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

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

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

- 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
- 2008 Honours Scholarship, University of Sydney (full tuition funding)
- 2007 Walter Reid Memorial Prize for Academic Performance in Arts, University of Sydney
- 2007 Dean’s List of Excellence in Academic Performance, University of Sydney

PUBLICATIONS

Sole-authored Books

Forth. *The Temporal Asymmetry of Causation*, Cambridge Elements in Philosophy of Physics, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Edited Volumes

Forth. Christoph Hoerl, Teresa McCormack and Alison Fernandes (eds.) *Temporal Asymmetries in Philosophy and Psychology*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Sole-authored Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 'Time Travel and Counterfactual Asymmetry', *Synthese*. 198(3): 1983–2001.
2020 'Freedom, Self-Prediction, and the Possibility of Time Travel', *Philosophical Studies*. 177(1): 89–108.
2019 'Does the Temporal Asymmetry of Value Support a Tensed Metaphysics?', *Synthese*. 198(5): 3999–4016.
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.

Co-authored Refereed Journal Articles

2021. Jack Shardlow, Ruth Lee, Christoph Hoerl, Teresa McCormack, Alison S. Fernandes, Patrick Burns 'Exploring people's beliefs about the experience of time', *Synthese*. 198 (11): 10709–10731.
2020. Ruth Lee, Christoph Hoerl, Patrick Burns, Alison S. Fernandes, Patrick A. O'Connor, & Teresa McCormack, 'Pain in the Past and Pleasure in the Future: Past-Future Preferences for Hedonic Goods', *Cognitive Science*. 44(9): 2020.

Invited Submissions

- Forth. 'Naturalism, Functionalism and Chance: Not a Best Fit for the Humean', in, Michael Hicks, Siegfried Jaag and Christian Loew (eds.) *Humean Laws for Human Agents*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
Forth. 'Time, Flies, and Why We Can't Control the Past', in Barry Loewer, Eric Winsberg and Brad Weslake (eds.) *Time's Arrows and the Probability Structure of the World*, Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Uni. Press.
Forth. 'Caring for Our Future Selves', in Christoph Hoerl, Teresa McCormack and Alison Fernandes (eds.) *Temporal Asymmetries in Philosophy and Psychology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2018 'Causation: Further Themes', *Routledge Online Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*.

Articles Under Review

- 'Back to the Present'
'How to Explain the Direction of Time'

In Preparation

- 'Evidence-Based Science'

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 'Evidence-Based Science'
Digital Metaphysics
2019 'The Direction of Time and its Expression in Records'
All Things Reichenbach, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy
Foundations of Physics Workshop, Columbia University
2019 'Asymmetries of Agency'
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
- 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

- 2021 'Evidence-based Accounts of Chance and Counterfactuals'
Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference
- 2019 'Can the Past be Chancy?'
International Association for the Philosophy of Time Conference, Boulder
- 2018 'Does a Temporal Asymmetry of Value Support a Tensed Metaphysics?'
Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference, Milan
- 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	MPhil	2019, 2020
History, Philosophy and Ethics of Science	2 nd year	2020, 2021
Philosophy of Science	2 nd year	2020, 2021
Metaphysics (survey course)	3 rd year	2019, 2019, 2021
Metaphysics: Freedom and Time	4 th year	2018, 2019

Instructor , University of Hamburg Reading Seminar ‘Agency Past and Future’		July 2019
Instructor , University of Warwick MA Research Methods	PH9F2	2017, 2018
Instructor , Columbia University Time Travel, Free Will and Causation Summer Teaching Scholar, designed original syllabus	PHIL S3602	Summer 2015

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
Irish Philosophical Club
Irish Philosophical Society
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

Noûs, 2020
Philosophy Compass, 2020
Swiss National Science Foundation (project reviewer), 2019
European Journal for Philosophy of Science, 2019–2020
Journal of Philosophy, 2019–2020
Philosophical Review, 2018
Mind, 2018
Philosophical Studies, 2018
Philosophical Quarterly, 2018
Analytic Philosophy, 2018–2021
Journal for General Philosophy of Science, 2018
Philosophical Psychology, 2018–2020
Analysis, 2017–2018
Synthese, 2017
Mind and Machines, 2017
Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, 2016
Philosophy of Science, 2015–2019
American Philosophical Quarterly, 2015
Journal of Philosophical Research, 2015–2018
British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, 2014–2020
Erkenntnis, 2013–2020

Advisory Board

Epistemic Studies (edited book series), Scientific Advisory Board, 2018–9

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 and Event Organisation

Physics, Time, and Agency Conference, Lead Organiser, Dublin, 2022

European Philosophy of Science Association, Program Committee, Turin, 2021

Fourth International Conference on the History of Physics, Program Committee, Dublin, 2020

Foundations of Physics Conference, Co-organiser, Columbia University, 2019

It's a Matter of Time, Co-organiser, Dublin, 2019

Time in Mind Workshop, Co-organiser, Dublin, 2019

Irish Society for the Philosophy of Time, Co-founder and co-director, 2019–

Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference, Program Committee, Milan, 2018

Temporal Asymmetries in Philosophy and Psychology, Co-organiser, University of Warwick, 2018

Second Law of Thermodynamics Conference, Program Committee, Munich, 2017

Naturalism in German Idealism Conference, Co-organiser, New York, 2013

New York German Idealism Workshop, Co-organiser, 2012–13

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Philosophy by Postcard Writer, Iris Murdoch Centenary, 2019

Trinity Panel of Experts Exhibit Response, Perfection, Dublin, 2019

Guest Speaker at Trinity College Dublin Access Summer School, 2019

Article: 'The future seems wide open with possibilities – but is it?', *Aeon*, 22 Feb 2019

Interview with *The Irish Times*: 'Living in the now: It's not as simple as you'd think', 22 Jan 2019

Panel Speaker: 'Back from the End of Time', HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye, 2018

Arts Workshop Organiser and Presenter: 'Philosophy and Psychology of Time', Belfast, 2017, 2018

Talk: 'Time Travel, Entropy, and Why the Future is Different from the Past', St Paul's School, London, 2017

REFEREES

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