

Christopher E. R. Letheby

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

1. 2013-2017. The University of Adelaide. PhD in Philosophy.
2. 2011-2013. The University of Adelaide. MPhil in Philosophy.
3. 2007-2010. The University of Adelaide. BA in Philosophy.

Employment

1. 2023-present. The University of Western Australia. Senior Lecturer in Philosophy.
2. 2018-2023. The University of Western Australia. Lecturer in Philosophy.
3. 2019-2022. The University of Adelaide. Postdoctoral Researcher on Federal Government-funded project 'Philosophical Perspectives on Psychedelic Psychiatry'.

Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Neuroscience

Areas of Competence

General Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Psychiatry, Epistemology, Introductory Formal Logic, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence

Publications

Authored books

1. 2021. Letheby, C. *Philosophy of Psychedelics*. Oxford University Press.
 - Winner of inaugural Faculty of Arts Prize for Outstanding Research by an Early Career Researcher, The University of Adelaide, 2022
 - Winner of the School of Humanities Early Career Researcher Prize for best publication in 2021, The University of Adelaide, 2022
 - Subject of symposium in *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences* with 8 commentaries
 - Subject of review series in *The Polyphony* with 4 reviews
 - Spanish translation published 2022 by Editorial Bauplan

Edited books

1. 2024. **Letheby, C.** and Gerrans, P., eds. *Philosophical Perspectives on Psychedelic Psychiatry*. Oxford University Press.

Journal articles

1. 2024. Letheby, C. How do psychedelics reduce fear of death? *Neuroethics*, 17(27), 1-12.
2. 2024. Kirkham, N. and **Letheby, C.** Psychedelics and environmental virtues. *Philosophical Psychology* 37(2), 371-395.

3. 2022. Letheby, C. Psychedelics, atheism, and naturalism: myth and reality. *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 29, pp. 69-92.
4. 2022. Johnson, S. and **Letheby, C.** Psychedelics and body dysmorphic disorder. *Journal of Psychedelic Studies* 6, pp. 23-30.
5. 2022. **Letheby, C.** and Mattu, J. Philosophy and classic psychedelics: a review of some emerging themes. *Journal of Psychedelic Studies* 5(3): 166–175.
6. 2022. Letheby, C. Self and knowledge in psychedelic therapy: Reply to commentaries on *Philosophy of Psychedelics*. *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences* 3. DOI: 10.33735/phimisci.2022.9642
7. 2022. Letheby, C. Naturalistic entheogenics: Précis of *Philosophy of Psychedelics*. *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences* 3. 10.33735/phimisci.2022.9627
8. 2021. Timmermann, C., Kettner, H., **Letheby, C.**, Roseman, L., Rosas, Fernando E., and Carhart-Harris, R. L. Psychedelics alter metaphysical beliefs. *Scientific Reports* 11: 22166.
9. 2020. Amada, N., Lea, T., **Letheby, C.**, and Shane, J. Psychedelic experience and the narrative self: an exploratory qualitative study. *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 27(9-10): 6-33.
10. 2020. Letheby, C. Being for no-one: psychedelic experience and minimal subjectivity. *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences* 1:5. DOI: 10.33735/phimisci.2020.1.47
11. 2017. Letheby, C. Naturalizing psychedelic spirituality. *Zygon* 52(3): 623-642.
12. 2017. **Letheby, C.** and Gerrans, P. Self unbound: ego dissolution in psychedelic experience. *Neuroscience of Consciousness* 3. DOI: 10.1093/nc/nix016
13. 2016. Letheby, C. The epistemic innocence of psychedelic states. *Consciousness and Cognition* 39: 28-37.
14. 2015. Letheby, C. The philosophy of psychedelic transformation. *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 22 (9-10): 170-193.
15. 2012. Letheby, C. In defence of embodied cognition: a reply to Fred Adams. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences* 11: 403-414.

Book chapters

1. 2024. **Letheby, C.**, Mattu, J., and Hochstein, E. How to end the mysticism wars in psychedelic science. In R. Lovering (ed.) *The Palgrave Handbook of Philosophy and Psychoactive Drug Use*. Palgrave Macmillan.
2. 2024. Chopra, S. and **Letheby, C.** Psychedelics and moral psychology: the case of forgiveness. In Letheby, C. and Gerrans, P. (eds.) *Philosophical Perspectives on Psychedelic Psychiatry*. Oxford University Press.
3. 2024. **Letheby, C.** and Gerrans, P. Introduction. In Letheby, C. and Gerrans, P. (eds.) *Philosophical Perspectives on Psychedelic Psychiatry*. Oxford University Press.
4. 2024. Letheby, C. Psychedelics: Recent philosophical discussions. In M. Walker and T. Schramme (eds.), *Springer Handbook of the Philosophy of Medicine*. Springer.
5. 2022. Letheby, C. Psychedelics and meditation: a neurophilosophical perspective. In Repetti, R., ed., *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy of Meditation*, pp. 209-223. Oxford: Routledge.
6. 2019. Letheby, C. The varieties of psychedelic epistemology. In Wyrđ, N., Luke, D., Tollan, A., Adams, C., and King, D. (eds.) *Psychedelicacies: more food for thought from Breaking Convention*. Strange Attractor Press.

Impact

Google Scholar H-index: 12

Google Scholar i10-index: 13

Google Scholar total citations: 1043

Work in Progress

1. **Letheby, C.** and Høeg, M. Psychedelics and literature. To appear in H. Maes (ed.) *Psychedelics and Aesthetics*. Routledge. Under contract.
2. Liknaitzky, P., Polito, V., **Letheby, C.**, et al. Publication of results from recently completed trial of psilocybin for generalized anxiety disorder (Psi-GAD-1) at Monash University. Liknaitzky, Polito and I constituted the 'Psychometrics Working Group' that formulated hypotheses and selected psychometric measures for this trial.
3. Kähönen, J. and **Letheby, C.** Mechanisms of psychedelic moral enhancement. Journal article in the early planning phase.

Research Funding

1. 2024. University of Western Australia School of Humanities Research Collaboration Seed Grant. 4,000 AUD. For 'Psychedelic Moral Enhancement: Virtues and Integration' workshop.
2. 2024. University of Western Australia Institute of Advanced Studies Visiting Fellowship for the visit of Professor Michael Silberstein. 4,000 AUD.
3. 2022. Senior Researcher Visiting Fellowship. Centre for Philosophical Psychology, The University of Antwerp. Awarded for visit to Prof Bence Nanay's research group in June 2023. 3,000 EUR.
4. 2019-2022. Australian Research Council Discovery Project 'Philosophical Perspectives on Psychedelic Psychiatry' (DP190101451). The University of Adelaide. 360,000 AUD. (The original idea for this proposal was mine and the proposal was an equal collaboration between me and lead investigator Prof Philip Gerrans. The project was funded on its second attempt. However, as I did not hold a faculty position at the time, ARC rules prevented me from being a named investigator on the grant. I was employed on the project for three years as a postdoc.)

Honours and Awards

1. 2022. School of Humanities Early Career Researcher Research Award. The University of Western Australia. 2,500 AUD.
2. 2022. Faculty of Arts Prize for Outstanding Research by an Early Career Researcher. The University of Adelaide. Awarded for my book *Philosophy of Psychedelics*. 1,500 AUD.
3. 2022. School of Humanities Early Career Researcher Award for best publication in 2021. The University of Adelaide. Awarded for my book *Philosophy of Psychedelics*. 1,000 AUD.
4. 2017. Breaking Convention Research Award (Humanities category). Breaking Convention: The 4th International Conference on Psychedelic Consciousness. Awarded for my paper 'The epistemic innocence of psychedelic states'. 500 GBP.
5. 2017. Dean's Commendation for Doctoral Thesis Excellence. The University of Adelaide. Awarded for my thesis *The Philosophy of Psychedelic Transformation*.
6. 2013-2016. Australasian Postgraduate Award scholarship. The University of Adelaide. ~25,000 AUD P.A. for three years.
7. 2011-2013. MPhil (No Honours) scholarship. The University of Adelaide. ~20,000 AUD P.A. for two years.
8. 2010. Professor Sir William Mitchell Prize for Philosophy and Jefferis Memorial Medal. The University of Adelaide.
9. 2009. EU/AUS Network of Degrees in Ethics, Human Rights and Institutions exchange scholarship. Lancaster University. 7,600 AUD.
10. 2008. Professor Sir William Mitchell Prize for Philosophy, Level 2. The University of Adelaide.

Community Engagement and Outreach

Interviews and media appearances:

1. 2024. July 3. Interviewed by Amber Cunningham for ABC Radio Perth about AAP conference.
2. 2024. May 31. Interviewed by Shayla Love for article in *The Guardian* on psychedelics and fear of death.
<https://www.theguardian.com/science/article/2024/aug/06/magic-mushrooms-end-of-life-psilocybin>
3. 2024. May 30. Interviewed by Steve Paulson for an article in *Nautilus*.
<https://nautil.us/out-of-your-head-791745>
4. 2024. March 12. Interviewed by Sam Sterrett and Steve McLean for The Range podcast.
5. 2024. February 29. Interviewed by a South Australian school student for a research project on psilocybin.
6. 2024. February 12. Interviewed by Rich Haridy for a *Salon* article.
7. 2024. February 7. Interviewed by Anne-Marie McCallion for The Living and Dying Podcast.
8. 2023. November 21. Interviewed by Lucia C. Neco for *Sagacity* magazine (postgraduate publication of the Australasian Association of Philosophy).
9. 2023. November 10. Interviewed by Xavier Rousset for documentary on psychedelic therapy in Australia.
10. 2023. Interviewed by Esther Peñas for *Ethic* and *Ctxt* (in Spanish translation).
11. 2023. Interviewed by Joshi Gottlieb for *Minerva* podcast.
12. 2023. Interviewed by Fidel Moreno for revista *Cáñamo* (in Spanish translation).
13. 2022. Interviewed by Jessica Lawson for Entheogenesis Australis newsletter.
14. 2022. Interviewed by Wystan Bryant-Scott for Natural Awakening podcast.
15. 2022. Interviewed by Christine Layton for ABC Radio Perth.
16. 2022. Interviewed by Sophie Mathewson for Margaret River radio.
17. 2022. Interviewed by Thomas Lewton for New Scientist article.
18. 2022. Interviewed by Ben Brooker for Friends in High Places podcast.
19. 2022. Interviewed by Jack Fereday for Philosophie Magazine article.
20. 2022. Interviewed by James Cooke for Living Mirrors podcast.
21. 2021. Interviewed by Marvin Dauemichen for MIND Foundation YouTube channel.
22. 2021. Interviewed by Joseph Earp for an Ethics Centre article.
23. 2021. Interviewed by Ricardo Lopes for The Dissenter YouTube channel.
24. 2021. Interviewed by Ian Dunican and Ciaran O'Regan for Learning to Die podcast.
25. 2021. Interviewed by Joshua Kugel for The MindStew podcast.
26. 2021. Interviewed by Niall Campbell for Mind Manifest podcast.
27. 2021. Interviewed by Ian Lecklitner for two MEL magazine articles.
28. 2021. Interviewed by Timothy Bodlovich for The University of Western Australia Undergraduate Philosophy Society podcast.
29. 2021. Interviewed by Anthony Jeannot for Highbrow Drivel podcast.
30. 2021. Interviewed by Shayla Love for Vice magazine feature on my book.
31. 2021. Interviewed by Keri Phillips for ABC Radio National.
32. 2021. Interviewed by Oshan Jarow for Musing Mind podcast.
33. 2021. Interviewed by Marlene Halser for German radio.
34. 2021. Interviewed by Daniel Shkolnik for Re-Enchantment podcast.
35. 2020. Interviewed by Richard Brown for Consciousness Live podcast.
36. 2017. Interviewed by Jon Waterlow for Voices in the Dark podcast.
37. 2017. Interviewed by ABC Radio about philosophy and psychedelic drugs.
38. 2017. Interviewed by Lindsay Jordan and Richard Marshall for 3:AM Magazine about philosophy and psychedelic drugs.
39. 2015. Interviewed by Radio Adelaide about philosophy and psychedelic drugs.
40. 2014. Interviewed by Radio Adelaide about philosophy and psychedelic drugs.

41. 2014. Interviewed by Radio 891 5AN about philosophy and psychedelic drugs.
42. 2014. Interviewed by ABC Radio Goulburn Murray about philosophy and psychedelic drugs.

Popular writings

1. 2022. Guest post on Lifeflow Meditation Centre blog: 'Psychedelics and meditation: a surprising connection'.
2. 2022. Guest post on *Imperfect Cognitions* blog: 'Philosophy of psychedelics'.
3. 2022. Guest post on MIND Foundation blog: 'Revising the self: beyond metaphysical beliefs in mystical-type experience'.
4. 2021. Article in *MAPS Bulletin*: 'Philosophy of psychedelic therapy: existential medicine or comforting delusion?'
5. 2020. Article in *Psyche* magazine: 'Psychedelics show religion isn't the only route to spirituality'.
6. 2019. Invited symposium on *The Brains Blog* on Letheby and Gerrans (2017) 'Self unbound: ego dissolution in psychedelic experience', with commentaries by John Michael, Inês Hipólito, and Raphaël Millière, and reply by Letheby and Gerrans.
7. 2017. Article in *Aeon* magazine with Philip Gerrans: 'Model Hallucinations'.
8. 2017. Guest post on *Imperfect Cognitions* blog: 'Philosophy of psychedelic ego dissolution: unbinding the self'.
9. 2014. Guest post on *Imperfect Cognitions* blog: 'The epistemic innocence of (some) psychedelic states'.

Public talks

1. 2023. May. 'Philosophy and psychedelics: The big questions'. Panel discussion with Samuel Douglas and Tra-ill Dowie, MCd by Julien Tempone-Wiltshire and hosted by Lani Roy (The Signs of Life Psychology). The Wheeler Centre, Melbourne.
2. 2022. October. 'Philosophy of psychedelics'. Raising the Bar Perth, Varsity Bar, Northbridge.
3. 2022. March. 'Philosophy of psychedelics'. Pub Philosophy, River Hotel, Margaret River.
4. 2022. February. Online talk to Cambridge Psychedelic Society. 'Classic psychedelics and philosophy: an overview of some emerging themes'.
5. 2021. August. Online talk in Entheogenesis Australis live stream series. 'Philosophy of Psychedelics'.
6. 2021. July. Spoke in Facebook Live Audio Room event 'Psychedelics and the future of healing', hosted by Jason Silva, featuring Rick Doblin and Lucy Walker.
7. 2021. June. Presentation to Perth chapter of Australian Psychedelic Society. 'Psychedelics and contemplative practices'. Co-presented with Tobias Penno.
8. 2019. 'Philosophy Feast' at the University Club of Western Australia. Facilitated discussion of philosophy and psychedelic drugs over drinks and dinner.
9. 2017. Public talk at Lifeflow Meditation Centre, Adelaide, on the science of psychedelics and meditation.
10. 2017. Public talk at University of the Third Age Philosophy Group, Adelaide, on philosophy and psychedelic therapy.
11. 2017. Public talk at Adelaide City Library: 'Naturalizing Spirituality'.
12. 2015. University finalist, Three Minute Thesis competition. University of Adelaide.
13. 2014. University finalist, Three Minute Thesis competition. University of Adelaide.

School engagement activities:

1. 2023. Hosted visiting students from Scotch College in first-year lecture on physicalism. The University of Western Australia.
2. 2021. Talk to visiting students from Shenton College on philosophy of science (scientific realism and anti-realism). The University of Western Australia.

3. 2020. Guest class on philosophy of science (scientific realism and anti-realism.) Willetton Senior High School, Perth.
4. 2019. Guest class on philosophy of science (scientific realism and anti-realism.) Christ Church Grammar School, Perth.

Academic Talks

Keynotes

1. 2025. March. 'How to train your avatar: mental imagery and self-modelling in psychedelic transformation'. Invited keynote address at the annual conference of the Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry (AAPP). University of Utah, Salt Lake City. Upcoming.
2. 2024. October. 'Psychedelic moral enhancement: A virtues-based integrative account'. Invited keynote presentation at the 2nd Online Conference of the International Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind. Online presentation.
3. 2022. April. 'Psychedelic epistemology'. Invited keynote presentation at the UK Student Psychedelic Conference. Online presentation.
4. 2020. November. 'Naturalizing psychedelic epistemology'. Invited keynote presentation at the 7th University Symposium on Psychoactive Substances. Online symposium hosted by the Faculty of Philosophy, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).
5. 2020. September. 'Naturalizing psychedelic epistemology'. Keynote presentation at the annual Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference. Online conference hosted by postgraduate members of the Australasian Association of Philosophy.

Other invited talks

1. 2025. April. 'Merely believing and really believing: mental imagery in personal transformation'. Philosophy Department seminar series, University of Saskatchewan. Upcoming.
2. 2025. March. Title TBA. Rotman Institute of Philosophy, University of Western Ontario. Upcoming.
6. 2025. March. 'Psychedelic moral enhancement: A virtues-based integrative account'. Philosophy Department seminar series, University of Portland. Upcoming.
7. 2025. February. 'Imagery and integration in psychedelic moral enhancement'. Workshop on Psychedelic Moral Enhancement: Virtues and Integration. The University of Western Australia.
8. 2025. January. 'Merely believing and really believing: mental imagery in personal transformation'. Workshop on Conscious Experience, University of Tokyo.
9. 2024. October. 'Learning from reading and learning from tripping'. Psychedelics, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science workshop, PsychedELSI project, Berlin. Online (remote) presentation.
10. 2024. April. 'How to end the mysticism wars in psychedelic science'. Levels of Explanation in Psychedelic Psychiatry conference, Monash University, Melbourne.
11. 2023. September. 'Psychedelic Neuroexistentialism'. INSIGHT 2023: biennial conference of MIND Foundation: The European Foundation for Psychedelic Science. Berlin.
12. 2023. August. 'Psychedelics and the ethics of belief'. The First International Oxford-Hopkins Workshop on Psychedelic Ethics. University of Oxford.
13. 2023. June. 'The representation of nothingness'. Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp.
14. 2023. May. 'Psychedelics, literature, and Diamond'. Philosophy Department seminar series, Murdoch University.

15. 2023. April. 'Physicalism and psychedelic consciousness'. Breaking Convention: Multidisciplinary Conference on Psychedelic Consciousness. Exeter University, UK.
16. 2023. April. 'Psychedelic Neuroexistentialism'. Consciousness: An Interdisciplinary Perspective conference. University of Oxford.
17. 2023. April. 'Psychedelic Neuroexistentialism. Yale Psychedelic Science Group. Yale University.
18. 2023. April. 'Naturalizing psychedelic spirituality'. Science on Spiritual Health symposium. Emory University.
19. 2023. March. 'Psychedelics, literature, and Diamond'. Psychedelic Humanities Lab, the New School, New York City.
20. 2023. March. 'Psychedelics, literature, and Diamond'. The Aesthetics of Psychedelics conference, University of Kent, Canterbury UK.
21. 2023. March. 'Psychedelics and knowledge how'. Seminar series of the Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, NYCU, Taipei. Online presentation.
22. 2023. January. 'The representation of nothingness'. An Exploration of Nothingness conference. Lillianfels, Katoomba, New South Wales.
23. 2022. December. 'Mechanisms and levels of explanation in psychedelic therapy'. Symposium on 'A New Era of Psychedelic Neuroscience and Pharmacotherapy', annual conference of the Australian Neuroscience Society, with Claire Foldi, Adeel Razi, and Sarah-Catherine Rodan. Melbourne.
24. 2022. December. 'Philosophical issues in psychedelic research: an overview of some emerging themes'. Garden States Ethnobotanical Forum, run by Entheogenesis Australis. Melbourne.
25. 2022. March. 'Philosophy and classic psychedelics: a review of some emerging themes'. University of Queensland Uni-MIND Psychedelic Science reading group. Online presentation.
26. 2022. March. 'Psychedelics and meditation: a neurophilosophical perspective'. Contemplative Neuroscience and Neurophenomenology lab, University of Haifa. Online presentation.
27. 2022. March. 'Philosophy of psychedelics'. Aesthetics and Ethics of Attention research group, University of Fribourg. Online presentation.
28. 2021. November. 'Psychedelics, atheism, and naturalism: myth and reality'. Philosophy, Psychology, and Neuroscience seminar series, University of Glasgow. Online presentation.
29. 2021. November. 'The philosophy of psychedelics and the comforting delusion objection'. Association for Psychedelic Education and Culture, Helsinki. Online presentation.
30. 2021. September. 'Psychedelics and meditation: a neurophilosophical perspective'. INSIGHT 2021: biennial conference of MIND Foundation: The European Foundation for Psychedelic Science. Online presentation.
31. 2021. August. 'Psychedelics and metaphysical beliefs'. Belief Formation Research Group, Macquarie University. Online presentation.
32. 2021. May. 'Philosophy of psychedelics'. Emerging Minds Colloquium, Rotman Institute of Philosophy. Online presentation.
33. 2021. April. 'Psychedelics and knowledge-how'. Philosophy of Psychedelics: Exploring Frameworks for Exceptional Experience. Online conference hosted by the University of Exeter. Pre-recorded talks with live panel discussions etc.
34. 2021. March. 'Naturalizing psychedelic epistemology'. University of Queensland UNI-MIND Psychedelic Science reading group. Online presentation.
35. 2021. January. 'Naturalizing psychedelic epistemology'. University of Birmingham. Philosophy Department seminar series. Online presentation.
36. 2020. December. 'Psychedelics and knowledge-how'. Invited symposium on psychedelic epistemology at the annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Online presentation. *Originally scheduled for March 2020; postponed and moved online due to COVID-19.*

37. 2020. December. 'Naturalizing psychedelic epistemology'. University of Utah Psychedelic Science interest group (U-PSI). Online presentation.
38. 2020. November. 'Being for no-one: psychedelic experience and minimal subjectivity'. Philosophy of Mind Working Group, Sun Yat-Sen University. Online presentation.
39. 2020. November. 'Philosophy and psychedelic psychiatry'. Invited online Zoom presentation to the monthly meeting of the special interest group 'Australian and New Zealand Psychiatrists for Psychedelic-Assisted Psychotherapy'.
40. 2020. October. 'Psychedelics and environmental virtues', with Nin Kirkham. Philosophy Department seminar series, Murdoch University.
41. 2020. July. 'Australian psychedelic research panel'. Live-streamed panel discussion on the state of psychedelic research in Australia with Vince Polito, Marg Ross, Martin Williams, and Steve Bright. Hosted by Entheogenesis Australis.
42. 2020. June. 'Epistemic innocence and psychedelic-induced states of consciousness'. Video presentation for online book launch of Lisa Bortolotti's monograph *The Epistemic Innocence of Irrational Beliefs* (OUP, 2020).
43. 2019. November. 'Can there be totally selfless phenomenal states?'. Self in Mind workshop, The University of Western Australia.
44. 2019. October. 'The Comforting Delusion Objection and the Mechanisms of Psychedelic Therapy'. MIND Academy – public seminar series of MIND Foundation: The European Foundation for Psychedelic Science. Berlin.
45. 2019. September. 'The Comforting Delusion Objection to Psychedelic Therapy'. Centre for Psychedelic Research, Imperial College London.
46. 2019. September. 'Psychedelic therapy and philosophical naturalism'. INSIGHT 2019: biennial conference of MIND Foundation: The European Foundation for Psychedelic Science. Berlin.
47. 2019. August. 'The Comforting Delusion Objection and the mechanisms of psychedelic therapy'. Monash University – Philosophy Department seminar series.
48. 2018. October. 'Being for no-one: eliminating the subject from the theory of subjectivity'. Workshop on 'Radical Disruptions of Self-Consciousness'. Frankfurt Institute of Advanced Studies.
49. 2018. June. 'Philosophy of psychedelic psychiatry: existential medicine or comforting delusion?' 'Neurosocieties' symposium. Monash University.
50. 2017. June. 'The epistemic innocence of psychedelic states'. Breaking Convention: The 4th International Conference on Psychedelic Consciousness. University of Greenwich, London UK. (Invited due to winning the 2017 Breaking Convention Humanities Research Award.)
51. 2017. May. 'The varieties of psychedelic epistemology'. The University of Western Australia. Philosophy Department seminar series.
52. 2016. June. 'Seven questions for naturalistic philosophy of psychedelics'. Workshop on 'What can psychopathologies and altered states tell us about consciousness?' Macquarie University.

Refereed conference presentations:

1. 2024. July. 'Psychedelic moral enhancement: A virtues-based integrative account', with Nin Kirkham. Annual conference of the Australasian Association of Philosophy. The University of Western Australia. Accepted but not presented due to illness.
2. 2023. July. 'Psychedelics, literature, and Diamond'. Annual conference of the Australasian Association of Philosophy. Australian Catholic University.
3. 2021. July. 'Philosophy of psychedelics'. Annual conference of the Australasian Association of Philosophy. Online.
4. 2018. November. 'Being for no-one: eliminating the subject from the theory of subjectivity'. 14th Annual Murdoch Philosophy Colloquium, Murdoch University.

5. 2017. December. 'The varieties of psychedelic epistemology'. Entheogenesis Australis: Outdoor Psychedelic Symposium, Eildon.
6. 2017. October. 'The varieties of psychedelic epistemology'. 4th UK Conference on Philosophy and Psychiatry: Philosophical Issues in Psychedelic Drug Use. Philosophy Special Interest Group, Royal College of Psychiatrists, London UK.
7. 2015. July: 'The epistemic innocence of psychedelic states'. Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Macquarie University.
8. 2014. July: 'The humanising credentials of psychedelic personal transformation'. Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Australian National University.
9. 2012. September: 'Embodied language comprehension does not require an enactivist paradigm of cognition'. Australasian Philosophy Postgraduate Conference, University of Auckland.

Departmental seminar talks

1. 2024. March. 'How to end the mysticism wars in psychedelic science'. Philosophy Department seminar series, The University of Western Australia.
2. 2023. May. 'The representation of nothingness'. Philosophy Department seminar series, The University of Western Australia.
3. 2020. September. 'Psychedelics and environmental virtues', with Nin Kirkham. Philosophy Department seminar series, The University of Western Australia.
4. 2019. August. 'The Comforting Delusion Objection and the mechanisms of psychedelic therapy'. Philosophy Department seminar series, The University of Western Australia.
5. 2016. November. 'Psychedelic neuroexistentialism'. Philosophy Department seminar series, The University of Adelaide.

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate courses taught at The University of Western Australia:

1. PHIL2002 Logic: How to Defeat your Foes with Reasoning. 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.
2. PHIL2008 Machine Minds and Superintelligence: The Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence. 2023, 2024.
3. PHIL4106 Analytic Philosophy (Honours seminar). 2022, 2024.
4. PHIL2006 Philosophy of Psychology and Psychiatry. 2019, 2020, 2022, 2024.
5. PHIL1003 God, Mind, and Knowledge. 2018, 2022, 2023, 2024.
6. PHIL2004 Philosophy of Mind. 2023.
7. PHIL2005 Exploring the Nature of Science. 2018, 2019, 2021.
8. PHIL2007 Knowledge and the Justification of Belief. 2020.

Undergraduate courses guest-lectured in at The University of Adelaide:

1. PHIL2030 Cognitive Science. 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017.
2. PHIL2032 Naturalizing Morality. 2014.
3. PHIL2039 Philosophy of Mind. 2014.

Undergraduate courses tutored (TA-ed) in at The University of Adelaide:

1. PHIL1101 Argument and Critical Thinking. 2012, 2013, 2017.
2. PHIL1102 Mind and World. 2012, 2017.
3. PHIL3019 How Should I Live?: Contemporary Ethical Theories. 2016.
4. PHIL2039 Philosophy of Mind. 2016.
5. PHIL1110 Logic 1. 2014, 2015.
6. PHIL2013 Cognitive Science. 2013.

Foundation Studies Program subjects taught at Eynesbury College, Adelaide:

1. Clear Thinking and Logic. 2017, 2018.
(I taught this mandatory subject to multiple cohorts of international students, mostly non-native English speakers, as part of their pathway to university entry in Australia.)

Supervision

1. Zoe Nelson. Philosophy Honours thesis, The University of Western Australia, 2025. Ongoing.
2. Carl Zoller. Philosophy Honours thesis, The University of Western Australia, 2024-2025. Ongoing.
3. Alice Law. BPhil Research Project, The University of Western Australia, 2024.
4. Ed Stoddart. BPhil Research Project, The University of Western Australia, 2024.
5. Alberto Guerrero Velazquez. Philosophy PhD thesis, The University of Western Australia, 2022-. Ongoing. Secondary supervisor (30%).
6. Aidan Howitt. Philosophy Honours thesis, The University of Western Australia, 2021. Graduated with First Class Honours.

Professional Service

Administrative roles

1. 2025-present. Philosophy representative, Research and Research Training Committee. School of Humanities, The University of Western Australia.
2. 2024-present. Postgraduate Coordinator. Philosophy, The University of Western Australia.
3. 2021-2024. School of Humanities representative to the Early and Mid-Career Researcher Network. The University of Western Australia.
4. 2019-2023. Convenor of weekly departmental research seminar ("Philosophy Society", or "Philsoc".) Philosophy, The University of Western Australia.
5. 2019-2022. Convenor of Early- and Mid-Career Researcher weekly 'Shut Up And Write' group. The University of Western Australia.

Manuscript refereeing

Erkenntnis; Philosophy, Psychology, and Psychiatry; Review of Philosophy and Psychology; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Zygon; Journal of Psychopharmacology; Philosophical Psychology; European Journal of Analytic Philosophy; Synthese; International Journal for the Psychology of Religion; International Journal for the Study of New Religions; Neuroscience of Consciousness; Journal of Psychedelic Studies; Journal of Medical Ethics; Philosophy and the Mind Sciences; Frontiers in Psychology; Journal of Consciousness Studies; Topoi

Book proposal refereeing

Bloomsbury, Springer Nature

Grant proposal refereeing

John Templeton Foundation (x2)

Higher Degree by Research Thesis examination

2024. Lauren Howlett, MRes, Macquarie University. Outcome: degree awarded.

2022. Ricardo Augusto Perera, PhD, Monash University. Outcome: degree awarded.

Conferences organised

1. 2025. February. Workshop on Psychedelic Moral Enhancement: Virtues and Integration. Co-organiser. The University of Western Australia.

2. 2024. July. Annual conference of the Australasian Association of Philosophy. Lead organiser. The University of Western Australia. Premier philosophy conference in the region. 194 delegates registered. Five keynotes and ~135 contributed papers presented in 8 parallel streams over five days.
3. 2024. April. Perspectives on Psychedelic Psychiatry – two-day workshop. Co-organiser. Monash Centre for Consciousness and Contemplative Studies.
4. 2019. Self in Mind – two-day workshop on self and self-representation. Chair of organising committee. The University of Western Australia.
5. 2015. Australasian Philosophy Postgraduate Conference. Lead organiser; chair and secretary of organising committee. The University of Adelaide.

Advisory roles

1. 2025. Judge, Kieran Dolin Prize (for best postgraduate student publication). School of Humanities, The University of Western Australia.
2. 2024-present. Tyringham Initiative. Member of Advisory Group. Ongoing.
3. 2024. May. Interviewed by Amber Bunting (PhD candidate, Psychological Sciences, Macquarie University) to inform research project on experiential ownership.
4. 2023. Judge, Australasian Association of Philosophy postgraduate paper prize.
5. 2021. Invited member of Expert Panel. Monash University Clinical Psychedelic Research Lab. Providing feedback on new psychometric scales as part of the development and validation process.
6. 2018-present. MIND Foundation: European Foundation for Psychedelic Science. Member of Scientific Advisory Board. Ongoing. (I curated a series of 10 online public lectures on philosophical issues in psychedelic research as part of this role.)

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