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Areas of specialization

Philosophy of language (including formal semantics and pragmatics), epistemology (including formal epistemology)

Areas of competence

Ethics, logic, metaphysics, mind.

Education

2013-present (Expected June 2018) PhD in Philosophy, MIT
2008-2012 BA with First Class Honours in Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin

Publications

2016 *Agentive Modals* (Co-authored with Matt Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis), *The Philosophical Review*, forthcoming.
2015 I Believe I Can Phi (Co-authored with Matt Mandelkern and Ginger Schultheis), *Proceedings of the 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*.

Talks (* indicates refereed)

August 2017 What the Future 'Might' Brings, the Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference*
July 2017 A Puzzle about Future Possibilities, 2017 Joint Session, Edinburgh*
May 2017 Miners and Modals, New York Philosophy of Language Workshop
April 2017 What the Future 'Might' Brings, Colloquium, Pacific APA, Seattle*
April 2017 Strengthening Principles and Counterfactual Semantics, Work in Progress, MIT
March 2017 What the Future 'Might' Brings, USC/UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Philosophy*
Feb 2017 What the Future 'Might' Brings, MITing of the Minds, MIT
Dec 2016 Miners and Modals, Situations, Information, and Semantic Content Conference, MCMP*
Nov 2016 What the Future 'Might' Brings, Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference*
Oct 2016 What the Future 'Might' Brings, Arche Graduate Conference*
Dec 2015 I Believe I Can Phi, 20th Amsterdam Colloquium*
Sept 2015 I Believe I Can Phi, SPE 8, Cambridge*

Comments

- June 2017 Comments on Peterson's "Conceptual Obscurity and Metaphysical Methodology", Mid-summer Philosophy Workshop*
- Jan 2016 Comments on Moss' *Probabilistic Knowledge*, MITing of the Minds, MIT
- Oct 2013 Comments on Rayo's *The Construction of Logical Space*, Constructing Logical Space Conference, MIT

Teaching

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- Spring 2017 Paradox and Infinity, Prof. Agustin Rayo
- Fall 2016 Moral Problems and the Good Life, Prof. Kieran Setiya
- Spring 2016 Political Philosophy, Prof. Lucas Stanczyk
- Fall 2015 Minds and Machines, Prof. Sarah Paul
- Fall 2014 Problems of Philosophy, Prof. Caspar Hare

GRADING

- Spring 2015 Modal Logic, Prof. Stephen Yablo

GUEST LECTURES

- Spring 2017 Guest lecture on Putnam's "Meaning and Reference", Introduction to Philosophy of Language, Prof. Justin Khoo
- Fall 2016 Guest lecture on Appiah on Singer, Moral Problems and the Good Life, Prof. Kieran Setiya
- Spring 2015 Guest lecture on Counterfactuals, Modal Logic, Prof. Stephen Yablo
- Fall 2015 Guest lecture on Derek Parfit's "Personal Identity", Problems of Philosophy, Prof. Caspar Hare

Service to the profession

Review for *Theoria*

- Member of MIT Committee on Department Life, 2016/2017
- Co-organiser, MIT Linguistics and Philosophy Reading Group, 2016/2017
- Co-organiser, MIT Colloquium Series, 2015/2016
- Organiser, MIT Semantics Reading Group, 2015/2016
- Co-organiser, MIT LLaMM Reading Group, 2015/2016
- MIT Prospective Students Organiser, 2013-2015.

Grants, honors & awards

- 2013 Presidential Fellowship, MIT
- 2012 Gold Medallist, TCD
- 2010 Elected Foundation Scholar of TCD

Graduate Coursework

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS

- Spring 2016 Pragmatics in Linguistic Theory, Danny Fox and Irene Heim
- Spring 2015 Advanced Semantics, Kai von Fintel
- Fall 2014 Introduction to Semantics, Martin Hackl and Roger Schwarzschild
- Fall 2014 Ought and 'Ought', Justin Khoo and Jack Spencer
- Fall 2013 Conditionals and Modals, Justin Khoo

EPISTEMOLOGY

- Fall 2015 Independent Study on Formal Epistemology, Roger White
- Spring 2015 Issues at the Intersection of Epistemology and Ethics, Caspar Hare and Roger White
- Spring 2014 Introduction to Epistemology, Roger White

METAPHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

- Spring 2014 Proseminar II, Agustin Rayo and Robert Stalnaker
- Fall 2013 The Epistemic Role of Consciousness, Declan Smithies
- Fall 2013 Proseminar I, Alex Byrne and Stephen Yablo

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

- Spring 2016 Topics in the History of Political Philosophy, Sally Haslanger and Rachel McKinney
- Spring 2015 The Empiricists, Alison Simmons