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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

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

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. 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

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

Under Review

9. Poetic injustice
 10. Speech, skill, and the significance of style
 11. [Who's your ideal listener?](#) (w/Eliot Michaelson)
 12. [Really complex demonstratives](#).
 13. [Meta-meta-semantics](#). (w/Eliot Michaelson)
 14. [The hard problem of complex demonstratives](#).
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Upcoming and Recent Presentations

<i>Definite descriptions are always referential</i> Institute of Philosophy	University of London / January 2020
<i>Humor, personal style, and self-cultivation</i> British Society for Aesthetics Synergy Conference	University of Kent / October 2019
<i>Speech, skill, and the significance of style</i> Research presentation Language, Cognition, and Context Conf. Swedish Congress of Philosophy Berkeley-London Grad. Conf. (invited keynote)	University of Manchester / August 2019 Córdoba, Argentina / August 2019 Umeå, Sweden / June 2019 Berkeley / May 2019
<i>Skill, recognition, and respect: new work on how speech matters</i> Research seminar in philosophy	Umeå, Sweden / April 2019
<i>'Can ϕ easily' can easily mean 'can easily ϕ'</i> New Work in the Philosophy of Language	All Souls, Oxford / May 2019
<i>Language loss and illocutionary silencing</i> Eastern Division Meeting of the APA UCL / Oxford Semantics and Pragmatics Workshop	Savannah, GA / January 2018 UCL Linguistics / November 2017
<i>Comments on U. Stojnic 'Context and the grammar of prominence'</i> Context and Variables Conference	All Souls, Oxford / April 2017
<i>No context, no content, no problem</i> Workshop on Contextual Indefiniteness	Institut d'Études Avancées, Paris / April 2017
<i>Mad-dog variablism</i> Pacific Division Meeting of the APA National Research University	Seattle, WA / April 2017 Moscow, Russia / September 2016
<i>Hidden arguments and selection presuppositions</i> Pragmatics Workshop Definiteness Across Languages	UCL Linguistics / October 2016 UNAM/Colmex, México D.F. / June 2016
<i>Demonstratives are free variables</i> APA Pacific Division Meeting	San Francisco, CA / March 2016

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

King's College London

Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship 2019-2022

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

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: C1
- Russian: C1
- French: B2
- Korean: B1/B2
- Swedish: B1
- Italian: A2
- Cornish: A1

