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### Education and Employment

- 09/2010-present Lecturer  
Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews
- 08/2008-08/2010 Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Arché, University of St Andrews
- 08/2003-05/2008 Ph.D., Philosophy  
University of Texas, Austin
- 05/2002 BA, Philosophy (honors), *magna cum laude*  
Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA

### Research Interests

**Area of Specialization** Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Language

**Areas of Competence** Metaphysics, Epistemology

- Publications** “Monsters and the Theoretical Role of Content” (with Brian Rabern), forthcoming in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.  
(ed., with Brian Rabern). *The Science of Meaning*, a collection of papers on the philosophical foundations of formal semantics, including contributions by Barbara Partee, Robert Stalnaker, Michael Glanzberg, Kathrin Gluer-Pagin, Pauline Jacobson, Seth Yalcin, Wolfgang Schwarz, Ines Crespo, Hadil Karawani, Frank Veltman, Francois Recanati, Paul Pietroski, and Derek Ball. (Under contract; manuscript delivered to Oxford University Press 05/2017.)
- “Semantics as Measurement”. Forthcoming in Ball and Rabern, eds., *The Science of Meaning*. Oxford University Press. (13000 words).
- “Introduction to the Science of Meaning”. (with Brian Rabern) Forthcoming in Ball and Rabern, eds., *The Science of Meaning*. Oxford University Press. (10000 words).
- “Relativism, Metasemantics, and the Future”. Forthcoming in *Inquiry*, special issue edited by Henry Jackman. (17000 words).
- “Could women be analytically oppressed?” Forthcoming in Alexis Burgess, Herman Cappelen, and David Plunkett, eds., *Conceptual Ethics and Conceptual Engineering*. Oxford University Press. (11000 words)

“Knowing without knowing: implicit cognition and the minds of infants and animals / Saber sin saber: la cognición implícita y las mentes de niños pequeños y animales” (with Juan-Carlos Gómez, Verena Kersken, Amanda Seed)

*Estudios de Psicología / Studies in Psychology* 38.1 (2017): 37-62.

“What are we doing when we theorise about context sensitivity?”, in Jonathan Jenkins Ichikawa, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*. Routledge (2017): 105-118.

“No Help on the Hard Problem”

*Animal Sentience* 1:11 (2016).

“Indexicality, Transparency, and Mental Files”

*Inquiry* 58.4 (2015), pp. 353-367.

“Two-Dimensionalism and the Social Character of Meaning”

*Erkenntnis* 79.3 Supplement (2014), pp. 567-595.

Critical notice of Derk Pereboom, *Consciousness and the Prospects of Physicalism*, OUP 2011.

*Analytic Philosophy*, 55.1 (2014), pp. 118-129.

“One Dogma of Millianism” (with Bryan Pickel)

*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 88.1 (2014), pp. 70-92.

“Consciousness and Conceptual Mastery”

*Mind*, 122:486 (2013): 497-508.

“Property Identities and Modal Arguments”

*Philosophers’ Imprint*, 11.13 (2011).

“There Are No Phenomenal Concepts”

*Mind*, 118:472 (2009), 935 - 962.

“Twin-Earth Externalism and Concept Possession,”

*The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 85:3 (2007), 457 - 472.

## In Preparation

“Capuchin monkeys individuate objects based on spatio-temporal and property-kind information: What convergence between looking and reaching measures shows (and doesn’t show) about object representation” (with Verena Kersken, Juan-Carlos Gomez, Amanda Seed) (in preparation)

*The Social Nature of Meaning* (book manuscript in preparation)

## Reviews

Review of Howard Robinson, *From the Knowledge Argument to Mental Substance*, Cambridge University Press, 2016. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 08/2016.

Review of Max Deutsch, *The Myth of the Intuitive*, The MIT Press, 2015. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming.

Review of Alexis Burgess and Brett Sherman, eds. *Metasemantics: New Essays on the Foundations of Meaning*. Oxford University Press, 2014. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 08/2015.

“There’s something about Mary: Derek Ball on a surprising thesis” (review of Robert Howell, *Consciousness and the Limits of Objectivity*, OUP 2013.)

*The Philosopher’s Magazine*, 64 (2014), 119-121.

“Where *When Truth Gives Out Gives Out*” (review of Mark Richard, *When Truth Gives Out*, OUP 2008.)

*Protosociology Reviews*.

## Grants and Fellowships

- Autumn 2017      ConceptLab visiting fellowship, University of Oslo (NOK 60,000)
- 11/2015            Scots Philosophical Association Conference Grant (£1500) and Mind Association Small Grant (£500) for workshop “Concepts and Understanding”
- 07/2015-08/2015    Visiting Fellowship, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University (AUD 8,250)
- 01/2015-09/2016    AHRC Research Grant (£250,000), “Rethinking Mind and Meaning: A Case Study from a Co-Disciplinary Approach” (co-investigator, with Juan-Carlos Gomez (PI), Amanda Seed, Herman Cappelen, Klaus Zuberbuhler, Deidre Wilson)
- 09/2014            Scots Philosophical Association Conference Grant (£1500) for workshop “Non-alethic Aims of Inquiry”

## Selected Recent Presentations

- 10/2017            A paper on conceptual engineering, Buenos Aires
- 09/2017            A paper on contextual parameters, Philosophy of Linguistics conference, Dubrovnik
- 08/2017            “Content in the Two Systems Account of Mental State Attribution” ESPP meeting, University of Hertfordshire
- 05/2017            “The Knowledge Argument, Rationality, and the Individuation of Belief”  
Consciousness and Semantic Externalism, NYU
- 05/2017            “The Explanatory Inefficacy of the Hypothesis of Inconsistent Concepts; or, There Are No Bad Ideas”  
Bad Ideas workshop, University of Leeds
- 02/2017            “Disputes about Definition”  
ConceptLab working group meeting, Zermatt, Switzerland
- 02/2017            “Disputes about Definition”  
Humboldt University, Berlin

11/2016 "Metasemantic Explanation"  
University of Cambridge (New Directions project)

09/2016 "Metasemantic Explanation"  
What is Said/What is Meant conference, Berlin

07/2016 "Relativism, Metasemantics, and the Future"  
Reed College, Oregon USA

06/2016 "Could Women Be Analytically Oppressed?"  
Conceptual Engineering conference, University of Oslo

07/2015 "Semantics as Measurement,"  
Australian National University (including colloquium talk and 2-hour seminar for PhD students)

03/2015 "Semantics as Measurement,"  
University of Stirling

12/2014 "Semantics as Modelling,"  
Philosophy of Language Group, University of Edinburgh

10/2014 "Semantics as Modelling,"  
University of East Anglia

06/2014 "The Continuity of Inquiry,"  
Quine workshop, University of Glasgow

04/2014 "Philosophy without Truth,"  
University of Ostrava (Czech Republic)

11/2013 "Philosophy without Truth,"  
University of Texas at Austin

10/2013 "Semantics as Modelling,"  
Investigating Semantics Conference, Ruhr-Universitat Bochum (one of 8 keynote talks at an interdisciplinary conference with 50+ contributed papers and posters)

09/2013 "Relativism, Metasemantics, and the Future,"  
ILLC - University of Amsterdam

03/2013 "Philosophy without Truth"  
Logic, Epistemology, and Metaphysics Forum, Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study (London)

03/2013 "Philosophy without Truth"  
University of Edinburgh

02/2013 "Philosophy without Truth"  
LOGOS, University of Barcelona

01/2013 "Knowledge, Rationality, and Consciousness"  
Conference on Phenomenal Concepts, Rio de Janeiro

11/2012 "Relativism, Metasemantics, and the Future,"  
Oxford University Philosophical Society

08/2012 "Semantics as Modelling,"  
PLM/Philosophy of Linguistics Workshop, Dubrovnik

### **Talks to Student Groups, Science Festivals, and Public Lectures**

08/2017 "What Do Animals Think About?" Workshop for children, Museum of the University of St Andrews

09/2016 Public lecture, Explorathon, University of St Andrews

06/2016 Kingsbarns Primary School, Kingsbarns

05/2016 Fife Science Festival, Cowdenbeath

04/2016 Edinburgh Science Festival, Edinburgh Zoo

02/2016 Anstruther Science Cafe, Anstruther

10/2015 Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

10/2014 Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

02/2014 Anster Nicht, Dreel Halls, Anstruther

09/2013 Philosophy Society, University of Edinburgh

02/2013 Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

11/2012 Philosophy Society, University of Glasgow

10/2011 Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews

10/2011 Philosophy Society, University of Edinburgh

09/2011 Philosophy Society, University of Dundee

### **Teaching Experience**

Masters Level Current Issues in Philosophy (Mind and Language) (required core module, introducing a key current issue in philosophy of mind and philosophy of language); Formal Approaches to Natural Language (an introduction to formal semantics)

Honours (Third and Fourth Year) Animals, Minds, and Language; Metaphysics; Philosophy of Language; Reading Philosophy (required core module for third year students, focusing on skills related to reading, writing, oral presentations)

Sub-honours (First and Second Year) Mind and Reality (first-year introduction to philosophy of mind and metaphysics); Reasoning and Knowledge (first-year introduction to logic and epistemology); Metaphysics and Science (second-year introduction to philosophy of science)

### **Other teaching**

Module development I have developed modules at Honours level (Animals, Minds, and Language, which includes novel interdisciplinary elements

(psychology, biology), as well as group work and heavy use of Moodle forums and blogs) and at MLitt level (Formal Approaches to Natural Language (developed with Ephraim Glick), which also includes interdisciplinary elements, as similar courses are often taught in linguistics departments).

- Fall 2014            Member, Curriculum Review Working Groups for Language and Epistemology, and Mind and Metaphysics
- Summer 2014, Summer 2017    Supervisor, Undergraduate Research Internship Programme, 2014: Jura Ivankovic (topic: Are Zombies Possible?); 2017: Jude Bernard (topic: Implicit Bias)
- 2010-present        Supervisor for many MLitt and Honours dissertations in philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, and metaphysics

### **Research Student Supervision and Examination**

- Current PhD Students    • Sara Vikesdal (topic: Mental files) (first supervisor in St Andrews, degree is joint with University of Oslo)
- Poppy Mankowitz (topic: Semantic Anomaly) (first supervisor)
  - Matthew Cameron (topic: Semantics and Ontology) (first supervisor)
  - Ravi Thakral (topic: Normality and Defeasible Reasoning) (first supervisor)
  - Caroline Touborg (topic: Causation) (joint first supervisor, with Katherine Hawley)
  - Alper Yavuz (topic: Metaphor) (first supervisor)
  - Ethan Landes (topic: Philosophical methodology) (second supervisor)
- Former Students        • Marc Cole (topic: Modal Metaphysics and Responsibility) (MPhil completed 09/2014 (now PhD student, University of Leeds), first supervisor)
- Examination            **02/2017**    Richmond Kwesi (PhD, University of Cape Town, external examiner)
- 06/2016**    Matthew McKeever (PhD, internal examiner)
- 11/2015**    Mark Bowker (PhD, internal examiner)
- 11/2014**    Laura Celani (PhD, internal examiner)
- 06/2011**    Anders Schoubye (PhD, internal examiner)
- 10/2010**    Li Kang (MPhil, internal examiner)

### **Service and Administration**

- 09/2016-12/2016    Visiting Day coordinator
- 09/2015-08/2016    Director of Arché Research Centre

- 09/2014-08/2015 Undergraduate Admissions Officer
- 08/2012-08/2014 PhD/MPhil Programme Coordinator, St Andrews/Stirling Graduate programme
- 09/2012-present Member, Arché advisory committee
- 09/2011-06/2012 Philosophy Club organiser
- 08/2008-present Organiser of many Arché conferences and events

### **International Networks and Collaboration**

- 2017-present Member, ConceptLab working group (University of Oslo)
- 2015-present Arché representative, PLM (Philosophy of Language and Mind), International Network of Research Groups
- 2015-present Member, Forum for Quine and the History of Analytic Philosophy (Glasgow)
- 2012-2013 Member, PETAF (Perspectival Thoughts and Facts), International Network funded by European Community's Seventh Framework Programme FP7/2007-2013

### **Referee Work and Service to Journals**

Journal refereeing: *Mind*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Noûs*, *Erkenntnis*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Dialectica*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Papers*, *Minds and Machines*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Ratio*, *Synthese*, *Thought*, *Ergo*, *Analysis*

Member of the editorial board of *The Philosophical Quarterly*

Member of the editorial panel of *Thought*

Referee for book manuscripts, Oxford University Press

Referee for grant proposals, National Science Centre (Poland), Israel Science Foundation

External examiner, new module proposal (as part of new degree programme proposal), University of Buckingham