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AOS: Philosophy of Mind, Phenomenology, Ethics

AOC: Ancient Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Psychology and Cognitive Science

## EDUCATION

- 2016-20      PhD in Philosophy, University College London  
                 Supervisors: Lucy O'Brien  
                 Thesis: *Interpersonal Transactions: An Essay on The Power of The Human Gaze*
- 2019        Visiting Doctoral Fellow, Forschungskolleg Analytic German Idealism, University of Leipzig, October-December  
                 Host: James Conant
- 2018        Visiting Student, University of Chicago, Autumn Quarter  
                 Host: Matthias Haase
- 2014-16     MPhilStud in Philosophy, University College London  
                 Supervisors: Mark Eli Kalderon & M.G.F. Martin  
                 Thesis: *On Being in Time: Temporal Consciousness and the Consciousness of Time*  
                 Examiners: Mark Textor & Christoph Hoerl
- 2010-13     BA in Philosophy, University of York, First Class Honours with Distinction

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- In Review*      'When Eyes Touch'  
                 'Ordinary Self-Consciousness as a Philosophical Problem'
- In Preparation* 'The Harm of Humiliation'  
                 'Making Sense of Shame'

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-20      Royal Institute of Philosophy Studentship (£8000)
- 2019        Visiting Doctoral Fellowship, Forschungskolleg Analytic German Idealism (€2950)  
                 LAHP Research Support Fund (£380) for a conference visit to City University of New York Graduate Center
- 2018        LAHP Study Visit and Conference Fund (£2500) for overseas study at The University of Chicago
- 2016-19     London Arts and Humanities Partnership (LAHP) Doctoral Research Studentship (Full award)
- 2014-16     UCL MPhilStud Departmental Scholarship (Full award), consisting of:  
                 Keeling Philosophy Department Scholarship (2014-15, 2015-16)  
                 Dawes-Hicks Scholarship (2014-15)  
                 Follett Scholarship (2015-16)  
                 Jacobsen Scholarship (2015-16)
- 2012        Second Year Prize, awarded for the best overall performance on BA Philosophy Modules, University of York (£100)

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 When Eyes Touch  
*MindGrad*, University of Warwick, 7th December  
*UCL-Leipzig Conference*, University of Leipzig, 14th November  
 Ordinary Self-Consciousness as a Philosophical Problem  
*London-Berkeley Graduate Conference*, UC Berkeley, 10th May.  
*Intersubjectivity and Interpretation*, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 5th April.  
*London Intersubjectivity Workshop*, 15th February  
 The Harm of Humiliation, *London Graduate Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop*, 26th February
- 2018 The Harm of Humiliation, *Understanding Value VII*, University of Sheffield, 20th July  
 On Being Humiliated, *The Inhuman Gaze*, Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris, 8th June,
- 2017 Making Sense of Shame, *Intercollegiate Graduate Conference in Philosophy*, London, 24th November  
 In One's Eyes or 'Those of Another? Shame and Adverse Evaluation, *Understanding Value VI*, University of Sheffield, 22nd July
- 2016 Duration Perception and the Stream of Thought, *London-Warwick Mind Forum*, 10th March
- 2015 Seeing in Slow Motion, *Open Minds XI Graduate Conference*, University of Manchester, 4th December  
 Duration Perception, Time Dilation and the Stream of Thought, *University of Leeds Postgraduate Seminar*, 14th August

## Commentaries

- 2019 Comments on Pablo Fernández Velasco's 'Phenomenology and Sense of Self', *London Intersubjectivity Workshop*, 20th June
- 2018 Virtuous and Ashamed, comments on Niels Christensen's 'Aristotle on Virtuous Shame', *London Intersubjectivity Workshop*, 26th June

## TEACHING

### *As Course leader:*

- 2019 Advanced Tutorials: Interpersonal Moral Psychology. Third Year Tutorial. (Spring Term). Tutorial Organiser, Seminar Leader, primary Marking: two hours per week.

### *As Seminar Leader:*

- 2019 Introduction to Moral Philosophy: Hume and Kant. 1st Year Module. (Spring Term) (Mark Kalderon) Seminar Leader, Primary Marking: Four groups per week
- 2018 Nietzsche. 2nd year module (Spring Term 2017-18) (Tom Stern). Seminar Leader, Primary Marking. Two groups per week (and paternity cover of an additional for the first few weeks of term)  
 Philosophy of Mind. 2nd Year Philosophy Module (Spring Term 2017-18) (Rory Madden). Seminar Leader, Primary Marking. Three groups per week
- 2017 Doubt Passion and Justice: Hume's *Treatise of Human Nature* (Spring Term, 2016-2017). Fortnightly Seminars. Third Year Undergraduate Module (M.G.F. Martin). Seminar Leader, Primary Marking. One group per week.
- 2016 Epistemology of Disagreement (Autumn Term, 2016-17) (Han van Wietmarschen) Fortnightly Seminars. Third Year Undergraduate Module. Seminar Leader, Primary Marking. One group per week.

*As Guest Lecturer:*

- 2019 “Why do we need a philosophy of shame?” for Moral Psychology, Spring 2019 (Douglas Lavin)

SERVICE

- 2018- Founder and Convener, London Intersubjectivity Workshop (meets termly)  
Convenor, Sebastian Rodl's, *Self-Consciousness and Objectivity* Reading group. April-July  
2017 Convenor, Iris Murdoch's *Sovereignty of the Good* Reading Group, May-July.  
2015 Organiser of the UCL Philosophy Graduate Conference, 1-2 October.  
Convenor, Bernard Williams Reading Group  
*Truth and Truthfulness* (December 2015- June 2016)  
*Ethics & The Limits of Philosophy* (February-June 2015)  
2014 Convenor, Wilfred Sellars' *Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind* Reading Group (September-December)

RESEARCH SEMINAR ATTENDANCE

- 2018-19 Hellenistic Ethics\* (Martha Nussbaum)  
Sartre and the Philosophy of Mind\* (Raoul Moati)  
Sources of Critical Theory\* (Candace Vogler)  
Agency\* (Matthias Haase)  
2017-18 Neo-Aristotelian Moral Psychology\* (Douglas Lavin)  
Graduate Studies in the Philosophy of Action\* (Douglas Lavin).  
2016-17 Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*: Self-Consciousness\* (Tom Stern and Sebastian Gardner)  
Recent Work in Practical Philosophy\* (Douglas Lavin)  
2015-16 Content and Consciousness\* (Mark Kalderon)  
Plato's *Protagoras*\* (M. M. McCabe)  
Genealogy of Belief (Amia Srinivasan)  
Graduate Studies in Moral Philosophy: Intersubjectivity (Douglas Lavin)  
2014-15 Advanced Topics in Metaphysics and Epistemology (Rory Madden)  
Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science\* (Daniel Rothschild)  
Experience (Mark Kalderon)  
Research Seminar in Philosophy of Mind: Interpersonal Self-Consciousness (Lucy O'Brien)  
Metaphysics of Mind (M.G.F. Martin)  
Advanced topics in the Philosophy of Mind and Language (Christopher Peacocke)  
Research Seminar in Justice and Health: Environmental Ethics (James Wilson)  
Practical Criticism I: Brian O'Shaughnessy's *The Will: Volume I* (Yannig Yuthra)  
Practical Criticism II: R. J. Wallace's *The View From Here* (Véronique Munoz-Dardé)  
Plato's *Theaetetus* (M.M. McCabe)  
Graduate Studies in Aristotle (Fiona Leigh)

(\* denotes audit)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 2016-2019 Postgraduate Teaching Assistant, University College London  
2014 Intern, University of York: I organised a programme of employability workshops, where Alumni were invited to present and give career advice to current undergraduates.