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## PRESENT POSITION

### **Birkbeck College, University of London**

Lecturer in European Philosophy, 2023 –

### **Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan**

Visiting Scholar, 2023 – 24

## PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

### **British Society for the History of Philosophy**

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2022 – 23

### **Birkbeck College, University of London**

Associate Tutor & Teaching Fellow, 2018 – 2023

### **Heythrop College, University of London**

Research Assistant, Department of Philosophy, 2015 – 17

## INTERESTS

### **Areas of Specialization**

Post-Kantian Philosophy, esp. Friedrich Nietzsche, inc. Kant

20<sup>th</sup> Century European Philosophy, esp. Heidegger and Adorno, inc. later Wittgenstein

### **Areas of Competence**

Early Modern Philosophy, esp. Spinoza

Aesthetics

Ethics (inc. Moral Psychology, Applied Ethics, Bioethics, Business Ethics, & Metaethics)

## EDUCATION

**PhD**, Birkbeck College, University of London, 2017 – 2022

**Thesis Title:** 'Productive Omissions in Nietzsche's Philosophical Psychology'

**Supervisors:** Andrew Huddleston and Ken Gemes

**Examiners:** Christopher Janaway (University of Southampton) and Simon May (King's College London, University of London)

*Awarded March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022*

**Precis:** My thesis discusses various kinds of 'productive omission' in Nietzsche's philosophical

psychology. While this term itself is not one that appears in Nietzsche's texts, I use this broad term to denote the various ways Nietzsche thinks it possible to omit some elements of mental content. The thesis also addresses how they might be employed in his model of self-cultivation.

**Master of Research (MRes) in Philosophy**, Heythrop College, University of London, 2013 – 2015

Awarded Distinction (mark mean average: 76)

**Thesis Title:** 'Heidegger and the Ambivalence of the Will from *Being and Time* to the Lectures of 1933 – 4' (also awarded Distinction/76)

**Supervisor:** Terrance Walsh SJ

**BA Honours in Philosophy**, Heythrop College, University of London, 2010 – 2013

**Thesis Title:** 'God and Nihilism after Nietzsche and Heidegger: Alfred North Whitehead's Philosophy of Religion' (awarded First Class/74)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Under Review

- i. 'Nietzsche's Eternal Recurrence, "On Redemption" and Self-Deception', submitted to *The Monist*

### Journal Articles/Chapters in Edited Volumes

- i. 'Nietzsche, the Physiology of Aesthetics, and the Aesthetics of Physiology' in *Studi di Estetica: the Italian Journal of Aesthetics* (special issue on Nietzsche's aesthetics), forthcoming late 2023
- ii. 'Whither Spinoza in Heidegger's Historical Critique of Metaphysics?' (Proceedings Draft), in *Proceedings of the 56<sup>th</sup> International Meeting of the Heidegger Circle*, 2022 (pp. 92 – 113)
- iii. 'Why "All Joy Wills Eternity" for Nietzsche', in *Joy and Laughter in Nietzsche's Philosophy*, eds. Paul Kirkland and Michael N. McNeal, London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2022 (pp. 85 – 102)
- iv. Critical Notice: 'Dawn and its Place in Nietzsche's Philosophy: *Nietzsche's Dawn* by Keith Ansell-Pearson and Rebecca Bamford' in *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, Volume 53.1, Spring 2022 (pp. 83 – 90)
- v. 'What is 'Active' Forgetting in Nietzsche's *Genealogy II*, 1?', in *Nietzsche on Memory and History*, eds. Anthony K. Jensen and Carlotta Santini, Berlin: De Gruyter Press, 2021 (pp. 113 – 128)
- vi. 'Adorno's Critique of Aesthetic Intentionalism and its Limits', in *Phenomenological Reviews*, 2021 (available open access online: <https://reviews.open.org/2021/01/31/theodor-w-adorno-notes-to-literature-combined-edition/> )
- vii. 'The Role of Removal and Elimination in Nietzsche's Model of Self-Cultivation', in *Inquiry*, Vol. 63.1, 2020 (pp. 65 – 84)
- viii. 'Nietzsche on Culture and the Good European', in *European/Supra-European: Cultural Encounters in Nietzsche's Philosophy*, eds. Marco Brusotti, Michael McNeal, Corinna Schubert and Herman Siemens, Berlin: De Gruyter Press, 2020 (pp. 167 – 182)

ix. 'Nihilism, Being and Theology in Nietzsche, Heidegger and Whitehead', in the *British Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy*, Vol. 6.1, Spring 2013 (pp. 59 – 72)

## Book Reviews

x. 'Nietzsche's *Philosophical Psychology*, by Mattia Riccardi, Oxford University Press, 2021' in *The European Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming 2023

xi. 'The Work of Forgetting: or, How Can We Make the Future Possible?', by Stephane Symons, Rowman & Littlefield, 2019', in *The Agonist: the journal of the Nietzsche Circle*, Volume XIII, Spring 2020 (pp. 210 – 217)

xii. 'The Religious Philosophy of Roger Scruton, ed. James Bryson, Bloomsbury Academic, 2016', in *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 44.3, September 2018 (pp. 321)

xiii. 'Being Wagner: The Triumph of the Will, by Simon Callow', in *The Agonist: the journal of the Nietzsche Circle*, Volume XI, Issue 2, Spring 2018 (pp. 121 – 126)

xiv. 'Nietzsche and the Clinic: Psychoanalysis, Philosophy, Metaphysics, by Jared Russell', in *The Agonist: the journal of the Nietzsche Circle*, Volume XI, Issue 1, Fall 2017 (pp. 16 – 24)

xv. 'Nature History State: 1933 - 1934, by Martin Heidegger, eds. and trans. Gregory Fried and Richard Polt, Bloomsbury Academic, 2015' in *Philosophy: The Journal of the Royal Institute of Philosophy*, Volume 92, Issue 1, January 2017 (pp. 129 – 135)

xvi. 'The Nietzschean Self: Moral Psychology, Agency, and the Unconscious, by Paul Katsafanas, Oxford University Press, 2016', in *The Agonist: the journal of the Nietzsche Circle*, Volume 10.1, Fall 2016 (pp. 92 – 100)

xvii. 'Individual and Community in Nietzsche's Philosophy, ed. Julian Young, Cambridge University Press, 2014', in *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, Volume 46.3, Autumn 2015 (pp. 469 – 472)

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

i. 'Nietzsche on the Will to Truth and Intellectual Conscience'

The London University Nietzsche Seminar,  
University of London,  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

ii. 'Whither Spinoza in Heidegger's Historical Critique of Metaphysics?'

*Aspects of Spinoza's Legacy* Panel Presentation  
The Princeton – Bucharest Early Modern Philosophy Seminar Series (presentation online)  
15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

iii. "'...So that our Victorious Second Nature Becomes a First Nature...': Productive Omissions in Nietzsche's *Philosophical Psychology*'

The 32<sup>nd</sup> International Nietzsche Congress (Nietzsche-Stiftung – Nietzsche-Gesellschaft)  
Nietzsche- Dokumentationszentrum, Naumburg-Saale, Germany, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

iv. 'Nietzsche on Intellectual Conscience and the "Moral Ground" of Truth'

27<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society  
University of Dundee, Scotland, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

- v. 'Unlearning the Will: The 'Overcoming' in Heidegger's Overcoming of Metaphysics'  
Unlearning Nihilism, the Conference of the Royal Holloway Centre for Continental Thought  
Royal Holloway, University of London, June 26<sup>th</sup> 2022
- vi. 'Whither Spinoza in Heidegger's Historical Critique of Metaphysics?'  
56<sup>th</sup> International Annual Meeting of the Heidegger Circle  
University of Memphis, Tennessee, USA, May 27<sup>th</sup> 2022
- vii. 'The Goods of Guilt: On Gilbert Harman's "Guilt-Free Morality"'  
The University of London Graduate Philosophy Conference  
Senate House, University of London, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2021
- viii. 'Eternal Recurrence, "On Redemption" and the Risk of Nietzschean Self-Deception'  
The Friedrich Nietzsche Society Work in Progress Seminar  
Hosted online, November 16<sup>th</sup> 2021
- ix. 'Nietzsche and Freud on Active Forgetting: Affects and the Status of the Unconscious'  
The London University Nietzsche Seminar  
Hosted online, February 19<sup>th</sup> 2021
- x. 'The Status of Creative Intention in Adorno's Aesthetics'  
Society for European Philosophy – Forum for European Philosophy (SEP – FEP) Conference  
Staffordshire University host university (presentation online), November 7<sup>th</sup> 2020
- xi. 'How Wonder Relates to Heidegger's Critique of Cartesian Philosophy'  
Presenting on a panel on the theme of Wonder in Early Modern Philosophy  
The Princeton – Bucharest Early Modern Philosophy Seminar Series (presentation online), September 29<sup>th</sup> 2020
- xii. 'The Political Significance of Forgetting, *Ressentiment* & Value-Creation in Nietzsche and Beyond'  
Co-authored with Rhys Woodward (KCL)  
The Manchester Centre for Political Theory Workshop on the Philosophy of Memory  
University of Manchester host university (presentation online), September 10<sup>th</sup> 2020
- xiii. 'Eternal Recurrence, "On Redemption" and the Risk of Nietzschean Self-Deception' \*  
The London University Nietzsche Seminar  
Birkbeck College, University of London, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 (*cancelled due to the international lockdown*)
- xiv. 'Nietzsche on Bad Conscience and the Transfiguration of Guilt'  
Birkbeck Philosophy Department Research Seminar,  
Birkbeck College, University of London, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2020
- xv. 'Can We Productively Transfigure Guilt? Assessing *Genealogy* II'  
The 30<sup>th</sup> International Nietzsche Congress (Nietzsche-Stiftung – Nietzsche-Gesellschaft)  
Nietzsche- Dokumentationszentrum, Naumburg-Saale, Germany, October 19<sup>th</sup> 2019
- xvi. 'Does Nietzschean Redemption Necessarily Involve Falsification?'  
25<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society  
University of Tilburg, Netherlands, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2019
- xvii. 'Does Reinhold's Foundational Principle of Representation Remedy a Deficiency in Kant's First Critique?'

Kant and the Kantian Legacy International Conference  
Wuhan University, China, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

**xviii.** ‘The Role of Removal and Elimination in Nietzsche’s Model of Self-Cultivation’  
The International Society of Nietzsche Studies Annual Workshop  
Brown University, Rhode Island, USA, May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

**xix.** ‘What is ‘Active’ about Forgetting in Nietzsche’s *Genealogy*?’  
Birkbeck Philosophy Department Research Seminar  
British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

**xx.** ‘What is ‘Active’ about Forgetting in Nietzsche’s *Genealogy*?’  
The 29<sup>th</sup> International Nietzsche Congress (Nietzsche-Stiftung – Nietzsche-Gesellschaft)  
Nietzsche - Dokumentationszentrum, Naumburg-Saale, Germany, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2018

**xxi.** Commentary Paper: Response to “Strangers to Ourselves: Self-Knowledge in Nietzsche’s *Genealogy*”  
by Tom R. Hanauer  
The North American Nietzsche Society Biennial Conference  
Stanford University, California, USA, October 5<sup>th</sup> 2018

**xxii.** ‘Squaring a (Crooked) Circle: Nietzsche's Perspectivism in relation to “Grand Politics”’  
The 24<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society  
Newcastle University, September 21<sup>st</sup> 2018

**xxiii.** “‘Too Cowardly to Lie’: Illusion and Falsification in Nietzsche’  
The Society for European Philosophy – Forum for European Philosophy (SEP-FEP) Joint Conference  
University of Essex, June 20<sup>th</sup> 2018

**xxiv.** ‘Nietzsche on Falsification and Self-Deception’  
Guest Lecture, Department of Philosophy,  
University of Warsaw, Poland, March 27<sup>th</sup> 2018

**xxv.** ‘Nietzsche and Christianity’  
Keynote Lecture, Religion and Culture conference  
Co-organized by the Humane Philosophy Project and the Warsaw Department of Philosophy  
University of Warsaw, Poland, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2018

**xxvi.** Commentary Paper: Response to “Why ‘Believes’ is not a Vague Predicate” by Sophie Archer  
Birkbeck Philosophy Spring Conference  
Birkbeck College, University of London, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**xxvii.** ‘Saving Power: Themes of Poetry and Prophecy in Nietzsche and Heidegger’  
The Fifth International Power of the Word Conference  
Regent’s Park College, University of Oxford, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**xxviii.** “‘All Joy Wills Eternity’: Nietzsche’s Attempt at ‘Secularizing’ the Desire of the Infinite’  
Philosophy and the Spiritual Life: Biennial Conference of the British Society for Philosophy of Religion  
Oriel College, University of Oxford, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**xxix.** “‘All Joy Wills Eternity’: Nietzsche’s Attempt at ‘Secularizing’ the Desire of the Infinite’  
Nietzsche’s God(s): the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society  
Bath Spa University, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

**xxx.** 'Transgressions of the Lawgiver: The Dynamics of Nietzsche's Cultural Stimulation'  
The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society/29<sup>th</sup> International Nietzsche Congress (Nietzsche-Stiftung – Nietzsche-Gesellschaft)  
Nietzsche- Dokumentationszentrum, Naumburg-Saale, Germany, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

**xxxi.** 'The Impoverishment of Posthumanism'  
Human Nature: the 2015 annual conference of the Humane Philosophy Project  
University of Warsaw, Poland, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**xxxii.** 'Heidegger and the Essence of Poetry'  
Thresholds of Wonder: the fourth International Power of the Word conference  
The Pontifical University of Saint Anselm, Rome, Italy, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**xxxiii.** 'Being and Becoming-Towards-Death: Meaning and Mortality in Nietzsche and Heidegger'  
Transhumanism and the Philosophy of Immortality conference  
University of Hull, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2015

**xxxiv.** 'Nietzsche's Agonal Echo'  
Nietzsche on Love and War: The 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society  
University of Birmingham, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**xxxv.** 'Art and the Creation of Values in Nietzsche'  
Humane Philosophy and the Arts: the 2014 annual conference of the Humane Philosophy Project  
Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**xxxvi.** 'A.N. Whitehead and the Prospect of a 'post-Nietzschean' God'  
Heythrop Philosophy Society Research Seminar  
Heythrop College, University of London, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013

**xxxvii.** 'Nihilism, Being and Theology in Nietzsche, Heidegger and Whitehead'  
British Undergraduate Philosophy Society Annual Conference  
University of London, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Birkbeck College, University of London**

As Course Convenor and Lecturer:

Philosophy of Nietzsche – Spring 2024

Problems of Explanation and Interpretation (Philosophy Component: Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Freud, Heidegger, Wittgenstein) – Autumn 2023

20<sup>th</sup> Century French and German Thought (Heidegger (*Being and Time* + later; Adorno, Foucault, Fanon - Summer 2024

MRes Practical & Theoretical Approaches Seminar – Autumn 2023

As Associate Lecturer:

Nietzsche (Summer 2023, Autumn 2021, Summer 2021); The Biology of Evil (Summer 2023, Summer 2021); MA Introduction to Philosophy (Epistemology and Metaphysics components – Autumn 2020)

As Teaching Fellow:

Nietzsche (Autumn 2020, Spring 2019); Art and Value (Autumn 2021, Autumn 2019); The Biology of Evil (Summer 2021, Spring 2019); Conceptions of the Human (2021 – 22); Spinoza's Psychological Politics (Autumn 2021); Early Modern Philosophy (Summer 2022); Philosophy of Business and Society (Spring 2023, Spring 2022); Aristotle's Biology and Ethics (Spring 2023); Kant's Ethical Theory (Spring 2022); Phenomenology and Historicism (Autumn 2022, Summer 2022); MA Introduction to Philosophy Ethics component (Autumn 2018); Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* (Autumn 2022); Kant and German Idealism (Autumn 2020, Spring 2019); Ethics (Summer 2023, Spring 2021, Autumn 2019); Metaethics (Spring 2021, Autumn 2019); Evolution and Philosophy (Summer 2022, Spring 2020); Adorno and Foucault (Spring 2020, Spring 2018); Philosophy of Science (Spring 2022, Spring 2019)

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**Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan**

Nietzsche, Genealogy, and the Modern Soul – Visiting Professor in Department of Philosophy (Fall 2023)

**University of Warsaw**

Issues in Nietzsche's *On the Genealogy of Morality* – Visiting Lecturer in Department of Philosophy (Spring 2018)

Focus on key themes from Nietzsche's *Genealogy*. Lectures given on the link between psychology and value, the ascetic impulse, truth and falsification, and the metaethical status of values for Nietzsche

**COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES**

MA/MRes Assessment Committee (2022 – 3)

BA Philosophy Examinations Board (2022 –3)

Mitigating Circumstances Assessment Sub-Board (Fall 2023)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES/AFFILIATIONS**

Organizer (with Ken Gemes) of *Nietzsche on Truth and the Will to Truth* conference, Senate House, University of London (projected Summer Term 2024), sponsored by the Institute of Philosophy. Projected proposal for edited volume/special journal issue resulting from the conference.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Supporting Learning in Higher Education

This certificate is a Level 6 teaching qualification and provides Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy, UK (awarded September 2019).

Assistant Organizer of the International Society for Nietzsche Studies (ISNS) Annual Workshop, Senate House, University of London (March 2018)

Principal Co-organizer (with Matthew Meyer), the Work in Progress Seminars of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society

Founded with the aim of facilitating the workshop experience for research works in progress, as an online substitute to conference presentations during the international pandemic. Along with Professor Meyer, I am responsible for speaker invitations, organizing blind review for submissions, liaising with the FNS Executive Committee, the advertisement of seminar events, pre-circulation of papers, and rotating chair duties for the seminars themselves, which take place every four weeks (January 2021 – March 2023)

Referee services for *The Journal of Nietzsche Studies*, *Genealogy*, *Eidos: Journal for Philosophy of Culture*, and *Idealistic Studies*

Book Reviews Editor - *The Agonist*, the journal of the Nietzsche Circle

I facilitated the editorial process and publication of between three and five reviews of recent academic publications per issue of the journal, on Nietzsche and proximate figures/philosophical themes, published twice a year. I also collated and frequently updated a database of relevant publications from all major academic publishing houses. (February 2018 – January 2023)

Member of the British Society for the History of Philosophy, the North American Nietzsche Society, the Aristotelian Society, the Friedrich Nietzsche Society of Great Britain and Ireland, the Royal Institute of Philosophy, the International Heidegger Circle, the Society for German Idealism and Romanticism, the Association for Adorno Studies, & the Hegel Society of Great Britain

Conference Panel Chairing Duties:

- i. Panel on Spinoza at the Princeton – Bucharest Early Modern Philosophy Seminar Series, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2022, hosted online
- ii. Panel on Nietzsche on the will and becoming at the 27<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2022, University of Dundee
- iii. Panel on Nietzsche and religious epistemology at the 25<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Friedrich Nietzsche Society, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, University of Tilburg
- iv. Panel on Nietzsche and truth at the Society for European Philosophy – Forum for European Philosophy (SEP – FEP) Joint Annual Conference, June 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, University of Essex

Teaching Representative, Birkbeck Subcommittee for the Professional Development of Educators (September 2020 – )

PhD Representative, Birkbeck Philosophy Staff -Student Committee (Spring 2019 – May 2022)

Co-Convenor and Co-Founder, the University of London Early Modern Philosophy Reading Group (Spring 2018 – July 2022)



## BURSARIES AND PRIZES

British Society for the History of Philosophy Postdoctoral Fellowship

Awarded to the two strongest applicants to the highly competitive international fellowship, with a financial bursary for the 2022 – 2023 academic year, to facilitate early career research

Nomination for University-Wide Prize for Best Lecturer or Seminar Teacher for the Birkbeck College Student Union Awards (2019 – 2020)

Nomination for University-Wide Prize for Best Personal Tutor for the Birkbeck College Student Union Awards (2020 – 2021)

SSHP Scholarship, Birkbeck College, University of London (PhD)

Awarded to the strongest applicants to the Birkbeck School of Social Sciences, History and Philosophy. The scholarship provides full funding and coverage of tuition fees for the duration of doctoral studies. (October 2017 – April 2021)

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation bursary, covering all travel and accommodation expenses to present at the ISNS 2019 Annual Workshop at Brown University (June 2019)

Birkbeck SSHP Travel Grants: contributing to the expenses of attendance and presentation at the North American Nietzsche Society conference at Stanford University (October 2018) and conference on Kant and the Kantian Legacy at Wuhan University (June 2019)

Funding from the Templeton Foundation for expenses for the Transhumanism and the Philosophy of Immortality conference at the University of Hull (May 2015), and for the Religion and Culture conference at the University of Warsaw (March 2018)

Heythrop Access to Learning Conference Bursaries for full expenses for the Friedrich Nietzsche Society conference in Birmingham (September 2014) and the Power of the Word conference in Rome (June 2015)

Bursary for accommodation and expenses at the University of Oxford provided by the Humane Philosophy Project (July 2014)

British Undergraduate Philosophy Society bursary covering accommodation and expenses (February 2013)

## REFERENCES

**Professor Andrew Huddleston**

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