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Areas of Specialization	Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Mind	
Areas of Competence	Metaphysics, Mathematical and Philosophical Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics, Early Modern Philosophy (esp. Kant and Leibniz)	
Academic Employment	University of St. Andrews , St. Andrews, Scotland, UK Lecturer (equivalent of tenure-track assistant professor)	June 2022 -
	Australian National University , Canberra, ACT, Australia Research Fellow (Level B)	August 2017 - May 2022
Education	Yale University , New Haven, CT PhD in Philosophy	Dec. 2017
	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee , Milwaukee, WI MA in Philosophy	May 2010
	Northwestern University , Evanston, IL BA with honors in Philosophy	May 2008
Publications	1. “Semantic Verbs are Intensional Transitives” -<i>Mind</i>, Vol. 128 (509), pp. 213-248, January 2019 2. “A New Perceptual Adverbialism” -<i>The Journal of Philosophy</i>, Vol. 116 (8), pp. 413-446, September 2019 3. “An Empirical Solution to the Puzzle of Macbeth’s Dagger” -<i>Erkenntnis</i> Vol. 87, pp. 1377-1414, 2022 4. “The Many-Property Problem is Your Problem, Too” -<i>Philosophical Studies</i>, Vol. 178, pp. 811-832, 2021 5. “Ramsification and the Ramifications of Prior’s Puzzle” -<i>Noûs</i>, Vol 55 (4), December 2021, pp. 935-961 6. “Two Notions of Resemblance and the Semantics of ‘What it’s Like’” -with Daniel Stoljar, <i>Inquiry</i>, Published online 15 June 2022 7. “Vendler’s Puzzle about Imagination” -with Daniel Stoljar, <i>Synthese</i>, Vol. 199, 2021, pp. 12923-12944	

8. "Prior's Puzzle Generalized"
-*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
Vol. 106, Issue 1, Jan. 2023
9. "Imagination, Fiction, and Perspectival Displacement"
-with Daniel Stoljar, *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind*, Vol. 3, 2023
10. "Perceptual Consciousness and Intensional Transitive Verbs"
-with Daniel Stoljar, *Philosophical Studies*, Vol. 180, No. 12, 2023
11. "Multidimensional Adjectives"
-with Brian Hedden, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, Vol. 102, No. 2, 2024
12. "Manipulative Underspecification"
-*Philosophical Review*, Vol. 134, No. 3, 2025
13. "A Theory of Manipulative Speech"
-forthcoming in *The Monist*
-special issue on George Orwell and the Philosophy of Language

**In progress -
(drafts available
upon request)**

- "Clouds and Credences: A Probabilistic Approach to Underspecification"
- "The Meaning of 'Means'"
- "The Indeterminacy of Consciousness"
-with Daniel Stoljar
- "Inner Speech: A Representational View"
-with Daniel Stoljar
- "Imagining What Things are Like and the Paradox of Fiction"
-with Daniel Stoljar

Talks

- "The Meaning of 'Means'"
Arché Metaphysics and Logic Seminar Nov. 26th, 2025
- "The Meaning of 'Means'"
University of Glasgow Oct. 14th, 2025
- "Clouds and Credences: A probabilistic approach to underspecification"
Open Texture Workshop, Uni Bielefeld Sept. 19th, 2025
- "The Meaning of 'Means'"
NOTA 2 Conference, University of Southampton Sept. 11th, 2025
- "Perceptual Particularity and Intensional Transitive Verbs"
APA Eastern Symposium on perceptual particularity Jan 10th, 2025
- "Communicative Uncertainty and Best-Guess Updating"
University of Toronto Feb. 9th, 2024
- "Natural Language Without Ontological Commitments"
Arché Neutrality and Neutralism Workshop November 30th, 2023
- "Manipulative Underspecification"
Bochum Language Colloquium October 19th, 2023
- "Communicative Uncertainty and Best-Guess Updating"
University of Bochum Colloquium October 18th, 2023

“Manipulative Underspecification”	Australasian Association of Philosophy, Melbourne, Australia	July 4th, 2023
“The Indeterminacy of Consciousness”	Multidimensionality Workshop, ANU	June 16th, 2023
“The Indeterminacy of Consciousness”	The Science of Consciousness Conference, Taormina, Sicily	May 24th, 2023
“Manipulative Underspecification”	Edinburgh Meaning Sciences Group	November 7th, 2022
“The Indeterminacy of Consciousness”	Arché L&M Seminar, University of St. Andrews	October 25th, 2022
“Manipulative Underspecification”	University of Stirling Departmental Colloquium	October 20th, 2022
“Imagining what things are like and the paradox of fiction”	Workshop on the Semantics of Imagination - ESSLLI 2022	August 19th, 2022
“On Multidimensional Adjectives”	Australian Catholic University	October 20th, 2021
“Perspective in Imagination”	Bochum Language Colloquium	May 19th, 2021
“A Theory of Manipulative Speech”	ANU Center of Excellence for the Dynamics of Language	April 9th, 2021
“On Manipulative Underspecification”	University of Cambridge	February 17th, 2021
“On Manipulative Underspecification”	University of St. Andrews	February 15th, 2021
“Perceptual Consciousness and Intensional Transitive Verbs”	Oxford Mind Visiting Speakers Seminar	February 5th, 2021
“A Theory of Manipulative Speech”	Lund University	May 28th, 2020
“A Theory of Manipulative Speech”	Stockholm University Higher Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy	(Postponed)
“Adverbialism, Incorporated”	Adverbialism Workshop, King’s College London	Apr. 8th, 2020
“Ramsification and the Ramifications of Prior’s Puzzle”	Australian National University	Feb. 21, 2020
“Credal Functionalism”	Lewis: Representation in Mind and Language, Leeds, England	(Postponed)
“Orwellian Communication”	University of Sydney Colloquium, Sydney, NSW	Oct. 23rd, 2019
“Prior’s Puzzle Generalized”	University of Melbourne Logic Group, Melbourne, Victoria	Oct. 11th, 2019
“‘Something’ as an Answer Quantifier”	2019 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference Wollongong, NSW	July 12th, 2019

	“Perceptual Consciousness and Intensional Transitive Verbs” UC Davis Department Colloquium, Davis, CA	May 10th, 2019
	“Depictive Verbs and the Nature of Perception” Stanford Varieties of Agency Workshop, Stanford, CA	May 1st, 2019
	“The Intensionality of Perception” 2018 AAP/NZAP Conference, Wellington, NZ	July 11th, 2018
	“An Empirical Solution to the Puzzle of Macbeth’s Dagger” Wellington Empirical Philosophy Workshop	July 6th, 2018
	“Depictive Verbs and the Nature of Perception” ANU Workshop on Non-Propositional Intentionality	July 3rd, 2018
	“A New Perceptual Adverbialism” MIT Mind and Metaphysics Reading Group	Dec. 17th, 2017
	“A New Perceptual Adverbialism” University of Pennsylvania, MIRA-Open	Dec. 14th, 2017
	“Intensionality, Decomposition, and Modification” Yale University, ELLMM City	Dec. 12th, 2017
	“Hallucination and the New Problem of Empty Names” ANU Thursday Seminar	Oct. 5th, 2017
	“Semantic Verbs are Intensional Transitives” Society for Exact Philosophy	May 5th, 2017
	“Hallucination and the New Problem of Empty Names” Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference	Nov. 15th, 2015
	“Leibniz on Compossibility, Relations, and Truth” Society for Early Modern Philosophy at Yale	Nov. 2nd, 2015
	“Reference as an Objectual Attitude” Harvard-MIT Graduate Philosophy Conference	Apr. 12th, 2014
	“Reference as an Objectual Attitude” New York Philosophy of Language Workshop	Feb. 18th, 2014
	“Is ‘Refers’ an Intensional Transitive Verb?” 2013 Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference	Nov. 2-3, 2013
Comments	Comments on David Thorstad’s “The Permissivist Triangle” Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference	April 8th, 2017
	Comments on Zhengzi Chen’s “Reconsidering the Argument from Perceptual Variation” Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference	March 6th, 2016
	Comments on Paul Franks’ “Logic and the Critique of Metaphysics: Kant on the Determinacy of Concepts and the Space of Reasons” Yale Graduate Philosophy Conference	April 26th, 2015
Awards	Mellon Graduate Humanities Fellowship, Yale University • Year-long concentration for interdisciplinary work in the humanities.	2014-2015

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate School Fellowship 2009-2010
 • Competitive award of tuition remission and monetary stipend for full academic year
 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Chancellor's Graduate Student Award 2008-09
 Northwestern University Departmental Honors for GPA (3.9) and Honors Thesis 2008

Teaching

Meaning and Knowing
 University of St. Andrews Spring 2026

The Philosophy of Saul Kripke
 University of St. Andrews Spring 2026

Mind and World (with Simon Prosser and Alice Murphy)
 University of St. Andrews Fall 2025

The Philosophy of David Lewis
 MLitt Seminar, University of St. Andrews Fall 2025

The Philosophy of David Lewis
 MLitt Seminar, University of St. Andrews Spring 2023

The Ethics of Conversation (with Justin Snedegar)
 University of St. Andrews Fall 2023

The Philosophy of Saul Kripke
 University of St. Andrews Fall 2023

Contemporary Philosophy of Language
 University of St. Andrews Spring 2022

Philosophy of Mind (with Simon Prosser)
 University of St. Andrews Spring 2022

Meaning and Knowing (with Jade Fletcher and Patrick Greenough)
 University of St. Andrews Spring 2022

Reading Philosophy
 University of St. Andrews Fall 2022

Pragmatics and Manipulative Speech
 Australian National University Spring 2022

Critical Thinking, tutor for Prof. Colin Klein
 Australian National University Fall 2020

Philosophy of Mind
 Australian National University Fall 2018

Social Categorization and Social Inference, (with Renée Jorgensen Bolinger)
 Australian National University Spring 2018

Intentionality, (with Zoltán Gendler Szabó)

	Yale University	Spring 2016
	Teaching Fellow: <i>Mathematical Logic</i> , Prof. Sun-Joo Shin Yale University	Fall 2015
	Teaching Fellow: <i>Infinity</i> , Prof. Bruno Whittle Yale University	Spring 2014
	Teaching Fellow: <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i> , Professor Paul Franks Yale University	Fall 2013
	Teaching Assistant: <i>Mathematical Logic</i> Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth	Summer 2010
	Instructor: <i>Introduction to Logic</i> Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth	Summer 2010
	Teaching Assistant: <i>Elementary Logic</i> , Professor Richard Tierney University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Spring 2009
	Teaching Assistant: <i>Elementary Logic</i> , Professor Michael Liston University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Fall 2008
Supervision	Honours: Ziliang Ma (ANU), Benedict North (St. Andrews), Alastair Bowyer (St. Andrews), Femi Fadare (St. Andrews) Masters: Raphael Morris (ANU)	
Academic Service	Faculty Head of the Arché Mind and Language Stream St. Andrews Honors Advisor and Study Abroad Coordinator St. Andrews Representative to the Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities (SGSAH) Convenor of the ANU Thursday Seminar Referee for <i>Analysis</i> , <i>Australasian Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Political Philosophy</i> , <i>Journal of Semantics</i> , <i>Mind</i> , <i>Mind and Language</i> , <i>Linguistics and Philosophy</i> , <i>Philosophical Explorations</i> , <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophy of Science</i> , <i>Synthese</i> Founder and Organizer of ELLMM City: A Group in Epistemology, Language, Logic, Metaphysics, and Mind at Yale. Organizer: Semantics Reading Group, Yale University	2022-2024 2022-2024 2022-2024 2019 Fall 2014-Spring 2015
Languages	Spanish (advanced), French (intermediate), German (reading ability)	

References

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