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AOS: Philosophy of Action, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science

AOC: Metaphysics, Metaethics

EMPLOYMENT

2025– Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy (Zhuhai), Sun Yat-sen University, China

2024–25 Lecturer (Academic Education Pathway) in Philosophy – Rolling Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy, King's College London, the UK

2020–23 Graduate Teaching Assistant, King's College London, the UK

EDUCATION

2018–24 King's College London, the UK, PhD in Philosophy (awarded 2025)

2016–18 University of Copenhagen, Denmark, Cand.mag. [Danish MA] in Philosophy with Concentration on Phenomenology and Philosophy of Mind

2013–16 University of Groningen, the Netherlands, MA(Res) in Practical Philosophy

2012 National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan, China, Visiting Student

2008–09 Shandong University, China, Visiting Student

2007–13 Jilin University, China, BA in Philosophy, MA in Ethics

QUALIFICATION

Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA)

PUBLICATION († refereed)

J. Journal Article

[J2] 《论人工智能与跨学科语境中 agent 一词的汉语翻译问题——基于行动哲学视角》，《逻辑学动态与评论》（总第九辑），中国社会科学出版社 2026 年 5 月版 [On the Problem of Translating the Term “Agent” into Chinese in AI and Interdisciplinary Contexts: A Perspective from Philosophy of Action. *Trends and Reviews in Logic*, Volume 9. China Social Sciences Press, May 2026. †

[J1] The Wishful Thinking Problem for Non-cognitivism: Does It Really Make Sense?, *Kriterion – Journal of Philosophy*, vol. 1, no. 28, 2014, pp. 30–44. <https://doi.org/10.1515/krt-2014-012804>. †

C. Book Chapter

[C1] Analytic Metaphysics, Linguistic Analysis, and the Diversity of Natural Languages: A Methodological Blind Spot, In P. Stalmaszczyk (ed.), *Between Philosophy and Linguistics: Semantic Theory, Metasemantics, and Metaphilosophy*, Brill | Mentis (forthcoming, scheduled early 2027) †

D. Dissertation

[D1] *Humans as Tool-Using Animals and the Exercise of Their Powers: Foundations for a New Theory of Action*, King's College London (Doctoral Thesis), 2025.
<https://kclpure.kcl.ac.uk/portal/en/studentTheses/humans-as-tool-using-animals-and-the-exercise-of-their-powers> (xv+298 pages, 98,369 words, full text embargoed until August 2030, available on request)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

A paper on analytic metaphysics (Major Revisions)

A paper on metaethical constitutivism

A paper on the philosophy of cognitive science

A paper on the philosophy of action

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

King's College London:

As Module Convenor & Syllabus Designer

2024–25 (Autumn) General Philosophy (for Conversion MA Students)

As Seminar Tutor

2024–25 (Spring) Philosophy of Race

Introduction to Value-Based Clinical Studies: Philosophy Block (for Medical Students)

2022–23 (Spring) Introduction to Philosophy: Metaphysics Element

Doctor and Society (for Medical Students)

2021–22 (Autumn) Philosophy of Psychology (for Psychology Students)

Elementary Logic

2020–21 (Autumn) Introduction to Philosophy: Logic Element (for PPE Students)

Elementary Logic

2019–20 (Spring) Philosophy of Psychology

STUDENT SUPERVISION

E. Barker MA Dissertation in Ethics, *Blame, Distinctive Psychology, and Temporal Parts: A Case for Why Blameworthiness Could Diminish over Time* (KCL 2025 | Distinction)

S. Du BA Dissertation in Ethics, *The Harm of Death: A Subjective-Centred Critique of Nagel's Deprivationism* (KCL 2025 | First-Class Grade)

A. Attoh BA Dissertation in the Philosophy of Race, *The Hidden Currents of Neo-Colonialism: Linguistic Imperialism and the Struggle for Linguistic Decolonisation* (KCL 2025 | First-Class Grade)

AWARDS & GRANTS

2025 Selected for inclusion in the Faculty of Arts & Humanities Excellence in Education Celebration, King's College London

2023 Chinese Student Award, The Great Britain–China Educational Trust, Great Britain–China Centre

- 2022 Faculty of Arts and Humanities Group Event Grant, King's College London, awarded for organising the workshop 'Non-Human Agency and the Standard Story of Action'
- 2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award – Winner, Department of Philosophy, King's College London
- 2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award – Honourable Mention, Department of Philosophy, King's College London
- 2018 King's College London–China Scholarship Council Joint Doctoral Scholarship
- 2017 Grant of the S. C. Van Foundation, Denmark
- 2016 Danish Government Scholarship for Highly-Qualified Non-EU/EEA Students
- 2013 Theo A. F. Kuipers Stipend for Excellent Foreign Students, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Groningen
- 2011 First-Class Postgraduate Scholarship, Jilin University
- 2011 Jilin University Outstanding Bachelor's Dissertation Award

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS († refereed, ✧ invited)

- 2026 Analytic Metaphysics, Linguistic Analysis, and the Diversity of Natural Languages: A Methodological Blind Spot | *Entia et Nomina*, Shanxi University, China, 9–10 October †
- 2025 Actions as Movements of Bodies Coupled with Tools: A Case for Instrumentalism about Basic Action | *The 99th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, University of Glasgow, the UK, 11–13 July †
- Defining Tool Use: A Philosophically Adequate, Affordance-Based Approach | *The 51st Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology*, Cornell University, US, 19–21 June †
- Davidson's Semantic Argument That Actions Are Events: A Cross-Linguistic Challenge | *The Ninth International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics (PHILANG 2025)*, the University of Lodz, Poland, 16–18 May † | *The First Youth Forum on the Method of Analysis*, Shanxi University, China, 29–30 November †
- 2024 The Ontology of Action and Radical Novel Agent Causalism | *The Third International Workshop on Logic and Philosophy: Agency and Intentionality*, Tsinghua University, China, 25–26 May †
- 2022 Novel Agent Causalism, Powers Ontology, and the Property Exemplification Account of Events: A Case for Trilateral Alliance | *Workshop on the Standard Story of Action and Non-Human Agency*, King's College London, the UK, 16–17 September (organiser)
- 2021 行动哲学中的唯意欲论——历史、现状，及其人类中心主义特质 [Volitionism in Philosophy of Action: The Past, the Present, and Its Anthropocentric Character] | *Summer Workshop on the Philosophy of Action*, East China Normal University, China, 21–25 August (Online) ✧
- 2017 Defending the Reflective Deliberation View of Agential Activity | *The 18th Annual Meeting of Danish Philosophical Society*, Aarhus University, Denmark, 3–4 March †
- 2016 Modal Ambiguities and Theory Ladenness: Two Problems with Katsafanas's Objection to the Reflective Deliberation View of Agential Activity in Human Actions | *The Fourth Annual Conference of Dutch Research School of Philosophy*, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 9–10 December †
- 2014 The Wishful Thinking Problem for Non-cognitivism: Does It Really Make Sense? | *The Salzburg Conference for Young Analytic Philosophy (SOPhA 2014)*, Salzburg University, Austria, 4–6 September † [Selected for publish at *Kriterion – Journal of Philosophy* by the conference committee through a double-blind peer-review process]

SERVICE

Co-founder and Co-convenor of Philosophy of Action Reading Group, Department of Philosophy, King's College London, 2019–22

Co-organiser of the International Workshop 'Non-Human Agency and the Standard Story of Action', King's College London, 2022