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RESEARCH INTERESTS

AOS Philosophy of Action and Mind, Metaphysics
AOC Epistemology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Science, Early
 Modern Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2020 - 2021 Junior Fellow, Human Abilities Project, Freie Universität Berlin
2018 - 2020 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Humboldt Project, Universität Leipzig

EDUCATION

2014 - 2019 PhD Philosophy (Pass without corrections), University College London
 Thesis: *Movers and Makers*
 Summary: When we act intentionally, changes and states in the world come about, and they come about as a result of our intentional actions. We bear a particular kind of responsibility for those changes and states, which I call agential responsibility. What more can be said about what it is to be agentially responsible for some change or state? It is argued here that, contrary to a wide variety of contemporary views, it is not an essential part of what it is to be agentially responsible for a change or state that the agent causes that change or state. It is put forward that agential responsibility is a primitive form of responsibility, not to be accounted for fully in terms of causal responsibility. Agential responsibility is fully accounted for only in terms of explanation — which may include non-causal explanation — by intentional action.
 Primary Supervisors: Dr Rory Madden, Professor Michael Martin
 Examiners: Professor Jennifer Hornsby, Dr Ann Whittle

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

PUBLICATIONS

Carr, Vanessa (2019). ‘Created, Changeable, and Yet Acausal?’ *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 119 (3):325-334.

FURTHER PAPERS

— Removed for anonymous review —

 AWARDS

- Aristotelian Society Student Bursary (2017).
- Full AHRC Doctoral Award, London Arts and Humanities Partnership (2014-2017).
- Durham Emergence Project Scholarship to participate in 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 for MPhilStud 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).
- College Scholarship, for distinction in Part 1 examinations, St Anne's College, University of Oxford (2011).
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TALKS

- The Strong Corporeal Approach to Intentional Action*
Human Abilities Colloquium, HU & FU Berlin (Nov 2020).
- The First Person in Action*
Workshop on *Subject and Object* manuscript by Adrian Haddock, Utrecht University (Feb 2020).
- The Significance of Transitive Verbs in Action*
Humboldt Seminar, University of Leipzig (Jan 2020).
- Are Two-Way Powers Causal Powers?*
'Two-Way Powers', Action-Network Annual Meeting, University of Leipzig (Jul 2019).
- No Objection to Object-Causation*
Humboldt Seminar, University of Leipzig (Nov 2018).
- The Importance of Being Creative*
Humboldt Colloquium, University of Leipzig (Feb 2018).
Agency Workshop, University of Tübingen (Apr 2019).
- Created, Changeable, and Yet Acausal?*
Postgraduate Session, Joint Session of Aristotelian Society & Mind Association (Jul 2018).
- 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: *Eine philosophische Analyse sozialer Identitätskonzepte*, PhilosophHER* series, Philosophy Students' Council (FSR Philosophie), University of Leipzig (Jan 2021).

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

Main Instructor:

Amelioration for Social Identity Concepts (FU). Mixed undergraduate course, online. Course design, seminar leader (2021).

Know-How (Leipzig). 2-Semester masters course. Course design, seminar leader (2019-2020, 1 semester in person, 1 semester online).

Mental Action (Leipzig). Masters course. Course design, seminar leader (2019).

The Metaphysics of Causation (Leipzig) Mixed undergraduate course. Course design, seminar leader (2018-2019).

Advanced Tutorials: Platonism & Dualism (UCL). 3rd year undergraduate course. Course design, tutorial leader (2018).

Essay Writing (UCL). 1st year undergraduate workshop. Workshop design, workshop leader. (2016, 2018).

Course Assistant:

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

Topics in Metaphysics: Causation and Modality (UCL). 3rd year undergraduate and graduate course. Seminar leader. Lecturer: Dr Simona Aimar. (2015, 2016).

- One-off Lecture: *Reducing F to G*. (Nov 2016).

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

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

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

 ACADEMIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION

Refereeing:

Philosophical Studies (2020); *Synthese* (2020); *Philosophy* (2020); *Dialectica* (2017, 2018); *Topoi* (2017);
The Society for the Metaphysics of Science Conference (2016).

Co-organising:

Human Abilities Philosophy of Action Reading Group (2020-2021); Leipzig Graduate Workshop on Know-How with Prof. Michael Kremer (2020); Leipzig Humboldt Colloquium (2019); Leipzig Humboldt Conversations Series (2019); UCL Philosophy PhD Work in Progress Group (2015-2016); 'Language, Truth, and Reality' UCL Philosophy Reading Group (2015-2016); 'Objectivity, Space and Mind' BPPA Masterclass (2015); UCL Philosophy Graduate Conference (2013).

Departmental Administration:

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

LANGUAGES

English (native language); German (advanced intermediate, B2); Italian (advanced); French (elementary).

REFERENCES

Professor James Conant
Alexander von Humboldt Professor
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