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Employment

Oct 2020– Title A Fellow, St John's College, University of Cambridge

Education

Oct 2017–Jul 2020 PhD in Philosophy, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge (no corrections)
Thesis: 'Speech, Sex, and Social Norms'
Supervisors: Rae Langton and Clare Chambers
Examiners: Sally Haslanger and Richard Holton

Oct 2015–Jul 2017 BPhil in Philosophy, St Peter's College, University of Oxford

Oct 2012–Jul 2015 BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics (1st class), St Peter's College, University of Oxford

Research Areas

Ethics, philosophy of language, feminist philosophy, political philosophy, philosophy of social media

Publications

(*Invited)

Journal Articles

1. 'Cat-Calls, Compliments, and Coercion', *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming
2. 'Please Like This Paper', *Philosophy*, 96, 3 (2021): 335–358
- Winner of 2020 Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Prize
3. 'Your Word Against Mine: The Power of Uptake', *Synthese*, forthcoming
4. 'Shaming, Blaming, and Responsibility', *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 18, 1 (2021): 131–155

Book Chapters

5. 'Flirting', in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Sex*, edited by C. Chambers, B. D. Earp, and L. Watson, Routledge, forthcoming*
6. 'Reading is Fundamental' [about LGBTQ slang] in *RuPaul's Drag Race and Philosophy*, edited by H. Kempt and M. Volpert, Open Court Press, 2019

Reviews

7. Review of *An Intersectional Feminist Theory of Moral Responsibility* by Michelle Ciurria, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, forthcoming*

Public Writing

8. 'Death by a Thousand Cat Calls', *Public Ethics Blog*, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, 2021*
9. 'Blame Without Shame', *The Times Literary Supplement*, 2021*

Work in Progress

In Review

1. [REDACTED] (revise and resubmit, *Analysis*)
2. [REDACTED] (revise and resubmit, *The Philosophical Quarterly*)
3. [REDACTED] (revise and resubmit, *Journal of Applied Philosophy*)

Under Contract

4. 'Context Collapse Online', for *Conversations Online*, edited by P. Connolly, S. Goldberg, and J. Saul
5. 'Language in Social Construction', with Rae Langton, for *Oxford Handbook of Social Ontology*, edited by S. Collins, B. Epstein, H.B. Schmid, and S. Haslanger

In Preparation

6. Review of *The Right to Sex: Feminism in the Twenty-First Century* by Amia Srinivasan, for *The Philosophical Quarterly*
7. 'Intimacy: A Closer Look'
8. 'Intimacy and Accommodation'
9. 'Mixed Reactions: Speech Acts and Crowds'

Presentations

Invited

- 2021 'Intimacy: A Closer Look', Visiting Speaker Session, University of Reading
'Cat-Calling and Coercion', Arché Feminist Philosophy and Social Theory Seminar, University of St Andrews
'Reimagining Illocutionary Force', New York Philosophy of Language Workshop
'Reimagining Illocutionary Force', the Mark of the Mental project, San Raffaele University
'Your Word Against Mine: The Power of Uptake', Philosophy of Language Graduate Seminar, Humboldt University of Berlin
'The Philosophy of Flirting', Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge
'How to Woo Things With Words', Oppressive Speech, Societies & Norms, ZAS Berlin
- 2020 'The Philosophy of Flirting', Peterhouse Theory Group, University of Cambridge
'Pinning Down Uptake', Speech Acts, Expression, and Social Context Workshop, University of Szczecin (postponed due to COVID-19)
- 2018 'Catcalls and Compliments', Just Words: Early Career Workshop, UCL

Refereed

- 2021 'Policing Speech', Hate Speech: What It Is and How It Works, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- 2019 'Cat-Calls and Accommodation', Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Oxford
'Online Speech', Sixth International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, University of Lodz
'Shaming Speech', The Social Institution of Norms Conference, University of Vienna
- 2018 'Shaming Speech Acts', Speech As Action Conference, University of Trieste
'Sluts and Slurs', Context, Cognition & Communication Conference, University of Warsaw
- 2017 'Hermeneutical Resources', Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Oxford
- 2016 'Revenge Pornography', Open Minds Conference, University of Manchester
'Bathroom Bills', The Centre for Gender Studies Biennial Gender Research Conference, University of Hull

Other

- 2021 ‘The Philosophy of Flirting’, Pre-dinner talk, St John’s College, University of Cambridge
2020 ‘Your Word Against Mine: The Power of Uptake’, Meaning Reading Group, University of Cambridge
‘Policing Speech’, Political Philosophy Workshop, University of Cambridge
‘How to Woo Things With Words’, Words Workshop
2019 ‘On Shaming’, Political Philosophy Workshop, University of Cambridge
‘Cat-Calls and Accommodation’, Pragmatics Workshop, University of Cambridge
2018 ‘Sluts, Slurs and Neutral Counterparts’, Presupposition, Force and Social Norms Workshop, University of Cambridge
2017 ‘Sluts and Slurs’, Graduate Seminar, University of Cambridge
2016 ‘Revenge Pornography’, Ockham Society, University of Oxford

Teaching

University of Cambridge

Lecturing	IA Meaning: Intention and Convention II Political Philosophy: Topics in Feminism
Undergraduate Supervisions (1–4 students)	IA Meaning IA Set Texts (Mill and Descartes) IA Ethics and Political Philosophy IB Ethics IB Political Philosophy II Political Philosophy II Ethics II Dissertations on Aesthetics, Feminist Philosophy, Speech Act Theory, Critical Race Theory
Undergraduate Discussion Groups (8–15 students)	IA Metaphysics IA Ethics and Political Philosophy IB Political Philosophy
Postgraduate Supervisions	MPhil Essays in Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Race MPhil Dissertations in Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Language
Outreach Workshops	During my PhD I regularly gave workshops on hate speech for the Cambridge University Outreach Programme, for groups (20–100) of secondary school students. Events included KS4 Visit Days, HE+ Early Application Residentials, Cornish Schools Residentials, and the Insight Programme.

Academic Service

- 2019– Referee for *Philosophical Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Hypatia*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Organon F*, *Kriterion*

University of Cambridge

2022	Acting Director of Studies in Philosophy, Jesus College (Lent only)
2022	Library and Records Committee, St John's College
2021	Undergraduate examining (IB Political Philosophy, IB General Paper, II Political Philosophy, II General Paper)
2020–	MPhil examining (moral philosophy, legal philosophy, philosophy of language, aesthetics)
2018–	Convenor of Philosophy of Language Reading Group
2018–2019	Moral Sciences Club Secretary
2018	Lead on official evaluation of 'Breaking the Silence', the University's programme for preventing sexual misconduct
2018	Undergraduate exam invigilator, Trinity Hall
2017–	Philosophy undergraduate admissions interviewer (Trinity Hall 2017, Fitzwilliam College 2018, Downing College 2019, St John's College 2020/21, Jesus College 2021)
2017–2018	MCR Women's Officer, Trinity Hall
2017–2018	Graduate Delegate, Staff-Student Committee, Faculty of Philosophy
2017–2020	Session Leader, Outreach Programme

University of Oxford

2017	Student Support Worker, Disability Advisory Service
2017	Workshop Leader, Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach, Brasenose College
2016, 2017	Reviewer for Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference
2016–2017	Women's Graduate Representative, Department of Philosophy
2015	Philosophy and Theology undergraduate admissions interviewer, St Peter's College

Training

University of Cambridge

2017–2020	AHRC DTP Arts and Humanities Research Training Programme
2019	CCTL Introduction to Sign Language
2019	CCTL Lecturing Performance
2017–2018	Teaching and Transferrable Skills, Faculty of Philosophy
2017	Outreach Workshop Session Delivery, Postgraduate Outreach Scheme
2017	CCTL Admissions Selection (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences)

Awards

2021	Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Prize
2020	Junior Research Fellowship, St John's College, University of Cambridge
2017, 2018, 2019, 2020	Travel Awards, Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge
2017	Cambridge AHRC Full DTP Studentship
2016	MCR Award, St Peter's College, University of Oxford