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Areas of Specialization

Philosophy of Language • Formal Semantics • Linguistic Justice

Areas of Competence

Philosophy of Mind • Philosophy of Race and Gender • Logic

Employment

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

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

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. [Really complex demonstratives](#). Forthcoming in *Erkenntnis*.
4. [Language extinction](#). Forthcoming in Khoo, J. and Sterken, R., editors, *The Routledge Handbook of Social and Political Philosophy of Language*.
5. [Complex demonstratives, hidden arguments, and presupposition](#) (2019). *Synthese*.
6. [Multiculturalism, autonomy, and language preservation](#) (2019). *Ergo* 6:11, 303–333.
7. [Demonstratives without rigidity or ambiguity](#) (2014). *Linguistics and Philosophy* 37:5, 409–436.

Published — Co-Authored

8. [Who's your ideal listener?](#) With Eliot Michaelson, forthcoming in *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
9. [On salience-based theories of demonstratives](#). With Eliot Michaelson, forthcoming in Archer, S., editor, *Salience: A Philosophical Inquiry*.
10. [Discourse and method: why appeals to context won't go away](#) (2019). With Eliot Michaelson. *Linguistics and Philosophy*.

Under Review

11. [Title redacted] a paper on epistemic injustice
12. [Title redacted] a paper on speech acts and aesthetics
13. [Title redacted] a paper w/Eliot Michaelson on metasemantics
14. [Title redacted] a paper on the semantics of demonstratives

In Progress

15. To err is human: credibility excess as epistemic injustice
16. Speech sounds and color terms (w/Bram Vassen)
17. Speech and dignity (w/Jan-Willem van der Rijt)
18. Mountains, climate change, and the loss of history
19. All definite descriptions are referential (w/Eliot Michaelson)
20. Demonstratives and deflation (w/Jonathan Cohen and Eliot Michaelson)

Upcoming and Recent Presentations (* refereed, † invited)

Definite descriptions are always referential

- † 21st Szklarska Poreba Workshop
- † Institute of Philosophy

Szklarska Poreba, Poland / March 2020
University of London / January 2020

Poetic Injustice

- † Language Beyond Truth Conditions Workshop

Umeå, Sweden / December 2019

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
- † Research presentation
- † Language, Cognition, and Context Conf.
- * Swedish Congress of Philosophy
- † Berkeley-London Grad. Conf. (keynote)

University of Glasgow / October 2019
University of Manchester / August 2019
Córdoba, Argentina / August 2019
Umeå, Sweden / June 2019
Berkeley, CA / 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
- † UCL / Oxford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop

Savannah, GA / January 2018
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
- † National Research University

Seattle, WA / April 2017
Moscow, Russia / September 2016

Hidden arguments and selection presuppositions

- † Pragmatics Workshop
- * Definiteness Across Languages

UCL Linguistics / October 2016
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 / GBP £374,000 (FEC)

2019-2022

University College London

Nominated for Students' Choice Award as Outstanding Personal Tutor	2019
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Nominated for Students' Choice Outstanding Teaching Award	2017

UC Berkeley

APA Pacific Division Graduate Student Stipend / US \$300	2016
APA Eastern Division Graduate Student Stipend / US \$300	2014
US Dept. of Education Summer Fellowship (FLAS) / US \$5,000	(Moscow, Russia) 2014
US Dept. of Education Academic Year Fellowship (FLAS) / US \$45,000	2013–14
Graduate Division Summer Research Grant / US \$3,500	2013
Graduate Division Travel Grant / US \$1,000	2013
Fulbright US Student Research Grant / US \$48,000	(Moscow, Russia) 2011–12
Philosophy Department Summer Research Grant / US \$3,500	2012
Philosophy Department Travel Grant / US \$800	2012
Dean's Fellowship / US \$37,000	2010–11
US Dept. of Education Summer Fellowship (FLAS) / US \$5,500	(Saint Petersburg, Russia) 2009
Ralph W. Church Fellowship / US \$64,200	2006–07

University of Oxford

Philosophy Faculty Graduate Scholarship / GBP £17,540 (full fees and maintenance)	2004–06
Clarendon Bursary / GBP £17,540 (duplicated full fees and maintenance)	2004–06
Christ Church American Friends' Scholarship / GBP £5,000 (duplicated fee payment)	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

Service

Administrative Responsibility

University College London, MA Tutor 2018–2019

Administrative and pastoral responsibility for MA program, including generation of reports for university central administration, admissions decisions, exam board organization and chairing, allocation of supervisors and markers, etc.

Conference Organization

Beyond Truth Conditions, Umeå Universitet	December 2019
6th annual California Universities Semantics and Pragmatics Conference	October 2013

Refereeing

Referee for: *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Mind and Language*, *Noûs*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophical Studies*, and *Synthese*.

Languages

- English: native speaker
- Spanish: fluent
- Russian: fluent
- French: B2
- Korean: B1/B2
- Swedish: B1
- Italian: A2
- Cornish: A1