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Areas of Specialization Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Epistemology

Areas of Competence Philosophy of Physics, History of Philosophy (German Idealism), Ethics

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Philosophy)

Columbia University, 2010—anticipated completion May 2016

Thesis: *A Deliberative Account of Causation:*

How the Evidence of Deliberating Agents Accounts for Causation and its Temporal Direction

Committee: Achille Varzi (sponsor), John Collins, Jenann Ismael

Visiting Graduate Student, University of Cambridge, Lent—Easter terms 2014

Master of Philosophy (Philosophy)

University of Sydney, Australia, 2009—2010

Thesis: *Fictionalism & Response-Dependence: Their Relevance for Realism and Ontological Commitment*

Supervisors: David Braddon-Mitchell (supervisor), Huw Price (associate supervisor)

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Physics, Chemistry)/Bachelor of Arts (Philosophy)

University of Sydney, Australia, 2002—2009

First Class Honours with University Medal (Philosophy), 6 year combined degree

Thesis: *Self and World: Fichte's Account of Experience in Relation to Theories by*

John McDowell and Donald Davidson

Supervisor: Paul Redding

Fellowships and Bursaries

Charles Frankel Memorial Fund Fellowship (faculty nominated), 2014—2015

Sidney Morgenbesser Fellowship (faculty nominated), 2013—2014

Columbia University Faculty Fellow (full funding), 2010—2015

Philosophy of Cosmology Summer School, student bursary, 2013

Quantum Theory Without Observers Conference, student bursary, 2013

Time and Chance Conference, student bursary, 2011

University of Sydney Postgraduate Award (full funding), 2009—2010

University of Sydney Honours Scholarship (full tuition funding), 2008—2009

Farrand Science Scholarship, 2002—2009

Science Alumni Entry Scholarship, 2002

Awards

Lina Kahn Metaphysics Essay Prize, 2015
David H. Siff Philosophy of Science Essay Prize, 2012
University Medal for Philosophy, 2009
Walter Reid Memorial Prize for Academic Performance in Arts, 2007, 2008
Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance, 2007

Publications

'Varieties of Epistemic Freedom', forthcoming, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.

'Time, Flies, and Why We Can't Control the Past', forthcoming, in Barry Loewer, Eric Winsberg and Brad Weslake (eds.) *Time's Arrows and the Probability Structure of the World*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.

Presentations

A Deliberative Account of Causation
Metaphysics of Science Summer School, Helsinki, 2015
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, 2015
10th UK Integrated History and Philosophy of Science Workshop, Durham, 2015
Causation Made Useful
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, 2015
Epistemic Freedom and the Unity of Practical and Theoretical Reason in Fichte
Freedom and Autonomy, 18th International Graduate Conference, Essex, 2015
Propensities for Agent-based Accounts of Causation (invited)
Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Studies, London, 2015
An Epistemic Model of Practical Deliberation
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, 2014
Time Asymmetries in Causation, Influence and Deliberation (invited)
Sigma Club, London School of Economics, 2014
Why Causes? Justifying Causal Talk in Epistemic Terms,
Serious Metaphysics Group, Cambridge University, 2014
Comments on Mirja Perez de Calleja's *Determinism: Just as Lucky and Even More Alienating*
Princeton Mentoring Workshop for Graduate Women in Philosophy, 2014
Time Asymmetries of Agency (invited)
Time Symmetry Conference, University of Sydney, 2013
Comments on Michael Stevenson's *Two Claims of Idealism*
New York German Idealism Workshop, 2012
Why (It Seems) We Cannot Influence the Past: An Appeal to Deliberative Agency
38th Conference on Value Inquiry, Salem, Massachusetts, 2012
Pittsburgh/Carnegie-Mellon University Graduate Conference, 2012
University South Florida Graduate Conference, 2012
Realism and Response-Dependence
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, 2011
Comments on Jamin Asay's *Truth, Truthmaking and Realism*
Rethinking Mind and Cosmos Graduate Conference, 2010
Fichte and the Norm of Truth
Australian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference, 2009
McDowell and Fichte on Experience: Anti-Foundationalism and Rational Revision in Epistemology
Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, 2009

Teaching

Summer Teaching Scholar, *Columbia University*

Time Travel, Free Will and Causation PHIL S3602 Summer 2015
Sole-instructor, designed original syllabus

Teaching Assistant, *Columbia University*

Feminism and Philosophy	Christia Mercer	PHILV2110	Fall 2014
Metaphysics	Achille Varzi	PHILV3601	Fall 2013
Kant	Patricia Kitcher	PHILV3251	Spring 2013
Methods and Problems	David Albert	PHILC1010	Fall 2012
Methods and Problems	John Collins	PHILC1010	Spring 2012
Ethics	Katja Vogt	PHILV3701	Fall 2011

Teaching Assistant, *University of Sydney*

Reality, Ethics and Beauty PHIL1011 Semester 1, 2010

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Programs

Innovative Teaching Summer Institute, *Columbia University*, 2015
Collaborative Learning Certificate, *Columbia University*, 2014

Columbia Outreach Program

Volunteer philosophy teacher, *Free School Manhattan*, 2011

Selected Employment

Radiochemistry Laboratory Assistant, 1 year full time, 2003–2004

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

Academic Service

Reviewer

<i>Philosophy of Science</i>	2015
<i>American Philosophical Quarterly</i>	2015
<i>Journal of Philosophical Research</i>	2015
<i>British Journal for the Philosophy of Science</i>	2014
<i>Erkenntnis</i>	2013–2015

Editorial Board

<i>Philosophy of Science Association Women's Caucus</i>	2015
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Organising Committee

Naturalism in German Idealism Conference	2013
New York German Idealism Workshop	2012–13
CU/NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference	2011

Co-founder and Organiser

Columbia University Graduate Workshop	2011–2013
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Graduate Student Representative

<i>Columbia University</i>	2012–2013
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Languages

English: Native speaker
German: Reading, writing, speaking, B2/C1 level (Advanced German I, *Columbia University*, 2013)

Professional Memberships

Philosophy of Science Association
Aristotelian Society
Australian Association of Philosophy

Citizenship

Australian and Portuguese (EU)

Referees

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