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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- AOS Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind and Action
- AOC Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Epistemology, Early
Modern Philosophy, Wittgenstein's Philosophy

EDUCATION

- 2014 - 2018 **PhD Philosophy, UCL**
(expected) Thesis: *On Movers and Makers*
What is it for a composite being, such as an animal, to be active in the world? The central proposal of my thesis is that while much of the activity of a composite being involves the composite being causing changes in the world, activity cannot be adequately accounted for in terms of causation. I argue, instead, that activity is primitive.
Supervisors: Professor Michael Martin, Dr Rory Madden, Dr Simona Aimar, Dr Douglas Lavin
- 2012 - 2014 **MPhilStud Philosophy (Informal Distinction), UCL**
Thesis: *The Causal Efficacy of Inanimate Composite Objects*
Supervisor: Dr Luke Fenton-Glynn
- 2009 - 2012 **BA (Hons) Philosophy, Psychology, and Physiology (First Class), University of Oxford**
Thesis: *Anosognosia as a Two-Factor Delusion*
Supervisor: Professor Martin Davies

AWARDS

- Aristotelian Society Student Bursary (2017).
- Full AHRC Doctoral Award, London Arts and Humanities Partnership (2014 - 2017).
- Durham Emergence Project Scholarship to attend Durham Emergence Project Summer School (2014).
- Wollheim Prize for most promising MPhilStud thesis, based on thesis outline, draft chapter, and oral examination, UCL (2014).
- Jacobsen Scholarship, providing a contribution to tuition fees, UCL (2012 & 2013).
- St Anne's College Vacation Laboratory Studentship to develop a research project with Dr Anne Aimola-Davies' Neuropsychology team, at University of Oxford Psychology Department (2011).
- International Alliance of Research Universities (IARU) Scholarship for Summer School at University of Copenhagen: 'Kierkegaard - The Individual in Global Society' (2011).
- College Scholarship, for distinction in Part 1 examinations, St Anne's College, University of Oxford (2011).

TALKS

The Causal Interaction Problem for Abstracta

Departmental Symposium, UCL (Nov 2017).

Agency, Causation, and Deviance

UCL-Leipzig Workshop, Leipzig University (Jun 2017).

The Cognitive Science Research Group, New College of the Humanities (Jun 2017).

Movement of the Body and Causation by the Agent

Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of London (Mar 2017).

Davidson's Challenge for Irreducible Agent-Causation

Workshop on Agency and Causation: Formal and Conceptual Issues, Ghent University (Oct 2016).

Demystifying the Agent-Causation Debate

Cumberland Lodge Graduate Conference, UCL (Oct 2016).

The Agent's Causal Role in Action

London-Warwick Mind Forum (Nov 2015).

Open Minds Conference, University of Manchester (Jul 2015).

Getting Over the Overdetermination Argument

Philosophy Graduate Conference, UCL (Sep 2015).

RESPONSES

Response to *Is There a Feeling of Bodily Ownership?*, Annual London-Berkeley Philosophy Conference, UC Berkeley (May 2017).

Responses to *Causal Exclusion and the Limits of Proportionality* and *Causal Essentialism and Arbitrariness*, The Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference, University of Geneva (Sep 2016).

Response to *How Not to Naturalise Action*, Philosophy Graduate Conference, UCL (Sep 2014).

Response to *The Translucency of Phenomenal Character*, Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of London (Feb 2014).

OUTREACH

Presentation: *Princess Elisabeth and Me: A Feminist Doing Philosophy, or Doing Feminist Philosophy?*, Sixth Form Philosophy Society, Sevenoaks School (Nov 2017).

Presentation: *What is a Human Person?*, Year 12 Widening Participation Scheme, University College London (Jul 2015).

Presentation: *What Exists?*, Philosophy Forum, Stuart Low Trust: a charity that organises activities for Islington residents experiencing social isolation or mental distress (Jan 2015).

Facilitator, Philosophy Forum, Stuart Low Trust (2014 - 2015).

TEACHING

Advanced Tutorials (UCL). 3rd year undergraduate course. Syllabus organiser, tutor, marker.
Syllabus: *Platonism & Dualism*. (2018).

History of Philosophy II: Early Modern (UCL). 1st year undergraduate course. Seminar leader, marker.
Lecturer: Dr Rory Madden. (2016, 2017, 2018).

Essay Writing (UCL). 1st year undergraduate workshop. Co-leader. (2016, 2018).

Topics in Metaphysics: Causation and Modality (UCL). 3rd year undergraduate and graduate course.
Seminar leader, marker. Lecturer: Dr Simona Aimar. (2015, 2016). One-off lecture: *Reducing F to G*. (Nov 2016).

Metaphysics (UCL). 2nd year undergraduate course. Seminar leader, marker. Lecturer: Dr Luke Fenton-Glynn. (2015).

Knowledge and Reality (UCL). 1st year undergraduate course. Seminar leader, marker. Lecturer: Dr Rory Madden. (2014).

Empathy (UCL). 3rd year undergraduate course. Seminar leader, marker. Lecturer: Dr Cressida Gaukroger. (2014).

ADMINISTRATION

Head Teaching Assistant, Philosophy Department, UCL (2017 - 2018).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee for: The Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference (2016); *Topoi* (2017); *Dialectica* (2017).

Co-organiser of PhD Work in Progress Group, Philosophy Department, UCL (2015-2016).

Co-organiser of Language, Truth, and Reality Reading Group, Philosophy Department, UCL (2015 - 2016).

Co-organiser of BPPA Masterclass: Objectivity, Space and Mind (2015).

Co-organiser of Philosophy Graduate Conference, UCL (2013).

LANGUAGES

English (native language); Italian (advanced intermediate); French (basic).

REFERENCES

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