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## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Philosophical logic, formal logic, metaphysics, history of early analytic philosophy

## FURTHER AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Philosophy of physics, decision theory

## Career history

2016– LECTURER IN PHILOSOPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

2015–6 COLLEGE LECTURER AT ROBINSON COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

2013–5 RESEARCH FELLOW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING

2012–3 ANALYSIS STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## Qualifications

2009–13 PHD IN PHILOSOPHY AT FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Thesis title: *Internalism and the Context Principle*

Supervisor: Michael Potter. Examiners: Arif Ahmed and Crispin Wright

Submitted: 01/10/12. Examined: 18/01/13. Graduated: 27/04/13

Fully funded by the AHRC

2008–9 MPhil IN PHILOSOPHY AT FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

First class in all components; received the Matthew Buncombe Prize for the highest results in the year

Graduated: 24/10/09

2005–8 BA IN PHILOSOPHY AT FITZWILLIAM COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

First class

Graduated 28/06/08

## Publications

### BOOKS

2021. *Properties and Propositions: The Metaphysics of Higher-Order Logic*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

### ARTICLES

forthcoming. Against cumulative type theory. Co-authored with Tim Button. *The Review of Symbolic Logic*.

2022. Truth without dependence. *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume* vol. 96 pp. 89–121.

2021. Truthmaking, grounding, and Fitch’s paradox. *Analysis* vol. 81 pp. 270–274.
2021. Idealism and the identity theory of truth. *Mind* vol. 130 pp. 783–807.
2018. Substitution in a sense. *Philosophical Studies* vol. 175 pp. 3069–3098.
2018. The Prenective View of propositional content. *Synthese* vol. 195 pp. 1799–1825.
2015. The concept *horse* with no name. *Philosophical Studies* vol. 172 pp. 1889–1906.
2014. Eliminating identity: a reply to Wehmeier. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* vol. 92 pp. 165–172.
2014. A dilemma for neo-Fregeanism. *Philosophia Mathematica* vol. 22 pp. 361–79.
2013. Reducing truth through meaning. *Erkenntnis* vol. 78 pp. 823–832.
2013. Neutralism within the semantic tradition. *Thought* vol. 1 pp. 246–251.
2012. Dolby substitution (where available). *Analysis* vol. 72 pp. 98–102.
2011. Propositional functions in extension. *Theoria* vol. 77 pp. 292–311.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

2015. Krämer, Stephan: *On What There Is For Things To Be*. *The Review of Metaphysics* vol. 69 pp. 393–395.

#### IN PREPARATION

- A fictonalist theory of universals. Co-authored with Tim Button. Invited submission for *Higher-Order Metaphysics*, OUP.

#### Selected Talks

- 2022 Truth without dependence. *Joint Session*, St. Andrews. (Invited.)
- 2022 Truth without dependence. *Visiting Speakers’ Colloquium*, NYU. (Invited.)
- 2021 A fictionalist theory of universals. *Visiting Speakers’ Colloquium*, Manchester. (Invited.)
- 2021 A fictionalist theory of universals. With Tim Button. *Jowett Society*, Oxford. (Invited.)
- 2019 Idealism and the identity theory of truth. *Higher-Order Metaphysics Workshop*, Birmingham. (Peer Reviewed.)
- 2017 Substitution in a sense. *Properties and Predication*, Birmingham. (Co-organiser.)
- 2017 Substitution in a sense. *The Whole Truth*, Glasgow. (Invited.)
- 2016 The Prenective View of propositional content. *The Identity Theory of Truth*, Cambridge. (Co-organiser.)
- 2015 The collapse of a nominalist/realist distinction. *The Logic and Metaphysics of Predication*, Oslo. (Invited.)
- 2014 Eliminating identity: a reply to Wehmeier. *Identity Workshop*, UC Irvine. (Invited.)
- 2014 The concept *horse* with no name. *Bucharest Colloquium of Analytic Philosophy*, Bucharest. (Peer Reviewed.)
- 2014 Hanks and the dissolution of the proposition. *Early Analytic Group*, Stirling. (Invited.)
- 2013 The concept *horse* with no name. *The Visiting Speakers’ Seminar*, Stirling. (Invited.)
- 2012 Making room for identity. *The Moral Sciences Club*, Cambridge. (Invited.)
- 2011 Sham names and abstraction. *Logicism Today*, Besse. (Peer Reviewed.)

## Selected prizes & awards

- 2012 Analysis Studentship from the Analysis Trust
- 2011 Fitzwilliam Graduate Teaching Award for an outstanding contribution to undergraduate teaching at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
- 2011 College Senior Scholarship from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
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- 2009 Full PhD funding from the AHRC
- 2009 Matthew Buncombe Prize for the highest MPhil result in the year from the Cambridge Philosophy Faculty
- 2009 College Senior Scholarship from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
- 2008 1912 Senior Scholarship from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge
- 2008 Sir John Stratton Prize for outstanding exam results from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge

## Teaching experience

- 2016– LECTURER IN PHILOSOPHY AT YORK
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year modules: Philosophy of Physics; Foundations of Mathematics; Rationality, Morality & Economics
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year modules: Intermediate Logic; Philosophy of Language; Paradoxes; Philosophy of Time
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year modules: Kripke's *Naming & Necessity*
- 2009–16 UNDERGRADUATE SUPERVISOR AT CAMBRIDGE
  - I have given one-to-one supervisions to undergraduates in the following areas: logic (formal and philosophical); metaphysics; philosophy of mathematics; philosophy of language; philosophy of mind; epistemology; philosophy of science
- 2015 LOGIC CLASS TUTOR AT STIRLING
- 2009–13 LOGIC CLASS TUTOR AT CAMBRIDGE

## Administrative experience

### CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES

I am currently acting as the Chair of the Board of Studies for Philosophy at York. This is one of the most substantive administrative roles in the department, and also includes a number of pastoral duties

### CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

From 2017 to 2020, I served as the Chair of the Board of Examiners for Philosophy at York. My duty in this role was to oversee all aspects of the examination process for all modules in philosophy at York.

### DISABILITY OFFICER

From 2017 to 2020, I served as the Disability Officer for Philosophy at York. My duty in this role was to support students in Philosophy with disabilities of any kind.

#### DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

I was the Director of Studies for Philosophy at Sidney Sussex College (Cambridge) from 2012 to 2013, and at Robinson College from 2015 to 2016. This position was largely administrative: my primary role was to arrange and manage the supervisions of undergraduate philosophy students. However, another of my duties was to offer pastoral care to students when necessary.

### **Additional experience**

#### CONFERENCE ORGANISER

From 2010 to 2012, I co-organised the 3rd, 4th and 5th iterations of the Cambridge Graduate Conference on the Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic. In 2016 I co-organised a conference on the identity theory of truth, which was held at Trinity College, Cambridge. In 2017 I co-organised a conference on properties and predication, held at the University of Birmingham.

#### REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Analysis; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Dialogue; Ergo; Erkenntnis; European Journal of Analytic Philosophy; History and Philosophy of Logic; Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy; Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Philosophical Logic; Mind; Mind and Language; Philosophia Mathematica; Philosophical Studies; Philosophical Quarterly; Synthese; Theoria; Thought.