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### AREAS OF RESEARCH

- Areas of Specialisation: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology, Aesthetics
- Areas of Competence: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Business

### UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer in Philosophy (fixed-term), University of Cambridge (Sep 2019 – present)
- Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow, 'The Mental Action and Cognitive Phenomenology Project', University of Warwick (Sept 2016 – Aug 2019)
- Postdoctoral Research Associate, ERC-funded 'The Architecture of Consciousness Project', University of Manchester (Sept 2013 – Aug 2016)
- Lecturer in Philosophy (fixed-term), University of Glasgow (Nov 2012 – Aug 2013)

### EDUCATION

- AHRC-Funded PhD in Philosophy, University of Sussex (2009-2012)
- M.A. by Research in Philosophy, University of York (2008-2009)
- B.A. in Philosophy, Clare College, University of Cambridge (2004-2008)

### ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED PHILOSOPHY JOURNALS

1. "The Mental Affordance Hypothesis," *Mind*, Online First: doi:10.1093/mind/fzz036.
2. "Ensemble Representation and the Contents of Visual Experience" (co-authored with Tim Bayne), *Philosophical Studies*, 176:733–753, 2019. DOI 10.1007/s11098-018-1037-3.
3. "Against Virtual Selves," *Erkenntnis*, 84:21-40, 2019. DOI 10.1007/s10670-017-9945-8.
4. "The Problem of Consciousness: Easy, Hard or Tricky?," *Topoi: Special Issue on the Hard Problem of Consciousness*, 36(1), 17-30, 2017. DOI 10.1007/s11245-014-9257-4.
5. "Gappiness and the Case for Liberalism About Phenomenal Properties," *Philosophical Quarterly*, 66 (264): 536-558, 2016. DOI 10.1093/pq/pqv128.
6. "Can Self-Representationalism Explain Away the Apparent Irreducibility of Consciousness?" *Synthese*, 193(6), 1755-1776, 2016. DOI 10.1007/s11229-015-0806-1.
7. "Affording Introspection: An Alternative Model of Inner Awareness," *Philosophical Studies*, Vol.172, No. 9, 2469-2492, 2015. DOI 10.1007/s11098-014-0421-x.
8. "In Defence of Kantian Humility," *Thought*, Vol.1, 62-70, 2012. 10.1002/tht.9.
9. "The Philosophy of Film and Film as Philosophy," *Cinema: Journal of Philosophy and the Moving Image*, Vol. 2, 2011.

### ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED INTERDISCIPLINARY JOURNALS

10. "Ignorance as a Solution to the Meta-Problem of Consciousness," forthcoming in Symposium on David Chalmers's 'The Meta-Problem of Consciousness', *Journal of Consciousness Studies*
11. "Representing Our Options: The Perception of Affordances for Bodily and Mental Action", *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 26(3-4): 155-180, 2019.
12. "Concepts, Contents and Consciousness," (co-authored with Tim Bayne) *Neuroscience of Consciousness*, (Vol. 1) 2016. DOI: 10.1093/nc/niv012.
13. "Finding the Feel: The Matching Content Challenge to Cognitive Phenomenology" (co-authored with Tim Bayne) *Phenomenology and Mind*, 10, 26-43, 2016. DOI: 10.13128/Phe\_Mi-20090.
14. "The Neo-Russellian Ignorance Hypothesis: A Hybrid Account of Phenomenal Consciousness," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, Vol.20, No. 3-4, 125-51, 2013.

## **ANTHOLOGY CONTRIBUTIONS**

15. "Suffering and Affordances for Mental Action" forthcoming in D. Bain, M. Brady and J. Corns (eds.) *The Value of Suffering*, Routledge Press.
16. "Self-Representationalism," forthcoming in U. Kriegel (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Consciousness*, Oxford University Press.
17. "Four Impediments to the Case for Mineness," forthcoming in M. Guillot & M. García-Carpintero (eds.) *Consciousness and the Sense of Mineness*, Oxford University Press.
18. "Film as Philosophical Thought Experiment: Some Challenges and Solutions" in C. Rawls, D. Neiva & S. Gouveia (eds.) *Philosophy and Film: Bridging Divides*, Routledge Press, 2019, pp.92-115.
19. "The Knowledge Argument is Either Indefensible or Redundant," in S. Coleman (ed.) *The Knowledge Argument*, Cambridge University Press, 2019, pp. 180-197.

## **MONOGRAPHS AND EDITED COLLECTIONS**

20. *What is Philosophy of Mind?*, monograph under contract with Polity Press.
21. "Consciousness and Inner Awareness," (co-edited with Jonathan Farrell) Special issue of *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 8(1), 2017.

## **CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

22. "AI and Affordances for Mental Action," *Proceedings of the 10th AISB Symposium on Computing and Philosophy*, 372-379, 2017.
23. "Editorial: Consciousness and Inner Awareness," (co-authored with Jonathan Farrell) *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 8(1), 1-22, 2017. (Special Issue on Consciousness and Inner Awareness).
24. "Ensemble Coding and Two Conceptions of Perceptual Sparsity" (co-authored with Tim Bayne), letter published in *Trends in Cognitive Science*, Vol.20, No. 9, 641-642, 2016. DOI: 10.1016/j.tics.2016.06.008.
25. "Receptivity and Phenomenal Self-Knowledge," *Thought*, Special Issue: Proceedings of the Northern Institute of Philosophy Early Career Conference, Vol.2, No. 4, 293-302, 2013. DOI:10.1002/tht3.96.
26. "Consciousness, Ignorance and the Explanatory Gap," *Philosophical Writings*, Special Issue: Proceedings of the Fourteenth BPPA Conference, 45-57, 2011.
27. "What is it like to be John Malkovich?," *The Postgraduate Journal of Aesthetics*, Vol. 7, No. 2, 2010.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

28. "Review of Varela, Thompson, Rosch, *The Embodied Mind* (Revised Edition)," *Phenomenological Reviews*, 2017.
29. "Review of U. Kriegel *The Varieties of Consciousness*," *Philosophical Quarterly*, 2015. Online first: DOI 10.1093/pq/pqv111.
30. "Review of R. Howell *Consciousness and the Limits of Objectivity*," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, Vol. 21, No. 5-6, 236-241, 2014.
31. "Review of D. Pereboom *Consciousness and the Prospects of Physicalism*," *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, Vol. 20, No.9-10, 193-200, 2013.
32. "Review of M. Rowlands *Can Animals be Moral*," *Metapsychology Online Reviews* Vol.17, Issue 29, 2013.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS

- “Perceptual Motivation for Action” (with Marta Jorba), *Consciousness, Agency and First-Person Representation*, Barcelona, March 2020
- “Regulating Mental Impulses”, presentation for *The Blakemore Lab*, University of Cambridge, Dec 2019
- “Against Imperative Content”, *The Joint Sessions*, Durham, July 2019
- “Mental Affordances and the Phenomenology of Thought” *Mental Action and Cognitive Phenomenology*, Edinburgh, May 2019
- “Free Will, Free Won’t and Mental Agency” *Metacognition, Consciousness, Agency*, Barcelona, May 2019
- “Film as Philosophy: A Defence of an Analytic Account” (with Diana Neiva) *Analytic Aesthetics and Film Studies University of Warwick*, October 2018
- “The Affordance Theory of Salience” *University of Porto MLAG Research Seminar*, September 2018
- “Film as Philosophy: A Defence of an Analytic Account” (with Diana Neiva) *University of Lisbon*, September 2018
- “Mental Affordances and Psychopathology”, *WMA Research Seminar*, University of Warwick, June 2018
- “Mental Action and Mental Affordance” *The City College New York Philosophy Club*, April 2018
- “Attention! The Affordance Theory of Salience” *Science of Consciousness*, Tucson Arizona, April 2018
- “Attention!: Affordances and the Phenomenology of Salience”, *University of Hertfordshire Philosophy Colloquium*, February 2018
- “Affordances for Mathematical Mental Actions”, *Mathematics, Consciousness and Mental Action*, University of Warwick, January 2018
- “The Freedom of Movement”, *Movement Interdisciplinary Workshop*, University of Warwick, Jan 2018
- “Fusion and Confusion for Russellian Monists” *Russellian Monism: Time for the Details*, Central European University, August 2017
- “Understanding the Mental Actions of Other Subjects with Affordance Perception” *iCog 4: Action Perception*, University of Oxford, June 2017
- “AI and Affordances for Mental Action” *AISB Computing and Philosophy Symposium*, University of Bath, April 2017
- “Suffering and Cognitive Phenomenology” *Suffering and Phenomenal Consciousness*, University of Glasgow, May 2016
- “Ensemble Perception and the Grand Illusion Confusion” *Early Career Mind Network*, University of Warwick, April 2016
- “Is the Virtual Self Theory Coherent?” *British Psychological Society: Consciousness and Experiential Psychology Section*, University of Cambridge, September 2015
- “Theories of consciousness and the admissible contents of experience” *The Contents of Consciousness Workshop*, University of Manchester, July 2015
- “Do we perceptually experience the high-level properties of visual scenes?” *Jean Nicod Institute Colloquium*, March 2015
- “Affording Self-Consciousness,” *Brentano and Beyond*, Universität Salzburg, June 2014
- “Moving Forward on Russellian Physicalism,” *Phenomenal Consciousness in the Physical World*, Charles University Prague, June 2014
- “The Problem of Consciousness: Easy, Hard or Tricky,” *Inaugural iCog Workshop*, University of Sheffield, December 2013
- “Future-Proofing the Case Against Physicalism,” University of Liverpool, October 2013
- “Receptivity and Phenomenal Self-Knowledge,” *Northern Institute of Philosophy Early Career Conference*, University of Aberdeen, June 2013.
- “Does Self-Representationalism Solve the Problem of Consciousness?,” *Ernst Mach Workshop*, Prague Institute of Philosophy, June 2013
- “Science, Consciousness and the Russellian Speculation,” *Toward a Science of Consciousness*, Stockholm University, May 2011
- “Consciousness, Ignorance and the Explanatory Gap,” *The Fourteenth Annual British Postgraduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Durham, July 2010
- “Does Consciousness Supervene on the Intrinsic Properties of the Physical?,” *Metaphysics of Mind Graduate Conference*, University of Edinburgh, July 2009

## COURSES TAUGHT

As Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Cambridge

- Metaphysics (first- and third-year UG) – Lecturer and Supervisor
- Aesthetics (third-year UG) – Lecturer and Supervisor
- Epistemology (first- and second-year UG) – Lecturer and Supervisor
- Philosophy of Mind (third-year UG) – Supervisor
- Postgraduate Supervisor

As Leverhulme Research Fellow, University of Warwick (Sep 2016 – Aug 2018)

- Postgraduate Supervisor – supervisor for two postgraduate students
- Research Methods (MA) – Seminar Leader and Course Convenor (in 2017-18)
- Mind and Action Graduate Seminar (MA and PhD) – Seminar Leader

As Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Manchester (Sep 2013 – Aug 2016):

- Philosophy of Mind (MA) – Seminar Leader (covering absence)
- Philosophy of Psychology (third-year UG) – Tutorial Leader (covering absence)

As Lecturer in Philosophy (fixed-term), University of Glasgow (Nov 2012 – Aug 2013):

- Philosophy of Mind (third-year UG) – Lecturer, Tutor and Course Convenor
- Philosophy of Mind (first-year UG) – Lecturer
- Philosophy of Science (second-year UG) – Lecturer
- Logic, Epistemology and Metaphysics (second-year UG) – Tutor
- Philosophy of Mind (MLitt) – Seminar Leader

As Associate Tutor in Philosophy, University of Sussex (Sep 2009- Jul 2012):

- Philosophy of Science (International Summer School) – Course Designer and Lecturer
- Reading Philosophy: Hume's Dialogues (first-year) – Course Convenor and Teacher
- Metaphysics (second-year) – Seminar Leader
- Philosophy of Mind (second-year) – Seminar Leader

## SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

### **Peer Reviewing**

- *Noûs*, *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Philosophical Studies*; *Frontiers in Neuroscience*; *Frontiers in Psychology*; *Mind & Language*; *Synthese*; *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*; *Journal of Cognitive Science*; *Erkenntnis*; *Topoi*; *Dialectica*; *iPerception*; *Theoria*; *American Philosophical Quarterly*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Journal of Consciousness Studies*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*; *Phenomenology of Mind*; *The Journal of Philosophical Research*; *Ratio*; *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*; *Disputatio*; *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences*; *Excursions*; *Discipline Filosofiche*; *New Review of Film and Television Studies*; *University of Taiwan*; *European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*; *Routledge Press*; *Oxford University Press*; *Agenda Press*; *Psychology Press*.

### **Other Services**

- Founder of the Mental Action Research Group (MARG)
- Editor of the 'Russellian Monism' category of the PhilPapers website
- Postgraduate research examiner (external examiner for four PG degrees)

## ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

- Co-organisator of the *Mental Sciences Club* seminar series, University of Cambridge, Sep 2019 - present
- Organiser of *Actions: The Bodily and the Mental*, University of Warwick, July 2019
- Chair/Referee/Editor for the Future Minds conference, University of Warwick, March 2017
- Design and maintenance of the Architecture of Consciousness project website, 2013-2016
- Co-organisator of *The Admissible Contents of Experience*, University of Manchester, July 2015
- Lead organisator of *The Subjective Structure of Consciousness*, University of Manchester, June 2014
- Organiser of *The Philosophy of Tyler Burge*, University of Glasgow, June 2013
- Assistant for *The Joint Sessions*, University of Sussex, July 2011

## FUNDING, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Shortlisted for \$190,000 grant from the Templeton-funded 'Self, Virtue and Public Life' project
- Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellowship, University of Warwick, 2016-2019
- AHRC Doctoral Research Grant, University of Sussex, 2009-2012
- Scholar of Clare College Cambridge, 2006
- Associate of the Higher Education Academy (AHEA)

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Interviewee on the *Panpsychast* podcast, discussing mental action (May 2020)
- Speaker at the *Fitzwilliam Museum* public talk series, presenting on art and simulation (Feb 2020)
- Speaker at the *Pint of Science Festival*, presenting on art, action and neuroscience (May 2019)
- Finalist on AHRC/Radio 3 New Generation Thinker scheme (Jan 2019)
- Discussant on the *Philosophy Now* radio show on Resonance FM, discussing consciousness (May 2014)
- Speaker in public debate on religion at the Manchester Debating Union, with participants included Mr Peter Hitchens and Professor Helen Beebee (Nov 2013)
- Participant in the AHRC *Researchers in Residence* scheme, running philosophy of religion workshops for students at a Brighton school (2011)

## BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Consultant for professional development business *Outstanding.Global* promoting inclusive and sustainable practices in the workplace (2019-present)
- Professional development talk at *Black Country Reinvestment Society* on promotion of trust (2019)
- Keynote speaker at the launch of *Capgemini's* 'Future Leaders' programme talking on innovation (2017)
- Graduate of the University of Warwick's 'Venture Into Business Engagement' programme (2018)
- Public blog on 'Philosophy in Business' (ongoing)