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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics (especially powers, causality, laws of nature) and philosophy of action (including free will and moral responsibility)

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics (meta-ethics, normative, applied), social and political philosophy, and epistemology

EDUCATION

University of Leeds

PhD in Philosophy, December 2020 (*expected*)

Thesis: *Qualities as Truthmakers: A Quasi-Realist Account of Powers*

Supervisors: Helen Steward and Léa Salje

Examiners: Anna Marmodoro (external) and Steven French (internal)

Florida State University

MA in Philosophy, April 2016

Committee: Randolph Clarke (Chair), Alfred Mele, David McNaughton

University of Pittsburgh

BA in Politics and Philosophy (University Honors College), April 2008

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Hamburg Summer School on Metaphysical Dependence, University of Hamburg, July 2017

Metaphysics of Science Summer School, University of Helsinki, July 2015

Durham Emergence Project Summer School, Durham University, July 2015

Moral Phenomenology Summer School, Central European University, June-July 2015

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

“Powers, Agency, and Freedom”

- *Free Will and Causality Conference*, Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf, September 2019

“Free Agency and the Power of Will”

- *Agent Causation, Powers and Sourcehood Conference*, Institute of Philosophy (Zagreb, Croatia), May 2018

“What Would Constitute Evidence Against Free Will?”

- *ARC Colloquium 2017: Free Will, Language, and Neurosciences*, Université Catholique de Louvain, August 2017

“A Non-Causal Libertarian Account of Intentional Action”

- *Agency and Causation: Formal and Conceptual Issues*, Ghent University, October 2016

“Free Choice, Control, and Acting for a Reason”

- *Gothenburg Biennial Responsibility Conference*, University of Gothenburg, August 2016
- *Saint Louis University Graduate Philosophy Conference on Free Will and Moral Responsibility*, Saint Louis University, February 2016
- *Agency, Causality, and Free Will Conference*, Institute of Philosophy (Zagreb, Croatia), January 2016

“The Priority of Internalist Justification”

- *Third Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon Philosophy Conference*, University of Tampa, November 2015

“Kropotkin’s Theory of Mutual Aid: Implications and Evidence”

- *International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology* (Montreal, Canada), July 2015

“On Zimmerman’s ‘Taking Luck Seriously’”

- *South Carolina Society for Philosophy*, Wofford College, March 2015
- *Southeast Graduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Florida, March 2015
- *North Carolina Philosophical Society*, N.C. State University, February 2015

“Vihvelin’s ‘Commonsense Compatibilism’ and the Ability to Do Otherwise”

- *Free Will Conference*, Center for Cognition and Neuroethics (Flint, MI, USA), October 2014

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Discussion of Jonathan D. Jacobs’ “A Powers Theory of Modality – Or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Reject Possible Worlds”

- *Centre for Metaphysics and Mind*, University of Leeds, November 2018

“Qualities and Powers: In Defense of a ‘Mixed View’ of Natural Properties”

- *Centre for Metaphysics and Mind*, University of Leeds, November 2017

Commentary on Kyle Fritz’s “Responsibility, Voluntary Control, and Intentional Action”

- *American Philosophical Association Pacific Division*, San Francisco, CA, USA, March 2016

Commentary on Erik Nelson’s “Explicating Epistemology: Methodology Within Naturalized Epistemology”

- *Third Annual Philosophers’ Cocoon*, University of Tampa, November 2015

“Lowe’s ‘Replacement’ and ‘Unity’ Arguments for Non-Cartesian Substance Dualism”

- *Durham Emergence Project Summer School*, Durham University, July 2015

Commentary on Michael Robinson’s “Flickering the W-Defense”

- *Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium*, Washington and Jefferson University, September 2014

PRESENTATIONS TO GENERAL AUDIENCES

“An Introduction to Philosophy”

- *Seren National Conference: Above and Beyond*, Newtown, Wales, December 2019 (set of three 45 minute lectures)

“An Introduction to Philosophy and the Free Will Debate”

- *Seren National Conference: Above and Beyond*, Newtown, Wales, December 2018 (set of two 60 minute lectures)

“A Very Brief Introduction to the Free Will Debate”

- *The Brilliant Club* Summer 2017 Graduation Ceremony, University of Leeds, September 2017 (30 minute talk)
- *U3A Leeds* (Leeds, UK), June 2017 (60 minute talk plus 45 minute Q&A)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Tutor (Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Religion)

University of Lancaster | Lancaster, UK

October 2020 – December 2020

Metaphysics (Autumn 2020)

Postgraduate Tutor (School of Philosophy, Religion, and History of Science)

University of Leeds | Leeds, UK

October 2017 – present

Campus to Clinic Year 1 Medical Ethics (Autumn 2019, Spring 2020)

Campus to Clinic Year 3 Medical Ethics Project – “Personhood and Pregnancy: When Does a Human Person Begin to Exist?” (Autumn 2019, Spring 2020)

Great Philosophical Thinkers (Autumn 2018)

How to Think Clearly and Argue Well (Autumn 2017, Autumn 2020)

Introduction to Epistemology (Autumn 2019)

Introduction to Metaphysics (Spring 2019)

Introduction to the History of Science (Autumn 2019)

Knowledge, Self, and Reality (Spring 2019)

Philosophy of Modern Physics (Autumn 2020)

The Good, the Bad, the Right, the Wrong (Spring 2020)

The Mind (Spring 2018, Spring 2020)

Ph.D. Tutor

The Brilliant Club (The Scholars Programme)

May 2017 – Autumn 2019

Are My Actions Ever ‘Up To’ Me? An Introduction to Free Will (self-designed course)

- Autumn 2019: Archbishop Holgate’s School, York, UK (KS4)
- Summer 2019: Nunthorpe Academy, Middlesbrough, UK (KS4)
- Spring 2019: Bradford Academy, Bradford, UK (KS4) and Northallerton School, Northallerton, UK (KS5)
- Autumn 2018: Bingley Grammar School, Bingley, UK (KS5) (Autumn 2018), Titus Salt School, Shipley, UK (KS5) (Autumn 2018), and Walkden High School, Manchester, UK (KS4)

- Spring 2018: Ryedale School, Nawton, UK (KS4) and Shelley College, Huddersfield, UK (KS5)
- Autumn 2017: Co-Op Academy Priesthorpe, Leeds, UK (KS4) and Bridlington School, Bridlington, UK (KS4)
- Summer 2017: University Academy Keighley, Keighley, UK (KS4)

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Department of Philosophy)

Florida State University | Tallahassee, FL, USA

August 2013 – August 2016

Environmental Ethics (Fall 2014)

Ethical Theory (Spring 2015)

Free Will (Summer 2016)

Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2013, Spring 2016)

Philosophy of Race, Class, and Gender (Summer 2015)

Reasoning and Critical Thinking (Spring 2014, Summer 2014)

World Without God? (Fall 2015)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Scholarships:

- *School of Philosophy, Religion and History of Science PhD Scholarship*, University of Leeds, October 2016 – September 2019 (full fees plus maintenance)

Grants and awards (not including travel grants):

- Conference grant of \$3,000 (for *Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference*), Congress of Graduate Students, Florida State University, September 2015
- Conference grant of \$500 (for *Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference*), Department of Philosophy, Florida State University, September 2015

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Organizer, *Free Will, Moral Responsibility, and Agency Conference*, Florida State University, September 2015 (Keynotes: Derk Pereboom and Angela Smith)

Judge, *2015 National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference and Bioethics Bowl Competition*, Florida State University, April 2015