

Dr Joe Cunningham

Curriculum Vitae

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Research

AOS Philosophy of Mind & Action; Moral Psychology.

AOC Metaethics; Normative Ethics; Epistemology; Kant; Existentialism.

Employment

2023–present Assistant Professor of Philosophy. *University of Nottingham.*

2021–23 Fixed-term Lecturer in Philosophy. *University of Nottingham.*

2020–21 Stipendiary Lecturer & Director of Studies in Philosophy. *Jesus College, University of Oxford.*

2019–20 Departmental Lecturer in Ethics. *Faculty of Philosophy & Jesus College, University of Oxford.*

2018–19 Stipendiary Lecturer & Director of Studies in Philosophy. *St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford.*

2017–19 Career Development Lecturer in Philosophy. *Jesus College, University of Oxford.*

2015–16 Early Career Fellow. *Institute of Advanced Study, University of Warwick.*

2013–18 Sessional Teacher. *Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick.*

Education

2022–2024 PGCE, *University of Nottingham.*

2012–2016 PhD Philosophy, *University of Warwick.*
Passed with no corrections

Thesis *The Remit of Reasons*

Supervisors Prof. Matthew Soteriou, Dr Johannes Roessler

Awarded March 16th 2016

Examiners Dr Guy Longworth, Dr Maria Alvarez

2008–2010 MPhil.Stud Philosophy, *University College London.*
Passed with no corrections

Thesis *Disjunctivism and the Possibility of Perceptual Knowledge*

Supervisor Prof. Paul Snowdon

Examiners Prof. Bill Brewer, Dr Adrian Haddock

Modules Epistemology, Metaethics, Kant

2005–2008 BA(Hons.) Philosophy, *Heythrop College, University of London*.
First class
Thesis *Does Kant Offer a Conceptualist Account of Perceptual Experience?*
Supervisor Dr Fiona Ellis

Grants & Scholarships

2024 University of Nottingham Impact Accelerator Mode-B Award (~ £7000)
2023 BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (~ £9000)
2022 University of Nottingham Impact Accelerator Mode-A Award (~ £1000)
2017 Aristotelian Society Joint Session Student Subsidy (~ £250)
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2015–2016 Royal Institute of Philosophy Bursary (£3000), *offered*.
2013 For MindGrad 2013: Mind Association Major Conference Grant; Aristotelian Society Conference Grant; Analysis Trust Conference Grant; Mind & Language Conference Grant (£3000 total)
2012–2015 Warwick Philosophy Department Travel Bursaries (~ £600)
2012–2015 AHRC Doctoral Award (~ £51,000)
2009–2010 UCL Philosophy Department Follett Scholarship (£13,000)
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Publications: In Journals

Forthcoming 'Factivism Defended'
The Journal of Philosophy
2022 'Moral Worth and Knowing How to Respond to Reasons'
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research 105(2): 385–405
2021 'The Matter of Motivating Reasons'
Philosophical Studies 179(5): 1563–1589
2020 'The Basis of Debasing Scepticism'
Erkenntnis 86(4): 813–833
2020 'Knowledgeably Responding to Reasons'
Erkenntnis 85(3): 673–692
2019 'Is Believing for a Normative Reason a Composite Condition?'
Synthese 196(9): 3889–3910
2019 'The Formulation of Disjunctivism about ϕ -ing for a Reason'
The Philosophical Quarterly 69(275): 235–257
2016 'Reflective Epistemological Disjunctivism'
Episteme 13(1): 111–132

Publications: In Collections

2018 'Are Perceptual Reasons the Objects of Perception?'
In the Light of Experience: Essays on Reasons and Perception
Edited by Johan Gersel, Morten Thøning, Søren Overgaard, & Rasmus Jensen
Oxford: Oxford University Press

Publications: Reviews

- 2020 Review of Susanne Mantel's *Determined by Reasons*
The Philosophical Quarterly 70(279): 429–432
- 2017 Review of Eva Schmidt's *Modest Nonconceptualism*
Philosophical Psychology 30(1-2): 205–208

Publications: In Progress

- Under Review 'Who Cares?'
- Under Review 'The Puzzle of Inauthenticity'
- Under Review 'Three Kinds of Practical Identity'

Selected Talks

Peer-reviewed talks marked * / Invited Talks marked +.

- *Responding to Reasons: From Deviance to Disjunctivism*
 - March 2022 *Understanding Others Factively*. University of Dortmund, Germany⁺
 - May 2022 University of Nottingham Departmental Colloquium
 - July 2022 *Normative Capacities*. Humboldt University, Berlin⁺
- *Is Believing for a Normative Reason a Composite Condition?*
 - June 2017 London Mind Network, UCL
 - July 2017 Understanding Value VI, University of Sheffield*
 - July 2017 Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society & The Mind Association, University of Edinburgh*
- *Williams' Dictum*
 - Feb. 2016 Warwick Work in Progress Seminar
 - April 2016 Early Career Mind Network, University of Warwick*
 - July 2016 Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society & The Mind Association, Cardiff University*
- *Reflective Epistemological Disjunctivism*
 - Sept. 2014 The Epistemology of Perception Conference, KU Leuven*
- *Reasons and Content*
 - June 2014 Warwick Work in Progress Seminar
- *Reasons are Truths*
 - Oct. 2013 *Reasons: Action, Perception, Belief*. Saarbruecken, Germany*
 - Oct. 2013 University of Warwick Graduate Induction Day
- *Perceiving isn't Believing*
 - April 2013 Dublin Graduate Philosophy Conference: Perception and Understanding*
 - Dec. 2012 London–Warwick Graduate Mind Forum
- *Foundational Perceptual Knowledge: Intentionalism vs. Naïve Realism*
 - Dec. 2012 University of Warwick MindGrad 2012*
- *Perceptual Knowledge: Access Without Evidence*
 - June 2012 Manchester Open Minds VII*
 - June 2012 University of Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference*
- *Selected Responses*
 - Oct. 2013 Prof. Bill Brewer's *Objects and the Explanation of Perception*. Experiential Reasons Workshop, University of Copenhagen*

Teaching

- Memberships** Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.
- Graduate** PhD Co-Supervision in Philosophy of Mind, Action, and Meta-ethics x 6. University of Nottingham: 21–present.
Convenor of *MA Mind & Knowledge* Module. University of Nottingham: 21–25.
Convenor of *MA Dissertation* Module. University of Nottingham: 21–22.
Graduate Class in Reasons & Rationality. University of Oxford: 21/22.
Supervision of BPhil Students in my AOS. University of Oxford: 19/20; 20/21.
BPhil Pro-Seminar in Political Philosophy. University of Oxford: 19/20.
- Lecturing** First-year *Mind, Knowledge, and Ethics*. University of Nottingham: 21–23.
First-year *Philosophy & the Contemporary World*. University of Nottingham: 24/25.
Second-year *Knowledge & Justification*. University of Nottingham: 21–23; 25/26.
Second-year *Continental Philosophy*. University of Nottingham: 22/23.
Third-year *Authenticity & Existentialism*. University of Nottingham: 22–present.
Second/Third-Year *Metaethics*. University of Oxford: 19/20; 20/21.
Guest lectures in Epistemology; Philosophy of Mind; Ethics. University of Warwick.
- Seminars** At either Nottingham, UCL, or Warwick: Introductory Logic; Introductory Epistemology and Metaphysics; Introductory Moral Philosophy; Introductory Philosophy of Science; Epistemology; Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Action & Freewill; Philosophy of Social Science; Practical Ethics; Ethics.
- Tutorials** At either Jesus College or St Catherine's College: First-year Logic; First-year General Philosophy; First-year Moral Philosophy; Ethics; Practical Ethics; Early Modern Philosophy (Descartes, Berkeley, Hume); Philosophy of Kant; Post-Kantian Philosophy (Heidegger, Sartre, Beauvoir); Knowledge & Reality; Philosophy of Mind; Philosophy of Logic & Language; Philosophy of Religion.

Administration & Service

- Administration** Faculty of Arts Elected Member of the Senate. University of Nottingham: 24–present.
Department of Philosophy Director of Postgraduate Research Programmes. University of Nottingham: 23–26.
School of Humanities Postgraduate Taught Programmes Officer. University of Nottingham: 23–26.
Department of Philosophy Extenuating Circumstances Officer. University of Nottingham: 22–23.
Department of Philosophy Postgraduate Taught Programmes Officer. University of Nottingham: 21–22.
Director of Studies in Philosophy. Jesus College, Oxford: 19–20; 20–21.
Director of Studies in Philosophy. St Catherine's College, Oxford: 18–19.
- Reviewing** *Mind; Noûs; Philosophical Quarterly; Topoi; Philosophia; Synthese; Episteme; Philosophical Studies; Oxford University Press.*
- Events** Organiser of Reasons, Rationality & Rationalising Explanation Workshop, University of Warwick: 2016.
Organiser of Pathologies of Belief Reading Group: 2015.
Co-Organiser, MindGrad: 2013.
Co-Organiser, UCL Graduate Conference: 2009.

Committees UG & PGT Internal Exam Boards, University of Nottingham: 2021–present.
School of Humanities PGT Committee, University of Nottingham: 2021–present.
Chair, British Undergraduate Philosophy Society: 2007–8.
Committee Member, British Undergraduate Philosophy Society: 2005–7.

Outreach, Knowledge Exchange, & Impact

- 2021–present Co Director of the *Philosophical Foundations of Psychotherapy* Project.
- 2020–present Tutor: Oxford Prospects Programme.
- 2022–present Regional co-organiser of the Ethics Cup
- 2025 Interview with *IFL Science* for the article Positive Nihilism, about the positive psychological impacts of accepting nihilism.
 - 2020 Tutor: Interview Workshops for State School Candidates hosted by Balliol and Somerville Colleges, University of Oxford.
 - 2020 Popular talk at Being Human Festival. Talk title: *Are Humans Responsible for Natural Disasters? The 18th Century Lisbon Earthquake and Covid-19*.
 - 2020 Popular talk at IF Oxford: Oxford Science & Ideas Festival. Talk title: *Are Humans Responsible for Natural Disasters? The 18th Century Lisbon Earthquake and Covid-19*.
 - 2017 Presentation on the Ethics of Privacy to the EU Commission in Brussels, as part of the E-Crime Project, co-hosted by the University of Warwick's Cybersecurity Centre.
 - 2016 Talk on my doctoral work to an interdisciplinary audience at the Institute of Advanced Study, University of Warwick
 - 2014 Advisor for BBC documentary *The Joy of Logic*
 - 2012 Talk on Berkeley's Immaterialism to A-Level students at Bilborough 6th Form College, Nottingham
 - 2008 Interview with *The Guardian* for the article I Think Therefore I Learn about the employability of philosophy graduates