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**Areas of Specialization:** Ethics, Epistemology  
**Areas of Competence:** Applied Ethics, Formal Epistemology, Philosophy of Logic, Legal Philosophy.

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Varieties of Risk AHRC Project, University of Stirling. Sep 2020 – Mar 2023.

**Research Fellow**, Roots of Responsibility ERC Project, UCL. Oct 2019 – Sep 2020.

## EDUCATION

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**PhD Philosophy** (passed no corrections). University of St Andrews. 2015 – 2019.

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

Supervisors: Jessica Brown (primary), Justin Snedegar, Brian Weatherson.

Examiners: Philip Ebert, Daniel Whiting.

**Masters in Philosophical Studies**. King's College London. 2013 – 2015.

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

Supervisor: Clayton Littlejohn. Examiners: Corine Besson, Kurt Sylvan.

Options: Epistemology, Philosophy of Frege, Philosophy of Linguistics.

**BA Philosophy** (1<sup>st</sup> Class). King's College London. 2008 – 2011.

*Thesis: What is a Contradiction?*

## VISITS

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Visiting Research Student. University of Michigan. 2017 – 2018.

## RESEARCH

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### Published articles.

- (forthcoming) Embracing Incoherence. N. Hughes (ed.) *Epistemic Dilemmas*, Oxford University Press, pp. 1-29.
- 2021 Giving Up the Enkratic Principle. *Logos and Episteme*, pp. 7-28.
- 2021 Moral Appraisal for Everyone: Neurodiversity, Epistemic Limitations, and Responding to the Right Reasons. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, pp. 1-20.
- 2020 Anti-Exceptionalism about Requirements of Rationality. *Acta Analytica*, pp. 1-19
- 2019 Recklessness and Uncertainty: Jackson Cases and Merely Apparent Asymmetry. *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, pp. 391-413.
- 2019 It's OK to Make Mistakes: Against the Fixed Point Thesis. *Episteme*, pp. 175-185.

### **Under review/in progress.**

(R&R, Philosophical Studies)	Paper on neurodiversity and moral testimony.
(R&R, Erkenntnis)	Paper on a model-theoretic approach to the normativity of logic (with Bruno Jacinto).
(under contract)	Neurodiversity and Epistemic appraisal. K. Sylvan (ed.) Blackwell Companion to Epistemology.
(under review)	Paper on ignorance as an epistemic excuse.
(under review)	Paper on longtermism, risk neutrality, and recklessness.
(in progress)	Paper on rationality, risk neutrality, and recklessness.
(in progress)	Paper on risk perception and recklessness (with Philip Ebert and Ian Durbach).
(in progress)	Paper on neurodiversity and epistemic appraisal (with Kurt Sylvan)

### **Other Publications.**

(forthcoming)	Risky Trade-offs in The Expanse (with Stefano Lo Re). <i>The Expanse and Philosophy</i> , Blackwell Publishing.
2021	Review of Julia Staffel, Unsettled Thoughts: A Theory of Degrees of Rationality. <i>Mind</i> , pp. 1-11
2020	Review of Brian Weatherson, Normative Externalism. <i>Philosophy</i> , pp. 391-394
2019	Review of Susanne Mantel, Determined By Reasons. 2019. <i>Ethics</i> , pp. 484-489.
2012	Thoth and Thamus. Worley (ed.) <i>The Philosophy Shop: ideas, activities &amp; questions to get people, young and old, thinking philosophically</i> . Crown House Publishing.

### **AWARDS**

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2011	School of Humanities Jelf Medal <i>Awarded to one student in each graduating year for academic excellence.</i>
2010	Adrian Gray Memorial Prize (£60) <i>Awarded to one second year Philosophy student for academic excellence.</i>
2009	Sambrooke Exhibition in the Arts <i>Awarded for the highest first year examination results.</i>
2009	Commendation: Epistemology & Metaphysics

### **FUNDING**

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#### **Academic Funding.**

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

### Conference and Travel Funding.

2020	Mind Conference Grant (£600) <i>For conference on Epistemic Standards in the Law (postponed).</i>
2018	AHRC PhD Training Fund (£2500) <i>To organize public engagement training events for PhD students in Scotland.</i>
2018	Russell Trust Travel Scholarship (£750) <i>Awarded for research trip to University of Michigan.</i>
2017	Arché Travel Scholarship (£1800) <i>Awarded for research trip to University of Michigan</i>
2015	AHRC Events Grant (£1250) <i>Awarded for interdisciplinary conference on Uncertainty.</i>
2013	Groningen Winter School in Rationality (£300) <i>Travel funding to attend Winter School in Groningen.</i>

### TEACHING

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#### Courses.

*Full responsibility for content, lecturing, small group teaching, and assessment.*

2021	St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme	<b>Epistemology: Advanced</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masters module for MLitt programme</li> <li>Syllabus available here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5xtk82mf">https://tinyurl.com/5xtk82mf</a></li> </ul>	
2016-17	University of St Andrews	<b>Ethics: Medical Ethics</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-University foundation course for medical students.</li> <li>Topics: Introductory Ethical Theory, Abortion, Euthanasia, Justice in Healthcare, Human Enhancement, Organ Donation.</li> </ul>	

#### Lecturing.

2019	University of St Andrews	<b>Epistemology: Epistemic Injustice</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest Lecturer for undergraduate epistemology module.</li> </ul>	
2018	University of St Andrews	<b>Ethics: Applied Ethics</b>

- Undergraduate summer school.
- Topics: Moral Status and Vegetarianism, Environmental Ethics and Geoengineering, Crime and Punishment, Neurodiversity.

2015 University of St Andrews **Academic Skills for Philosophy**

- Course for upper-level undergraduate students.
- Topics: Philosophical Arguments, Critical Thinking.

#### **Small Group Teaching.**

2018-19 University of St Andrews. **Ethics, Aesthetics, and Metaethics**

2015-16 University of St Andrews **Introductory Logic**

2014-15 King's College London **Contemporary Ethical Philosophy** (Alvarez)  
**Epistemology I** (Littlejohn)  
**Epistemology II** (Galloway)  
**Greek Philosophy I** (Aufderheide)  
**Philosophy of Religion** (Hughes)

- Student evaluations available here: <https://tinyurl.com/rywiceem>

#### **Supervision.**

2021. PhD project on epistemology and transformative experience, *St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme*.

2020. Undergraduate dissertation on moral responsibility, UCL.

#### **Accreditation.**

2019. Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy.

#### **Qualifications and Training.**

2019. Introduction to University Teaching 2: Curriculum Design and Assessment, University of St Andrews.

- Masters level module in Course Design and Assessment

2009-10. Teaching Philosophy to Children (Stages 1 and 2), The Philosophy Foundation.

- Training in teaching philosophy to school-age children.

2011. Trinity TESOL Level 5 Qualification, TEFL Lab London.

- Qualification in teaching English as an additional language.

#### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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##### **Invited.**

2022. Aesthetic Recklessness: justified and unjustified risk taking in comedy and jazz.

- Social Epistemology and Aesthetics Conference, St Andrews.

2021. Not All that Glitters is Rationally Required.

- Scottish Epistemology Early Career Workshop.

2020. Is Longtermism Reckless?

- Longtermism Workshop, Global Priorities Institute.

2020. Moral Risk and Reasons to Reconsider.
- Reasons Workshop, University of St Andrews (cancelled).
2020. Logical Normativity as Epistemic Normativity.
- Logical Disagreement Workshop, University of St Andrews (cancelled).
2020. Unpossessed Reasons and Reasonable Expectations.
- Workshop on Nathan Ballantyne's *Knowing Our Limits*, Institute of Philosophy (cancelled).
2020. Explaining Away the Enkratic Principle.
- Oxford Epistemology Group.
2019. Giving Up the Enkratic Principle.
- Recalcitrant Emotions Conference, Birkbeck.
2018. Anti-Exceptionalism about Requirements of Rationality.
- Knowledge Beyond Natural Science Network Workshop, University of Stirling.
2017. Rational Requirements and Conflict Resolution.
- Undergraduate Philosophy Society, University of Michigan.
2015. Rational Incoherence: How to Make Mistakes about What Rationality Requires.
- Arché Epistemic Incoherence Workshop.

#### **Refereed.**

2021. Giving Up the Enkratic Principle.
- Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.
2020. Explaining Away the Enkratic Principle.
- Higher-Order Evidence in Epistemology, Ethics, and Aesthetics V, University of Southampton (postponed).  
(*One of 2 papers selected for presentation. Travel and Accommodation provided.*)
2019. The Moral Worth of Actions Contrary to Duty: A Kantian Account of Moral Ignorance as an Excuse (with Stefano Lo Re)
- UK Kant Society Annual Conference, University of Bristol.
2018. Conflict Resolution: Demoting the Enkratic Principle.
- Oxford Graduate Conference, University of Oxford.  
(*One of 12 graduate papers selected from 170 submissions. Accommodation provided.*)
  - The Aristotelian Society Postgraduate Session, University of Oxford.  
(*One of 8 graduate papers selected by competition. Travel and accommodation provided.*)
2017. What It's Reasonable to Expect: the Insignificance of Moral Reasons De Re.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mark L. Shapiro Graduate Philosophy Conference, Brown University.  
(*One of 10 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation provided.*)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> ND/NU Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Notre Dame.  
(*One of 9 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation provided.*)
2017. Moral Risk and Moral Uncertainty: In Praise of Moral Jackson Cases.
- Formal Ethics, University of York.  
(*One of 15 papers selected by competition for presentation at International Annual Conference.*)
2017. Are Moral and Epistemic Normative Ignorance Symmetrical?
- New Trends in Epistemology, University of Pavia.

*(One of 8 papers selected by competition for presentation.)*

2017. Epistemology First: Bridge Principles and Epistemic Norms. (with Bruno Jacinto)

- The Normativity of Logic, University of Bergen.

*(One of 10 papers selected by competition for Anti-Exceptionalism about Logic Project Workshop.)*

2016. The Implausibility of Chomsky's Competence-Performance Distinction.

- Poster at 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the European Society of Philosophy and Psychology, University of St Andrews.

2015. Could Epistemic Akrasia be Rational?

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh.

*(One of 8 graduate papers selected by competition. Accommodation and travel provided.)*

2015. Dancy's Difficulty and Why Strong Factualism Cannot Resolve It.

- The Factive Turn in Epistemology Workshop, Vienna University.

*(One of 8 papers selected by competition.)*

### **Other Conference Participation.**

2021. Invited respondent. Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference.

2020. Invited respondent. Criminal Law and the Mind Seminar. UCL.

2019. Invited Commentator. Higher-Order Evidence in Epistemology, Ethics, and Aesthetics II, IV. University of Southampton.

2019. Invited Commentator. Roots of Responsibility workshop on Responsibility, Knowledge, and Belief Workshop.

2018. Chair and Commentator. St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality.

2017. Commentator. UCL Legal Philosophy Workshop.

## **ORGANIZATION**

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### **Conferences.**

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| 2021 | Epistemic Standards in the Law (with Lewis Ross)<br><i>Supported by Mind, Roots of Responsibility, LSE (postponed).</i>                |
| 2021 | Risk and Recklessness<br><i>Joint Varieties of Risk-Roots of Responsibility Workshop. Online.</i>                                      |
| 2020 | Mistakes, Ignorance, and Blameworthiness<br><i>Roots of Responsibility workshop. Online.</i>   |
| 2015 | Uncertainty Conference and Workshop Series<br><i>King's College London AHRC Interdisciplinary Conference in Arts &amp; Humanities.</i> |

### **Public Engagement.**

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| 2018 | Public Philosophy Network Training Workshops<br><i>Series of three workshops on public engagement training for PhD students.</i> |
| 2011 | Political Values Debate, House of Commons<br><i>Facilitated discussion between Labour MPs on their political values.</i>         |

### **Seminars and Reading Groups**

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| 2019-20 | UCL Higher-Order Evidence Reading Group    |
| 2018-19 | Arché Epistemology Seminar                 |
| 2016-17 | Arché Reasons and Rationality Seminar      |
| 2013-15 | Epistemology Reading Group                 |
| 2008-9  | Philosophy Society Visiting Speaker Series |

## OUTREACH AND IMPACT

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### Writing.

- [Is it too risky to lift lockdown early in the UK?](#) The Conversation.
- [Was it reckless to lift Covid restrictions?](#) Stirling Policy Blog.
- [Reasonable Expectations and Reoffending: Lessons from the Criminal Justice System.](#) Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities Blog.
- [Doing Philosophy in Public](#) Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities Blog.

### Knowledge Exchange.

- 2018 AHRC Internship with Theatre Nemo, Glasgow.  
*Collaborated and contributed to research on reoffending. Communicated research to charity stakeholders. Assisted with EU SIF grant application.*
- 2015 Internship with Halsbury Law Exchange.  
*Collaborated and contributed to a research paper on women in prison.*

### Organization.

- 2018-19 Public Philosophy Liaison, OPEN Scotland.  
*Co-ordinating and publicising public philosophy events in Scotland.*
- 2018 SGSAH Public Philosophy Network.  
*Organizing training in public engagement for PhD students in Scotland.*

### Activities.

- 2020 The Philosophy Foundation, World Philosophy Day.  
*Facilitated philosophical discussion with members of the public on Kant's philosophy (online event).*
- 2020, 2019 Stuart Low Trust Philosophy Forum.  
*Facilitated philosophical discussion on (1) risk and recklessness, and (2) dialetheism with members of the public (online and in person).*
- 2020 Stand-Up Philosophy, The Bill Murray Comedy Club, London.  
*Performed philosophical stand-up comedy on higher-order evidence to members of the public.*
- 2018, 2019 Stand-Up Philosophy, The Edinburgh Fringe Festival.  
*Performed philosophical stand-up comedy on Plato, Kant, Nozick, and others.*
- 2018 The Bright Club, The Stand Comedy Club, Edinburgh.  
*Performed stand-up comedy based on my research in epistemology.*
- 2018, 2021 JS Mill Cup, St Andrews.  
*Judged national high school ethics competition.*
- 2017-18 Michigan High School Ethics Bowl.  
*Coached a high school ethics bowl team for a state-level competition.*
- 2011 House of Commons.  
*Facilitated philosophical debate with Labour MPs on political values.*
- 2009-15 The Philosophy Foundation, London.

*Designed and delivered philosophy sessions for ages 5-16.*

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- **Research Assistant:** Developed concept for CEPPA's Effective Altruism resources website: [https://effectivealtruism.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/?\\_ga=2.168734113.1840449254.1592346421-923125083.1592346421](https://effectivealtruism.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/?_ga=2.168734113.1840449254.1592346421-923125083.1592346421)
- **Organizing Committee Member:** Arché Reading Party, 2016; KCL Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Conference and Seminar Series on Union, 2013-14; Interdisciplinary Arts & Humanities Postgraduate Seminar Series, King's College London, 2014-15; PhD Training Workshop Series, King's College London, 2014-15.
- **Peer Reviewer:** *Journal of Philosophy* 2021; *Analysis*, 2020; *Ergo*, 2020; *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 2020; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 2020; *Philosophical Studies*, 2020; *Synthese*, 2020; *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, 2019; *Episteme* 2019; *Dialectica*, 2017; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2017; *The Transatlantic Journal of Economics and Philosophy*, 2011.
- **Mentor:** MAP Mentoring Scheme, University of St Andrews 2016-17, 2018-19; SHINE Mentoring Scheme, London 2013-14.
- **President:** Philosophy Society, King's College London, 2008-9.
- **Student Representative:** Staff-Student Liaison Committee, King's College London, 2008-10.

## **OTHER SKILLS**

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**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, Moodle, Wordpress.