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RESEARCH

AOS: Ethics; Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science; Moral Psychology

AOC: Metaphysics; Social and Political Philosophy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy (PPLS), The University of Edinburgh (2024-present)

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, The University of Glasgow (2024)

EDUCATION

University of Glasgow, Ph.D., Philosophy (no corrections) (2024)

Title: *Essays in the Philosophy of Motivation, Normativity, and Self-knowledge*

Supervisors: Dr. David Bain and Dr. Robert Cowan

Examiners: Dr. Jennifer Corns and Dr. Hilla Jacobson

University of British Columbia, Master of Arts, Philosophy (2018)

University of British Columbia, B.A. (Hons), Philosophy (2016)

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS

2026. “Why intentionalists can’t take painkillers.” *Philosophical Studies*. 183 (6): 1905-1929.

2026. “Why representationalists can’t be desire theorists (and vice versa).” *Synthese*. 207, 208.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Under Review. “Does the messenger shooting objection rest on a methodological mistake?”

Under Review. “Introspective Intuitionism.”

In Preparation. (Co-authored w/ Murat Aydede) *SEP* entry on ‘Pain’.

In Preparation. Paper on self-knowledge, inference, and motivating reasons.

In Preparation. Paper on affect, intentionalism, and first-order desire theories

AWARDS, HONOURS and NOMINATIONS

Nomination for Teacher of the Year (x2) By the Edi Uni Students' Association	(2025-2026)
Ph.D. College of Arts Scholarship Full tuition fees (~£20,000/annum) and living costs (~£15,600/annum)	(2019-2022)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters (\$17,500, one-year funding)	(2017-2018)
Dr. Paul Tang Memorial Graduate Scholarship Awarded to the MA student who has the best performance in philosophy graduate seminars during their first term at UBC. (\$500)	(2017)
UBC Graduate Fellowship Full tuition and living costs	(2016-2018)

TEACHING

University of Edinburgh

Undergraduate Teaching – Course Organiser

Metaphysics (Winter, 2026)

Advanced Topics (Fall, 2025)

Moral Philosophy (Winter, 2025)

Social Philosophy (Fall, 2024)

Postgraduate Teaching – Course Organiser

Social Cognition (Winter, 2026)

Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science (Fall, 2025)

Normative Ethics (Winter 2025)

University of Glasgow

Undergraduate Teaching – Lecturer

Philosophy 1B, Political Philosophy Component (Winter 2024)

Lifelong Learning Tutor and Course Convenor

Souls, Minds, and Matter (Winter, 2024)

How to be more rational (Fall, 2023)

How to be more rational (Spring, 2023)

Topics in the history of philosophy (Summer 2023 + 2024)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Philosophy 1A: How Should I Think? (Fall, 2020-2023)

Philosophy 1B: How Should I Live? (Winter, 2021-2024)

Philosophy 2A: What Am I? (Fall, 2020-2023)

Philosophy 2B: What is There? (Winter, 2021-2024)

Moral Philosophy (Winter, 2021-2024)

University of British Columbia

Teaching Assistant and Marker

Biomedical Ethics – Phil 333

Introduction to Critical Thinking – Phil 120

Philosophy and Literature – Phil 375

Introduction to Philosophy – Phil 101

Darwin, Evolution and Modern History – Phil 364 (Cross-listed with History)

Philosophy of Law – Phil 338

Introduction to Ethics – Phil 230

Knowledge and Reality I (Epistemology) – Phil 240

STUDENT SUPERVISION

University of Edinburgh - Undergraduate

Hania Chester – Topic: PF Strawson and responsibility

Eirlys Hunter – Topic: Biological Individuality

Izzy Cartman – Topic: Sentience Markers

Zijian Ding – Topic: Transparency and Self-knowledge

University of Edinburgh - Postgraduate

Marine Devine – Topic: Moral Obligation, Global Poverty, and Structural Injustice.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed (= could not attend)**

“Does the messenger shooting objection rest on a methodological mistake?” (2025)
The Northwest Philosophy Conference, Portland Oregon

“Does the messenger shooting objection rest on a methodological mistake?”** (2025)
Canadian Philosophical Association, Edmonton, Alberta

“Normative knowledge and affective motivation”** (2024)
The National Meeting in Analytic Philosophy, Rome Italy

“Why representationalists can’t take painkillers”** (2024)
The 98th Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, UK

“Can we introspect moral properties?”
Understanding Value XI Conference, University of Sheffield (2023)

Non-refereed

“Why representationalists can’t be desire theorists (and vice versa)”
Early Career Paper Jam, University of Edinburgh (2024)

“Pain and Transparency: Against Evaluativism about Unpleasant Badness”
Post-Graduate Seminar, University of Glasgow (2022)

“Agency, Self-Knowledge, and the Identity Thesis”
Post-Graduate Seminar, University of Glasgow (2021)

“Knowing our reasons: a reply to Keeling’s ‘reasons transparency method’”
Post-Graduate Seminar, University of Glasgow (2020)

PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES

Graduate Student Co-Organiser (with Jennifer Corns, Mona Simion, and Adam Carter)
Glasgow Epistemology and Mind (GEM) Graduate Conference (*Cancelled due to Covid*) (2020)

Editing Mentor for the University of Glasgow’s Undergraduate Phil Journal (2023)

PhD Admissions Committee (Edinburgh) (2024)

REFeree

Journals: *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*.

REFERENCES

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