

Claire Field

AOS: Epistemology, Ethics

AOC: Applied Ethics, Normativity, Rationality

EMPLOYMENT

2019 – 2021

UCL

Research Fellow

Roots of Responsibility, ERC Project.

EDUCATION

2015 – 2019

University of St Andrews

PhD Philosophy

Thesis: *Is it OK to Make Mistakes? Appraisal and False Normative Belief.*

Committee: Jessica Brown, Brian Weatherson, Justin Snedegar.

Examiner: Daniel Whiting, Philip Ebert.

2013 – 2015

King's College London

MPhilSt. Philosophical Studies

Thesis: *"Rational Incoherence: How to Make Mistakes About What Rationality Requires"*

Supervisor: Clayton Littlejohn

Examiners: Corine Besson, Kurt Sylvan

2008 – 2011

King's College London

BA Philosophy

1ST Class Honours

Thesis: *"What is a contradiction? In search of common ground between Dialetheism and Classical Logic"*

Supervisor: Mark Textor.

PUBLICATIONS

- *"Recklessness and Uncertainty: Jackson Cases and Merely Apparent Asymmetry"*. 2019. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, pp. 1-23.
- *"It's OK to Make Mistakes: Against the Fixed Point Thesis"*. 2017. *Episteme*, pp.1-11.
- Review of Susanne Mantel, *Determined By Reasons*. 2019. *Ethics*, pp. 484-489.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Conflict Resolution: Demoting the Enkratic Principle”
Argues that the enkratic principle is not a requirement of rationality, but rather a principle of epistemic appraisal.
- “What It's Reasonable To Expect: the Insignificance of Moral Reasons De Re”
Argues against a Strawsonian account of moral blameworthiness in favour of a new account of blameworthiness based on meeting reasonable expectations.
- “Defeat Through Inertia: A Priori Propositional Justification”
Argues that contrary to a widespread idea, the mechanisms of epistemic justification and defeat work in the same way for a priori and a posteriori propositions.

ACADEMIC VISITS

2017-18 Visiting Research Student *University of Michigan*

ACADEMIC AWARDS

2011 School of Humanities Jelf Medal
 Awarded to one student in each graduating year for academic excellence.

2010 Adrian Gray Memorial Prize (£60)
 Awarded to one second year Philosophy student for academic excellence.

2009 Sambrooke Exhibition in the Arts
 Awarded for the highest first year examination results.

2009 Commendation: Epistemology & Metaphysics

ACADEMIC FUNDING GRANTS

2018	Aristotelian Society Student Bursary	£3000
2018	Royal Institute of Philosophy Bursary (<i>declined</i>)	£3000
2015-18	Scottish Graduate School AHRC PhD Scholarship	£54,327
2015-18	White Rose AHRC PhD Scholarship (<i>declined</i>)	£54,327
2015-18	Midlands Three Cities AHRC PhD Scholarship (<i>declined</i>)	£54,327
2015-18	Northern Bridge AHRC PhD Scholarship (<i>declined</i>)	£54,327
2013-15	AHRC Research Preparation Masters Award	£31,266
2011	King's Scholarship	£1800
2009	King's Scholarship	£1800

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Defeat Through Inertia: A Priori Propositional Justification and Mistakes About What Rationality Requires.”

- Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Network Workshop, *University of Stirling*, Dec 2018.

“Rational Incoherence: How to Make Mistakes about What Rationality Requires.”

- Undergraduate Philosophy Society, *University of Michigan*, Nov 2017.
- Epistemic Incoherence Workshop, Arche, *University of St Andrews*, Dec 2015.

“Intuition and Argumentation.”

- Departmental Conference, *King’s College London*, Oct 2009.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

“Conflict Resolution: Demoting the Enkratic Principle.”

- Oxford Graduate Conference, *University of Oxford*, Nov 2018.
(One of 12 graduate papers selected from 170 submissions. Accommodation provided.)
- The Aristotelian Society Postgraduate Session, *University of Oxford*, Jul 2018.
(One of 8 graduate papers selected by competition. Travel and accommodation provided.)

“What It’s Reasonable to Expect: the Insignificance of Moral Reasons De Re.”

- 12th Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, *Brown University*, Nov 2017.
(One of 10 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation provided.)
- The Joint Session, *University of Edinburgh*, Jul 2017.
- 8th ND/NU Graduate Epistemology Conference, *University of Notre Dame*, Apr 2017.
(One of 9 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation provided.)

“Moral Risk and Moral Uncertainty: In Praise of Moral Jackson Cases.”

- Formal Ethics, *University of York*, Jun 2017.
(One of 15 papers selected by competition for presentation at International Annual Conference.)

“Are Moral and Epistemic Normative Ignorance Symmetrical?”

- New Trends in Epistemology, *University of Pavia*, Jun 2017.
(One of 8 papers selected by competition for presentation.)

“Epistemology First: Bridge Principles and Epistemic Norms.” (with Bruno Jacinto)

- The Normativity of Logic, *University of Bergen*, Jun 2017.
(One of 10 papers selected by competition for Anti-Exceptionalism about Logic Project Workshop.)

“The Implausibility of Chomsky’s Competence-Performance Distinction.” (Poster).

- 24th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology, *University of St Andrews*, Aug 2016.

“Could Epistemic Akrasia be Rational?”

- 5th Annual Graduate Epistemology Conference, *University of Edinburgh*, May 2015.
(*One of 8 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation and travel provided.*)

“Dancy’s Difficulty and Why Strong Factualism Cannot Resolve It.”

- The Factive Turn in Epistemology Workshop, *Vienna University*, May 2015.
(*One of 8 papers selected by competition.*)

“Plato’s Phaedrus: the Writing Paradox and Philosophical Method”

- The Prometheus Trust Annual Conference, July 2011.

Comments: Southampton Higher Order Evidence Workshop, June 2019 (Jonathan Way, “A Puzzle About Enkratic Reasoning”); *St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality*, May 2018 (Jack Woods, “Abductive Immodesty”); *UCL Legal Philosophy Workshop*, May 2017 (Mihailis Diamantis “The Corporation and the Epistemologist”); 9th *Arche Graduate Conference*, October 2016 (Julia Smith “Are Epistemic Standards Arbitrary?”); *SASP Research Workshop*, March 2016 (Fenner Tanswell, “Mathematical Virtues and the Practice of Proving”); *London-Warwick Mind Forum*, June 2014 (Daniel Vanello, “Imagination and the Phenomenology of Perception”).

TEACHING

As Primary Instructor:

2016-17 Medical Ethics, *University of St Andrews*.

- Pre-University foundation year medical students.
- Solely responsible for course design, lectures, seminars, and final assessment.
- Topics: Introductory Ethical Theory, Abortion, Euthanasia, Justice in Healthcare, Human Enhancement, Organ Donation.

As Lecturer:

2019 “Epistemic Injustice”, Meaning and Knowing. *University of St Andrews*

- Guest undergraduate lecture.

2018 Applied Ethics, *University of St Andrews*.

- Undergraduate summer school.
- Responsible for course design and delivering lectures.
- Topics: Moral Status and Vegetarianism, Environmental Ethics and Geoengineering, Crime and Punishment, Neurodiversity.

2015 Academic Skills: Philosophy, *University of St Andrews*.

- Upper level undergraduate students.
- Responsible for course design and delivering lectures.
- Topics: Philosophical Arguments, Critical Thinking.

As Seminar Leader:

Lower level undergraduate:

- Moral and Aesthetic Value, *University of St Andrews*. 2018-19.
- Introductory Logic *University of St Andrews*. 2015-16.
- Greek Philosophy I, *King's College London*. 2014-15.
- Epistemology I, *King's College London*. 2014-15.

Upper level undergraduate:

- Epistemology II, *King's College London*. 2014-15
- Contemporary Ethical Philosophy, *King's College London*. 2014-15.
- Philosophy of Religion, *King's College London*. 2014-15.

OUTREACH AND IMPACT

2018-19

Public Philosophy Liaison, OPEN Scotland

Successful AHRC grant application (£2500) to organise a series of workshops to train PhD students in public engagement, beginning June 2018.

2018

Co-Founder. Public Philosophy Network

Successful AHRC grant application (£2500) to organise a series of workshops to train PhD students in public engagement.

Blog post: <https://sgsahblog.wordpress.com/2019/01/09/doing-philosophy-in-public/>

2018

Performer. Stand-Up Philosophy, Bright Club

Performed four different sets of original philosophical stand-up comedy to members of the public.

2017

AHRC Intern. Theatre Nemo, Glasgow

Undertook research, exchanged knowledge, and assisted with grant applications.

Blog post: "Reasonable Expectations and Reoffending: Lessons from the Criminal Justice System" <https://sgsahblog.wordpress.com/tag/field-work/>

2017-18

Coach, Judge. High School Ethics Bowl

Designed and delivered a tailored course in moral philosophy at Greenhills School, Ann Arbor, Michigan (2017-18). Served as a judge for the JS Mill Cup, a high school ethics bowl in St Andrews.

2014-15

Chair. Arts & Humanities Events Committee

Chair of organizing committee for an innovative series of interdisciplinary workshops culminating in a conference on the theme 'Uncertainty', involving researchers from across the school of Arts and Humanities at King's College London and supported by an AHRC grant (£1250).

2012.

“Thoth and Thamus” in Worley (ed.) *The Philosophy Shop: ideas, activities & questions to get people, young and old, thinking philosophically*. Crown House Publishing.

2009-15

Specialist Philosophy Teacher. The Philosophy Foundation

Designing and delivering tailored philosophy sessions for ages 5-16 at schools, and home-schooled students in and around London.

OTHER SKILLS

Teaching English as an Additional Language. Accreditation: Trinity TESOL Level 5 Qualification, *TEFL Lab London*, 2011.

Teaching Philosophy to Children. Accreditation: *The Philosophy Foundation*, 2009-10.

German (Fluent working proficiency). Accreditation: *King’s College London Modern Language Centre* (CEFR C1), 2013-14. *Berlin Volkshochschule* (CEFR B2), 2012-13.

IT Proficiency: Latex, Microsoft Office, Wordpress.

Jazz Piano. Accreditation: Scottish Certificate in Jazz (Piano), *University of St Andrews*, 2015-2016.

Stand-Up Comedy. Performances at: A2 Comedy Showcase, Michigan. (May 2018); Stand-Up Philosophy, Edinburgh Festival Fringe (August 2018); Edinburgh Bright Club (Oct 2018).