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Employment

Philosophy Department, University of Cambridge	2018-
Associate Professor	2021-
Assistant Professor	2018-2021

St John's College, University of Cambridge

College Lecturer	2022-
Junior Research Fellow	2018-2019

Department of Philosophy, New York University 2017-2018
Bersoff Faculty Fellow, affiliated with the Center for Mind, Brain and Consciousness

Publications

Philosophy

Book

Under contract with Oxford University Press: _Priority and Prejudice: The Epistemology of Salience and Attention_

Journals (by date in order of acceptance)

Forthcoming. All the things I do not know and refuse to learn. _Oxford Studies in Epistemology._

2023. Lost in (modal) space: demographic base-rate neglect in the service of modal knowledge. _Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society_ 123.1 73-96

2022. Answering machines: how to (epistemically) evaluate a search engine. _Inquiry_. 00, 1-29

2022. How to See Invisible Objects. _Noûs_ 56: 343– 365

2021. Prejudice as the Misattribution of Salience. _Analytic Philosophy_ 64.1, 1– 19 [Winner of the Sanders Prize for Philosophy of Mind]

2021. Visual Indeterminacy and the Puzzle of the Speckled Hen. _Mind and Language_ 36: 643– 663

2019. Beyond Accuracy: Epistemic Flaws with Statistical Generalizations _Philosophical Issues_ 29 (1): 228-240

2019 (accepted 2017). Perceptual Skill and Social Structure, _Philosophy and Phenomenological Research_ 99(1): 131-161

2018. The Eye's Mind: Perceptual Process and Epistemic Norms, *Philosophical Perspectives* 31 (1):317-347

2016. Visual Confidences and Direct Perceptual Justification, *Philosophical Topics* 44 (2): 301-326

2017 (accepted 2016). Frege, Fiction and Force, *Synthese* vol 194.9: 3669-3992

Book Chapters

2022. Bias in a Biased System: Visual Perceptual Prejudice, in N. Ballentyne and D. Dunning (eds.) *Bias, Reason and Enquiry: New Perspectives from the Crossroads of Epistemology and Psychology* Oxford University Press

2013. The End of the End: Understanding the Paradox of Capital Sentencing in Liberia, in P. Hodgkinson (ed.) *Capital Punishment: New Perspectives*, Ashgate

Grants, Prizes and Honours

2023	Philip Leverhulme Prize (£100, 000)
2022-2023	Leverhulme Research Fellowship *Understanding Prejudice Through Salience* (£59,546)
2021 Autumn	Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities Early Career Fellowship
Nov 2020	Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Mind for the paper *Prejudice as the Misattribution of Salience* ($5000)
2015-2016	Fredric Woodrow Knapp Fellowship in Philosophy Yale University
2015 May	Conference Travel Fellowship, Yale University
2014-2015	Isabela and George Martin Duncan Fellowship Yale University
2013-2014	Isabela and George Martin Duncan Fellowship Yale University
2012 Summer	Lindsay Fellowship for Research in Africa, Yale University
2008 Summer	Centre for Capital Punishment Internship Grant for research on the death penalty in Uganda
2007 July	Sutro Prize, for outstanding performance in Literae Humaniores Final Examinations
2007 July	Sterling Boyd Prize for contribution to the life of Trinity College, Oxford University
2006 May	Blakiston Scholarship in Classics, Trinity College, Oxford University (awarded for academic excellence)
2005 May	Blakiston Exhibition in Classics, Trinity College, Oxford University (awarded on the basis of outstanding performance in university examinations.)

Reviewing and Podcasts

2023, May	"Slaves to love: the mother-child dialectic" *The Point Magazine*
2023, Feb.	"I don't like Tuesdays" Review of *Bias: A Philosophical Study* by Thomas Kelly. *The Times Literary Supplement* 6256
2022	"Prejudice: A study in Non-ideal Epistemology by Endre Begby" *The Philosophical Quarterly*
2021, Nov.	"Somewhere over the borderline: Representation, consciousness and cake" Review of books by David Papineau and Michael Tye *The Times Literary Supplement.* 6191

2021, Feb.   "The mother as myth" Review of *Belabored: A Vindication of the Rights of Pregnant Women* by Liz Lenz. *The Times Literary Supplement* 6149

2019, Nov.   "Parents are people too". Review of *The Book You Wish Your Parents had Read* by Philippa Perry and *Cribsheet* by Emily Oster. *The Times Literary Supplement* 6083

2018, March.   "White noise, white space". Review of *Twin Peaks: The Return* (Dir. David Lynch). *The Oxonian Review* 36.5

Podcasts

2020, August   "Jessie Munton on Prejudice, Perception and Search Engines" *Hear This Idea* Episode 15. 07/08/2020

Education

PhD Philosophy, Yale University   **2011-2017**
>   Dissertation: *On Believing our Eyes*
>   Committee: Jason Stanley (chair), Daniel Greco, Tamar Gendler, Susanna Siegel (Harvard)

BPhil Philosophy, Oxford University   **2009-2011**
>   Thesis (with distinction): *Minding the Gap: Language, Theory of Mind and Autism*, supervised by Daniel Rothschild
>   Examination topics: Philosophy of Mind, Ethics, Political Philosophy of Hegel and Marx

Graduate Diploma in Law, BPP School of Law, London   **2007-2008**
>   Commendation

BA Literae Humaniores (Classics and Philosophy), **Oxford University** **2003-2007**
>   First class honors

Teaching

At Cambridge I supervise for Part II Paper 2 Philosophy of Mind, Part IB Paper 1 Knowledge Language and the World, and Part IA Paper 1 Metaphysics. I supervise MPhil students in philosophy on a broad range of topics in philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology and cognitive science more broadly, and epistemology. I also supervise students on the MPhil in History and Philosophy of Science.

Lecturing for the **Cambridge Undergraduate Tripos**
MT 2023   LT 2022 IA.1: Dualism and Functionalism
                    II.2: Intentionality and Mental Representation
                    II.2: Consciousness
LT 2022   IA.1: Dualism and Functionalism
                    IB.1: Nature of Knowledge
                    IB.1: Primary and Secondary Qualities
                    II.2: Intentionality and Mental Representation
LT 2021   II.2: Intentionality and Mental Representation: Perception and Belief (seminar series)
                    II.2: Epistemology Mind

IA.1.: Dualism and Functionalism

MT 2020   II.2: Intentionality and Mental Representation: Theories of Content (seminar series)

II.2: Consciousness

IB.1: Nature of Knowledge

IB.1: Primary and Secondary Qualities

LT 2020   II.2: Epistemology of Mind

II.2: Mind-reading

IB.1: Nature of Knowledge

MT 2019   IB.1: Primary and Secondary Qualities

II.2: Intentionality and Mental Representation

II.2: Consciousness

IA.1: Dualism and Functionalism

Teaching at **Recovery College East**

In July 2021 I co-taught a short course on Philosophy of Mental Health, specifically designed for mental health service users and delivered via Recovery College East, part of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS foundation trust.

Teaching at **New York University**

Spring 2018   Central Problems in Philosophy (instructor)

Fall 2017   Philosophy of Mind (instructor)

Teaching at **Yale University**

2017 Spring   Propaganda, Ideology and Democracy (Teaching Fellow)

2015 Spring   Perspectives on Human Nature (Teaching Fellow)

2014 Fall   Faith and Reason (Teaching Fellow)

2014 Spring   Philosophy of Science (Teaching Fellow)

2013 Fall   Logic (Teaching Fellow)

Presentations

Invited

2024, Feb.   *Collective Forgetting*

Philosophy department Colloquium, University of Glasgow

2023, Sept.   *Rational Inquiry*

Empirical Epistemology Workshop, University of Glasgow

2023, August   *Rational Inquiry*

NYC Philosophy of Mind Workshop

2023, June   *Negative Delusions*

Workshop on Philosophy of Psychopathology, University of Cambridge

2023, June   *Hermeneutic Competition and Psychiatric Diagnosis*

Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp

2023, May   *Salience and Inquiry*

Philosophy Department, University of Hong Kong (via zoom)

2023, March   *The Epistemic Evaluation of Salience and Attention*

Departmental Colloquium, MIT

2023, March   *Salience and Resilient Ignorance*

Spring Colloquium, University of Michigan

2022, Nov.   *Lost in (Modal) Space: Demographic Base Rate Neglect in the Service of Modal Knowledge*

Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Senate House, London

2022, Nov.   *Resilient Ignorance, or All The Things I Do Not Know And Refuse To Learn*

"Current Themes in Epistemology" Arché research seminar, St Andrews (via zoom)

2022, Oct.   *Seeing Things As They Are Is Seeing Things As They Could Be*

Philosophy, Psychology and Informatics Group, Edinburgh

2022, Oct.   *Seeing Things As They Are Is Seeing Things As They Could Be*

Philosophy Research Seminar, University of Nottingham

2022, Sept.   *Who Cares About How Things Actually Are?*

Workshop on Philosophy of Statistics for the UK Statistics Regulator

2022, June   *Salience, Active Ignorance, and Negative Delusions*

Deluded By Experience Workshop, University of Birmingham

2022, April   *Seeing Things As They Are Is Seeing Things As They Could Be*

Departmental Colloquium, Rutgers University

2022, March   *The Nature of Bias* (panel, co-convened with Gabbrielle Johnson)

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psycholoyg

2021, Dec.   *Base-rate Neglect in the Service of Modal Knowledge*

Philosophy Research Seminar, Manchester University

2021, Nov.   *Seeing Things As They Are Is Seeing Things As They Could Be*

Kings College London, Department Research Seminar

2021, Nov.   *Epistemic Norms for Search Engines*

Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge University

2021, Sept.   *Seeing Things As They Are Is Seeing Things As They Could Be*

City University of New York, Cognitive Science Group

2021, May   *What Can We See?*

Vision Sciences Society Annual Meeting, Philosophy of Vision Science Satellite Event

2021, April   *Perceptual Epistemology without Perceptual Atomism*

University of Washington in St Louis, Mind and Perception Group

2021, April   *Seeing Things As They Are Is Seeing Things As They Could Be*

Perceiving Properties Workshop, University of Oxford

2021, March   *Search Engines, Salience and Inquiry*

Philosophy Department Research Seminar, University of Bristol

2021, February   *Base-rate Neglect in the Service of Modal Knowledge*

LSE Choice Group Seminar

2020, October   *Perceptual Epistemology without Perceptual Atomism*

	Simon Fraser University, philosophy department colloquium (via zoom)
2020, October	*Epistemic Norms for Search Engines*
	University of York, philosophy department research seminar (via zoom)
2020, August	*When Google Goes Bad: How to Evaluate a Search Engine*
	Oxford University, Epistemology Group
2020, July	*Epistemic Norms for Search Engines*
	Keynote: New Methods in Applied Ethics Summer School at Tubingen University (via Microsoft Teams)
2020, May	*Salience and Prejudice*
	Harvard University, Salience Workshop (via Zoom)
2020, March	*Perceptual Epistemology without Perceptual Atoms*
	Central European University Departmental Colloquium (via Microsoft Teams)
2020, Jan	*How to See Invisible Objects*
	Conference on Philosophy of Perception and Philosophy of Colour, University of Glasgow
2019, June	*Salience, Prejudice, and the Limits of Epistemic Evaluation*
	Ethics and Belief Workshop, Cologne University
2019, June	*Salience, Prejudice, and the Limits of Epistemic Evaluation*
	Bled Philosophical Conferences, Slovenia
2019, Jan	*Seeing the Past, Remembering the Present*
	Oxford University, Jowett Society
2018, Feb	*How Long is "a" Visual Experience?*
	CUNY Cognitive Science Speaker Series
2017, Dec	*The Structure of Perceptual Uncertainty*
	NYU Brown Bag Lunch Talks
2017, March	*Starting from Uncertainty: How Seeing is Like Guessing*
	University of California, Berkeley, "Probability and Perception" Workshop
2016, July	*Perceptual Experiences as Hypotheses: Epistemic Upshots*
	NEH Summer Institute: Presupposition and Perception
2015, July	*Bayesian Perception and Social Structures*
	Bayesian Theories of Perception and Epistemology Workshop, Cornell, Ithaca, NY
2015, June	*Reliability, Confidence and Perceptual Justification*
	Bled Philosophical Conference "The Interaction of Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind" Bled, Slovenia
2013, Nov.	*Who's Afraid of Cognitive Penetration? Resisting Intuitions about Epistemological Downgrade*
	Workshop on the Epistemology of Cognitive Penetration, Harvard, Cambridge MA

Submitted

2018, July	*Seeing the past, remembering the present: dynamic object perception and the memory / perception boundary*
	SPP annual meeting, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2018, April	*The Epistemic Flaw with Statistically Accurate Generalizations*
	APA Western Division, San Diego
2017, Sept.	*Inverting the Speckled Hen*
	Glasgow University, "The Particularity of Perception" Workshop
2017, March	*Inverting the Speckled Hen*
	APA Central Division, Kansas
2016, June	*Seeing Truly: Visual Perception and the Perpetuation of Prejudice*

	NYC Psychology and Epistemology Conference, Fordham University
2015, April	*Visual Confidences and Perceptual Justification*
	CUNY "Normativity and the Human Sciences" Graduate Conference
2015, April	*Evidentialism, Epistemic Evaluation and Social Structures*
	University of Maryland "Social Minds" Graduate Conference
2015, April	*Visual Confidences and Perceptual Justification*
	SSPP, New Orleans, LA
2014, April	*True Colors: Psychologically Sensitive Semantics*
	CUNY Graduate Conference "The Senses"
2013, July	*Minding the Pragmatic / Semantic Divide: Autistic Speakers and the Border Wars*
	ESPP, Granada, Spain
2013, May	*Cognitive Penetration and the Epistemic Role of Visual Experience*
	9th International Symposium of Cognition, Logic and Communication, Riga, Latvia
2012, Dec.	*Autistic Speakers: a Cognitive Divining Rod in the Semantic / Pragmatic Border Wars?*
	Mindgrad Conference, Warwick University

Comments

2022, Nov	on Lucy McDonald "Making Sense of Emoji" Workshop on On-line speech, Senate House, University of London
2022, May	on Sam Clarke "Aspects of a Theory of Visual Syntax" Workshop on Format of Mental Representation, York University, Canada
2016, August	on Rima Basu "Motivating Ethical Demands on Belief" Athena in Action Mentoring and Networking Workshop, Princeton
2015, Sept.	on Luke Roelofs "Amodal Mind Perception" Minds Online Conference, online
2015, April	on Zoe Jenkins "Perceptual Expectations and Epistemic Downgrade" Yale Philosophy Graduate Conference
2015, April	on Andrew Knoll ""Hypothesis" testing: Bayesian Perception without Representation" Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, New Orleans, LA

Academic Service

Conferences and Workshops

2023, June	Organiser, Interdisciplinary Workshop on "Philosophy of Psychopathology and Psychiatric Phenomena", St John's College, University of Cambridge
2023, April	Conference Co-organiser (with Prof. Gabbrielle Johnson) "The Nature of Bias", Claremont McKenna College, CA
2019, August	Organiser, Workshop on "Contemporary Work on Perceptual Confidence", St John's College, University of Cambridge

Within Cambridge University

MT 2023	MPhil Course Director
Sep 2020-Sep 22	Undergraduate Co-ordinator for Philosophy, University of Cambridge

2019-	Co-organiser (with Dr. Tom McClelland), Mental Sciences group, University of Cambridge
2019-2022	Chair, Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge
MT 2020	Chair, Equality and Diversity Working Group, Philosophy department, University of Cambridge

To the Wider Philosophical Community

Ongoing	Reviewer, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Mind, Nous, Philosophical Psychology, Synthese, Erkettnis, Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Quarterly, Ethics*
2023-	BPA SWIP Mentor to a graduate student in philosophy
2018	Mentor, SWIP Analytic event for graduate students in Mexico City, Universidad Panamericana
2016	Reviewer, Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference

At Yale University

2016-2017	Graduate Student Professional Development Czar, Yale University (initiated and organised a series of 7 professional development seminars for graduate students)
2015	Graduate convener, Shulman Lectures in the Sciences and Humanities "*Habits of Mind*", taught by Tamar Gendler and Paul Bloom
2013-2016	Reviewer, Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference
2012-2015	Reading group co-founder and organizer, Contemporary Work in Cognitive Science
2014	Organiser (one of two), Epistemology, Logic, Language, Metaphysics and Mind Working Group
2014	Philosophy Dept. graduate student representative to the faculty
2011	Organiser (one of three), Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference

Languages

Latin	Degree level
Ancient Greek	Degree level
French	Advanced reading, intermediate spoken and written