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## EMPLOYMENT

2019-21                      Research Fellow, Roots of Responsibility ERC Project                      **UCL**

## EDUCATION

2015-2019                      PhD in Philosophy                      **University of St Andrews**  
**University of Stirling**

*Thesis: Is It OK to Make Mistakes? Appraisal and False Normative Belief*

*Supervisors: Jessica Brown (primary), Justin Snedegar, Brian Weatherson.*

*Examiners: Philip Ebert, Daniel Whiting.*

2017-18                      Visiting Research Student                      **University of Michigan**

2013-2015                      MPhilSt. in Philosophy                      **King's College London**

*Thesis: Rational Incoherence: How to Make Mistakes about What Rationality Requires*

*Supervisor: Clayton Littlejohn*

*Examiners: Corine Besson, Kurt Sylvan*

2008-2011                      BA in Philosophy (1<sup>st</sup> Class)                      **King's College London**

*Thesis: What is a Contradiction?*

## RESEARCH

### Publications

Recklessness and Uncertainty: Jackson Cases and Merely Apparent Asymmetry. 2019. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, pp. 1-23.

It's OK to Make Mistakes: Against the Fixed Point Thesis. 2017. *Episteme*, pp.1-11.

Review of Julia Staffel, *Unsettled Thoughts: A Theory of Degrees of Rationality*. Forthcoming in *Mind*.

Review of Brian Weatherson, *Normative Externalism*. Forthcoming in *Philosophy*.

Review of Susanne Mantel, *Determined By Reasons*. 2019. *Ethics*, pp. 484-489.

### **Under Review.**

- Conflict Resolution: Demoting the Enkratic Principle
- Explaining Away the Enkratic Principle
- What It's Reasonable To Expect: the Insignificance of Moral Reasons De Re
- Defeat Through Inertia: A Priori Propositional Justification
- Ignorance (only) Sometimes Excuses
- Could(n't) Care Less? Blameworthiness and Non-Ideal Caring

### **In Progress.**

- Is Longtermism Reckless?
- Risk Related Reasons to Reconsider
- Higher-Order Evidence and Moral Deliberation
- Epistemology First? A Model-Theoretic Approach to the Normativity of Logic (with Bruno Jacinto)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited.**

#### **Moral Risk and Reasons to Reconsider**

- Reasons Workshop, University of St Andrews, Jun 2020 (cancelled).

#### **Logical Normativity as Epistemic Normativity**

- Logical Disagreement Workshop, University of St Andrews, Apr 2020 (cancelled).

#### **Unpossessed Reasons and Reasonable Expectations**

- Workshop on Nathan Ballantyne's *Knowing Our Limits*, Institute of Philosophy, Apr 2020 (cancelled).

#### **Is Longtermism Reckless?**

- Longtermism Workshop, *Global Priorities Institute*, Mar 2020. (cancelled).

#### **Explaining Away the Enkratic Principle**

- Recalcitrant Emotions Conference, Birkbeck, Dec 2019
- Oxford Epistemology Group, Feb 2020.

#### **Defeat Through Inertia: A Priori Propositional Justification and Mistakes About What Rationality Requires.**

- Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Network Workshop, University of Stirling, Dec 2018.

#### **Rational Incoherence: How to Make Mistakes about What Rationality Requires.**

- Undergraduate Philosophy Society, University of Michigan, Nov 2017.
- Arché Epistemic Incoherence Workshop, Dec 2015.

#### **Intuition and Argumentation.**

- Departmental Conference, King's College London, Oct 2009.

## Refereed.

### **Explaining Away the Enkratic Principle.**

- Higher-Order Evidence in Epistemology, Ethics, and Aesthetics V, University of Southampton, Mar 2020 (postponed).  
(*One of 2 papers selected for presentation. Travel and Accommodation provided.*)

### **Conflict Resolution: Demoting the Enkratic Principle.**

- Oxford Graduate Conference, University of Oxford, Nov 2018.  
(*One of 12 graduate papers selected from 170 submissions. Accommodation provided.*)
- The Aristotelian Society Postgraduate Session, University of Oxford, Jul 2018.  
(*One of 8 graduate papers selected by competition. Travel and accommodation provided.*)

### **What It's Reasonable to Expect: the Insignificance of Moral Reasons De Re.**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University, Nov 2017.  
(*One of 10 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation provided.*)
- 8<sup>th</sup> ND/NU Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Notre Dame, Apr 2017.  
(*One of 9 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation provided.*)

### **Moral Risk and Moral Uncertainty: In Praise of Moral Jackson Cases.**

- Formal Ethics, University of York, Jun 2017.  
(*One of 15 papers selected by competition for presentation at International Annual Conference.*)

### **Are Moral and Epistemic Normative Ignorance Symmetrical?**

- New Trends in Epistemology, University of Pavia, Jun 2017.  
(*One of 8 papers selected by competition for presentation.*)

### **Epistemology First: Bridge Principles and Epistemic Norms.** (with Bruno Jacinto)

- The Normativity of Logic, University of Bergen, Jun 2017.  
(*One of 10 papers selected by competition for Anti-Exceptionalism about Logic Project Workshop.*)

### **The Implausibility of Chomsky's Competence-Performance Distinction.** (Poster).

- 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology, University of St Andrews, Aug 2016.

### **Could Epistemic Akrasia be Rational?**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh, May 2015.  
(*One of 8 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation and travel provided.*)

### **Dancy's Difficulty and Why Strong Factualism Cannot Resolve It.**

- The Factive Turn in Epistemology Workshop, Vienna University, May 2015.  
(One of 8 papers selected by competition.)

### **Other Conference Participation.**

- Invited Commentator. *Higher-Order Evidence in Epistemology, Ethics, and Aesthetics IV, University of Southampton, Dec 2019*
- Invited Commentator. *Roots of Responsibility workshop on Responsibility, Knowledge, and Belief Workshop, Dec 2019*
- Commentator. *Higher-Order Evidence in Epistemology, Ethics, and Aesthetics II, University of Southampton, Jun 2019.*
- Chair and Commentator. *St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, May 2018*
- Commentator. *UCL Legal Philosophy Workshop, May 2017*

### **AWARDS**

2011	School of Humanities Jelf Medal Awarded to one student in each graduating year for academic excellence.
2010	Adrian Gray Memorial Prize (£60) Awarded to one second year Philosophy student for academic excellence.
2009	Sambrooke Exhibition in the Arts Awarded for the highest first year examination results.
2009	Commendation: Epistemology & Metaphysics

### **FUNDING**

#### **Academic Funding.**

2018	Aristotelian Society Student Bursary (£3000)
2018	Royal Institute of Philosophy Bursary (£3000, <i>declined</i> )
2015-18	Scottish Graduate School AHRC PhD Scholarship (£54,327)
2015-18	White Rose AHRC PhD Scholarship (£54,327, <i>declined</i> )
2015-18	Midlands Three Cities AHRC PhD Scholarship (£54,327, <i>declined</i> )
2015-18	Northern Bridge AHRC PhD Scholarship (£54,327, <i>declined</i> )
2013-15	AHRC Research Preparation Masters Award (£31,266)
2011, 2009	King's Scholarship (£1800)

#### **Conference and Travel Funding.**

2020	Mind Conference Grant (£600) For conference on Epistemic Standards in the Law
2018	AHRC PhD Training Fund (£2500) Awarded for research trip to University of Michigan.
2018	Russell Trust Travel Scholarship (£750)

- 2017                    Awarded for research trip to University of Michigan.  
Arche Travel Scholarship (£1800)
- 2015                    Awarded for research trip to University of Michigan  
AHRC Events Grant (£1250)
- 2013                    Awarded for interdisciplinary conference on Uncertainty.  
Groningen Winter School in Rationality (£300)  
Travel funding to attend Winter School in Groningen.

## TEACHING

**Accreditation:** Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (2019).

**Supervision:** Undergraduate dissertation on moral responsibility (UCL, 2020).

### Primary Instructor:

2016-17 Medical Ethics, *University of St Andrews*.

- Pre-University foundation year medical students.
- Solely responsible for course design, lectures, seminars, and final assessment.
- Topics: Introductory Ethical Theory, Abortion, Euthanasia, Justice in Healthcare, Human Enhancement, Organ Donation.

### Lecturer:

2019 "Epistemic Injustice", Meaning and Knowing. University of St Andrews

- Guest undergraduate lecture.

2018 Applied Ethics, *University of St Andrews*.

- Undergraduate summer school.
- Responsible for course design and delivering lectures.
- Topics: Moral Status and Vegetarianism, Environmental Ethics and Geoengineering, Crime and Punishment, Neurodiversity.

2015 Academic Skills: Philosophy, *University of St Andrews*.

- Upper level undergraduate students.
- Responsible for course design and delivering lectures.
- Topics: Philosophical Arguments, Critical Thinking.

### Seminar Leader:

Lower level undergraduate:

- Moral and Aesthetic Value, *University of St Andrews*. 2018-19.
- Introductory Logic *University of St Andrews*. 2015-16.
- Greek Philosophy I, *King's College London*. 2014-15.
- Epistemology I, *King's College London*. 2014-15.

Upper level undergraduate:

- Epistemology II, *King's College London*. 2014-15
- Contemporary Ethical Philosophy, *King's College London*. 2014-15.
- Philosophy of Religion, *King's College London*. 2014-15.

## ORGANIZATION

*Events for which I took the lead organizational role*

### Conferences

- 2021 Epistemic Standards in the Law  
Supported by Mind, Roots of Responsibility, and LSE (with Lewis Ross).
- 2021 Risk and Recklessness  
Roots of Responsibility Workshop, UCL
- 2020 Mistakes, Ignorance, and Blameworthiness  
Online Roots of Responsibility workshop.
- 2015 Uncertainty Conference and Workshop Series  
AHRC Interdisciplinary Conference in Arts & Humanities, King's College London.

### Public Engagement

- 2018 Public Philosophy Network Training Workshops  
Series of three workshops on public engagement training for PhD students.
- 2011 Political Values Debate, House of Commons  
Facilitated discussion between Labour MPs on their political values.

### Seminars and Reading Groups

- 2019-20 UCL Higher-Order Evidence Reading Group
- 2018-19 Arché Epistemology Seminar
- 2016-17 Arché Reasons and Rationality Seminar
- 2013-15 Epistemology Reading Group
- 2008-9 Philosophy Society Visiting Speaker Series

## OUTREACH AND IMPACT

### Writing.

- Reasonable Expectations and Reoffending: Lessons from the Criminal Justice System <https://sgsahblog.wordpress.com/tag/field-work/>
- Doing Philosophy in Public <https://sgsahblog.wordpress.com/2019/01/09/doing-philosophy-in-public/>
- Thoth and Thamus. In Worley (ed.) *The Philosophy Shop: ideas, activities & questions to get people, young and old, thinking philosophically*. Crown House Publishing, 2012.

### Knowledge Exchange

- 2018 AHRC Internship with Theatre Nemo, Glasgow  
Collaborated and contributed to research on reoffending. Communicated research to charity stakeholders. Assisted with EU SIF grant application.
- 2015 Internship with Halsbury Law Exchange

Collaborated and contributed to a research paper on women in prison.

## Organisation

- 2018-19 Public Philosophy Liaison, OPEN Scotland  
Co-ordinating and publicising public philosophy events in Scotland.
- 2018 SGSAH Public Philosophy Network  
Organizing training in public engagement for PhD students in Scotland.

## Activities

- May 2020 Stuart Low Trust Philosophy Forum  
Facilitated philosophical discussion on risk and recklessness with members of the public.
- Feb 2020 Stand-Up Philosophy, The Bill Murray Comedy Club  
Performed philosophical stand-up comedy on higher-order evidence to members of the public.
- Nov 2019 Stuart Low Trust Philosophy Forum  
Facilitated philosophical discussion on dialetheism with members of the public.
- Aug 2018, 2019 Stand-Up Philosophy, The Edinburgh Fringe Festival  
Performed philosophical stand-up comedy on Plato, Kant, Nozick, and others.
- Oct 2018 The Bright Club, The Stand Comedy Club, Edinburgh  
Performed stand-up comedy based on my research to members of the public.
- Jul 2018 JS Mill Cup, St Andrews  
Judge for high school ethics competition.
- 2017-18 Michigan High School Ethics Bowl  
Coached a high school ethics bowl team once a week in preparation for statewide competition.
- May 2011 House of Commons  
Facilitated philosophical debate with Labour MPs on political values.
- 2009-15 The Philosophy Foundation, London.  
Designed and delivered philosophy sessions for ages 5-16. Completed training in teaching philosophy to children.

## SERVICE

- **Research Assistant:** Developed concept for CEPPA's Effective Altruism resources website: [https://effectivealtruism.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/?\\_ga=2.168734113.1840449254.1592346421-923125083.1592346421](https://effectivealtruism.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/?_ga=2.168734113.1840449254.1592346421-923125083.1592346421)
- **Organizing Committee Member:** Arché Reading Party, 2016; KCL Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference and Seminar Series on Union, 2013-14; Interdisciplinary Arts & Humanities Postgraduate Seminar Series, King's College London, 2014-15; PhD Training Workshop Series, King's College

London, 2014-15.

- **Peer Reviewer:** *Philosophical Studies*, 2020; *Ergo*, 2020; *Dialectica*, 2017; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2017; *The Transatlantic Journal of Economics and Philosophy*, 2011.
- **Mentor:** MAP Mentoring Scheme, University of St Andrews 2016-17, 2018-19; SHINE Mentoring Scheme, London 2013-14.
- **President:** Philosophy Society, *King's College London*, 2008-9.
- **Student Representative:** Staff-Student Liaison Committee, *King's College London*, 2008-10.

## OTHER SKILLS

**German** (Fluent working proficiency). Accreditation: *King's College London Modern Language Centre* (CEFR C1), 2013-14. *Berlin Volkshochschule* (CEFR B2), 2012-13.

**Rock Climbing.** Competent sport and trad climber.

**Teaching English as an Additional Language.** Accreditation: Trinity TESOL Level 5 Qualification, *TEFL Lab London*, 2011.

**IT Proficiency:** Latex, Microsoft Office, Wordpress.

## REFERENCES

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