

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

AOS: Philosophy of Logic and Language, Metaphysics, Epistemology

AOC: Philosophy of Mathematics, Formal Logic

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2016- University of Oxford, Magdalen College
Waynflete Professor of Metaphysical Philosophy
Fellow of Magdalen College
Member of the Faculty of Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics

2015-2016 University of Oxford, Balliol College
Waynflete Professor elect of Metaphysical Philosophy
Fairfax Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Balliol College

2007-2015 University of Oxford, Balliol College
CUF Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Oxford
Fairfax Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Balliol College

2005-2007 The Queen's College, Oxford
Junior Research Fellow in Philosophy

EDUCATION

2004-2007 University of Oxford, Balliol and Queen's Colleges
DPhil in Philosophy

2002–2004 University of Oxford, Balliol College
BPhil in Philosophy (with distinction)

1998-2002 Hebrew University of Jerusalem
BSc in Mathematics, Philosophy, and Computer Science
(with distinction)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Category Mistakes*, Oxford University Press 2013. Paperback edition: Oxford University Press, 2016.
- [***in progress, not yet published**]: *Copredication and Property Versatility*, with David Liebesman, under contract with Oxford University Press

Research Articles

- **Ambiguity Tests, Polysemy, and Copredication**, (with David Liebesman), *forthcoming* in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*
- **Meaning transfer and copredication**, (with David Liebesman), *forthcoming* in *Journal of Semantics*
- **Conditional acceptance**, *Oxford Studies in the Philosophy of Language* 1 (2019): 99-121.
- **Copredication, counting, and criteria of individuation: a response to Gotham** (with David Liebesman), *Journal of Semantics* 36 (2019): 549-561.
- **Meaning transfer revisited** (with David Liebesman), *Philosophical Perspectives* 32 (2018): 254-297.
- **How both you and the BIV can know whether or not you are envatted**, *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume* 92 (2018): 151-181.
- **Epistemicism about vagueness and meta-linguistic safety**, *Nous* 52 (2018):144-170
- **Copredication and property inheritance** (with David Liebesman), *Philosophical Issues* 27 (2017): 131-166.
- **Reflections on the ideology of reasons** (with John Hawthorne), in Daniel Star (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*, Oxford University Press 2018, pp. 113-140.
- **Category mistakes and figurative language**, *Philosophical Studies* 174 (2017): 65-78.
- **Endurantism vs. perdurantism?: A debate reconsidered**, *Nous* 50 (2016): 509-532.
- **Response to Abrusán, Shaw, and Elbourne**, *Inquiry* 59 (2016): 559-586 (part of a symposium on my book *Category Mistakes*).
- **Why neither diachronic universalism nor the argument from vagueness establishes perdurantism**, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 45 (2015): 113-126.
- **The myth of the de se**, *Philosophical Perspectives* 29 (2015): 249-283.
- **Semantic sovereignty**, (with Stephen Kearns), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 85 (2012): 322-350.
- **Strict finitism and the happy sorites**, *Journal of Philosophical Logic* 41 (2012): 471-491.
- **Arbitrary reference**, (with Wylie Breckenridge), *Philosophical Studies* 158 (2012): 377-400.
- **Assertion and epistemic opacity**, (with John Hawthorne), *Mind* 119 (2010): 1087-1105.
- **Category mistakes are meaningful**, *Linguistics & Philosophy* 32 (2009): 553-581.
- **Assertion, context, and epistemic accessibility**, (with John Hawthorne), *Mind* 118 (2009): 377-197.
- **The last dogma of type-confusions**, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 109 (2009): 1-29.
- **Epistemicism about vagueness and meta-linguistic safety**, (with Stephen Kearns) *Philosophical Perspectives* 22 (2008): 277-304.

- **Another note on Zeno's arrow**, *Phronesis* 53 (2008): 359-272.
- **Strict finitism refuted?**, *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 107 (2007): 403-411.

Survey Articles

- **The morning star is the evening star**, in Helen De Cruz (ed.), *Philosophy Illustrated: 40 Thought Experiments to Broaden your Mind*, Oxford University Press (2021).
- **Category Mistakes**, *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (first published in 2019)
- **The epistemicist solution to the sorites paradox**, in Oms S. and Zardini, E. (eds.), *The Sorites Paradox*, CUP (2019)
- **Arguments by Leibniz's Law in metaphysics**, *Philosophy Compass* 6 (2011): 180-195.

Critical Notices and Book Reviews

- **Logical validity, necessary existence, and the nature of propositions**, *Analysis* 77 (2017): 379-373 (part of a symposium on Trenton Merricks's *Propositions*).
- **Natural language and how we use it: Psychology, pragmatics, and presupposition**, *Analysis* 70 (2010): 160-174 (critical notice of Soames, *Philosophical Essays* vol. 1).
- **Review of Peter Ludlow**, *The Philosophy of Generative Linguistics*, *Analysis* 72 (2012): 844-846.
- **Review of Robert Stalnaker**, *Our Knowledge of the Internal World*, *Philosophical Review* 119 (2010): 384-391.

SELECTED TALKS

Named and Keynote Lectures

- Annual joint Linguistics and Philosophy Colloquium, MIT, May 2022 ('Accounting for copredication')
- Keynote talk at the Joint Session, Oxford, July 2018, ('How both you and the BIV can know'), with a response by Aidan McGlynn
- Keynote talk in Kline Workshop, University of Missouri, October 2018 ('Meaning transfer revisited'), with response by Beth Barker,
- The Mark Sainsbury Annual Lecture, KCL, May 2015 ('Endurantism vs. perdurantism')
- Keynote talk in 'Logic, Grammar, and Meaning', University of East Anglia, June 2014 ('Epistemicism, distribution, and the argument from vagueness')
- Keynote talk at 7th Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Logic and Mathematics, Cambridge, January 2014 ('Arbitrary reference in logic and mathematics')
- Keynote talk at SPR-11, University of Basque Country, November 2011 ('The myth of the de se')

Arbitrary Reference

- Reference Workshop, University of Oslo, August 2007
- Philosophical Logic Workshop, University of Oxford, March 2008
- 'Analytic Philosophy of Mind and Language', Maison Francais Oxford, December 2011

Assertion, Context, and Epistemic Accessibility

- Second Oxford-Paris Philosophy of Language Workshop, June 2007
- UCL Linguistics Department, May 2008
- Assertion Workshop, University of St. Andrews (Arché/CSMN), May 2008

- Formal Philosophy Seminar, University of Leuven, March 2009

Assertion and Epistemic Opacity

- Departmental Seminar, University of Nottingham, March 2011
- Logic, Language, and Metaphysics Seminar, University of Leeds, March 2011

Category Mistakes and Figurative Language

- ‘Go Figure: Understanding Figures of Speech’, London, June 2013.
- Philosophy Society, University of Sussex, February 2014.
- Colloquium, Bristol University, March 2015

Category Mistakes are Meaningful (various versions)

- Colloquium, Rutgers University, February 2006
- Colloquium, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2006
- Colloquium, MIT, January 2007
- Colloquium, University of Durham, November 2007

The Category Mistakes Challenge to Copredication

- Category Mistakes workshop, University of Erlangen (online talk), April 2022

Conditional Acceptance (various versions)

- Sixth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy, Krakow, August 2008
- New York University, November 2014
- Logic, Epistemology, and Metaphysics Forum, London, March 2015
- Colloquium, Carnegie Mellon University, April 2015
- Rutgers Semantics Workshop, Rutgers University, October 2015
- Colloquium, York University, October 2015
- Philosophy of Language for Decision Makers, LSE, May 2017

Copredication and Property Inheritance

- Philosophical Society, University of Edinburgh, March 2017
- Jowett Society, University of Oxford, May 2017
- University of Lisbon, June 2017

Accounting and Copredication: Dual Nature vs. Property Verstality (various versions)

- Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, May 2018
- Humboldt University, Berlin, July 2018
- Singularity and Identity Workshop, Umea University, November 2019
- T.E.A.M workshop, University of Princeton, March 2020
- Naming and Necessity at 50, Saul Kripke Centre (online talk), September 2022

Endurantism vs. Perdurantism?: A Debate Reconsidered

- Colloquium, Yale University, November 2014
- Colloquium, Edinburgh University, January 2015
- Colloquium, Humboldt University, Berlin, June 2015

Epistemicism about Vagueness and Meta-linguistic Safety

- The London Logic and Metaphysics Forum, Institute of Philosophy, November 2007
- Vagueness and Language Use Workshop, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, April 2008

- Phlox Inaugural Workshop, Berlin, September 2008
 - Logic, Language, and Cognition Seminar, King's College London, February 2012
- Epistemicism, Distribution, and the Argument from Vagueness** (various versions)
- Vagueness Workshop, University of Birmingham, February 2014
 - Meaning and Modality Workshop, University of Oslo, June 2014
 - Colloquium, Princeton University, November 2015
 - Colloquium, University of St Andrews, March 2016
 - Colloquium, University of Southern California, October 2016
 - Existence Workshop, University of Uppsala, November 2016
- Epistemicism without Moral Vagueness**
- PhiLip (online talk), September 2020
- How Both You and the BIV Can Know Whether or Not You Are Envatted**
- University of Barcelona, November 2017
 - University of Bristol, November 2017
 - Princeton University, April 2018
- The Last dogma of Type Confusions**
- 'Mathematical Methods in Philosophy', Bristol University, September 2008
 - The Aristotelian Society, London, October 2008
 - Philosophical Society, University of Oxford, May 2009
- Meaning Transfer Revisited**
- ILLC Amsterdam, November 2018
 - Eastern APA (invited session), with a response by Mike Caie, January 2019
- Meaning Transfer and Copedication**
- University of Konstanz, June 2022
 - Philosophy of Language Workshop, Berlin, July 2022
 - Colloquium, University of Indiana Bloomington (online talk), Sep 2022
- The Myth of the De Se**
- De-Se Workshop, Arché Centre, University of St. Andrews, December 2011
 - Colloquium, Reading University, March 2012
 - Colloquium, Brown University, March 2012
 - Departmental Seminar, The Faculty of Linguistics, University of Oxford, April 2012
 - Colloquium, Rutgers University, March 2013
 - Philosophy of Language in the UK workshop, University of Leeds, March 2014
 - Colloquium, University of Stockholm, October 2015
 - Université Libre de Bruxelles, October 2016
- The Property Versatility View of Generics**
- Edinburgh University, February 2020
 - Royal Institute of Philosophy Lecture, University of Kent (online talk), Oct 2020
 - University of Glasgow (online talk), Oct 2020
- Reflections on Leibniz's Law**

- Conference in honour of Dorothy Edgington, Institute of Philosophy, London, May 2011

Reflections on the Ideology of Reasons

- Choice group, LSE, Dec 2015

Semantic Sovereignty

- Third Oxford-Paris Workshop on Language and Ontology, Paris, June 2008
- Departmental Seminar, University of Manchester, March 2009
- Senior Seminar, University of Leeds, March 2009
- Logos Colloquium, University of Barcelona, April 2009
- Work in Progress Seminar, MIT, February 2010
- Departmental Seminar, Boston University, March 2010
- Colloquium, University of Texas, Austin, May 2010
- University of Oslo, August 2013

Strict Finitism and the Happy Sorites

- Workshop on Vagueness and Metaphysics, University of Barcelona, June 2009
- Logic Group, University of Connecticut, February 2010
- Institut Jean-Nicold, Paris, February 2011

Strict Finitism Refuted?

- The Finitism, Intuitionism, and Computation Work Group, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, April 2006
- The Oxford Philosophy of Mathematics Seminar, May 2006
- Mind Association and Aristotelian Society Joint Sessions (graduate sessions), July 2006

Comments&Responses

- Gideon Rosen, ‘“Mistake of fact” and moral blame’, SOFIA (Mexico), January 2007
- Timothy Williamson, ‘Reference, inference and the semantics of pejoratives’, Implicature Workshop, University of Oslo (CSMN), November 2007
- Jeff King, ‘Questions of unity’, Philosophical Logic Workshop, Princeton University, May 2009
- Sarah Moss, ‘On the pragmatics of counterfactuals’, BSPC, August 2008
- Sean Aas, ‘Necessity and (as?) normativity’, APA Eastern Division, Boston, December 2010
- Dead Zimmerman, ‘Materialism, Dualism and “simple” theories of personal Identity’, Oxford Metaphysics Workshop, September 2011
- Charity Anderson, ‘Defeat, testimony, and miracles’, Testimony and Religious Epistemology, March 2014
- Andy Rogers and Liz Jackson, ‘Salvaging Pascal’s Wager’, Formal Epistemology and Religious Epistemology, December 2014
- Zoltan Szabo, ‘What can be Presupposed’, Dynamic Semantics Workshop Oxford, 2018
- Comments on Nate Charlow (2007), Adam Stewart-Wallace (2008), Mihaela Popa (2009), Fateema Amijee (2016), Matthew Leonard (2017), Jonas Raab (2018), Aleksander Domolawski (2019), Antonia Maria Cleani (2021) in the Oxford Graduate Philosophy conference.

TEACHING

Graduate Lectures and Seminars

- Proseminar for first year BPhil Students (2011, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022)
- New Work on Frege's Puzzle, with Timothy Williamson (2022)
- Topics in Metaphysics (2020)
- Copredication (2019)
- Arbitrary Reference (2018)
- Leverhulme Authors and Papers Seminar (2016, 2017)
- Vagueness (2013, with Cian Dorr, John Hawthorne, and Timothy Williamson)
- Between Semantics and Pragmatics (2011)
- Philosophy of Logic and Language BPhil Seminar (2011; 2009 with Cian Dorr)
- Metaphysics and Epistemology BPhil Seminar (2009 with Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra; 2007 with Antony Eagle)
- Introduction to Semantics for Philosophy Graduate Students (2008 with Timothy Williamson)

Undergraduate Lectures

- Metaphysics (2019, 2020, 2021)
- General Philosophy (2014, 2015, 2017)
- Philosophy of Logic and Language (2008, 2009)

Graduate Supervision

- **DPhil Thesis:** Louis Wall, Daniel Kodsi, Lukas Lewerentz (2022, second supervisor), Annina Loets (2020), Christina Dietz (2019), Sarah Lane-Smith, Alexander Kaiserman (2016), Sebastian Petzolt (2015)
- **BPhil/MPhil Linguistics Thesis:** Daniel Kodsi (2020), Lilith Newton (2018), James Kirkpatrick (2015), Monika Kreile (2012, co-supervisor), Laura Delgado (2011)
- **BPhil/MPhil in Linguistics option supervisions for:** Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language (multiple occasions)

Undergraduate Classes & Tutorials (multiple occasions)

- Knowledge and Reality; Philosophy of Logic and Language; Logic: Introduction to Logic; Elements of Deductive Logic; Formal Logic; Frege's Foundations of Arithmetic; General Philosophy; History of Philosophy from Descartes to Kant (esp. Descartes, Hume, and Locke); Philosophy of Mathematics; Undergraduate thesis supervisions

SELECTED SERVICE ROLES

Main Faculty Offices

- Chair of the BPhil Examiners (2021-22)
- Director of Research and Faculty REF Coordinator (2019-2022)
- Women's Officer (2015-2016)
- BPhil Course Co-ordinator (2011-2012)

DPhil/PhD Examining

- Internal: Benjaming Brast-McKie (2020), Alexander Roberts (2020), Andy Yu (2016), Jeremy Goodman (2015), Emanuel Viebahn (2015), Gail Leckie (2013)
- External: Alaksander Domolawski (Leeds 2022), Naomi Korem (Tel Aviv, 2021), Matthew McKeever (St Andrews 2016), Mirja Holst (Leeds, 2012), Torfinn Huvenes (Oslo, 2011)

Editorial work and Refereeing

- Member of the Editorial Board for *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Disputatio*, *Ergo*, *Thought*, and *Mind*. Category editor for *PhilPapers*
- Referee for *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialectica*, *Disputatio*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Inquiry*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Journal of Semantics*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Mind & Language*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Ratio*, *Semantics and Pragmatics*, *Synthese*, *Thought*

External promotion, hiring, & grant reviews (details omitted for confidentiality):

- Austrian Science Fund, Beyruth University, University of Birmingham, Columbia University, University of Edinburgh, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israeli Science Foundation, Leeds University, University of Miami, National University Singapore, University of Oslo, University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University, University of St Andrews, University of Southern California, Torontoy University, Trinity College Dublin.

AWARDS AND EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS,

- Philip Leverhulme Prize, £100,000 (2015)
- Leverhulme International Network on *de se* thought (2016)
- New Insights in Religious Epistemology, two terms buy-out grant (2014)
- Visting Professor (delivering intensive research seminar) at Centre for Logic, Language, and Cognition, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2011)
- AHRC Metaphysical Indeterminacy Research Network, University of Leeds (2011-2013)
- Visiting Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology(2010)