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Research Areas

Metaphysics; ethics; philosophy of religion.

Education

PhD in Philosophy, University College London, 2024.

- Thesis title: Degrees of Causal Contribution.
- Passed with no corrections on 28 December 2024.
- Supervisors: Dr Simona Aimar (University College London) and Dr Luke Fenton-Glynn (Monash University).
- Examiners: Prof. Alex Kaiserman (University of Oxford) and Prof. Carolina Sartorio (Rutgers University).
- Four graduate modules completed (*Worlds, Sentences, and Measures*; *20th Century Philosophy*; *Profound Impairment*; *Philosophy of Space and Time*): 3 × (Grade A+); 1 × (Grade A).

MPhil in Philosophy (Distinction), University of Cambridge, 2018.

- Thesis title: Humean Accounts of Natural Laws and the Objection from Explanation.
- Supervisor: Dr Matt Farr.
- Examiners: Dr J. Brian Pitts and Dr Jeremy Butterfield.
- Lent Term essay title: Divine Hiddenness and the Demographics of Non-belief.
- Supervisor: Prof. Sarah Coakley.
- Michaelmas Term essay title: Why Strevens's Counterexample to Lewis's "Causation as Influence" is Effective: A Critique of Choi.
- Supervisor: Prof. Arif Ahmed.

BA in Philosophy (First Class), University College London, 2017.

- 24 modules completed: 22 × (First Class); 2 × (Upper Second).

Scholarships & Commendations

Graduate Research Scholarship (UK/EU rate fees and maintenance stipend, for up to four years), University College London, 2019.

Overseas Research Scholarship (the difference between UK/EU and overseas tuition rate fees, for up to four years), University College London, 2019.

Richard Murphy Memorial Prize (£150), for achieving, in the opinion of the Head of the Department of Philosophy, the best result in the final examinations of the Single Honours Philosophy BA degree programme, University College London, 2017.

The Dean's List – Faculty of Arts and Humanities, a commendation to undergraduate students excelling in their chosen field, University College London, 2017.

Dawes Hicks 2nd Year Prize (£30), for excellent performance in the second year, University College London, 2016.

A. J. Ayer Sumitomo Corporation Scholarship Prize (£30), for excellent performance in the first and second years, University College London, 2015.

Papers

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“It’s Difficult to Explain Away the Appearance That Causation Comes in Degrees: A Reply to Sartorio.” *Journal of Applied Philosophy*, **40**(1) (2023), pp. 109–122.

“Strevens’s Counterexample to Lewis’s ‘Causation as Influence,’ and Degrees of Causation.” *Dialectica*, **74**(1) (2020), pp. 125–137.

IN PROGRESS

A paper on different notions of degrees of causal contribution. [Under external review.]

A paper on the physical impossibility of “symmetric overdetermination.”

OTHERS

“Would a Life Without Death Be Intolerable?” *British Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy*, **11**(2) (2017), pp. 32–42.

“Is Morally Criticisable Writing *pro tanto* a Literary Failure?” *Lateralis*, **3**(1) (2017), pp. 5–13.

Teaching

Introduction to Logic 2, 1st year undergraduate course (lecturer: Dr Lavinia Picollo), University College London, Second Term 2019–2020.

Introduction to Logic 1, 1st year undergraduate course (lecturer: Dr Lavinia Picollo), University College London, First Term 2020–2021.

Metaphysics, 2nd year undergraduate course (lecturer: Dr Luke Fenton-Glynn), University College London, Second Term 2020–2021.

Introduction to Logic 2, 1st year undergraduate course (lecturer: Dr Owen Griffiths), University College London, Second Term 2021–2022.

Literature teacher, St Andrew's Junior College, Singapore, 2019, 2025.

Selected Presentations

“Three Notions of Causal Contribution, and New Complications in Which They Figure.”

- *Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference*, University of Cape Town, January 2026. [Upcoming.]
- *Annual Meeting of the Philosophy and Religion Society of Thailand*, Chulalongkorn University, December 2024.
- *Autumn Seminar Series of the British Postgraduate Philosophy Association*, November 2024.
- *VIII International Congress of Graduate Students in Philosophy*, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (UC), November 2024.
- *Australasian Association of Philosophy Online Conference*, October 2024.

“On ‘Modal Personism.’”

- *Profound Impairment Research Seminar*, University College London, June 2020.

“On Sartorio’s ‘More of a Cause?’”

- *Senior Seminar*, University College London, December 2019.

Administration & Outreach

Graduate assistant, [#first-genphilosophers](#) initiative (a platform for philosophers whose parents did not go to university), 2024–present.

Speaker for University College London’s Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Townhall on socio-economic equity, December 2024.

Speaker for University College London’s Philosophy Taster Day (for students from state high schools), May 2024.

Referee for *Acta Analytica*.

Referees

Dr Simona Aimar, University College London.
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