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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language • Formal Semantics • Linguistic Justice

Areas of Competence

Logic • Philosophy of Mind • Philosophy of Race and Gender

Education

University of California, Berkeley PhD in Philosophy Dissertation: <i>Two Dogmas about Demonstratives</i> Supervisors: John MacFarlane and Seth Yalcin	BERKELEY, CA, USA May 2016
University of Oxford BPhil in Philosophy Thesis: <i>Making More Sense of Emergentism</i>	OXFORD, UK June 2006
Reed College BA in Politics and Philosophy Thesis: <i>Bernard Williams against the Objectivity of Ethics</i>	PORTLAND, OR, USA June 2004

Employment

King's College London Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship	LONDON, UK 2019 – 2022
Umeå Universitet Research Fellow	UMEÅ, SWEDEN 2019
University College London Teaching Fellow and MA Tutor	LONDON, UK 2016 – 2019

Papers

Published — Single Author

1. [Language loss and illocutionary silencing](#). Forthcoming in *Mind*.
2. [No context, no content, no problem](#). Forthcoming in *Mind and Language*.
3. [Language extinction](#). Forthcoming in Khoo, J. and Sterken, R., editors, *The Routledge Handbook of Social and Political Philosophy of Language*.
4. [Complex demonstratives, hidden arguments, and presupposition](#) (2019). *Synthese*.
5. [Multiculturalism, autonomy, and language preservation](#) (2019). *Ergo* 6:11, 303–333.
6. [Demonstratives without rigidity or ambiguity](#) (2014). *Linguistics and Philosophy* 37:5, 409–436.

Published — Co-Authored

1. [Discourse and method: why appeals to context won't go away](#) (2019). With Eliot Michaelson. *Linguistics and Philosophy*.
2. [On salience-based theories of demonstratives](#). With Eliot Michaelson, forthcoming in Archer, S., editor, *Salience: A Philosophical Inquiry*.

Under Review

1. [Poetic injustice](#)
 2. [Who's your ideal listener?](#) (w/Eliot Michaelson)
 3. [Really complex demonstratives](#).
 4. [Meta-meta-semantics](#). (w/Eliot Michaelson)
 5. [The hard problem of complex demonstratives](#).
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Upcoming and Recent Presentations

Humor, personal style, and self-cultivation

British Society for Aesthetics Synergy Conference

University of Kent / October 2019

Speech, skill, and the significance of style

Research presentation

University of Manchester / August 2019

Language, Cognition, and Context Conf.

Córdoba, Argentina / August 2019

Swedish Congress of Philosophy

Umeå, Sweden / June 2019

Berkeley-London Grad. Conf. (invited keynote)

Berkeley / May 2019

Skill, recognition, and respect: new work on how speech matters

Research seminar in philosophy

Umeå, Sweden / April 2019

'Can ϕ easily' can easily mean 'can easily ϕ '

New Work in the Philosophy of Language

All Souls, Oxford / May 2019

Language loss and illocutionary silencing

Eastern Division Meeting of the APA

Savannah, GA / January 2018

UCL / Oxford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop

UCL Linguistics / November 2017

Comments on U. Stojnic 'Context and the grammar of prominence'

Context and Variables Conference

All Souls, Oxford / April 2017

No context, no content, no problem

Workshop on Contextual Indefiniteness

Institut d'Études Avancées, Paris / April 2017

Mad-dog variablism

Pacific Division Meeting of the APA

Seattle, WA / April 2017

National Research University

Moscow, Russia / September 2016

Hidden arguments and selection presuppositions

Pragmatics Workshop

UCL Linguistics / October 2016

Definiteness Across Languages

UNAM/Colmex, México D.F. / June 2016

Demonstratives are free variables

APA Pacific Division Meeting

San Francisco, CA / March 2016

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

King's College London

Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship

2019-2022

(FEC basis: £374,000)

University College London

Nominated for Students' Choice Award as Outstanding Personal Tutor

2019

Nominated for Students' Choice Award as Outstanding Personal Tutor

2018

Nominated for Students' Choice Outstanding Teaching Award

2017

UC Berkeley

APA Pacific Division Graduate Student Stipend

2016

APA Eastern Division Graduate Student Stipend

2014

US Dept. of Education Summer Fellowship (FLAS)

(Moscow) 2014

US Dept. of Education Academic Year Fellowship (FLAS)

2013-14

Graduate Division Summer Research Grant

2013

Graduate Division Travel Grant

2013

Fulbright US Student Research Grant

(Moscow) 2011-12

Philosophy Department Summer Research Grant

2012

Philosophy Department Travel Grant

2012

Dean's Fellowship

2010-11

US Dept. of Education Summer Fellowship (FLAS)

(Saint Petersburg) 2009

Ralph W. Church Fellowship 2006-07

University of Oxford

Philosophy Faculty Graduate Scholarship	2004-06
Clarendon Bursary	2004-06
Christ Church American Friends' Scholarship	2004-05

Reed College

Phi Beta Kappa	2004
Rhodes Scholarship Trust, US Finalist (District VII)	2003
3 Commendations for Academic Excellence	2001-04

Teaching Experience

King's College London

Undergraduate Courses

Philosophy of Race (w/ Alex Franklin)	Spring 2020
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University College London

Graduate Courses

MA Proseminar in Value Theory	Spring 2019
MA Proseminar in Theoretical Philosophy	Fall 2018
Advanced Topics: Linguistic Semantics and the Philosophy of Language	Spring 2018, 2017
MPhil Seminar on Strawson's <i>Individuals</i>	Fall 2016

Undergraduate Courses

Philosophy of Mind	Spring 2019
Philosophy of Language	Fall 2018, 2017
Logic 2	Spring 2018, 2017
Logic 1	Fall 2017, 2016

Languages

- English: native speaker
 - Spanish: C1
 - Russian: C1
 - French: B2
 - Korean: B1/B2
 - Swedish: B1
 - Italian: A2
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