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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. 'Reimagining Illocutionary Force', *The Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming
2. 'Cat-Calls, Compliments, and Coercion', *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming
3. 'Please Like This Paper', *Philosophy*, 96, 3 (2021): 335–358
- Winner of 2020-21 Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Prize
4. 'Your Word Against Mine: The Power of Uptake', *Synthese*, forthcoming
5. 'Shaming, Blaming, and Responsibility', *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 18, 1 (2021): 131–155

Book Chapters

6. 'Flirting', in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Sex*, edited by C. Chambers, B. D. Earp, and L. Watson, Routledge, forthcoming*
7. '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

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

Public Writing

9. 'Death by a Thousand Cat Calls', *Public Ethics Blog*, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, 2021*
10. '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 Journal of Applied Philosophy*)

In preparation

3. 'Context Collapse Online', for *Conversations Online*, edited by P. Connolly, S. Goldberg, and J. Saul
4. '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
5. Review of *The Right to Sex: Feminism in the Twenty-First Century* by Amia Srinivasan, for *The Philosophical Quarterly*
6. Review of *When Bad Thinking Happens to Good People* by Steven Nadler and Lawrence Shapiro and *Bad Beliefs: Why They Happen to Good People* by Neil Levy for the *Times Literary Supplement*
7. A paper on intimacy
8. A paper on speech acts and crowds
9. A paper on dehumanising speech

Presentations

Invited

- 2021 'Intimacy: A Closer Look', Visiting Speaker Session, University of Reading
'Intimacy: A Closer Look', Peterhouse Perne Club, University of Cambridge
'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', 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

- 2022 ‘Intimacy: A Closer Look’, Political Philosophy Workshop, University of Cambridge
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 in Aesthetics, Ethics, Feminist Philosophy, Speech Act Theory, Critical Race Theory, Political Philosophy
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, Ethics, Philosophy of Language MPhil Dissertations in Feminist Philosophy, Aesthetics, Philosophy of Language
Outreach Workshops	During my PhD I regularly gave workshops on hate speech for the 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*, *Synthese*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Organon F*, *Kriterion*

University of Cambridge

2022– Co-organiser, St John’s Pre-Dinner Lecture Series
2022 Director of Studies in Philosophy, Jesus College (Lent)
2022–2023 Library and Records Committee, St John’s College
2021– Co-Convenor of Intimacy and Relationships Reading Group
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 2018, Downing 2019, St John’s 2020/21, Jesus 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

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
2015 MCR Award, St Peter’s College, University of Oxford