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## Education

- 2021-2025 **PhD History and Philosophy of Science.** University of Leeds. Project: ‘Julian Huxley’s Physiological Genetics: Origins, Development, and Legacies, 1899-1936’, supervised by Greg Radick.
- 2019-2020 **MA History of Medicine.** *Distinction.* University of Warwick, Centre for the History of Medicine, UK
- 2015-2019 **BA History.** Result: *First Class.* Coventry University. Awarded the *Course Tutor’s Prize*

## Current

**Byrne-Bussey Marconi Visiting Fellow in the History of Science**

## Employment

Centre for the Study of the Book  
University of Oxford

(see below for  
more details)

**University Tutor in History and Philosophy of Science,**  
University of Leeds, Part-Time

## Honours and Awards

- [Sir George Iacobescu Award](#) (2026)
- [Royal Institution Freer Fellowship](#) (2024-2025)
- Royal Society Lisa Jardine (History of Science) Grant (2023-2024)
- University of Leeds Doctoral Studentship (2021-24)
- Wellcome Trust MA Studentship at Warwick University (2019-2020)
- Course Tutor’s Prize at Coventry University for Highest Academic Achievement (2019)
- Erasmus Scholarship at the Université de Limoges (2018)
- EU Academic Excellence Scholarship (2016, 2017, 2019)

## Publications

### Journal Articles

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2025. “Helping to Bridge the Gap Between Genetics and Development:” Julian Huxley, Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Oxford Biology, and the Epigenetic Origins of Animal Characters. *Journal of the History of Biology* 58 (3) (Autumn, 2025), 345-366
- Bernhardt-Radu S. ‘How a shrimp-like animal challenged the fruit fly: Oxford, the Plymouth Marine Biological Station, and the collaboration of Julian S. Huxley with Elsie W. Sexton against the ‘Columbia School’ of genetics’. *British Journal for the History of Science* (Forthcoming 2026)
- Bernhardt-Radu S. ‘An ‘organismal’ evolutionary theory? Re-visiting Julian Huxley’s *The Individual in the Animal Kingdom* in its historical context, 1906-1921’. *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences* (Forthcoming 2026)

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2024. ‘Acclimatising the Climate: Jean Baptiste Paulin Trolard’s Medical Campaign for Reforestation in French Algeria, 1881-1910’. In *Between the State*

and the Market: Physicians in a Transforming Europe (1770s-1950s). Routledge (accepted, in press; book in preparation);

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 'Julian S. Huxley's and J.W. Jenkinson's critical reception of John Scott Haldane's organismal theory at Oxford, 1900-1942'. Invited book chapter (Forthcoming 2027)

#### Book Reviews

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2026. 'Richard G. Delisle, Maurizio Esposito, and David Ceccarelli (eds.) *Unity and Disunity in Evolutionary Biology: Deconstructing Darwinism*'. *Journal of the History of Biology*

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2025. 'Antonine Nicoglou, *Plasticity in the Life Sciences* Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2024. Pp. 320. ISBN 978-0-226-83716-1. \$37.50 (paper)'. *British Journal for the History of Science*, September 2025, First View, 1-3

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2025. 'Michał Jakub Wagner. *Revisiting the Eclipse of Darwinism: A Historiographical and Philosophical Analysis*. Springer 2024 Pp. 239. ISBN: 978-3-031-72592-0'. *The Quarterly Review of Biology* **100** (4) (2025), 334-5

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2024. 'Brown Skins, White Coats: Race Science in India, 1920-66' by Projit B. Mukharji. *British Journal for the History of Science*, April 2024 (Online);

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2023. 'Good Enough: The Tolerance for Mediocrity in Nature and Society' by Daniel S. Milo. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019. *British Journal for the History of Science* **56** (1), pp. 117-119;

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2023. 'The Huxleys: An Intimate History of Evolution' by Alison Bashford. *The Quarterly Review of Biology* **98**(3), 166-167

#### Popular Articles

- Bernhardt-Radu S. 2024. 'The eugenicist of UNESCO'. *Aeon*

#### **Selected Talks**

- The 'Take-Aways' on Heredity, Determinism and Eugenics at Bateson's Cambridge versus Weldon's Oxford: New Light from the Archives (co-authored with Kellie Vernon, 19 March 2026)

- 'Neither genes nor organisms, but contingency and history: Julian Huxley, the dynamic physiology of the sea squirt *Perophora viridis*, and his critical reception of the organismal theory'. Munich, Oberseminar (05 February 2026)

- 'The first monkey was a sort of jelly:' *Julian Huxley, the Cell Theory, and Evolution beyond Classical Neo-Darwinism, 1906-1942*, European Society for the History of Science Early-Career Meeting (9-10 September 2025)

- 'Biological Relativity: Biology and Philosophy in the Work of Julian Huxley', Leeds Work-in-Progress Seminar (18 March, 2025)

- 'Heredity and the Crustacean: Elsie W. Sexton, Gammarus Chevreuxi, and Experimental Biology in Britain, 1912-1921', British Society for the History of Science Conference (10-13 July, 2024)

- 'From Oxford Embryology to Julian Huxley's Evolutionary (Scientific), Humanism', European Society for the History of Science (4-7 September 2024)

- 'Is Julian S. Huxley's 'Modern Synthesis' reducing the organism to genes?'. Leeds Work-in-Progress Seminar (06 February, 2024)
- 'Genes in society? Julian Huxley, heredity, and birth-control'; International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology Biennial Meeting (12 July, 2023)
- 'Quantity of population versus quality of individuals – who would hesitate?'; British Society for the History of Science Postgraduate Conference, University of Oxford (1st April, 2023)

## **Employment**

- 2026 **Byrne-Bussey Marconi Visiting Fellow in the History of Science**, Centre for the Study of the Book, University of Oxford (short-term fellowship)
- 2022-Present **University Tutor in History and Philosophy**, University of Leeds (zero-hour contract)  
I have taught on a few undergraduate modules:
- PHIL 1008 The Good, the Bad, the Right, The Wrong (seminars)
  - PHIL 3320 Philosophy of Biology (seminar & lectures)
  - PHIL 2611 How Biology Works (seminars & lectures)
  - PHIL 1109 How Science Works (seminars & lecture)
  - PHIL 2605 Why Trust Science? (seminars/lectures)
  - PHIL 1007 Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion (seminars)
  - HPSC 1050 Darwin, Germs and the Bomb (seminars)
  - HPSC 1046 Introduction to the History of Science (seminars)
  - HPSC 1030 History of Psychology (taught 2 times) (seminars)
  - HPSC 1015 Magic, Science and Religion (taught 3 times) (seminars)
- 2022-2025 **HPS Administrative Assistant (Intern)**, Centre for History and Philosophy of Science, University of Leeds
- I organised, convened, and chaired the HPS Work-in-Progress Seminars at the University of Leeds for 3 years;
  - I published news of our various events;
  - I assisted in the research and writing of the various PhD funding pitches (2 of which have been successful in 2025);
- 2021-present **Co-Editor**, Leeds Postgraduate Review. On top of the normal call for academic papers, I have run a call for short academic papers, viewable here: [feb-2025-issue-2.pdf](#)
- 2021-2022 **Subject Specialist** at *Studiosity*. Description: Reviewing the writing of undergraduate and postgraduate essays. Providing tailored feedback
- 2018-2019 **Research Assistant**, Coventry University; Description: In the Project 'Return to Sender', aiming to track the material movement of postcards during WW1. Website: [Return to Sender: Mapping Memory Journeys in the Europeana 1914-1918 Postcard Archive | Coventry University](#).
- 2018-2019 **Museum Assistant**, Coventry Culture; Coventry Transport Museum; Description: Presenting and guiding visitors through the transportation history of Coventry

## **Other Experiences**

**HPBio Reading Group Co-Organiser and Convenor** (at Leeds; co-choosing reading and co-chairing)

**Co-Organiser** of the [\*British Society for the History of Science Postgraduate Conference, 25-26 April\*](#) (BSHS)

**Leeds Ambassador** to the *British Society for the History of Science (BSHS)*

**Student Advisor** on the *Student Advisory Committee* at the *International Society for the History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Biology (ISHPSSB)*.

**Participant** in the *Ischia Summer School on the History of the Life Sciences*, organized by Janet Browne, Christiane Groeben, Nick Hopwood, Staffan Müller-Wille, and the Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn