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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)

Sept 2017 Miners and Modals, Sinn und Bedeutung 22, Berlin.*
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

Grants, honors & awards

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

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
Spring 2015 Modal Logic, Prof. Stephen Yablo
Fall 2014 Problems of Philosophy, Prof. Caspar Hare

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.

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