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PUBLICATIONS

In Progress: Book monograph ‘The units of life: Kinds of individuals in biology’

2020: ‘Is Evolution fundamental when it comes to defining biological ontology? Yes’ *Current controversies in philosophy of science,* Dasgupta & Weslake (eds), Routledge.

2019: ‘The Space Between’ *Analyse & Kritik* 41, no(2): 239-258.

2017 With Celia Heyes ‘The swashbuckling anthropologist: Henrich on The Secret of Our Success’ *Biology and Philosophy* 32(2): 289-305.

2017 ‘Adaptation, multilevel selection and organismality: A clash of perspective*s’* Routledge Handbook of Evolution and Philosophy, Joyce (ed) Routledge, 35-48.

2017 With Steen & Barrett, ‘Conceptualizing communities as natural entities’ *Biology and Philosophy 32(6): 1019-1034.*

2016 ‘Levels of selection in biofilms: Multispecies biofilms are not evolutionary individuals’ *Biology and Philosophy* 31(2): 191-212.

2016 ‘A levels-of-selection approach to evolutionary individuality’ *Biology and Philosophy 31(6): 893-911.*

2016 With Mitri and Foster ‘Resource limitation drives spatial organization in microbial groups’ *The ISME Journal* 10(6): 1471-82.

2014 ‘Origins of Evolutionary Transitions’ *Journal of Biosciences* 39(2): 303-17.

2013 ‘The multiple realizability of Biological Individuals’ *Journal of Philosophy* CX(8): 413-435.

2013 With Samir Okasha ‘Species and Organisms: What are the problems?’ in *From Groups to Individuals*, Huneman & Bouchard (eds) MIT Press.

2012 ‘Plant individuality: A solution to the demographer’s dilemma’ *Biology and Philosophy* 27(3): 321-61.

2011 ‘Plant individuality and multilevel selection theory’ in *The Major Transitions Revisited*, Sterelny & Calcott (eds) MIT Press.

2010 ‘The problem of biological individuality’ *Biological Theory* 5(4):312-25.

2006 ‘Anarchy, Socialism and a Darwinian Left’ in *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science C* 37(1): 136-150.

EMPLOYMENT

01/2017 – present Lecturer in Philosophy at University of Leeds

09/2011- 12/2016 Postdoctoral Fellow at All Souls College, University of Oxford.

09/2010-09/2011 Postdoctoral Researcher at Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition Research, Vienna, Austria.

EDUCATION

Nov 2010 PhD Philosophy Passed without corrections

University of Bristol

Supervisor: Samir Okasha. Examiners: James Ladyman and Peter Godfrey-Smith. Title: Biological Individuality and the Levels of Selection’

2005-2006 MA Philosophy and History of Science Merit

University of Bristol

2000-2003 BA(Hons) Philosophy First Class

University of Leeds

AWARDS/Funding

2005-2006 AHRC Taught Masters Award

2006-2009 AHRC Doctoral Scholarship

2011-2016 All Souls College (Oxford) Postdoctoral Fellowship

2012 Conference funding for ‘Philosophy of Biology in the UK’ £3000

2014 £5,000 grant for network ‘Inheritance and cooperation’, Oxford

2015 £4500 grant for conference on ‘Inheritance and cooperation’, Oxford

MEDIA

2015 ‘The evolution of cooperation’ at *The Philosopher’s Magazine*

2020 ‘The post-human body: How human do you think you are?’ at *The Philosopher*

2020 Interview of Toby Kiers, for the European Philosophy of Science Association

TEACHING

2017-19 Lecturer and module leader in (UG) Philosophy of Biology, Advanced Metaphysics, Intro to Philosophy of Science, Feminist Philosophy; Philosophy of Race and (PG) Intro to Analytic Philosophy

Doctoral supervisor – Two students completed and passed

2011-2016 Lecturer in Philosophy of Science.

BPhil/Mphil supervisor at University of Oxford.

selected talks

Sept 2021 Metaphysics of Individuality, CNRS Paris (invited)

Aug 2019 Philosophy of Biology at Dolphin Beach, Canberra, Australia (invited)

Aug 2017 European Society for Evolutionary Biology, Groningen, Netherlands (invited)

Jan 2015 Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge (invited)

Oct 2014 British Society for the Philosophy of Science, London (plenary)

Apr 2014 Philosophy of Biology in the UK, Cambridge (keynote)

May 2012 Indian Association of Science, Almora, India (Plenary)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Ongoing Director of Centre for History and Philosophy of Science, Leeds

External examiner, MA HPS, University of Bristol

Steering committee member, European Philosophy of Science Association

Program manager, Single Honours Philosophy, Leeds

External PhD examiner, University of Bristol, Bath, Krakow, Auckland

Blogger at philosomama.blogspot.com

2019 Director of Taught PG studies, Leeds

2017-2020 Associate Editor, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science

2014-2017 Book reviews editor for Studies in the History and Philosophy of Biological and Biomedical Science.

2015 General examiner, All Souls College

2016 Maternity Leave

2012-15 Microbiologist in Kevin Foster’s lab, Oxford

2014/15 Founded network ‘Inheritance and cooperation’ in Oxford

2014 Organised conference ‘Inheritance and cooperation’, 4.5k funding

12/2014 Admissions interviewer for Oriel College, Oxford

2012 Organised conference ‘Philosophy of Biology in the UK’, £3k funding

2013 Maternity Leave