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**AOS:** Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science (Psychology, Neuroscience & AI)

**AOC:** Ethics, Logic

### **Employment**

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*King's College London*

2020-2021 Visiting Research Fellow in Philosophy

2017-2020 Teaching Fellow in Philosophy

*Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp*

2016-2017 Postdoctoral Fellow

*Hertford College, University of Oxford*

2014-2016 and Jan-Jun 2017 Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy

### **Research Grant**

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*Survival and Flourishing*

Jan-Jun 2021 Support for research on AI alignment and human values (\$19,200)

### **Advisory Position**

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*Technology company in London, name removed for commercial reasons*

2018-2020 Advisor on philosophy and cognitive science

### **Education**

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*King's College London*

2011-2015 PhD Philosophy

Supervisors: Prof. David Papineau, Prof. Nicholas Shea

*University of Sheffield*

2010-2011 MA Cognitive Studies – Distinction

*Merton College, University of Oxford*

2008-2010 BPhil Philosophy

2003-2007 MMathPhil Mathematics and Philosophy – First Class

### **Publications**

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'Directive Content'. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

'Affective Experience and Evidence for Animal Consciousness'. *Philosophical Topics*, issue on non-human consciousness, forthcoming.

'Cognitive Models are Distinguished by Content, not Format'. *Philosophy of Science* 88(1): 83-102, 2021.

'Representation and the Active Consumer'. *Synthese* 197: 4533-4550, 2020 (online 2018).

'Why Hunger is not a Desire'. *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 8(3): 617-635, 2017.

‘Normal and Addictive Desires’ (with David Papineau). In Nick Heather and Gabriel Segal (eds.), *Addiction and Choice: Rethinking the Relationship*. OUP, 2016.

## **Presentations**

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### *Refereed Presentations:*

‘Sharing Our Conceptual Resources with Machines’

- PLM5, St. Andrews, 29 August 2019
- Kinds of Intelligence 2: Machine Minds, Cambridge, 20 June 2019

‘Model-Based Reinforcement Learning and Acting for Reasons’

- Anticipatory Systems: Humans meet AI, Örebro, 10 June 2019

‘Pleasure, Pain and the Evolution of Consciousness’

- European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Rijeka, 13 September 2018

‘Information-how and Directive Content’

- Joint Session, Oxford, 8 July 2018

‘Liberal Representation and the Active Consumer’

- ECMN Future Minds Conference, Warwick, 16 March 2017

‘Liberal Representation and Basic Action’

- 10<sup>th</sup> Logos Workshop on Naturalistic Theories of Intentionality, Barcelona, 1 December 2016

‘Lewis and Anscombe on Direction of Fit’

- Early Career Mind Network, Durham, 1 September 2016

‘Naturalizing Direction of Fit’

- KCL-UNC Workshop on ‘The Normative in a Natural World’, UNC-Chapel Hill, 3-5 May 2013

‘Teleosemantics and the Direction of Fit of Desire’

- Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy, University of Groningen, 18-20 April 2013

‘Holton’s Argument from Strength of Will’

- European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, London, 28-31 August 2012

‘What’s in a That-Clause?’ (with Emanuel Viebahn)

- BPPA Conference, University of Edinburgh, 3-6 September 2012

‘Schroeder’s *Being For* and the Structure of the Propositional Attitudes’

- Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, 20-21 November 2010

### *Invited Presentations:*

‘Imperative Intensity’

- Direction of Fit Workshop, Antwerp, 9 November 2016

‘Desire as a Natural Kind’

- A Highly Desirable Symposium, Durban, 18 June 2016

‘The Direction of Fit of Desire’

- Hertford Philosophical Society, Oxford, 18 February 2016

‘Why Hunger is Not a Desire’

- London-Warwick Mind Forum, UCL, 16 June 2015

‘Normal and Addictive Desires’ (with David Papineau)

- KCL-UNC Workshop on ‘Philosophical Approaches to Desire and Pleasure’, King’s College, London, 19-20 May 2014

‘What’s in a That-Clause?’ (with Emanuel Viebahn)

- Ockham Society, University of Oxford, 12 June 2012

*Comments:*

On Ethan Jerzak, ‘Non-Classical Knowledge’

- London-Berkeley Graduate Conference, UC-Berkeley, 10-11 May 2013

On Sam Wilkinson, ‘Explaining Addiction’

- KCL Graduate Conference in Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, 26 April 2013

### **Works under review**

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An article on machine understanding of human language. Under review.

An article on addiction and autonomy. Under review.

### **Teaching**

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*As a Teaching Fellow at King’s College London:*

Module Convenor and Lecturer:

- Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Mind (Neuroscience and Biomedical Science students; Spring 2019 & 2020)
- Neuroscience and the Mind (philosophy of mind for Neuroscience and Biomedical Science students; Autumn 2018 & 2019)
- Topics in Philosophy of Psychology (BSc Psychology students; Spring 2018)
- Philosophy of Psychology (BSc Psychology students; Spring 2018)
- Philosophy of Psychology (BA and MA Philosophy students; Autumn 2017)

Other classes:

- Neuroscience and the Mind (seminars and revision lectures 2017-18)
- Philosophy for medical students (seminars)
- Ethics I (seminars)

Dissertation supervision for 7 undergraduates, 6 MA students

*Tutorials and Classes at Hertford College, Oxford, 2014-2017:*

- Philosophy of Mind (5 students)
- Philosophy of Cognitive Science (4 students)
- Ethics (18 students, 3 visiting students)
- Elements of Deductive Logic (12 students)
- Moral Philosophy (first year) (18 students)

*As a Graduate Teaching Assistant at King’s College London, 2012-2014:*

Philosophy of Psychology; Ethics I; Elementary Logic; Ethics II: Contemporary Ethical Philosophy; Topics in Philosophy of Mind; Methodology; Philosophy of Logic and Language; Neuroscience and the Mind

*As a Postgraduate Tutor at University of Sheffield, 2010-2011:*

Elementary Logic; Mind, Brain and Personal Identity

### **Public Engagement**

‘Addiction, Hijacking and Autonomy’ talk for KCL Neuroscience Society, 26 November 2019

‘Explaining Consciousness’ talk at *Consciousness: Neuroscience v. Philosophy*, KCL Neuroscience Society, 21 March 2019

Participant, panel discussion on ‘Addiction: What, Who and How?’ at *Hooked* exhibition, Science Gallery London, 19 October 2018

### **Awards and Funding**

King’s College, London:

King’s Undergraduate Research Fellowship (funding for undergraduate research assistant, Summer 2019)

AHRC Doctoral Award (Fees & Full Maintenance, 2011-2014)

AHRC Research Training and Support Grant for visit to Cambridge University (£1092.40, Autumn 2013)

University of Edinburgh:

Principal’s Career Development Scholarship (£14000-15000 p.a., 2011-2014) – *declined*

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill:

Richard Brooke Fellowship (Four years’ non-teaching stipend for PhD from 2008) – *declined*

Merton College, University of Oxford:

Postmastership 2005-2007 (highest academic scholarship)

Exhibition 2004 -2005 (academic scholarship)

### **Professional and Departmental Service**

Refereeing for publication:

*The Philosophical Quarterly; Episteme; British Journal for the Philosophy of Science; Philosophy; Mind & Language; Philosophy of Science; Synthese; Pacific Philosophical Quarterly; Theoria; Philosophical Psychology; SAGE Publishing*

Departmental service at King’s College, London:

- Study abroad tutor
- External relations lead
- Co-convenor, Advanced research seminar & First year research seminar
- Convenor, MA research seminar
- Co-convenor, Philosophy of Mind reading group
- Personal tutor and liaison tutor for Modern Languages and War Studies
- Web and social media lead

Admissions interviewer, Hertford College, 2014 & 2015

Conference organisation:

- Direction of Fit Workshop, Antwerp, November 2016

- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual UNC-KCL Workshop on 'Philosophical Approaches to Desire and Pleasure', May 2014

Co-organiser, ECMN Work in Progress Seminars

Organiser, BPhil Reading Parties 2009 & 2010

### **Non-Academic Employment**

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2007-2008 Research Analyst at ECA International, London

### **Referees**

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Prof. David Papineau

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