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RESEARCH AREAS

Specialities: Philosophy of Language, Philosophical Linguistics

Competences: Epistemology, Philosophical Methodology, Philosophical Logic, Formal Semantics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

External Tutor (Part Time), University of St Andrews, January 2018—

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich (LMU), August 2016 - November 2017

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, June 2016, University of St Andrews

Dissertation Title: 'Saying Nothing: In Defence of Syntactic and Semantic Underdetermination'

Supervisors: Patrick Greenough, Andy Egan, Herman Cappelen, Josh Dever

Master of Letters (with Distinction) in Philosophy, November 2011, University of St Andrews and University of Stirling

Dissertation Title: 'The Epistemic Significance of Disagreement'

Supervisor: Jessica Brown

Master of Arts (First Class Honours) in Philosophy, June 2010, University of St Andrews

PUBLICATIONS

Underdetermination, Domain Restriction, and Theory Choice. Forthcoming in *Mind & Language*

Saying a Bundle: Meaning, Intention, and Underdetermination. 2017. *Synthese*. Online first: <http://rdcu.be/CVSV>

Rich Situated Attitudes. 2017. With Kristina Liefke. *New Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence*, edited by S. Kurahashi, Y. Ohta, S. Arai, K. Satoh, D. Bekki. JSAI-isAI 2016. Lecture Notes in Computer Science Vol. 10247, Springer, pp. 45-61

RESEARCH GRANTS

Fellowship 2016-2017. LMU: €24,236

PhD Studentship 2011-2014. AHRC: Full scholarship. £52,230

Travel Scholarship 2013. University of St Andrews: £1600

Masters Scholarship 2010. University of St Andrews: £4000

Undergraduate Research Internship Programme 2009. University of St Andrews: £1800

TEACHING

Insults, Lies, and Bullshit: Speech Acts and Content in Philosophy of Language. LMU. 2017

An introduction to key themes in Philosophy of Language through linguistic issues arising from ethical discourse. We consider ethically significant speech acts like lying and consenting; words and phrases like slurs and generalizations; and the language of gender and race.

Associate Researcher, St Leonards, St Andrews. 2013/14

The Associate Researcher is selected annually from all PhD students at the University of St Andrews. My primary responsibility was to devise a series of lectures that I delivered to two classes of high-school students as part of the International Baccalaureate course *Theory of Knowledge*. My introduction to Philosophy of Language asked 'How do we know what people mean?'

Tutor, University of St Andrews. 2011-2016

Reasoning (Informal logic and introduction to formal logic)

Formal and Philosophical Logic

Reasoning and Knowledge (Logic and Epistemology)

Mind and Reality (Philosophy of Mind and Metaphysics)

Metaphysics and Science

Moral and Political Controversies

Rationality and Action (Metaethics)

Foundations of Western Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, Sceptics, and Epicureans)

Private tutor to 2nd year undergraduate.

Logic: truth tables, semantic trees, and natural deduction for propositional and quantified logic

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Organizing Committee: Situations, Information, and Semantic Content. MCMP, LMU.
15th-18th December 2016. Chair: Kristina Liefke

Referee: Arché Graduate Conference. November 2014

Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference. November 2013

Arché /CSMN Graduate Conference. November 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee: Canadian Journal of Philosophy

Inquiry: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Philosophy

Stance: An International Undergraduate Philosophy Journal.

Editorial Board Member: Stance: An International Undergraduate Philosophy Journal. 2009/10

Officer: British Undergraduate Philosophy Society. 2009-10

PEER-REVIEWED TALKS

Semantic Restrictivism. Fourth Philosophy of Language and Mind Conference (PLM4). Ruhr-Universität Bochum. September 2017

Reviving Semantic Descriptivism. Ninth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 9). LMU. September 2017

Denying Semantic Content. Situations, Information, and Semantic Content. MCMP, LMU. December 2016

Rich Situated Propositions: The 'Right' Objects for the Content of Propositional Attitudes. Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS13). 8th JSAI International Symposium on AI. Keio University, Tokyo. November 2016

Saying Nothing. Semantics and Pragmatics at Manchester. University of Manchester. July 2015

Propositional Equivalence and the Referential/Attributive Distinction. Eighth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 8). University of Bucharest. September 2014

Against Syntactic and Semantic Determinacy. Annual conference of the Israel Philosophy Society. Tel Aviv University. February 2014

Context and Content. 9th National Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA). University of Padua. September 2010

Frege's Objections to Mill's Theory of Arithmetic. British Undergraduate Philosophy Society. The University of Warwick. May 2010

Kaplan's Framework for Indexicals and Explanations of Communication. British Undergraduate Philosophy Society Summer Conference. University of St Andrews. July 2009

FURTHER TALKS

- Language Without Content. Work-In-Progress Seminar. MCMP, LMU. May 2017
- Towards a Rich Situated Account of Semantic Underdetermination. Colloquium in Philosophy, Logic, and Philosophy of Science. MCMP, LMU. October 2016
- Contrary Linguistic Theories. Arché Language & Mind Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2015
- Underdetermination. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. May 2015
- Multiplicity of Content. Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2014
- Yablo's Aboutness. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. September 2014
- Lackey's Lessons From Lies and Bullshit. Arché Evidence, Justification, and Knowledge Seminar. University of St Andrews. June 2014
- Syntactic and Semantic Determinacy. PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. November 2013
- How Do We Know What People Mean by the Words They Use? Interview presentation. St Leonards School, St Andrews. November 2013
- "That's What He Said!" Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2013
- Semantics and Metasemantics. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2013
- Against the Two-Step Theory . Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. June 2013
- In Defence of the Standard View. Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. April 2013
- On What is Said. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2012
- The Two-Step Theory. Arché Reading Party. Ardtornish. September 2012
- Positional Representation of Context. Arché Contextualism and Relativism Seminar. University of St Andrews. May 2012
- What is or Would Be Said. University of St Andrews. March 2012
- Papineau on the Poverty of Analysis. Arché Methodology Seminar. November 2011

REFERENCES

Dr. Patrick Greenough. Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews
PhD Supervisor
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Prof. Andy Egan. Department of Philosophy, Rutgers, New Brunswick
PhD Supervisor
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Dr. Kristina Liefke. Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU
Project Leader
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