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AOS: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Early Modern Philosophy

AOC: Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science, Epistemology

Employment

- March 2021 – **Senior Lecturer in Philosophy**, University of Birmingham
- 2018 – 2021 **Turpin Junior Research Fellow**, Oriel College, Oxford
- 2019, March **International Visiting Professor** at the University of Navarra, Pamplona
- 2017 – 2018 **Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy**, Magdalen College, Oxford
- 2015, Jan – July **Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy**, Worcester College, Oxford (part-time)
- 2014 – 2017 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, The Metaphysics of Entanglement Project, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford and
Non-Stipendiary Junior Research Fellow, New College, Oxford
- 2011 – 2014 **Salvesen Junior Fellow**, New College, Oxford

Education

- 2012 **DPhil in Philosophy, Worcester College, Oxford. Passed (with no corrections).**
Title: “Time, Change and Reality: A New Theory of Persistence.”
Supervisor: Professor Gonzalo Rodriguez-Pereyra
Examiners: Professor Jonathan Lowe (Durham), Dr Josh Parsons
- 2009 **BPhil, Worcester College, Oxford. Passed.**
- 2006 **MA (Philosophy), King’s College London. Passed with Distinction.**
- 2005 **BA Philosophy and Theology, Worcester College, Oxford. First Class Honours.**

Publications

- Edited volumes* 2018 *The Metaphysics of the Trinity: New Directions* – Special issue of *Religious Studies* 51 (3) (co-edited and introduction with Anna Marmodoro and Dani Kodaj)
- Journal articles* Forthcoming ‘The Situationalist Account of Change’, *Oxford Studies in Metaphysics* (Winner of the 2020 Sanders Prize in Metaphysics)
- 2019 ‘Modelling Deep Indeterminacy’ (with George Darby), *Synthese*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-019-02158-0>
- 2018 ‘Answer to our Prayers: The Unsolved but Solvable Problem of Petitionary Prayer’, *Faith and Philosophy* 35 (1): 84-104
- 2016 ‘The Trinity and Extended Simples’, *Faith and Philosophy* 33 (4): 414-440
‘A Situationalist Solution to the Ship of Theseus Puzzle’, *Erkenntnis* 81 (5): 973-992
‘Unextended Complexes’, *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 5 (3): 257-264
- 2015 ‘Real Presence in the Eucharist and Time Travel’, *Religious Studies* 51 (3): 379-389
- 2014 ‘Leibniz and the Necessity of the Best Possible World’, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 92 (3): 507-523

<i>Book chapters</i>	2017	'Deep Indeterminacy in Physics and Fiction' (with George Darby and Jon Robson) in Bueno, Darby, French and Rickles (eds.), <i>Thinking about Science, Reflecting on Art</i> (London: Routledge 2017)
<i>Under review</i>		'Leibniz on Contingency, Analysis, and Infinite Divisibility' 'The Problem of Change Restored'; invited contribution to a <i>Festschrift</i> for Stephen Priest
<i>In progress</i>		'Indeterminacy in the Moment of Change'; invited contribution to <i>Synthese</i> Topical Collection on Indeterminacy and Underdetermination 'Where is God? Divine Presence and Location'

Selected presentations (* indicates invited talks)

Indeterminacy in the Moment of Change

- The Philosophy of Time Society at the Eastern APA, New York (January 2021, online)

Where is God? Divine Presence and Location

- Humane Philosophy Project, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford (November 2019)*
- God and Time II, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria (August 2018)*

Leibniz on Contingency, Analysis, and Infinite Divisibility

- The British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, King's College, London (April 2019)
- Faculty Seminar, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain (March 2019)*
- Visiting Speaker seminar, King's College, London (November 2018)*
- The 4th Finnish-Hungarian Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy, The University of Turku, Finland (May 2017)
- The 9th Nordic Workshop in Early Modern Philosophy, Tampere, Finland (May 2016)

Answer to our Prayers

- Society and Religion lecture series, Newman Centre, University College, Dublin (October 2020, online)*
- The Philosophical Theology Group, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain (March 2017)*
- The Christian Philosophy Conference, St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Surrey (January 2017)
- Philosophy of Religion Seminar, University of York (November 2016)*

Unextended Complexes

- Visiting Speaker Series, University of Reading (May 2017)*
- The 5th Colloquium of Analytical Metaphysics and 5th International Symposium on Philosophy of Language and Metaphysics, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (September 2016)*

Situations and Persistence through Change

- Mereology of Potentiality Project invited speaker series, Corpus Christi College, Oxford (November 2019)*
- Society for the Philosophy of Time Conference, University College, Dublin, Ireland (May 2019)
- The Ontoformat Metaphysical Seminar, Milan, Italy (May 2017)
- Mereology Workshop, Arché, St Andrews (November 2014)*

Modelling Deep Indeterminacy

- Epistemology of Metaphysics Workshop 1, Helsinki, Finland (May 2015)

Real Presence and Time Travel

- Religious Studies at 50, Leeds (June 2014)
- The 3rd Glasgow Philosophy of Religion Seminar (May 2014)

A Theory of Persistence

- The Swedish Congress of Philosophy, Stockholm, Sweden (June 2013)
- Birmingham-Nottingham Workshop on the Metaphysics of Time, Birmingham (May 2013)*

Comments

On Agustín Echavarría’s ‘Oh, Felix Cupla! Sin, Incarnation and Greater Good Theodicies’

- The Nature and Limits of Theodicy, Navarra, Spain (December 2019)

On Paul Lodge’s ‘Leibniz’s Mill Argument Against Mechanistic Materialism Revisited’

- Philosophy of Mind Seminar, Oxford (February 2014)

Teaching (At Oxford University and its constituent colleges)

Graduate

Metaphysics, thesis supervision (BPhil, 2018, MMaths, 2011-12, MPhys, 2011-12), supervisions (MSt Philosophy of Physics 2018, BPhil 2017, 2018, MPhil Philosophical Theology, 2018)

Early Modern Philosophy, supervisions (BPhil, 2018)

Epistemology, supervisions (MPhil Philosophical Theology, 2018)

Ancient Philosophy, supervisions (BPhil, 2013-2014)

Undergraduate

Lectures: Analytic Philosophy and Christian Theology (2019, guest lecture), Metaphysics (2016, 2012)

Classes/seminars: Philosophy of Religion (2009-2018)
Knowledge and Reality (2009-2015)
General Philosophy (2014, 2018)
Moral Philosophy (Mill) (2018)
Early Modern Philosophy (co-taught) (2015)

Ethics (co-taught) (2015)

Philosophy of Science (2011)

Tutorials: Philosophy of Religion (2009-2018)
Knowledge and Reality (2012-2018)
General Philosophy (2014-2018)
Early Modern Philosophy (2014-2018)
Moral Philosophy (Mill) (2017)
Philosophy of Mind (2013)
Introductory Philosophy of Physics (Leibniz/Clarke Correspondence) (2013)
Philosophy of Science (2011)

Visiting students: Philosophy of Time (2016)
Metaphysics (2014)
Philosophy of Religion (2012)

Other teaching duties

Examiner Undergraduate Finals in Early Modern Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion
BPhil essays in Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion, and Early Modern Philosophy

Admissions For several colleges, including shortlisting, interviewing and selection

Teaching recognition

2018 Nominated for Oxford Student Union Teaching Award

<i>Visiting teaching</i>	March 2019	International Visiting Professor at the University of Navarra, Pamplona, with lectures on Modal Metaphysics (MPhil), The Nature and Attributes of God (MA) and Analytic Theology (faculty)
	March 2017	'Post-Modal Metaphysics', at the Metaphysics of Modality MPhil Seminar, University of Navarra, Pamplona

Grants and Awards

2020	Sanders Prize in Metaphysics (\$5,000)
2020	Co-Investigator, 'Meant to Be: Resuscitating the Metaphysics of Teleology' project, funded by the John Templeton Foundation through the New Horizons for Science and Religion in Central and Eastern Europe project (\$65,000)
2020 (postponed)	Co-organiser of 'God, Time and Philosophy of Religion' (£10,000), research collaboration between Oxford, the Newman Centre for Faith and Reason (UCD) and the Society for the Philosophy of Time, funded by UCD (£6000), TORCH (pending, £2500) and Mind Association (pending, £1500) [coronavirus affected]
2019-2021	Team member and international collaborator, 'The Problem of Evil: From Leibniz to Analytic Philosophy of Religion' project, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, funded by the Spanish Government (€23,595)
2017	Primary Organiser, Powers and Change Conference (£1,170), all from the Ludwig Fund
2016	Primary Organiser, Metaphysics of the Trinity Conference (£5,927.45), from the Ludwig Fund (£2,500), European Research Council (£1,707.45), Templeton World Charity Foundation (£500), Mind Association (£500), Aristotelian Society (£409) and Analysis Trust (£256)
2014	Co-organiser, Philosophical Mereology Conference (£5,540), from the John Fell Fund (£4,610), Mind Association (£430) and Corpus Christi College (£500)
2011	Co-organiser, Oxford Graduate Conference (~ £3,500)
2008-2011	Martin Senior Scholarship (Worcester College, Oxford). Full fees and maintenance (~ £50,000)

Access and public engagement

2020	Review for the <i>Oriel College Record</i> (non-specialist) of Rodriguez-Pereyra <i>Leibniz: Discourse on Metaphysics</i>
2019	Video presentation on petitionary prayer for Brazilian philosophy social media channel
2019	Invited lecture at 'Oriel Talks' interdisciplinary graduate student colloquium on 'Change'
2017-2018	Expert advisor for proposed 'Time Machine' project producing drama, music and public activities in Wrexham on the theme of H. G. Well's <i>Time Machine</i>
2017	Lead organiser of Access event for students from underrepresented schools at Corpus Christi College
2017	Finalist in 'I'm a Researcher Get Me out of Here', part of Oxford University's Curiosity Carnival
2017	Exhibitor at Living Library, part of Oxford University's Curiosity Carnival
2016-2017	Fellow at the Institute of Art and Ideas, an organisation 'promoting big ideas, boundary-pushing thinkers and challenging debates in the public sphere'
2016	Invited entry to series on 'What does philosophy of religion offer to the modern university?' at a philosophy of religion blog (http://philosophyofreligion.org/) (with Anna Marmodoro and Dani Kodaj)
2013	'The God Game', an article in <i>Thinking Faith: The Online Journal of the British Jesuits</i>
2012	Organiser and host of Access event for philosophy students from London comprehensive school
2012	Invited lecture on 'Change' at the New College interdisciplinary colloquium
2010-2020	Invited papers and seminars delivered at schools around the UK

Professional service and experience

<i>Philosophical</i>	2020-present	Member of Editorial Panel for <i>Thought: A Journal of Philosophy</i>
	2020-present	Co-convenor of Metaphysics Work in Progress seminar, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford
	2018-present	Convenor of Oriel Philosophy Group, Oriel College, Oxford
	August 2020	Co-organiser of 'God and Time IV', an international conference of the Newman Centre and Society of the Philosophy of Time, at UCD, Dublin [postponed]
	2017-2019	Committee Member of the Christian Philosophy Conference
	2013-2017	Convenor of Theoretical Philosophy Work in Progress seminar, Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford
	2014-2017	Chair and organiser of the Visiting Speakers Seminar Series in the Metaphysics of Entanglement project, Oxford
	March 2017	Co-organiser of 'Powers and Change', an international conference of the Society of the Philosophy of Time, at New College, Oxford
	March 2016	Lead organiser of 'The Metaphysics of the Trinity: New Directions', an international conference at Corpus Christi College, Oxford
	April 2014	Co-organiser of 'Philosophical Mereology', an international conference at Corpus Christi College, Oxford
	November 2011	Co-organiser of the 15 th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference
	2010-2011	Co-convenor of the Ockham Society
		Reviewer for OUP, <i>Analysis</i> , <i>Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie</i> , <i>Ergo</i> , <i>Erkenntnis</i> , <i>Faith and Philosophy</i> , <i>The Journal of the APA</i> , <i>Mind</i> , <i>Philosopher's Imprint</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Philosophy</i> , <i>Religious Studies</i> , <i>Scienta et Fides</i> , <i>The Southern Journal of Philosophy</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , and <i>Thought</i>
		Member of the British Society for the Philosophy of Religion, the British Society for the History of Philosophy, the Philosophy of Time Society, the Society for the Philosophy of Time, the Irish Society for the Philosophy of Time, The Aristotelian Society and The Royal Institute of Philosophy
	<i>Student welfare</i>	2020
2012-present		Harassment Advisor at Oxford University, for New College and for Oriel College
2011-2014		Member of New College Senior Welfare Team. This involved significant welfare training, including a certificate in Mental Health First Aid
2011-2014		Salvesen Fellow at New College, a Junior Fellowship with a pastoral role including (a) student welfare and (b) promoting collegiality and integration among New College's junior and senior members
<i>Administrative</i>	2017-present	Senior Member of Oxford University Hockey Club. Recent responsibilities include (a) leading a successful fundraising campaign for an endowment of £100,000 and acting as a trustee of the endowment and (b) conducting a review of employment practises as a result of a complaint of discrimination
	2017-2018	Organising tutor for Philosophy students at Magdalen College
	2011-2014	Member of New College's Governing Body, Warden and Tutors Committee, Equality and Diversity Committee, Admissions Committee, and Access Committee
	2014	Appointment Committee Member for Head Chef at New College
	2013-2014	Senechal of Hall at New College, responsible for managing SCR catering provision
	2013	Appointment Committee Member for Cox Junior Research Fellowship at New College