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AOS: Philosophy of Language and Metasemantics

AOC: Logic, Semantics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, August 2016 - August 2017

Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy (MCMP), Ludwig-Maximilians-University

Project: Information-Dependence and Rich Semantic Content.

EDUCATION

PhD in Philosophy, June 2016

University of St Andrews and University of Stirling

Dissertation Title: 'Saying Nothing: In Defence of Syntactic and Semantic Underdetermination'

Supervisors: Patrick Greenough, Andy Egan, Herman Cappelen, Josh Dever

Master of Letters (with Distinction) in Philosophy, June 2011

University of St Andrews and University of Stirling

Dissertation Title: 'The Epistemic Significance of Disagreement'

Supervisor: Jessica Brown

Master of Arts (with Honours of the First Class) in Philosophy, June 2010

University of St Andrews

ACADEMIC PAPERS

Domain Restriction and Underdetermination. Under review.

A Non-Incremental Pluralism. In preparation.

Profusion, Equivalence, and the Referential/Attributive Distinction. In preparation

TEACHING

Associate Researcher, St Leonards. 2013/14

The Associate Researcher is selected annually from all PhD students at the University of St Andrews. Primary responsibility: devise a series of lectures, which are delivered to two classes of high-school students as part of the International Baccalaureate course Theory of Knowledge. My Philosophy of Language course focused on context-sensitivity, implicature, vagueness, and reference.

Tutor, University of St Andrews

Typical duties include convening tutorials, and grading coursework (essays or logic exercises) and exams. In the case of logic, additional duties included the running of additional logic workshops, typically opening with a small lecture and progressing into a more standard tutorial situation.

Reasoning and Knowledge (Logic and Epistemology)

Reasoning (Informal logic and formal logic up to quantified natural deduction)

Formal and Philosophical Logic

Mind and Reality (Philosophy of Mind and Metaphysics)

Metaphysics and Science

Foundations of Western Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, Sceptics, and Epicureans)

Moral and Political Controversies

Rationality and Action

Private tutor to 2nd year undergraduate. Formal logic: truth tables, semantic trees, and natural deduction for propositional and quantified logic

RESEARCH GRANTS

Fellowship, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, 2016-2017, €22,236

Scholarship 2011-2014, AHRC: Full scholarship. Tuition fees plus an annual stipend of £13,590

Travel scholarship 2013, University of St Andrews: £1600 to work with Andy Egan at Rutgers, New Brunswick, for a period of three months

Scholarship 2010, University of St Andrews: Master of Letters tuition fees, plus additional contribution towards living expenses

The Undergraduate Internship Programme 2009: £1800 to carry out independent research over the summer

PEER-REVIEWED TALKS

Saying Nothing. Semantics and Pragmatics at Manchester. University of Manchester. July 2015

Propositional Equivalence and the Referential/Attributive Distinction. Eighth European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP). University of Bucharest. September 2014

Against Syntactic and Semantic Determinacy. Annual conference of the Israel Philosophy Society. Tel Aviv University. February 2014

Context and Content. 9th National Conference of the Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA). University of Padua. September 2010

Frege's Objections to Mill's Theory of Arithmetic, British Undergraduate Philosophy Society, The University of Warwick, May 2010

Kaplan's Framework for Indexicals and Explanations of Communication, British Undergraduate Philosophy Society Summer Conference, University of St Andrews, July 2009

FURTHER TALKS

Contrary Linguistic Theories. Arché Language & Mind Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2015

Underdetermination. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. May 2015

Multiplicity of Content. Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2014

Yablo's Aboutness. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. September 2014

Lackey's Lessons From Lies and Bullshit. Arché Evidence, Justification, and Knowledge Seminar. University of St Andrews. June 2014

Syntactic and Semantic Determinacy. PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. November 2013

How Do We Know What People Mean by the Words They Use? Interview presentation. St Leonard's School, St Andrews. November 2013

"That's What He Said!". Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2013

Semantics and Metasemantics. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2013

Against the Two-Step Theory. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. June 2013

In Defence of the Standard View. Friday Seminar. University of St Andrews. April 2013

On What is Said. Arché PITT Seminar. University of St Andrews. October 2012

The Two-Step Theory. Arché Reading Party. Ardtornish. September 2012

Positional Representation of Context. Arché Contextualism and Relativism Seminar. University of St Andrews. May 2012

What is or Would Be Said. University of St Andrews. March 2012

Papineau on the Poverty of Analysis. Arché Methodology Seminar. November 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair

Testimony and Context Workshop. University of St Andrews. May 2016

Arché Reasons Workshop. University of St Andrews. June 2013

Naturalness in Semantics and Metaphysics Workshop. October 2011

Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference. University of St Andrews. October 2011

Referee

Arche Graduate Conference. November 2014

Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference. November 2012

Arché/CSMN Graduate Conference. November 2013.

Camera Operator

Arché Perspectives on Philosophical Methodology Workshop. University of St Andrews. June/July 2012. Videos available at <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~archproj/workshop/event/?event=2>

Arché Indefinite Extensibility Workshop. University of St Andrews. Dec 2011. Videos available at <http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/~archproj/workshop/event/?event=1>

Commentator. Work In Progress Seminar. University of St Andrews. May 2015

External Reviewer and Assistant Editorial Board Member. Stance: An International Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, 2009/10

Officer. British Undergraduate Philosophy Society, 2009-10

REFERENCES

Dr. Patrick Greenough. Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews. PhD Supervisor.
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Prof. Andy Egan. Department of Philosophy, Rutgers, New Brunswick. PhD Supervisor.
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Prof. Stefano Predelli. Department of Philosophy, University of Nottingham. PhD External Examiner.
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