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## EXPERTISE

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**AOS** Epistemology (esp. social & political)  
**AOC** Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of AI, conspiracy theories

## EDUCATION

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**2021–** Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Glasgow  
Thesis: *Fighting falsity: essays on deceiving, objecting, and conspiring*  
Supervisors: Prof. J. Adam Carter and Dr. Emma C. Gordon

**2020–2021** MSc. in Philosophy (**Distinction**), University of Glasgow  
Dissertation: “Closed-mindedness and Knowledge: A Refutation of Obstructivism”  
Supervisor: Prof. J. Adam Carter

**2016–2020** M.A. (Hons) Philosophy and Film Studies (**1st Class**), University of Glasgow

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Forthcoming** “On the perils of engaging.” *Episteme*

**2023** “A puzzle of epistemic paternalism.” *Philosophical Psychology* 36 (5): 1011–1029  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09515089.2022.2146490>

## UNDER REVIEW

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A paper on the evaluative normativity of objecting (R&R at *Noûs*)  
A paper on hedging and bullshitting (in review at *Philosophical Studies*)

## AWARDS AND FUNDING

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**2024–2025** Royal Institute of Philosophy [Jacobsen Studentship](#) (£9600)  
*Only six awarded in whole of UK*

**2021–2025** [SGSAH](#) AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership Scholarship (Fees and Stipend)

**2024** Scots Philosophical Association Conference Funding — *2nd Scottish Graduate*

- Conference in Applied Epistemology* (£800)
- 2024** Society for Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference Funding — *2nd Scottish Graduate Conference in Applied Epistemology* (£1500)
- 2024** Research Training and Support Grant — *9th National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy* (£770)
- 2024** Research Training and Support Grant — *Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference* (£300)
- 2023** Research Training and Support Grant — *Epistemology Summer School in Urbino* (£770)
- 2022** Research Training and Support Grant — *2022 Joint Session* (£300)

## PRESENTATIONS

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(\* indicates peer review, † indicates invitation)

- 2025\*** “Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, *Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session*, University of Glasgow
- 2025\*** “Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, *Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference 2025*, Gdansk
- 2025†** “Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, *Distrust in Expertise Workshop*, Radboud University
- 2025** “Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, *Postgraduate Seminar*, University of Glasgow
- 2024** “Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, *COGITO Epistemology Research Centre Work-in-Progress Seminar*, University of Glasgow
- 2024\*** “(Un)politicised claims and the proper object of partisan deference”, *Goethe Epistemology Meeting 2024*, Goethe University Frankfurt
- 2024\*** “(Un)politicised claims and the proper object of partisan deference”, *British Society for the Theory of Knowledge Conference*, University of Glasgow
- 2024\*** “On the perils of engaging”, *World Congress of Philosophy*, Rome
- 2024\*** “On the perils of engaging”, *Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session*, University of Birmingham
- 2024\*** “Objecting and quiescing, aptly”, *9th National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy*, Nova University Lisbon
- 2024\*** “On the perils of engaging”, *Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference 2024*, University of Oxford
- 2024** “Objecting and quiescing, aptly”, *Postgraduate Seminar*, University of Glasgow

- 2023\* “A Unified Framework of Objecting through Telic Virtue Epistemology”, *British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Conference*, University of York
- 2023 “A Unified Framework of Objecting through Telic Virtue Epistemology”, *Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers*
- 2023 “A new account of conspiracy theories”, *Social Epistemology Network Event 3*, Isle of Bute
- 2023\* “A new account of conspiracy theories”, *The 2nd International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theory*, VU Amsterdam
- 2023 “The Legitimacy Dilemma”, *Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities Summer School*, University of Glasgow
- 2023 “The Legitimacy Dilemma”, *Postgraduate Seminar*, University of Glasgow
- 2023\* “The Legitimacy Dilemma”, *Understanding Value XI*, University of Sheffield
- 2023\* “The Legitimacy Dilemma”, *Environmental Issues Venezia*
- 2022 “The Legitimacy Dilemma”, *Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers*
- 2022\* “In Defence of Transparency”, *Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session*, University of St Andrews
- 2021 “A Puzzle of Epistemic Paternalism”, *Postgraduate Seminar*, University of Glasgow
- 2021 “A Puzzle of Epistemic Paternalism”, *Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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(\* indicates taught more than once)

- Lecturer** [Philosophy Summer School](#) 2024 at University of Glasgow  
Course design (lectures, seminars, learning activities) and assessment creation (quizzes, essay questions) on conceptual analysis and epistemology.
- Tutor** University of Glasgow 2021–  
*Junior Honours (3rd year):*  
Philosophy of Mind (*wide-ranging issues in philosophy of mind*)  
Epistemology (*wide-ranging issues in epistemology*)  
*Sub-honours (1st and 2nd year):*  
\*Philosophy 2B—What is there? (*predicate logic, metaphysics, philosophy of religion, philosophy of science*)  
\*Philosophy 2A—What am I? (*philosophy of mind, free will, identity, social philosophy*)  
\*Philosophy 1B—How should I live? (*normative ethics, meta-ethics, political philosophy, meaning of life*)  
\*Philosophy 1A—How should I think? (*critical thinking, ethics, logic, epistemology*)

**PAL Tutor** Peer Assisted Learning Tutor at University of Glasgow 2017–2018  
*Taught logic to 1st and 2nd year students*

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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**2024** Co-organiser, *2nd Scottish Graduate Conference in Applied Epistemology*  
Secured over £2000 in grants, abstract review and selection, scheduling, chairing

**2023–** Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers ([SEECRs](#)) Steering Committee  
Organising bi-weekly WiP and website design

**Reviewer** *American Philosophical Quarterly, Acta Analytica, Social Epistemology, Philosophical Psychology, Asian Journal of Philosophy, Philosophia*

**Helper** *British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference, University of Glasgow, 2025*  
*Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session, University of Glasgow, 2025*  
*Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience 20th Anniversary Conference, University of Glasgow, 2025*  
*1st Scottish Graduate Conference in Applied Epistemology, University of Glasgow, 2023*  
*The Inquiry Conference, University of Glasgow, 2022*

## REFERENCES

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