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Specialisation: Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Metaphysics

Competence: Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Biology, Philosophy of Language, Logic

EMPLOYMENT

- Birmingham Fellow. University of Birmingham. 2017-present.
- Leverhulme Early Career Fellow. University of Cambridge (2015-2017) and University of Birmingham (2017-2018).

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy. University of Durham. 2011-2015

- Thesis title: *Consciousness and the Heterogeneity of Attention*
- Examiners: Ned Block (NYU) and Robin Hendry (Durham)

MPhil Philosophy, University of Cambridge. 2010-2011

BA (Hons, First Class) Philosophy, University of Durham. 2007-2010

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

- (forthcoming) Redundancy masking and the identity crowding debate. *Thought*. Co-authored with Bilge Sayim.
- (2020) The relation between subjects and their conscious experiences. *Philosophical Studies*.
- (2019) Fuzziness in the mind: can perception be unconscious? *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
- (2019) Letters lost: capturing appearance in peripheral vision reveals a new kind of masking. *Psychological Science*. Co-authored with Bilge Sayim.
- (2019) Powerful problems for powerful qualities. *Erkenntnis*.
- (2019) Whales, fish and Alaskan Bears: interest-relative taxonomy and kind pluralism in biology. *Synthese*.
- (2019) Modal combinatorialism is consistent with S5. *Thought*.
- (2018) Is panpsychism simple? *Analysis*.
- (2018) Emotions, concepts and the indeterminacy of natural kinds. *Synthese*.
- (2018) Crowding, attention and consciousness: in support of the inference hypothesis. *Mind and Language*. Co-authored with Bilge Sayim.

- (2018) Attention, psychology and pluralism. *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*.
- (2017) Powerful qualities, phenomenal concepts and the new challenge to physicalism. *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*.
- (2017) Powerful qualities and pure powers. *Philosophical Studies*.
- (2017) Conceptual fragmentation and the rise of eliminativism. *European Journal for the Philosophy of Science*. Co-authored with Peter Vickers.
- (2016) Powerful qualities, the conceivability argument and the nature of the physical. *Philosophical Studies*.
- (2015) Against unifying accounts of attention. *Erkenntnis*.
- (2013) Is the grain of vision finer than the grain of attention? Response to Block. *Thought*. NB: For a response to this paper, see Block, N. (2013). Seeing and windows of integration. *Thought*.
- (2013) Is attention necessary and sufficient for phenomenal consciousness? *Journal of Consciousness Studies*.

Book chapter

- (2019) A powerful new anomalous monism. In Guta, M. (ed). *Ontology and Consciousness*. (Routledge).

Book Reviews

- (2019) *Consciousness and Meaning* by Brian Loar. *Philosophy*.
- (2017) *From the Knowledge Argument to Mental Substance: Resurrecting the Mind* by Howard Robinson. *Times Literary Supplement*.
- (2015) *Sensory Integration and the Unity of Consciousness* by David Bennett and Christopher Hill (eds.) *Analysis*.
- (2013) *After Physicalism* by Benedikt Paul Göcke (ed.). *Mind*.

Popular Articles

- (2020) Blindsight: a strange neurological condition that could help us explain consciousness. *The Conversation*. Reads: over 154,000.
- (2019) What is a species? The most important concept in all of biology is a complete mystery. *The Conversation*. Reads: over 24,000.
- (2019) Microbiology and the species problem: response to Jerry Coyne. *Medium*.

FUNDING AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Academic Awards

- Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship (£100,982) from the Leverhulme Trust and Isaac Newton Trust. 2015-2018.
- Jacobsen Studentship (£8,000) from the Royal Institute of Philosophy. 2014-2015.
- Durham Doctoral Studentship (£35,196) for study of a PhD in Philosophy, University of Durham. 2011-2014.

- Offered tuition fees waiver (£4,530) for an MA in Philosophy, University of Durham. 2010.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited

- (November 2019) Naïve Realism without disjunctivism. University of Oxford.
- (November 2019) Naïve realism without disjunctivism. *Royal Institute of Philosophy Seminar Series*. Keele University.
- (July 2019) Wakeful consciousness. (Symposium chair. Speakers: Professor Matthew Soteriou and Dr James Stazicker). *Joint Session of the Mind Association and the Aristotelian Society*. University of Durham.
- (May 2019) Peripheral vision, attention and consciousness. Glasgow University.
- (November 2018) A powerful new anomalous monism. Umeå University.
- (July 2018) Modal combinatorialism is consistent with S5. Dubrovnik Metaphysics Conference.
- (August 2017) Powerful Qualities and Pure Powers. *Powers, Qualities and the Mind*. University of Durham.
- (January 2016) Powerful Qualities and Pure Powers. *Moral Sciences Club*. University of Cambridge.
- (March 2015) Powerful Qualities and Consciousness. *Powers and Human Agency*. University of Durham.
- (May 2014) Peripheral Vision, Attention and Fineness of Grain. *(Sense) Perception in the North*. University of York.

Refereed

- (September 2019) The mystery of the missing letter: resolving the identity crowding debate. *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Athens.
- (July 2019) A new visual effect reveals the relation between attention and consciousness. *Joint Session of the Mind Association and the Aristotelian Society*. University of Durham
- (September 2018) Two notions of kindhood: is disjunctivism inconsistent with psychology? *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. University of Rijeka.
- (January 2018) Russellian monism without panpsychism *Eastern APA*. Savannah, Georgia. Commentator: Nicholas Rimell.
- (August 2017) Colour Constancy, Cerebral Achromatopsia and Perception as a Natural Kind. *European Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. University of Hertfordshire.
- (August 2017) Conscious experiences as Kimian Events. *European Congress of Analytic Philosophy*. LMU Munich.
- (July 2016) Pure Powers and Consciousness. *Joint Session of the Mind Association and the Aristotelian Society*. University of Cardiff.
- (June 2015) Identity Crowding does not Demonstrate Consciousness without Attention. *Toward a Science of Consciousness*. University of Helsinki.
- (April 2014) Attention and Consciousness: asking the right questions.” *Toward a Science of Consciousness*. Tucson, Arizona.
- (December 2012) Indeterminacy and visual experience. *MINDGRAD*. University of Warwick.

Respondent: Professor Matthew Nudds.

TEACHING

PhD supervision 2017-present (University of Birmingham)

Student name	Dates	Contribution	Topic
Marco DiNatale	2018-present	60%	Metametaphysics, logic, modality.
Graham Guest	2019-present	60%	Attention, Perception.
Thomas Baker	2018-present	20%	Colour perception.
Rafael Ambriz Gonzalez	2019-present	20%	Mental health classification
William Sharp	2018-2020	20%	Perception, colour.
Noelia Iranzo-Ribera	2018-2020	20%	The philosophy of physics.

Teaching 2017-present (University of Birmingham)

Module Convenor: Metaphysics (MA)
Philosophy of Language (MA)
Key Readings (First year undergraduate)

Module Co-convenor: Philosophy of Mind (MA)
Fantastic Beasts and how to understand them: topics in the philosophy of biology (Third year undergraduate)

Other Teaching: MA and undergraduate dissertation supervision.

Teaching 2015-2017 (University of Cambridge)

Metaphysics (Third year undergraduate), MPhil and undergraduate supervision.

Teaching 2012-2015 (University of Durham)

Philosophy of Mind (Second year undergraduate), Philosophical Logic (Second year undergraduate), Knowledge and Reality (First year undergraduate), Ethics and Values. (First year undergraduate).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Royal Institute of Philosophy Public Lecture

‘What can zombies teach us about consciousness?’ December 2016. Darwin College, Cambridge.

ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANISING ACTIVITIES

Admin roles. (University of Birmingham)

- Assessment and Progress Lead (2019)
- Philosophy Society organiser (2018-2019).
- Postgraduate Senior Tutor (2018-Present)

Undergraduate Admissions. 2015. (University of Cambridge).

- Undergraduate admissions interviewer for Queens' College.

Conference and Workshop organisation

- *Objects and Properties: generating dialogue.* June 2018. University of Cambridge
- *E. J. Lowe memorial conference.* Joint organiser. July 2014. University of Durham.
- *Perceiving the light workshop.* Joint organiser. March 2014. University of Durham.
- *Attention and consciousness.* Joint organiser. June 2013. University of Durham.
- *Concept acquisition and language.* Joint organiser. July 2013. University of Durham.
- *Eidos postgraduate conference.* Sole organiser. July 2012. University of Durham.

For these conferences, I have secured a variety of external funding from e.g. *The Mind Association*, *The Aristotelian Society*, *The Analysis Trust*, *The Centre for Academic Development*.

Journal Work

Referee for: *Mind*, *Mind & Language*, *Thought*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*. *The Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Acta Analytica*.

REFEREES

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| • Professor Tim Crane
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