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Appointments

2025–2028 Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Geneva
Within the SNSF project *Metaphysics We Can Believe In*

2025–2026 Postdoctoral Associate of the Oxford Philosophy Faculty

Education

2022–2025 DPhil in Philosophy, University of Oxford, Jesus College
Thesis: *Frege Puzzles in Metaphysical Debates*
Supervisors: Timothy Williamson, Matthew Parrott
Examiners: Nicholas Jones (Oxford); J. Robert G. Williams (Leeds)

2021–2022 MA in Philosophy, Distinction, Uppsala University
Thesis: *Amie Thomasson's Easy Ontology and Semantic Reductionism*
Supervisor: Matti Eklund

2018–2021 MA in Philosophy, 110/110 cum laude, University of Bologna
Thesis: *Perspectives on the Hard Problem of Consciousness*
Supervisors: Sebastiano Moruzzi, Raffaella Campaner, Matti Eklund

2015–2018 BA in Philosophy, 110/110 cum laude, University of Bologna
Thesis: *Teorie Filosofiche della Percezione: Questioni Normative e Lacune Esplicative*
Supervisor: Luca Guidetti

Research Areas

AOS Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind

AOC Philosophy of Language, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Epistemology

Publications

2025 'Is the Knowledge Argument a Frege Puzzle?'
Canadian Journal of Philosophy, doi:10.1017/can.2025.10049

2021 'No Ground to Bridge the Gap'
Synthese, doi:10.1007/s11229-021-03149-w

Under review 'On Perspicuity and Reductive Metaphysical Explanation'

Scholarships and Awards

2026 Young Scholar Prize, Metaphysics
Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)

2023 Young Scholar Prize, Philosophy of Language
Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)

2023–2025 Jesus College Graduate Scholarship
University of Oxford

2022–2025 AHRC Studentship, full PhD funding
Open-Oxford-Cambridge Doctoral Training Partnership

Selected Talks (* peer-reviewed)

2026 **On Perspicuity and Reductive Metaphysical Explanation*
AMAMI—Mid-Term SIFA Conference, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

On Objective Perspicuity and Reductive Metaphysical Explanation
'The Limits of Objectivity' Workshop, University of Geneva

On Perspicuity and Reductive Metaphysical Explanation
Eidos seminar, University of Geneva

2025 **Against Reductive Approaches to Metaphysical Explanation*
16th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of Turin

Against Reductive Approaches to Metaphysical Explanation
Seminario di Filosofia Analitica, University of Bologna

2024 **Is the Knowledge Argument just a Frege Puzzle?*
International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind Annual Conference, Online

**Purely Factual Definitional Disputes*
ENFA 9th National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy, NOVA University Lisbon

**Purely Factual Definitional Disputes*
1st Parma Workshop in Analytic and Scientific Metaphysics, University of Parma

**Purely Factual Definitional Disputes*
Harvard–MIT Graduate Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2023 **Verbal Disputes and Metalinguistic Disagreement*
15th Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy, University of Eastern Piedmont

**Verbal Disputes and Metalinguistic Disagreement*
Open Minds XVI Postgraduate Conference, University of Manchester

2022 *Deflationism and the Problem of Consciousness*
DPhil seminar, University of Oxford

2021 **No Ground to Bridge the Gap*
Open Minds XV Postgraduate Conference, University of Manchester

Teaching

Undergraduate classes

2025 *The Metaphysics and the Ethics of Consciousness*, University of Oxford
Series of four lectures

2024 Philosophy of Mind, Merton College / Worcester College, University of Oxford
Tutorials

2023 General Philosophy, St Hugh's College, University of Oxford
Teaching assistantship

Introduction to Logic, New College, University of Oxford
Teaching assistantship

Graduate classes

2024 Seminar on Frege Puzzles, University of Bologna
Guest lecture – main lecturer: Filippo Ferrari

Topics in Epistemology, University of Oxford
Guest lecture – main lecturer: Timothy Williamson

Organisation of Conferences

2023 27th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Oxford

Professional Service

Referee *Argumenta*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*

Since 2025 Area Editor, *Argumenta* – Philosophy of Mind

Since 2026 Co-organiser, Eidos seminar, University of Geneva

2023 Reviewer, 27th Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference

2022 Postgraduate Assistant for Philosophy Undergraduate Admission Interviews
Jesus College, University of Oxford

Affiliations

Eidos Centre for Metaphysics, University of Geneva
Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA)
Association of Analytic Metaphysics in the Italian-Speaking World (AMAMI)
Aristotelian Society
Oxford Philosophy Society

Languages

Italian (native), English (fluent)

References

Timothy Williamson
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