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AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Philosophical logic, metaphysics, history of early analytic philosophy

FURTHER AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Philosophy of physics, decision theory

Career history

2023– SENIOR LECTURER IN PHILOSOPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

2016–23 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. Fregean predication. *Mind*.

forthcoming. Why sum types, or even some types at all? Co-authored with Tim Button. *Disputatio*.

- forthcoming. Determinate compositionality. *Inquiry*.
2025. Manyism as mereologism. Co-authored with Simon Thunder. *Synthese* vol. 206 pp. 1–35.
2024. A fictionalist theory of universals. Co-authored with Tim Button. *Higher-Order Metaphysics* (eds Fritz and Jones), Oxford: Oxford University Press.
2022. Truth without dependence. *Aristotelian Society Supplementary Volume* vol. 96 pp. 89–121.
2022. Against cumulative type theory. Co-authored with Tim Button. *The Review of Symbolic Logic* vol. 15 pp. 907–949.
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

2026. *The Foundations of Modality: From Propositions to Possible Worlds*, by Peter Fritz. *Mind* vol. 135 pp. 284–294.
2025. *A Philosophical Introduction to Higher-Order Logics*, by Andrew Bacon. *The Philosophical Review* vol. 134 pp. 376–381.
2015. *On What There Is For Things To Be*, by Krämer, Stephan. *The Review of Metaphysics* vol. 69 pp. 393–395.

Selected Talks

- 2026 Is higher-order metaphysics higher-order? (Or: is higher-order metaphysics metaphysics?) *Advances in Higher-Order Metaphysics*, University of Geneva. (Invited.)
- 2026 Knowing the facts. *Centre for Theoretical Philosophy*, University of Leeds. (Invited.)
- 2025 Why sum types, or even some types at all? With Tim Button. *Higher-Order Metaphysics Workshop*, New York University. (Invited.)
- 2025 Against alien structure. *Alien Structure Workshop*, University of Uppsala. (Invited.)
- 2025 Against alien structure. *Visiting Speakers’ Colloquium*, University of Bergen. (Invited.)
- 2025 Fregean predication. *Early Analytic Group*, University of Stirling
- 2025 Fregean predication. *The Nature and Objects of Thought Conference 1*, University of Glasgow. (Invited.)

- 2024 Fregean predication. *Eidos*, University of Geneva. (Invited.)
- 2024 Manyism as mereologicism. *The Sense of Metaphysics/Ontology*, University of Occupational Safety Management in Katowice. (Invited.)
- 2022 Truth without dependence. *The Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association*, St. Andrews University. (Invited.)
- 2022 Truth without dependence. *Properties and Times*, University of Lisbon. (Invited.)
- 2022 Truth without dependence. *Visiting Speakers' Colloquium*, New York University. (Invited.)
- 2021 A fictionalist theory of universals. *Visiting Speakers' Colloquium*, University of Manchester. (Invited.)
- 2021 A fictionalist theory of universals. With Tim Button. *Jowett Society*, University of Oxford. (Invited.)
- 2019 Idealism and the identity theory of truth. *Higher-Order Metaphysics Workshop*, University of Birmingham. (Peer Reviewed.)
- 2017 Substitution in a sense. *Properties and Predication*, University of Birmingham. (Co-organiser.)
- 2017 Substitution in a sense. *The Whole Truth*, University of Glasgow. (Invited.)
- 2016 The Prenective View of propositional content. *The Identity Theory of Truth*, University of Cambridge. (Co-organiser.)
- 2015 The collapse of a nominalist/realist distinction. *The Logic and Metaphysics of Predication*, University of Oslo. (Invited.)
- 2014 Eliminating identity: a reply to Wehmeier. *Identity Workshop*, University of California, Irvine. (Invited.)
- 2014 The concept *horse* with no name. *Bucharest Colloquium of Analytic Philosophy*, University of Bucharest. (Peer Reviewed.)
- 2014 Hanks and the dissolution of the proposition. *Early Analytic Group*, University of Stirling. (Invited.)
- 2013 The concept *horse* with no name. *The Visiting Speakers' Seminar*, University of Stirling. (Invited.)
- 2012 Making room for identity. *The Moral Sciences Club*, University of Cambridge. (Invited.)
- 2011 Sham names and abstraction. *Logicism Today*, Besse. (Peer Reviewed.)

Teaching experience

- 2016– LECTURER IN PHILOSOPHY AT YORK
 MA modules: Theoretical Philosophy; Wittgenstein's *Tractatus*
 3rd year modules: Philosophy of Physics; Foundations of Mathematics; Rationality, Morality & Economics
 2nd year modules: Logic & Paradoxes; Intermediate Logic; Philosophy of Language; Philosophy of Time
 1st year modules: Kripke's *Naming & Necessity*; Reason & Argument

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 serving 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. In 2026, I co-organised a conference at York on acquaintance and ineffability.

REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Analysis; Australasian Journal of Philosophy; British Journal for the History of Philosophy; British Journal for the Philosophy of Science; Canadian Journal of Philosophy; Dialogue; Ergo; Erkenntnis; European Journal of Analytic Philosophy; History and Philosophy of Logic; Inquiry; Journal for the History of Analytic Philosophy; Journal of Philosophy; Journal of Philosophical Logic; Mind; Mind and Language; Noûs; The Philosophers' Imprint; Philosophia Mathematica; Philosophical Studies; Philosophical Quarterly; The Philosophical Review; Philosophies; Philosophy; Philosophy and Phenomenological Research; The Review of Symbolic Logic; Synthese; Theoria; Thought.