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Employment

2022 – present, Assistant Professor, Central European University

2021 – 2022 Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Cambridge

2021 – 2021 Teaching Fellow, University of Birmingham

2019 – December 2020 Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy, Wadham College, University of Oxford

Education

2016 – 2019

University of Cambridge, Trinity College

PhD in Philosophy, Pass without corrections

Supervisors: Paulina Sliwa, Tom Dougherty

2015 – 2016

University of Sheffield

MA Philosophy, Distinction

Dissertation Supervisor: Jimmy Lenman

2012 – 2015

University of Oxford, Trinity College

BA Philosophy and Theology, First Class Honours

Research Areas

AOS: Ethics, Moral Epistemology, Iris Murdoch

AOC: Political Philosophy, Epistemology, Aesthetics, Applied Ethics, History of Philosophy

Publications

“Forgiveness and Openness to Reconciliation”, co-authored with Matt Dougherty. *Inquiry* (forthcoming, published online 30th May 2022)

“What’s Bad About Having Bad Friends?”, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming, published online 8th March 2022, <https://doi.org/10.1017/can.2022.6>)

“Iris Murdoch, Privacy and the Limits of Moral Testimony”, *European Journal of Philosophy* (forthcoming, published online 19th September 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1111/ejop.12721>)

“The Epistemic Demands of Friendship: Friendship as Inherently Knowledge – Involving”, *Synthese* 199 (2021), 2439–2455

“Hoping and Intending”, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 7 (4) (2021), 514-529

“The Virtue of Hope in a Turbulent World” in *Values and Virtues in a Changing World*, ed. Jefferson, Palermos, Paris and Webber (forthcoming)

“Mourning and the Recognition of Value” in Slawkowski-Rode (ed.), *Mourning*. Co-authored with Matt Dougherty (forthcoming)

“Iris Murdoch and the Epistemic Significance of Love” in Cushing (ed.) *New Philosophical Essays on Love and Loving* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021)

“On the Basis of Friendship”, *Inquiry* (published online 2020)

“Humility and Ethical Development”, *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* 17 (2020)

“Responsibility and Comparative Pride – a Critical Discussion of Morgan-Knapp” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 70 (2020)

Reviews

Review of Jennifer Wright (ed.) *Humility*, *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 18 (2021)

Review of Benjamin Lipscomb, *The Women are up to Something: How Elizabeth Anscombe, Philippa Foot, Mary Midgley, and Iris Murdoch Revolutionized Ethics*, *Philosophy* (forthcoming)

In Progress

“Murdoch and Gilead: John Ames as a Model of Murdochian Virtue” (accepted to an edited collection, *Narrative and Ethical Understanding*, ed. Garry Hagberg)

A paper on Iris Murdoch’s ontological argument, accepted to the *European Journal of Philosophy*

A paper on Murdoch’s moral realism

A paper on friendship and taking our friends seriously

Public Philosophy

“The Moral Minority”, a review of *Metaphysical Animals* and *The Women are up to Something*, for *Literary Review* (2022, <https://literaryreview.co.uk/the-moral-minority>)

“A Murdochian Metaethics”, blogpost for the Iris Murdoch Society (2022, https://irismurdochsociety.org.uk/2022/01/10/a_murdochian_metaethics/)

Women in Parenthesis Podcasts. The second series focuses on Iris Murdoch; I feature in episodes 2.2, 2.3 and 2.5 (<https://open.spotify.com/show/1p37fcZC8JpJl4JOLnvPNU>)

“Iris Murdoch: what the writer and philosopher can teach us about friendship” *The Conversation* (2021, <https://theconversation.com/iris-murdoch-what-the-writer-and-philosopher-can-teach-us-about-friendship-167819>)

Awards and Scholarships

2016 – 2019: AHRC-Trinity Research Training Support Grant

2016: University of Sheffield Department of Philosophy Graduate prize

(Awarded annually for best performance on the MA)

2015 – 2016: University of Sheffield Postgraduate Support Scheme Scholarship

(Tuition fees and maintenance)

2015: Trinity College Knox Prize

(Awarded to the student/s of Trinity College, Oxford, who perform/s best overall in Finals examinations)

2013 – 2015: Trinity College Woodroffe Exhibition and Scholarship

(Awarded for academic performance in 1st and 2nd years)

Academic Presentations

‘Purpose and Play in Art and Ethics’, Interpersonal Relations: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Phenomenology, University of Birmingham, June 2022

‘Epistemic Partiality and Taking One Another Seriously’, Workshop on Love, Intimacy and Relationships, University of Cambridge June 2022

‘Murdochian Realism’, Iris Murdoch Society Conference, University of Chichester, June 2022

‘Epistemic Partiality and Taking One Another Seriously’, Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, May 2022 (invited talk)

‘Hope as a Virtue in a Turbulent World’, Royal Institute of Philosophy Public Philosophy Festival 2021, Cardiff University (postponed to 2022)

‘Iris Murdoch, Privacy, and the Limits of Moral Testimony’, Iris Murdoch Society Conference, July 2021

‘The Epistemic Demands of Friendship’, Conference on the Normativity and Epistemology of Friendship, Trinity College Dublin, September 2020

‘The Epistemic Demands of Friendship’, Oxford Jurisprudence Discussion Group, October 2019 (invited talk)

‘Iris Murdoch and the Epistemic Significance of Love’, The Humane Philosophy Society, September 2019 (invited talk)

‘Humility and Moral Development’, Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, February 2019

Commentator on ‘The Secular Problem of Evil: An Essay in Analytic Existentialism’ by Paul Prescott, Vancouver Summer Philosophy Conference, University of British Columbia, August 2018

‘Understanding Hope’, Edgington Graduate workshop with Katherine Hawley, Birkbeck College, June 2018

‘Iris Murdoch and the Epistemic Significance of Love’, SWIP Ireland/In Parenthesis Women in Philosophy: Past, Present, Future, University College Dublin, May 2018

‘Understanding Hope’, Philosophy in Progress Graduate Conference, University of Nottingham, January 2018

‘Murdoch on Kant and Utilitarianism’, St Andrews/Stirling Kant Reading Party, July 2017

‘Perceptual Moral Knowledge’, Joint Session, University of Edinburgh, July 2017

Teaching

University of Cambridge (2017 – 2019, 2021 – present)

Supervisor:

- First year Ethics and Political Philosophy
- First year Metaphysics and Mind
- Second year Metaphysics and Epistemology
- Second year Ethics (also dissertation supervisor)
- Third year Aesthetics (also dissertation supervisor)
- Third year Ethics

Discussion Group Leader:

- First year Ethics and Political Philosophy
- First year Metaphysics and Mind

Lecturer:

- Third Year Ethics of Knowing, Moral Epistemology
- Second Year Helping and Harming

University of Birmingham (2021)

Lecturer

- Global Bioethics

Seminar Leader

- Global Bioethics
- Social Justice

University of Oxford (2019 – 2021)

Undergraduate Tutor:

- First year Moral Philosophy
- First year seminar on Philosophical Skills
- Finals Theory of Politics
- Finals Ethics
- Finals Practical Ethics
- Finals Aesthetics

Graduate Tutor:

- BPhil supervisor (Metaethics)

Other

Journal Referee: Analytic Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, European Journal of Philosophy, Inquiry, Journal of Philosophy, Philosophers' Imprint, Philosophical Studies, The Philosophical Forum, The Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of Value Inquiry

Book Referee: Oxford University Press

Secretary of the Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, **2017 – 2018**

Undergraduate Admissions Interviewer, Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, **2017 – present**

Graduate representative to the Faculty Board and Student-Staff Committee member, University of Cambridge **2018 – 2019**

Convenor of the Cambridge Philosophy Graduate Seminar, **2018**

Tutorial Board member, Wadham College **2019 – 2020**

Workshop Convenor: (jointly with Lucy McDonald) I ran a workshop in Cambridge titled 'Love, Intimacy and Relationships', **June 2022**

References

Prof Alison Hills

St John's College, University of Oxford

Dr Paulina Sliwa

Sidney Sussex, University of Cambridge

Dr Anil Gomes

Trinity College, University of Oxford

Dr Tom Dougherty

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Prof Rae Langton

Newnham College, Cambridge