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## Research Areas

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AOS: Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Mind

AOC: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Biology

## Employment

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2019 – 2024 Research Fellow in Kinds of Intelligence  
Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence, University of  
Cambridge & Center for Science and Thought, University of Bonn

2016 – 2019 WYNG Research Fellow  
Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge

## Education

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2013 – 2017 University of Cambridge, PhD Philosophy (No Corrections)  
Thesis: 'Mindreading for Animals: Psychology Without Propositional  
Attitudes'

2012 – 2013 University of Cambridge, MPhil Philosophy (Distinction)  
Thesis: 'What the dog believed'

2009 – 2012 University of Cambridge, BA Philosophy (First Class)

## Prizes & Awards

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2019 Early Career Conference Prize, Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2

2018 Annual Essay Prize of the Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of  
Antwerp

2016 3-year Research Fellowship, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge

2016 3-year Junior Research Fellowship, Corpus Christi College, University of  
Cambridge (awarded, not accepted)

2013 Matthew Buncombe Prize for best performance in the MPhil, Faculty of  
Philosophy, University of Cambridge

2012 Peterhouse Research Studentship (MPhil & PhD, full fees & funding)

## Publications

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### Journal Articles:

Forthcoming. 'Remembering events and representing time.' *Synthese*.

2020. 'The impure phenomenology of episodic memory.' *Mind & Language*. 35, 641-  
660.

2020. 'Conjoined twinning and biological individuation.' *Philosophical Studies* 177 (8),  
2395-2415.

2019. 'Mapping the minds of others'. *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 10 (4), 747-767.

2019. 'Learning from the past: epistemic generativity and the function of episodic memory'. *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 26 (5-6), 242-251. Published as Winner of the Annual Essay Prize of the Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp.

2018. 'Mirror self-recognition and self-identification'. *Philosophy & Phenomenological Research* 97 (2), 284-303.

#### Other Writing:

2020. 'Do nonhuman animals have episodic memory?'. *Imperfect Cognitions*. <https://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com/2020/03/do-non-human-animals-have-episodic.html>

2019. 'Reading minds and reading maps'. The iCog Blog, <https://icog.group.shef.ac.uk/reading-minds-reading-maps/>

2018. 'Can cats read minds?' The Institute of Art & Ideas, <https://iainews.iai.tv/articles/can-cats-read-minds-auid-1145>

2017. 'How smart is your pet?' The Institute of Art & Ideas, <https://iainews.iai.tv/articles/how-smart-is-your-pet-auid-910>

#### Talks

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##### Invited Talks

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| October 2020  | Do Animals Have Episodic Memory? Current Controversies in Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes. (Online)            |
| June 2020     | Classification in Comparative Cognitive Science. COGS Seminar. University of Sussex. (Online)                                  |
| June 2020     | Classification in Comparative Cognitive Science. Philosophy of Mind Seminar. University of Oxford. (Online)                    |
| May 2020      | Do Animals Have Episodic Memory? Philosophy Meets Cognitive Science Colloquium. Ruhr University Bochum. (Online)               |
| May 2020      | Classification in Comparative Cognitive Science. Popper Seminar. LSE. (Online)   |
| April 2020    | Detecting Episodic Memory in Animals: A Philosophical Perspective. Cambridge Memory Meeting, University of Cambridge. (Online) |
| January 2020  | Episodic Memory, Scepticism and Psychological Kinds. HPS Departmental Seminar. University of Cambridge.                        |
| December 2019 | Discovering the Past. Origins of Temporal Concepts. Queens University Belfast.   |
| November 2019 | Episodic Memory and the Method of Loci. Research Student Study Day, Birkbeck College, University of London                     |
| June 2019     | The Benefits of Hindsight. Mind & Reason Seminar, University of York   |
| June 2019     | Discovering the Past. About Time: The De Nunc & the De Se, University of Leeds   |

May 2019 The Benefits of Hindsight. Memory Workshop, Centre for Philosophical Psychology, University of Antwerp

October 2018 The Impure Phenomenology of Episodic Memory. L'animalité, University of Nantes

September 2018 The Impure Phenomenology of Episodic Memory. Visiting Speaker Seminar, University of Stirling

May 2018 The Impure Phenomenology of Episodic Memory. London Mind Group, KCL/UCL

September 2017 Two Logical Problems for Animal Mindreading. Mind Network, University of Nottingham

April 2016 Mapping the Minds of Others. Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge

July 2015 Moral Sense or Common Sense? The Evolution of Mindreading. Empathy & Interpretation Across the Disciplines (Interdisciplinary Network for Sympathy, Empathy & Imagination), University of Cambridge

#### Refereed Talks

July 2020 Classification in Comparative Cognitive Science. British Society for Philosophy of Science, University of Kent. (Cancelled)

July 2020 What is a Foetus? Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, University of Kent. (Online)

September 2019 Episodic Memories as Natural Mind Palaces. European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Athens

July 2019 The Benefits of Hindsight. Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2, Université Grenoble Alpes

July 2018 Dicephalus Twinning & Biological Individuation. Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, Oxford University

July 2017 A New Logical Problem for Animal Mindreading. Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & The Mind Association, University of Edinburgh

July 2017 Episodic Memory, Consciousness & Behaviour. British Society for Philosophy of Science, University of Edinburgh

July 2017 Episodic Memory, Consciousness & Behaviour. Issues in Philosophy of Memory, University of Cologne

January 2017 False Belief & Counterfactual Thinking. New Directions in the Philosophy of Mind, University of Cambridge. (Accepted, not delivered.)

July 2016 Mapping the Minds of Others. Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, Cardiff University

July 2016 Mapping the Minds of Others. Persons as Animals Conference, Leeds University

July 2015 'In Defence of Intentionalism about Moods. Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society & the Mind Association, University of Warwick

#### Seminar Talks

November 2018 Memory: What is it Good For? CamPoS, University of Cambridge

October 2018 The Impure Phenomenology of Episodic Memory. Comparative Cognition Lab Group, University of Cambridge

- March 2018      Dicephalus Twinning & Biological Individuation. Serious Metaphysics Group, University of Cambridge
- June 2015      Close Encounters of the Third Kind: A Beginner's Guide. Philosophy Graduate Seminar, University of Cambridge
- November 2014      The Monkey in the Mirror. Serious Metaphysics Group, University of Cambridge
- May 2014      Self-Awareness & Self-Representation. Serious Metaphysics Group, University of Cambridge

#### Commentaries

- November 2020      Comparisons & Concepts: Comments on Kristin Andrews' *How to Study Animal Minds*. HPS Virtual Conversation, University of Cambridge.
- June 2017      Comments on Lu Teng's 'Cognitive Penetration: Inferentialism vs. Imaginationism'. Midsummer Philosophy Workshop, University of Leeds
- August 2016      Comments on Sara Aronowitz's 'Exploring by Believing'. Athena in Action Workshop, Princeton University

#### Teaching & Examining

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University of Cambridge (2014 – )

- Lectures
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Undergraduate Consciousness
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Undergraduate Sources of Knowledge
- One-One Supervisions
  - MPhil Coursework Supervision: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Psychology
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Undergraduate Philosophy of Mind
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Undergraduate Philosophy of Science
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Undergraduate Metaphysics & Epistemology
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Undergraduate Metaphysics
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Undergraduate Stoic & Epicurean Philosophy (for Classics)
- Small Group Teaching
  - MPhil Working Group, Philosophy of Cognitive Science & Biology (for HPS)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Undergraduate Discussion Group, Metaphysics & Ethics
- Examining
  - MPhil Coursework: Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics & Epistemology (for Philosophy), Philosophy of Cognitive Science (for HPS), Comparative Cognition (for Psychology)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Undergraduate Philosophy of Mind

University of Cambridge Summer School, (2017 – )  
 Canadian International School of Hong Kong

- 15-hour pre-university courses for 15-18 year olds: 'Theory of Knowledge', 'Mind, Brain & Behaviour', 'The Meaning of Science'

## Service & Admin

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- 2019 – Co-organiser, Kinds of Intelligence Conference, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence.
- 2019 – Co-convenor, Kinds of Intelligence reading group, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence.
- 2019 – Equality & Diversity Working Group, Leverhulme Centre for the Future of Intelligence.
- 2018 – Reviewer for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind & Language*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Synthese* and *Phenomenology & the Cognitive Sciences*
- 2018 – 2019 Equality Working Group, Faculty of Philosophy
- 2016 – 2019 Outreach talks for visiting school groups, Trinity Hall and Corpus Christi College
- 2016 – 2019 Governing Body, Trinity Hall
- 2014 – Undergraduate Admissions interviewer (BA Philosophy; BA Psychological & Behavioural Sciences), Cambridge
- 2014 – 2016 Co-convenor, Comparative Cognition & Philosophy of Psychology reading groups, Department of HPS
- 2014 – 2015 Co-secretary, Moral Sciences Club – organising a visiting speaker series of 20 talks

## References

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