar Atheist Society.
- 2013. ANU Visiting Fellowship: AU\$10K.
- 2014. Mellon Teaching Fellowship (University of Cambridge): £4K.
- 2014-15. Machine Intelligence Research Institute, Berkeley, CA: US\$40K (with Prof. H. Price). Funding to cover all costs to run a major international conference held in Cambridge, May 2015.
- 2015. AHRC Tenth Anniversary award: £7.5K. Winner (with Daniel Weiss, Divinity) of a national competition to hold an AHRC-sponsored debate, on Faith and Education.

Other Appointments and Affiliations

1. Other Institutions and Professional Bodies

- 2003. Visiting Scholar: Department of Philosophy, Yale University.
- 2006. Visiting Scholar: Centre for Time, Sydney University.
- 2010. Visiting Scholar: Centre for the Foundations of Science, Sydney University.
- 2012. Visiting Professor: Central China Normal University, Wuhan.
- 2013. Distinguished Visiting Professor: Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa.
- 2013. Visiting Fellow: Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University.
- 2014-. Council member: Royal Institute of Philosophy.

2. Peer Review Activities

- 2011-. Referee for: Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Blackwell, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Cambridge University Press, Dialectica, Erkenntnis, Ethics, Mind, Noûs, Oxford University Press, Philosophy and Economics, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Quarterly and Synthese.
- 2011-. External assessor for Cambridge College Research Fellowships: Churchill, Clare, Magdalene, Murray Edwards, St John's, Trinity.
- 2013. Grant assessor: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
- 2014. External assessor for tenure: Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT.
- 2016. Grant assessor: Research Council of Norway.