

# Mark Bowker

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## RESEARCH AREAS

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**Specialities:** Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Linguistics

**Competences:** Epistemology, Philosophical Methodology, Logic, Formal Semantics

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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**Postdoctoral Fellow.** University College Dublin, October 2018 - October 2020

**External Tutor (Part Time).** University of St Andrews, January 2018 - September 2018

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow.** Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich (LMU), August 2016 - November 2017

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Philosophy.** June 2016, University of St Andrews

Dissertation Title: 'Saying Nothing: In Defence of Syntactic and Semantic Underdetermination'

Supervisors: Patrick Greenough, Andy Egan, Herman Cappelen, Josh Dever

**Master of Letters (with Distinction) in Philosophy.** November 2011, University of St Andrews and University of Stirling

Dissertation Title: 'The Epistemic Significance of Disagreement'

Supervisor: Jessica Brown

**Master of Arts (First Class Honours) in Philosophy.** June 2010, University of St Andrews

## PUBLICATIONS

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Underdetermination, Domain Restriction, and Theory Choice. 2018. *Mind & Language*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12207>

Saying a Bundle: Meaning, Intention, and Underdetermination. 2017. *Synthese*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-017-1652-0>. Available online at <http://rdcu.be/CVSV>

Rich Situated Attitudes. 2017. With Kristina Liefke. *New Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence*, edited by S. Kurahashi, Y. Ohta, S. Arai, K. Satoh, D. Bekki. JSAI-isAI 2016. Lecture Notes in Computer Science Vol. 10247, Springer, pp. 45-61

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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**Postdoctoral Research Fellowship 2018-2019.** Irish Research Council: €91,846

**Postdoctoral Research Fellowship 2016-2017.** LMU: €24,236

**PhD Studentship 2011-2014.** AHRC: Full scholarship. £52,230

**Travel Scholarship 2013.** University of St Andrews: £1600

**Masters Scholarship 2010.** University of St Andrews: £4000

**Undergraduate Research Internship Programme 2009.** University of St Andrews: £1800

## TEACHING

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### **Insults, Lies, and Bullshit. LMU, 2017**

An introduction to key themes in Philosophy of Language through linguistic issues arising from ethical discourse. We consider ethically significant speech acts like lying and consenting; words and phrases like slurs and generalizations; and the language of gender and race.

### **Associate Researcher. St Leonards School, St Andrews, 2013/14**

The Associate Researcher is selected annually from all PhD students at the University of St Andrews. My primary responsibility was to devise a series of lectures that I delivered to two classes of high-school students as part of the International Baccalaureate course *Theory of Knowledge*. My introduction to Philosophy of Language asked 'How do we know what people mean when they speak?'

### **Tutor. University of St Andrews, 2011-2016**

Reasoning (Informal logic and introduction to formal logic)

Formal and Philosophical Logic

Reasoning and Knowledge (Logic and Epistemology)

Mind and Reality (Philosophy of Mind and Metaphysics)

Metaphysics and Science

Moral and Political Controversies

Rationality and Action (Metaethics)

Foundations of Western Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, Sceptics, and Epicureans)

### **Private tutor to 2nd year undergraduate**

Logic: truth tables, semantic trees, and natural deduction for propositional and quantified logic

## CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

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**Organizing Committee:** Situations, Information, and Semantic Content. MCMP, LMU.  
15th-18th December 2016. Chair: Kristina Liefke

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Referee:** Mind & Language

**Referee:** Canadian Journal of Philosophy

Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy

Stance: An International Undergraduate Philosophy Journal.

**Editorial Board Member:** Stance: An International Undergraduate Philosophy Journal. 2009/10

**Officer:** British Undergraduate Philosophy Society. 2009-10

## PEER-REVIEWED TALKS

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Generics Without Truth-Conditions. The 2nd Context, Cognition and Communication Conference: Contexts, Concepts, Objects. University of Warsaw. June 2018.

Semantic Restrictivism. Fourth Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference (PLM4). Ruhr-Universität Bochum. September 2017

Reviving Semantic Descriptivism. Ninth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 9). LMU. September 2017

Denying Semantic Content. Situations, Information, and Semantic Content. MCMP, LMU. December 2016

Rich Situated Propositions: The 'Right' Objects for the Content of Propositional Attitudes. Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS13). 8th JSAI International Symposium on AI. Keio University, Tokyo. November 2016

Saying Nothing. Semantics and Pragmatics at Manchester. University of Manchester. July 2015

Propositional Equivalence and the Referential/Attributive Distinction. Eighth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 8). University of Bucharest. September 2014

Against Syntactic and Semantic Determinacy. Annual conference of the Israel Philosophy Society. Tel Aviv University. February 2014

Context and Content. 9th National Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA). University of Padua. September 2010

Frege's Objections to Mill's Theory of Arithmetic. British Undergraduate Philosophy Society. The University of Warwick. May 2010

Kaplan's Framework for Indexicals and Explanations of Communication. British Undergraduate Philosophy Society Summer Conference. University of St Andrews. July 2009

## FURTHER TALKS

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- Generic Disagreement. Arché Language & Mind Seminar. University of St Andrews. May 2018
- Sainbury and Tye, 'Seven Puzzles'. Arché Language & Mind Seminar. University of St Andrews. April 2018
- Language Without Content. Work-In-Progress Seminar. MCMP, LMU. May 2017
- Towards a Rich Situated Account of Semantic Underdetermination. Colloquium in Philosophy, Logic, and Philosophy of Science. MCMP, LMU. October 2016
- Contrary Linguistic Theories. Arché Language & Mind Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2015
- Underdetermination. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. May 2015
- Multiplicity of Content. Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2014
- Yablo's Aboutness. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. September 2014
- Lackey's Lessons From Lies and Bullshit. Arché Evidence, Justification, and Knowledge Seminar. University of St Andrews. June 2014
- Syntactic and Semantic Determinacy. PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. November 2013
- How Do We Know What People Mean by the Words They Use? Interview presentation. St Leonards School, St Andrews. November 2013
- "That's What He Said!" Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2013
- Semantics and Metasemantics. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2013
- Against the Two-Step Theory . Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. June 2013
- In Defence of the Standard View. Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. April 2013
- On What is Said. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2012
- The Two-Step Theory. Arché Reading Party. Ardtornish. September 2012
- Positional Representation of Context. Arché Contextualism and Relativism Seminar. University of St Andrews. May 2012
- What is or Would Be Said. University of St Andrews. March 2012
- Papineau on the Poverty of Analysis. Arché Methodology Seminar. November 2011