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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*, 129(514): 401–427, 2020. 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*, 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. Seeing the Forest for the Trees, forthcoming in *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences*.
11. Ignorance as a Solution to the Meta-Problem of Consciousness, *Journal of Consciousness Studies: Special Issue on the Meta-Problem of Consciousness*, 27(5-6): 108-119, 2020.
12. Representing Our Options: The Perception of Affordances for Bodily and Mental Action, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 26(3-4): 155-180, 2019.
13. Concepts, Contents and Consciousness, (co-authored with Tim Bayne) *Neuroscience of Consciousness*, (Vol. 1) 2016. DOI: 10.1093/nc/niv012.
14. 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.
15. The Neo-Russellian Ignorance Hypothesis: A Hybrid Account of Phenomenal Consciousness, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 20(3-4): 125-51, 2013.

Anthology Contributions

16. Suffering and Affordances for Mental Action forthcoming in D. Bain, M. Brady and J. Corns (eds.) *The Value of Suffering*, Routledge 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. Self-Representationalism, in U. Kriegel (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of the Philosophy of Consciousness*, Oxford University Press, 2020.
19. 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.
20. 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

21. *Intruders in the Mind: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Thought Insertion* (co-edited with Pablo López Silva), edited collection under contract with OUP.
22. *What is Philosophy of Mind?*, May 2021, Polity Press.
23. 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

24. AI and Affordances for Mental Action, *Proceedings of the 10th AISB Symposium on Computing and Philosophy*, 372-379, 2017.
25. 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).
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. Consciousness, Ignorance and the Explanatory Gap, *Philosophical Writings*, Special Issue: Proceedings of the Fourteenth BPPA Conference, 45-57, 2011.
29. What is it like to be John Malkovich?, *The Postgraduate Journal of Aesthetics*, Vol. 7, No. 2, 2010.

Book Reviews

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

Selected Conference Papers and Invited Talks

- Rethinking Inner Awareness, invited speaker for *Inner Awareness: Past and Present*, Liège, December 2021
- Gendered Affordance Perception (with Paulina Sliwa), *Society for Women in Philosophy*, Joint Sessions, July 2021
- Conscious AI will be with us by the end of this century, opponent to motion in *Dialectic* debate series, Cambridge, February 2021
- Perceptual Motivation for Action (with Marta Jorba), *Consciousness, Agency and First-Person Representation*, Barcelona, November 2020
- New Work for Mental Affordances, invited webinar with respondents, *University of Campinas*, July 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 & 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 Saliency *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 Saliency *Science of Consciousness*, Tucson Arizona, April 2018
- Attention!: Affordances and the Phenomenology of Saliency, *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 & 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 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, *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 (Sep 2018 – present)

- Metaphysics and Epistemology (UG) – Lecturer and Supervisor
- Aesthetics (UG) – Lecturer and Supervisor
- Philosophy of Language (UG) – Lecturer and Supervisor
- Philosophy of Mind – Supervisor
- Research Methods (PG) – Seminar Leader
- Philosophy of Mind / Metaphysics (PG) – Postgraduate Supervisor
- Director of Studies in Philosophy at Selwyn College and Gonville & Caius College

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

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

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

- Philosophy of Mind (PG) – Seminar Leader (covering absence)
- Philosophy of Psychology (UG) – Tutorial Leader (covering absence)

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

- Philosophy of Mind (UG) – Lecturer, Tutor and Course Convenor
- Philosophy of Mind (PG) – Seminar Leader
- Philosophy of Science (UG) – Lecturer
- Logic, Epistemology and Metaphysics (UG) – Tutor

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 (UG) – Course Convenor and Teacher
- Metaphysics (UG) – Seminar Leader
- Philosophy of Mind (UG) – 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*; *Debates in Aesthetics*; *iPerception*; *Theoria*; *American Philosophical Quarterly*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*; *Acta Analytica*; *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
- External examiner for four postgraduate viva examinations

Funding, Awards and Recognitions

- 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
- Shortlisted for £250,000 grant from the Leverhulme Trust for project on salience and prejudice with Dr Jessie Munton, Prof Rae Langton and Prof Richard Holton
- Shortlisted for \$190,000 grant from the Templeton 'Self, Virtue and Public Life' project for a collaborative project on 'The Virtuous Public Expert' with Prof Quassim Cassam and Prof Nick Chater
- Associate of the Higher Education Academy (AHEA)

Outreach

- Online talks introducing philosophical study to secondary school students. So far I have given talks to students in India, Bulgaria and the UK (2021).
- Course leader for the Cambridge *Sutton Summer School* outreach programme, introducing secondary school students to University study through online sessions (2020 and 2021).
- Participant in the Cambridge Applicant Support Programme, running information sessions and mock interviews for applicants from deprived areas (2020).
- Participant in the AHRC *Researchers in Residence* scheme, running philosophy of religion workshops for students at a Brighton school (2011)

Public Engagement

- Interviewee on the *Panpsychast* podcast, discussing mental action (postponed due to Covid-19)
- 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 Beebe (Nov 2013)

Business Engagement

- Consultant for professional development business *Outstanding.Global* promoting inclusive and sustainable practices in the workplace (2019-present)
- Co-developer of online workshop on empowering language for *International Women's Day*
- Course leader for Cambridge Centre for International Research, designing and delivering online courses on business ethics, AI and film and consulting for business leaders on research-led business practice
- Led professional development workshop at *Black Country Reinvestment Society* on promoting 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)

Event Organisation

- Co-organiser 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
- Co-organiser of *The Admissible Contents of Experience*, University of Manchester, July 2015
- Lead organiser 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