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## Employment

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

## Education

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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

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Philosophy of language, ethics, feminist philosophy, political philosophy

## Publications

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(\*Invited)

### Journal Articles

1. 'Two-Faced Compliments', *Analysis*, forthcoming
2. 'Reimagining Illocutionary Force', *The Philosophical Quarterly*, forthcoming
3. 'Cat-Calls, Compliments, and Coercion', *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 103 (2022): 208–230
4. 'Please Like This Paper', *Philosophy*, 96 (2021): 335–358  
- Winner of 2020-21 Royal Institute of Philosophy Essay Prize
5. 'Your Word Against Mine: The Power of Uptake', *Synthese*, 199 (2021): 3505–3526
6. 'Shaming, Blaming, and Responsibility', *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 18 (2021): 131–155

### Book Chapters

7. 'Flirting', in *Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Sex*, edited by C. Chambers, B. D. Earp, and L. Watson, Routledge, 2022\*
8. '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

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

### Public Writing

10. 'Limits of an Examined Life', *The Times Literary Supplement*, 2022\*
11. 'Death by a Thousand Cat Calls', *Public Ethics Blog*, Stockholm Centre for the Ethics of War and Peace, 2021\*
12. 'Blame Without Shame', *The Times Literary Supplement*, 2021\*

## Work in Progress

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### In Review

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED]

### In Preparation

4. 'Context Collapse Online', for *Conversations Online*, edited by P. Connolly, S. Goldberg, and J. Saul, Oxford University Press
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, Routledge
6. 'Dehumanising Speech', for *Harmful Speech and Contestation*, edited by M. Popa-Wyatt, Palgrave Macmillan
7. 'Gender', with Clare Chambers, for *Issues in Political Theory* (5<sup>th</sup> edition), edited by R. Jubb and P. Tomlin, Oxford University Press
8. 'Uptake', for *Philosophy Compass*
9. A paper on emoji
10. A paper on normative powers and illocutionary acts
11. A paper on evil and dehumanisation

## Presentations

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### Invited

- 2022 'Pinning Down Uptake', *The Nature of Uptake Workshop*, University of Vienna  
'Dehumanising Speech', Lecture Series on Hate Speech, University of Hamburg  
'Why Pornography Matters', Philosophy Society/Self Defence Society, Kings College London  
'Intimacy: A Closer Look', Guest Seminar, Queen's University, Belfast  
Respondent for Graduate Workshop on Bernard Williams, University of Oxford
- 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

- 2018 ‘Shaming Speech’, The Social Institution of Norms Conference, University of Vienna  
 ‘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 ‘Reimagining Illocutionary Force’, Words Workshop  
 ‘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

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### University of Cambridge

Lecturing	IA Meaning: Intention and Convention II Political Philosophy: Topics in Feminism
Undergraduate Supervisions (1–4 students)	IA Meaning (Philosophy of Language and Logic) 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 I have led numerous 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

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2019– Referee for Oxford University Press, *Philosophical Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Hypatia*, *Synthese*, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Journal of Pragmatics*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Organon F*, *Kriterion*

## University of Cambridge

2022 Organiser of ‘Love, Intimacy, and Relationships’ Conference, June 2022  
 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 assessment and 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

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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