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EXPERTISE

AOS Epistemology (esp. social & political)

AOC Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of AI, conspiracy theories

EMPLOYMENT

2026-2030 International Research Fellow
Center for Ethics and Public Affairs (ETICA), American University of Armenia

EDUCATION

2021–2025 Ph.D. in Philosophy (**Pass with no corrections**), University of Glasgow
Thesis: *Fighting falsity: essays on deceiving, objecting, and conspiring*
Supervisors: Prof. J. Adam Carter and Dr. Emma C. Gordon
Examiners: Prof. Mona Simion (internal) and Prof. Neil Levy (external)

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

2026 "Objecting and quiescing, aptly." *Noûs*, 1–16
<https://doi.org/10.1111/nous.70061>

2025 "On the perils of engaging." *Episteme*, 1–20
<https://doi.org/10.1017/epi.2025.10082>

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

UNDER REVIEW

A paper on hedging and bullshitting (in review at *Philosophical Studies*)

AWARDS AND FUNDING

2024–2025	Royal Institute of Philosophy Jacobsen Studentship (£9600) <i>Only six awarded in whole of UK</i>
2021–2025	SGSAH AHRC Doctoral Training Partnership Scholarship (Fees and Stipend)
2024	Scots Philosophical Association Conference Funding — <i>2nd Scottish Graduate Conference in Applied Epistemology</i> (£800)
2024	Society for Applied Philosophy Graduate Conference Funding — <i>2nd Scottish Graduate Conference in Applied Epistemology</i> (£1500)
2024	Research Training and Support Grant — <i>9th National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy</i> (£770)
2024	Research Training and Support Grant — <i>Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference</i> (£300)
2023	Research Training and Support Grant — <i>Epistemology Summer School in Urbino</i> (£770)
2022	Research Training and Support Grant — <i>2022 Joint Session</i> (£300)

PRESENTATIONS

(* indicates peer review, † indicates invitation)

2026*	“LLMs aren’t safe”, <i>British Society for the Theory of Knowledge Biennial Conference</i> , University of Oxford
2026*	“ChatGPT isn’t safe”, <i>ECAP12</i> , Complutense University of Madrid
2026*	“ChatGPT isn’t safe”, <i>Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session</i> , University of Reading
2025*	“Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, <i>Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session</i> , University of Glasgow
2025*	“Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, <i>Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference 2025</i> , Gdansk
2025†	“Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, <i>Distrust in Expertise Workshop</i> , Radboud University
2025	“Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, <i>Postgraduate Seminar</i> , University of Glasgow
2024	“Hedging, bullshitting, and hedged bullshitting”, <i>COGITO Epistemology Research Centre Work-in-Progress Seminar</i> , University of Glasgow
2024*	“(Un)politicised claims and the proper object of partisan deference”, <i>Goethe Epistemology Meeting 2024</i> , Goethe University Frankfurt

2024*	"(Un)politicised claims and the proper object of partisan deference", <i>British Society for the Theory of Knowledge Conference</i> , University of Glasgow
2024*	"On the perils of engaging", <i>World Congress of Philosophy</i> , Rome
2024*	"On the perils of engaging", <i>Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session</i> , University of Birmingham
2024*	"Objecting and quiescing, aptly", <i>9th National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy</i> , Nova University Lisbon
2024*	"On the perils of engaging", <i>Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference 2024</i> , University of Oxford
2024	"Objecting and quiescing, aptly", <i>Postgraduate Seminar</i> , University of Glasgow
2023*	"A Unified Framework of Objecting through Telic Virtue Epistemology", <i>British Postgraduate Philosophy Association Conference</i> , University of York
2023	"A Unified Framework of Objecting through Telic Virtue Epistemology", <i>Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers</i>
2023	"A new account of conspiracy theories", <i>Social Epistemology Network Event 3</i> , Isle of Bute
2023*	"A new account of conspiracy theories", <i>The 2nd International Conference on the Philosophy of Conspiracy Theory</i> , VU Amsterdam
2023	"The Legitimacy Dilemma", <i>Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities Summer School</i> , University of Glasgow
2023	"The Legitimacy Dilemma", <i>Postgraduate Seminar</i> , University of Glasgow
2023*	"The Legitimacy Dilemma", <i>Understanding Value XI</i> , University of Sheffield
2023*	"The Legitimacy Dilemma", <i>Environmental Issues Venezia</i>
2022	"The Legitimacy Dilemma", <i>Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers</i>
2022*	"In Defence of Transparency", <i>Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session</i> , University of St Andrews
2021	"A Puzzle of Epistemic Paternalism", <i>Postgraduate Seminar</i> , University of Glasgow
2021	"A Puzzle of Epistemic Paternalism", <i>Scottish Epistemology Early Career Researchers</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(* indicates taught more than once)

Lecturer [Yerevan Academy for Linguistics and Philosophy 2026](#)
Lecture design and activity creation on political epistemology

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.
Guest Lecturer	<i>Senior Honours (4th year):</i> *Virtue Epistemology
Tutor	University of Glasgow 2021– <i>Junior Honours (3rd year):</i> *Philosophy of Mind (<i>wide-ranging issues in philosophy of mind</i>) Epistemology (<i>wide-ranging issues in epistemology</i>) <i>Sub-honours (1st and 2nd year):</i> *Philosophy 2B—What is there? (<i>predicate logic, metaphysics, philosophy of religion, philosophy of science</i>) *Philosophy 2A—What am I? (<i>philosophy of mind, free will, identity, social philosophy</i>) *Philosophy 1B—How should I live? (<i>normative ethics, meta-ethics, political philosophy, meaning of life</i>) *Philosophy 1A—How should I think? (<i>critical thinking, ethics, logic, epistemology</i>)
PAL Tutor	Peer Assisted Learning Tutor at University of Glasgow 2017–2018 <i>Taught logic to 1st and 2nd year students</i>

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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	<i>Acta Analytica, American Philosophical Quarterly, Asian Journal of Philosophy, Episteme, European Journal of Political Theory, Philosophia, Philosophical Psychology, Social Epistemology, Synthese</i>
Helper	<i>British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference, University of Glasgow, 2025</i> <i>Aristotelian and Mind Society Joint Session, University of Glasgow, 2025</i> <i>Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience 20th Anniversary Conference, University of Glasgow, 2025</i> <i>1st Scottish Graduate Conference in Applied Epistemology, University of Glasgow, 2023</i> <i>The Inquiry Conference, University of Glasgow, 2022</i>

REFERENCES

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Neil Levy

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