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**Areas of Specialisation**            Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Physics

**Areas of Competence**            Epistemology, History of Philosophy (German Idealism)

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### EDUCATION

- 2016    Ph.D. (Philosophy), Department of Philosophy  
          Columbia University  
          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
- 2010    M.Phil. (Philosophy), Department of Philosophy  
          University of Sydney, Australia
- 2009    B.Sc. (Advanced) (Physics, Chemistry)/B.A. (Philosophy)  
          University of Sydney, Australia  
          First Class Honours with University Medal (Philosophy)

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018–    Trinity College Dublin, Department of Philosophy  
          Assistant Professor
- 2017–    University of Warwick, Department of Philosophy
- 2018    Research Fellow, UK AHRC Project: ‘Time: Between Metaphysics and Psychology’
- 2016–    University of Pittsburgh, Center for Philosophy of Science
- 2017    Postdoctoral Research Fellow

### AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2018    Fellow of the John Bell Institute for the Foundations of Physics
- 2015    Lina Kahn Metaphysics Essay Prize, Columbia University
- 2014    Charles Frankel Memorial Fund Fellowship, Columbia University (faculty nominated)
- 2013    Sidney Morgenbesser Fellowship, Columbia University (faculty nominated)
- 2012    David H. Siff Philosophy of Science Essay Prize, Columbia University
- 2010    Columbia University Faculty Fellow (full funding)
- 2009    University of Sydney Postgraduate Award (full funding)
- 2009    University Medal for Philosophy, University of Sydney
- 2007    Walter Reid Memorial Prize for Academic Performance in Arts, University of Sydney
- 2008    Honours Scholarship, University of Sydney (full tuition funding)
- 2007    Dean’s List of Excellence in Academic Performance, University of Sydney

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- Forth. 'Freedom, Self-Prediction, and the Possibility of Time Travel', *Philosophical Studies*.  
2017 'A Deliberative Approach to Causation', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 95(3): 686–708.  
2016 'Varieties of Epistemic Freedom', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*. 94(4): 736–751.

### Book Chapters

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

### Invited Submissions

- 2018 'Causation: Further Themes', Routledge Online Encyclopaedia of Philosophy.

### Articles Under Review

- 'Time Travel and Counterfactual Asymmetry'  
'Does the Temporal Asymmetry of Value Support a Tensed Metaphysics?'  
'I Think therefore I Will: Fichtean Insights into Freedom and Belief'

### Articles In Preparation

- 'Counterfactuals and Time Travel'  
'Can Humean Reductions of Chance Justify the Principal Principle?'  
'Pain Always in the Past and Pleasure Always in the Future: How Absolute are Temporal Biases for Hedonic Goods?' (co-authored)

## INVITED TALKS

- 2019 'Future-Self Bias'  
Agency and Time Workshop, University of Hamburg
- 2019 Why Do We Deliberate Towards the Future?  
The Humbolt Conversation in Philosophy Series, University of Leipzig
- 2019 'Do we Need Humean Accounts of Chance to Justify the Principal Principle?'  
Humean Laws Workshop, Harvard University
- 2019 'Three Accounts of Laws and Time'  
Keynote, Durham Graduate Conference in Metaphysics  
Departmental Colloquium, University College Dublin
- 2018 'Four Ways for Agency to Feature in the Philosophy of (Relatively) Fundamental Physics'  
Workshop on the Future of the Foundations of Physics, Columbia University
- 2018 'Three Accounts of Laws and Time, or: Does Science Need Metaphysics?'  
Departmental Colloquium, University of Stirling  
Metro Area Philosophy of Science Talk, NYU/Rutgers/CUNY/Columbia, New York
- 2018 'Three Accounts of Laws and Time'  
History and Metaphysics of the Laws of Nature Conference, CEU Budapest  
Time and Explanation Workshop, University of Milan and FraMEPhys Project  
Workshop for Achille Varzi on the Occasion of his Unbirthday, University of Milan
- 2018 'Counterfactuals, Time Travel, and the Distant Present'  
Time and Time Again Workshop, University College Dublin
- 2018 'The Time Traveller's Guide to Causation'  
Royal Institute of Philosophy Seminar Series, University of Nottingham
- 2018 'Explaining the Temporal Value Asymmetry'  
Time and the Observer Conference, UC San Diego
- 2018 'Does a Temporal Asymmetry of Value Support a Tensed Metaphysics?'  
Departmental Colloquium, University of Birmingham

- 2017 'Do Humean Reductions of Chance Justify the Principal Principle?'  
Foundations of Probability Seminar Series, Rutgers University
- 2017 'The Temporal Asymmetry of Chance'  
The Second Law of Thermodynamics Conference, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy  
Centre for Philosophy of Time Colloquium Series, University of Milan  
Philosophy and Science Colloquium, Leibniz University, Hannover  
Center for Philosophy of Science Talk Series, University of Pittsburgh  
Philosophy of Physics Seminar, University of Oxford
- 2017 'The Time Traveller's Guide to Causation'  
Where is there Causation? Workshop, Umeå University, Sweden  
Venice Seminar on Causal & Explanatory Reasoning, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy  
Philosophy of Science: Contemporary Debates Series, University of Edinburgh
- 2017 'A Deliberative Account of Causation'  
London Judgement and Decision Making Seminar, jointly with LSE Choice Group
- 2017 'Temporal Asymmetries: From Psychology to Metaphysics and Back Again'  
Future Thinking and Its Development, Queens University Belfast
- 2017 'Causal Asymmetry and the Trouble with Time Travel'  
Departmental Colloquium, University of Arizona
- 2016 'Causal Asymmetry and the Trouble with Time Travel'  
Causation and the Physical World Workshop, University of Cologne
- 2016 'A Deliberative Account of Causation'  
Philosophy of Physics Workshop, University of Arizona
- 2015 'Propensities for Agent-based Accounts of Causation'  
Propensities and Statistics Seminar, Institute of Philosophy, University of London  
Serious Metaphysics Group, University of Cambridge
- 2015 'The Trouble with Epistemic Freedom'  
Current Projects, University of Sydney
- 2014 'Time Asymmetries in Causation, Influence and Deliberation'  
Sigma Club, London School of Economics
- 2014 'Why Causes? Justifying Causal Talk in Epistemic Terms'  
Serious Metaphysics Group, University of Cambridge
- 2013 'Time Asymmetries of Agency'  
Time Symmetry Conference, University of Sydney

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

### Presentations

- 2018 'Does a Temporal Asymmetry of Value Support a Tensed Metaphysics?'  
Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Milan  
International Association for the Philosophy of Time Conference, Seoul
- 2017 'Best Systems or Bust'  
Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference
- 2017 'Temporal Asymmetries: From Psychology to Metaphysics and Back Again'  
European Society for Philosophy and Psychology Conference
- 2017 'Freedom, Self-Prediction and the Metaphysics of Time Travel'  
International Association for the Philosophy of Time Conference
- 2017 'Freedom, Self-Prediction and the Psychology of Time Travel'  
American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting
- 2016 'A Deliberative Account of Causation'  
Philosophy of Science Association Biennial Meeting
- 2016 'Freedom, Self-Prediction and the Psychology of Time Travel'  
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association (Postgraduate Session)

- 2016 ‘Time Travel, Counterfactuals and Holding the Past and Present Fixed’  
Metaphysics of Space, Time and Spacetime, International Graduate Conference
- 2015 ‘A Deliberative Account of Causation’  
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association  
10th UK Integrated History and Philosophy of Science Workshop  
Metaphysics of Science Summer School, University of Helsinki
- 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, University of Essex 18th International Graduate Conference
- 2014 ‘An Epistemic Model of Practical Deliberation’  
Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association
- 2012 ‘Why (It Seems) We Cannot Influence the Past: An Appeal to Deliberative Agency’  
38th Conference on Value Inquiry  
Pittsburgh/Carnegie-Mellon University Graduate Conference  
University South Florida Graduate Conference
- 2011 ‘Realism and Response-Dependence’  
Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference
- 2009 ‘McDowell and Fichte on Experience: Anti-Foundationalism and Rational Revision in Epistemology’  
Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference
- 2009 ‘Fichte and the Norm of Truth’  
Australian Society for Continental Philosophy Conference

## TEACHING

### Instructor, Trinity College Dublin

Metaphysics: Science and Modality	PI7104	Term 2, 2019
Metaphysics (survey course)	PI3117/PI3017	Term 2, 2019
Metaphysics: Freedom and Time	PI4042/PI4142	Term 1, 2018

### Instructor, University of Warwick

MA Research Methods	PH9F2	Term 1 2017, Term 2 2018
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### Instructor, Columbia University

Time Travel, Free Will and Causation	PHIL S3602	Summer 2015
Summer Teaching Scholar, 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
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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for the Metaphysics of Science  
Society for the Philosophy of Time  
British Society for the Philosophy of Science  
European Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Aristotelian Society

## Research Affiliations

Charter Fellow, John Bell Institute for the Foundations of Physics  
Centre for Philosophy of Time, University of Sydney

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Reviewer

*Philosophical Review*, 2018  
*Mind*, 2018  
*Philosophical Studies*, 2018  
*Philosophical Quarterly*, 2018  
*Analytic Philosophy*, 2018  
*Journal for General Philosophy of Science*, 2018  
*Philosophical Psychology*, 2018  
*Analysis*, 2017–2018  
*Synthese*, 2017  
*Mind and Machines*, 2017  
*Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2016  
*Philosophy of Science*, 2015–2018  
*American Philosophical Quarterly*, 2015  
*Journal of Philosophical Research*, 2015–2018  
*British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, 2014–2018  
*Erkenntnis*, 2013–2015

### Editorial Board and Contributor

*A Guide for Philosophers in Non-Permanent Employment in the UK*, BPA and SWIP UK publication, 2018  
*Philosophy of Science Association Women's Caucus Blog*, 2015–2017  
*Investigations in the Philosophy of Cosmology Blog*, 2012–2014

### Conference Organisation

It's a Matter of Time, Society for Philosophy of Time/Dublin Philosophy Network Workshop, Dublin, 2018  
Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference, Program Committee, Milan, 2018  
Temporal Asymmetries in Philosophy and Psychology, University of Warwick, 2018  
Second Law of Thermodynamics Conference program committee, Munich, 2017  
Naturalism in German Idealism Conference, New York, 2013  
New York German Idealism Workshop, 2012–13  
Columbia University/NYU Graduate Philosophy Conference, 2011

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Irish Times Interview, 2019  
Panel Speaker: 'Back from the End of Time', HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye, 2018  
Talk: 'Time Travel, Entropy, and Why the Future is Different from the Past', St Paul's School, London, 2017  
Arts Workshop Organiser and Presenter: 'Philosophy and Psychology of Time', Belfast, 2017, 2018

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