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RESEARCH AREAS

Specialities: Philosophy of Language, Analytic Philosophy

Competences: Epistemology, Philosophical Methodology, Logic, Formal Semantics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Research 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

PhD in Philosophy. University of St Andrews. June 2016

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. University of St Andrews and University of Stirling. November 2011

Dissertation Title: 'The Epistemic Significance of Disagreement'

Supervisor: Jessica Brown

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

PUBLICATIONS

1. Ineliminable Underdetermination and Context-Shifting Arguments. Forthcoming. *Inquiry*
2. Saying a Bundle: Meaning, Intention, and Underdetermination. 2019. *Synthese*, 196/10: 4229-4252. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-017-1652-0>
3. Underdetermination, Domain Restriction, and Theory Choice. 2019. *Mind & Language*, 34/2: 205-220. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mila.12207>
4. Rich Situated Attitudes. 2017. With Kristina Liefke. *New Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence*, edited by S. Kurahashi, Y. Ohta, S. Arai, K. Satoh, D. Bekki. JSAIL-2016. Lecture Notes in Computer Science Vol. 10247, Springer, pp. 45-61. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-61572-1_4

RESEARCH GRANTS

Conference Funding 2019. Irish Research Council, New Foundations: €5,000
Conference Funding 2019. University College Dublin, Seed Funding: €1,000
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

The Analytic Revolution. University College Dublin. 2019
Insults, Lies, and Bullshit. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich. 2017
**‘How do we know what people mean when they speak?’
St Leonards School, St Andrews. 2013/14**

Devised during my time as Associate Researcher at St Leonards. Delivered to two classes of high-school students as part of the International Baccalaureate course *Theory of Knowledge*.

Postgraduate 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. 2016

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

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Primary Organiser: Indeterminacy and Underdetermination. UCD. 24th-25th January 2020.
With Maria Baghramian.

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Mind & Language, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Inquiry, Stance, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice

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

Officer: British Undergraduate Philosophy Society. 2009-10

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching and Learning. UCD. Dec. 2019-Jan. 2020

Sharing Your Research Interests Through Blogging. UCD Library. Nov. 2018

Student Diversity Online Training Module. University of St Andrews. Sep. 2014

Training in Good Academic Practice. University of St Andrews. Sep. 2014

Tutoring and Demonstrating. University of St Andrews. Sep. 2011

Assessment and Academic Misconduct: An introduction. University of St Andrews. Sep. 2011

PEER-REVIEWED TALKS

The Aesthetic Experience of Fictional Truth. American Society of Aesthetics Rocky Mountain Division Meeting. Santa Fe. July 2019

Generics as Hedges. Annual Conference of the Israeli Philosophical Association. Bar Ilan University. February 2019

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

The A-Quantifier Test. Arché 20th Anniversary Conference. University of St Andrews. June 2019.

Fictional Characters in the Actual World. Work in Progress Seminar. University College Dublin. January 2019.

Generics as Hedges. Work in Progress Seminar. University College Dublin. October 2018.

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

REFERENCES

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PhD Supervisor
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Dr. Kristina Liefke, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU
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