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Curriculum Vitae

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Specialisation	Ethics, Social and Political Philosophy
Competence	Metaphysics, Metaethics, Philosophy of Language
Academic Employment	Associate Researcher and Deputy Director The Spontaneity of Freedom Project, University College London, 2026-
Education	University College London, PhD in Philosophy, 2025- Thesis (working title): "A New Ethics of Authenticity" Supervised by Jonathan Gingerich and Rob Simpson University College London, MPhil Stud Philosophical Studies, 2022-2024 Thesis: "Meaning and (Anti-)Theory in Wittgenstein's Later Philosophy of Language" Supervised by José Zalabardo; examined by Oskari Kuusela (UEA) and Stephen Mulhall (Oxford) Passed with No Corrections King's College London, B.A. in Philosophy, 2019-2022 Awarded First Class Honours Yale University, Exchange Scholar, Spring 2027 Supervised by Laurie Paul
Papers	In-progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- I have a paper about the relationship between rationality and authenticity- I have a paper about transformative experiences and the non-identity problem
Awards	Yale-UCL Collaborative Student Exchange Programme Selected to spend a semester at Yale as an exchange scholar; awarded the Yale-UCL Bursary (-£6,000) in support Doctoral Scholarship (-£10,000), Society for Applied Philosophy, 2025 Awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year on the basis of merit Dawes-Hicks Award (-£5,000), University College London, 2025 Received upon successful admission to the PhD programme at UCL Runner-Up UCL Graduate Submission to the London-Berkeley Conference, 2024 Awarded for my paper, "The Non-Identity Problem for Transformative Acts" Nominated for the Academic Rep of the Year Award, University College London, 2023 One of three finalists for the Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Awards
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UCL Philosophy Travel Fund, University College London, 2023

King's Experience Research Award, King's College London, 2022

Received upon the completion of my King's Undergraduate Research Fellowship

King's Undergraduate Research Fellowship (-£1,000), King's College London, 2022

Received funding to conduct an archival research project on the colonial history of the College within the Department of History, supervised by Jean Smith

Matei Prize (-£50), Philosophers of London in Solidarity, 2022

Awarded for my paper, "Wittgenstein's (Meta-)Philosophical Investigations"

Gold Crown, King's College London, 2022

Received in recognition of contributions to the academic community while vice-president of the KCL philosophy society

Full Colours, King's College London, 2022

Received in recognition of sporting excellence alongside my undergraduate studies

Presentations

"The Abilities of the Ambivalent"

- Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association (Open Session), University of Reading, July 2026

"The Project of Rational Authenticity"

- Rudolf Carnap Lectures Graduate Workshop, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, May 2026
- The Spontaneity of Freedom Work-in-Progress Seminar, University College London, May 2026

"Testimony and the Pursuit of an Authentic Life"

- Living Together in the Absurd Workshop, University of Cambridge, April 2026
- Yale University Department of Philosophy, February 2026

"Authenticity as an Ethical Principle"

- Moral, Political and Legal Philosophy Colloquium, University College London, December 2025
- UCL Philosophy Work-in-Progress Seminar, October 2025

"Back to the Phineas Gage Effect"

- Experimental Philosophy Lab, Yale University, October 2025
- UCL Graduate Conference, September 2025

"The Non-Identity Problem for Transformative Acts"

- Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association (Open Session), University of Glasgow, July 2025
- UCL Philosophy Work-in-Progress Sessions, July 2025
- UCL Graduate Conference, September 2024

Presentations <i>(continued)</i>	<p>“Carnap’s Distinction in Modes of Speech and the Intersubjectivity of Science”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference, University of York, July 2024 - The Fifteenth Biennial Congress of the International Society for the History of Philosophy of Science (HOPOS 2024), University of Vienna, July 2024 <p>“Wittgenstein’s Influence on Feyerabend”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul Feyerabend and Austrian Philosophy – His Formative Years in Postwar Vienna, University of Vienna, July 2024 - Integrated History and Philosophy of Science Workshop, Durham University, July 2023 <p>“A Review of the Colour-Exclusion Problem at Tractatus 6.3751”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 44th International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg am Wechsel, August 2023
Conference Papers	<p>“A Review of the Colour-Exclusion Problem at <i>Tractatus</i> 6.3751.” Contributions of the 44th International Wittgenstein Symposium. Austrian Ludwig Wittgenstein Society: 104-110. 2023</p>
Conference Responses	<p>Comments on Ting Fung Ho’s (Duke) “Spontaneous Freedom in Perception: Mindfulness Beyond Categorization”</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Spontaneity of Freedom Summer Workshop, University College London, July 2025</p> <p>Comments on Christian Nakazawa’s (Berkeley) “Discrimination as Systemic Subordination”</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">London-Berkeley Philosophy Conference, University of London, May 2024</p>
Teaching	<p>Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, UCL Department of Philosophy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ‘Problems in Theoretical Ethics’ (with James Brown), Spring 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guest Lecture, Week 8: Prudential Normativity - ‘Metaphysics’ (with Daniel Rothschild), Spring 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guest Lecture, Week 8: Free Will - ‘The Philosophy and Ethics of Climate Change’ (with James Brown), Fall 2025 - ‘Philosophy of Language’ (with Sam Carter), Fall 2025 <p>Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, UCL Department of Science and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ‘Science, Warfare and Peace’ (with Brian Balmer), Spring 2026 - ‘Introduction to History, Philosophy & Social Studies of Science’ (with Chiara Ambrosio and Erman Sözüdoğru), Fall 2023; Fall 2025 - ‘Science and Ethics’ (with Phyllis Illari), Spring 2024
Organisation	<p>As Deputy Director of The Spontaneity of Freedom Project at UCL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-Convenor, The Spontaneity of Freedom Lecture Series, 2026- - Co-Convenor, The Spontaneity of Freedom Work-in-Progress Seminar, 2026- <p>As a PhD student at UCL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-Convenor, UCL Philosophy Departmental Symposium, 2025-2026 - Co-Convenor, UCL Philosophy PhD Work-in-Progress Seminar, 2025-2026

Organisation (<i>continued</i>)	<p>As an MPhil Stud student at UCL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-Organiser, UCL Graduate Conference, 2023 - Co-Organiser, British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Annual Conference 2023 - Co-Convenor, UCL Graduate Wittgenstein Reading Group, 2022-2023
Service	<p>As an MPhilStud student at UCL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student Ambassador for MPhil Stud Open Day, UCL Department of Philosophy, 2024 - Student Co-Chair, UCL Department of Philosophy, 2023-2024 - Democracy and Outreach Officer, British Postgraduate Philosophy Association, 2022-2023 - Postgraduate Research Representative, UCL Faculty of Arts and Humanities, 2022-2023 - MPhil Stud Representative, UCL Department of Philosophy, 2022-2024 <p>As an undergraduate at King's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice-President, King's College London Philosophy Society, 2021-2022 - Buddy Mentor, KCL Faculty of Arts and Humanities, 2021-2022 - BA Representative, KCL Department of Philosophy, 2020-2021
Graduate Coursework (* = <i>audit</i>)	<p>As a PhD student at UCL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reasons and Normativity (with Ulrike Heuer, UCL), 2026* <p>As an MPhil Stud student at UCL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20th Century Philosophy (Later Wittgenstein) (with John Hyman, UCL), 2024 - Agency and Responsibility (with John Hyman, UCL), 2023 - Recent Work in Moral Philosophy (with Joe Horton, UCL), 2023 - Carnap (with Tim Button, UCL), 2023 - Research Seminar in Moral Philosophy: Profound Impairment (with Sarah Richmond and John Vorhaus, UCL), 2023* - Research Seminar in Realism and Anti-Realism (with José Zalabardo, UCL), 2023 - Aristotle's Theoretical Philosophy (with Simona Aimar and Mark Kalderon, UCL), 2023 - Research Seminar: Philosophy of Mind (with Lucy O'Brien, UCL), 2023 - Graduate Studies in Kant (with Sebastian Gardner, UCL), 2022 - Early Wittgenstein (with José Zalabardo, UCL), 2022 - Perception and Its History (with Mark Kalderon, UCL), 2022
Other Teaching	<p>Masterclass Presenter, UCL Access and Widening Participation, 2026</p> <p>Access UCL Pre-Enrolment Programme Tutor, UCL Department of Philosophy, 2024</p> <p>Postgraduate Taster Presenter, UCL Access and Widening Participation, 2022-2024</p>
Other Employment	<p>Editor, Phi Magazine, 2022-2023</p> <p>Student Knowledge and Information Intern, King's College London, 2022</p>