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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Areas of specialisation: Philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, epistemology

Areas of competence: Metaphysics, political philosophy, feminism

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2022 – present	Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, IFIKK, University of Oslo
2021 – present	Researcher, Department of Philosophy, IFIKK, University of Oslo
2018 – 2021	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ConceptLab, Department of Philosophy, IFIKK, University of Oslo
2015 – 2018	Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh (Part-time)
2016	Teaching Fellow, Department of Philosophy, University of Edinburgh (Part-time)
2015	Guest Lecturer, Division of Law and Philosophy, University of Stirling (Part-time)

EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh, 2009 to 2014

PhD Philosophy. Title: ‘Mental Content, Holism and Communication’.

Viva passed on 11 December 2013. Graduation held on 1 July 2014. Examiners: Åsa Wikforss (External), Matthew Chrisman (Internal). Supervisors: Jesper Kallestrup (Primary), Anders Schoubye (Secondary), Matthew Nudds (Secondary, 2009 - 2012)

University of Leeds, 2008 to 2009

MA Philosophy

University of Leeds, 2005 to 2008

BA Music & Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS AND ACCEPTED PAPERS

‘Radically extended memory and testimonial monitoring’ (accepted – Sanford Goldberg and Stephen Wright (eds.) *Memory and Testimony: New Essays in Epistemology*, Oxford University Press.)

‘Radical holism, shared content, and disagreement’ (accepted – invited contribution for José Luis Bermúdez, Víctor Verdejo, and Matheus Valente (eds.), *Sharing Thoughts*, Oxford University Press)

‘Epistemic bubbles and contextual discordance’, *Philosophy* (Special issue on ‘Online Speech’, edited by Eliot Michaelson and Fintan Mallory), 99: 437–459, 2024.

‘Testimonial knowledge and content preservation’, *Philosophical Studies*, 180: 3073–3097, 2023.

‘Content internalism and testimonial knowledge’, *Inquiry*, 67: 1947–1968, 2021. DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2021.1977691

'Linguistic understanding and testimonial warrant', *Erkenntnis*, 88: 457–477, 2021. DOI: 10.1007/s10670-020-00362-w

'Content internalism and conceptual engineering', *Synthese*, 198: 11587–11605, 2020. DOI: 10.1007/s11229-020-02815-9

'Holism, conceptual role, and conceptual similarity', *Philosophical Psychology*, 33: 396-420, 2020.

'Context and communicative success', in T. Ciecierski and P. Grabarczyk (eds.), *The Architecture of Context and Context-Sensitivity*, Springer, 2020.

'Conceptual engineering and semantic deference', *Studia Philosophica Estonica*, 12: 81-98, 2019. Special issue: 'The political turn in philosophy of language'.

'Social externalism and the problem of communication', *Philosophical Studies*, 172: 3229-3251, 2015.

Review of J. Brown and H. Cappelen (eds.), *Assertion: New Philosophical Essays*, *Mind*, 121: 784-788, 2012. (Co-authored with Allan Hazlett and Robin McKenna)

UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION

'Testimonial pessimism' (in preparation)

'Science miscommunication' (in preparation – with Kim Pedersen Phillips)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2014 – 2015 Software Tester, Textensor Ltd., Edinburgh (Part-time)
Role: Software testing, leading a team of software testers, liaising with clients' testing teams, ad hoc administrative duties, writing automated tests.

2014 Project Support Officer, Higher Education Academy Scotland, Edinburgh (Part-time)
Role: Providing support for the organisation and delivery of several workshops and conferences exploring equality and diversity in learning and teaching.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited speaker

'Science miscommunication'

Science Studies Colloquium, University of Oslo, 2025

Workshop on 'Applied Philosophy of Language', Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, 2025

Science and Democracy Research Seminar, University of Oslo, 2023

'Testimonial pessimism'

Conference on 'Linguistic and Epistemological Perspectives on Testimony', Stockholm University, 2025

Workshop on 'Perspectives on Communication', University of Oslo, 2024

Iceland Communication Workshop, 2023

Colloquium, Central European University, 2023 (Online)

Perceiving Voice and Speaker Workshop, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, 2022

'Testimony and content preservation'

Philosophy Colloquium, University of Valencia, 2022

'Epistemic bubbles and contextual discordance'

Workshop on 'Online Speech', Institute of Philosophy, 2022

'Do testimonial exchanges preserve content?'

ConceptLabHK Seminar (online), University of Hong Kong, 2021

- ‘Conceptual engineering and pluralism’
LangCog, Language, Mind and Cognition Research Group, University of Lisbon, 2021 (Online)
- ‘Radical holism and disagreement’
Workshop on Sharing Thought, University of Valencia, 2021
- ‘Testimonial knowledge without shared content’
Departmental Colloquium, University of Glasgow, 2021 (Online)
- ‘Shared content & disagreement’
Workshop on Communication and Context-sensitivity, University of Tartu 2021 (Online)
- ‘Radical holism, shared content, and verbal disputes’
Philosophy Research Seminar (online), Open University, 2021
- ‘New models of knowledge communication’
CPS Lunch Seminar, University of Oslo, 2021
- ‘Linguistic understanding and testimonial knowledge’
Higher Seminar in Theoretical Philosophy (online), Uppsala University, 2020
- ‘Holistic understanding, disagreement, and verbal disputes’
Workshop on ‘The Epistemology of Linguistic Understanding’, University of Oslo, 2019
- ‘Conceptual Engineering and Semantic Deference’
Conference on ‘Linguistic Meaning: Metaphysics, Epistemology, And Ethics’, University of Oxford, 2019
- ‘Extended knowledge and epistemic rationality’
Workshop on ‘The Philosophy of Laurie Paul’, University of Oslo, 2019
- ‘Content individuation, conceptual engineering and social inequality’
Workshop on ‘Metasemantics’, University of Tokyo, 2018
- ‘Context and communicative success’
Conference on ‘Variation in Language, Literature, Folklore, and Music’, University of Tartu, 2017
- ‘Radical holism and conceptual engineering’
Workshop on Conceptual Engineering, University of Toronto, 2017
- ‘Context and communicative success’
Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Edinburgh, 2016
- ‘Testimony and linguistic understanding’
Colloquium, University of Hamburg, 2016
- ‘Testimony and linguistic understanding’
Workshop on ‘Testimony and Context’, University of St Andrews, 2016
- ‘Holism, conceptual role and conceptual similarity’
Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Edinburgh, 2016
- ‘Holism, conceptual role and conceptual similarity’
Pragmatics Reading Group, University College London, 2016
- ‘Shared content and communicative success’
Early Career Workshop, University of Sheffield, 2014
- ‘Anti-individualism and communication’
Workshop on 'Deference and Shared Concepts', Institut Jean Nicod, 2014
- ‘Social externalism, communication and subjective understanding’
Postgraduate Seminar, University of Glasgow, 2011

‘Syntactic semantics vs. the world’
Logic and Language Seminar, University of Edinburgh, 2010

Peer reviewed

‘Science miscommunication’
Political Epistemology Conference, Amsterdam, 2022.

‘Testimonial scepticism’
European Epistemology Network Meeting, University of Glasgow, 2022

‘Content Internalism and Conceptual Engineering’
16th International Congress On Logic, Methodology And Philosophy Of Science And Technology,
Prague, 2019

‘Linguistic understanding and testimonial warrant’
European Epistemology Network Meeting, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 2018

‘Linguistic understanding and testimonial warrant’
Social Epistemology Network Event, University of Oslo, 2018

‘Context and communicative success’
4th PLM Conference, Ruhr University, Bochum, 2017

‘Communication and context’
1st Context, Cognition and Communication Conference, University of Warsaw, 2016

‘Social externalism and the problem of communication’
2nd PLM Conference, Central European University, 2013

‘Social externalism and the problem of communication’
Workshop on ‘The Philosophy of Tyler Burge’, University of Glasgow, 2013

‘Testimony, semantic deference and conceptual diversity’
Workshop on ‘Testimony, Deference and Epistemic Diversity’, University of Copenhagen, 2012

‘Social externalism, communication and subjective understanding’
Amsterdam Graduate Philosophy Conference on ‘Internalism and Externalism’, University of
Amsterdam, 2011

Other

Response to Ayana Samuel’s, ‘Telling, indirection, and joint action’
Pacific APA, Vancouver, 2022

‘Do testimonial exchanges preserve content?’
Oslo Mind Group, University of Oslo 2021

‘Content internalism and conceptual engineering’
Oslo Mind Group, University of Oslo, 2020

‘Content internalism and conceptual engineering’
Conceptual Engineering Virtual Network Reading Group, Online, 2020

‘Testimonial exchanges are not paradigmatically content-preserving’
Social (Distance) Epistemology Mini-Talks, Online, 2020

Response to Aimee Thomasson’s ‘A pragmatic method for conceptual ethics’
ConceptLab Working Group Meeting, Zermatt, 2018

Response to Liz Jackson’s ‘A defense of intrapersonal belief permissivism’

Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh, 2017

‘Linguistic understanding and testimonial warrant’

Epistemology Research Group, University of Edinburgh, 2017

‘Conceptual similarity and perceptual representations’

Mind and Cognition Group, University of Edinburgh, 2015

‘A puzzle about social externalism and testimony’

Work in Progress Seminar, University of Edinburgh, 2014

Response to Brie Gertler’s ‘Vehicle externalism and agency’

2nd Extended Knowledge Workshop, University of Edinburgh, 2013

‘Assertion: What’s at stake?’ (With Allan Hazlett and Robin McKenna)

Language at Edinburgh Lunch, University of Edinburgh, 2012

‘Internalism, communication and communication of testimony’

Work in Progress seminar, University of Edinburgh, 2010

TEACHING

University of Oslo

Lecturer:

- ‘Innføring i erkjennelsesteori og vitenskapsfilosofi’, 2023, 2024. Undergraduate course. Module coordinator.
- ‘Philosophy of Language’, 2019. Upper-level optional undergraduate course. Module coordinator.

Tutor/Seminar leader:

- ‘Examen Philosophicum’, 2023. Undergraduate course.
- ‘Examen Philosophicum’, 2021. Undergraduate course.

University of Edinburgh

Lecturer:

- ‘Advanced Epistemology’ (Online), 2016, 2017. Co-taught (3 lectures). MA course. Module coordinator (2016 only). Up to 10 students.
- ‘Feminism’, 2016, 2017. Co-taught (7 lectures and 2 lectures). Upper-level optional undergraduate course. 40-60 students.
- ‘Epistemology’ (Online), 2017. Co-taught (1 lecture). MA course. Up to 10 students.
- ‘Knowledge and Reality’, 2016. Co-taught (9 lectures). Mandatory undergraduate course. 200+ students.
- ‘Mind, Matter and Language’, 2013, 2015. Co-taught (3 lectures and 6 lectures). Mandatory undergraduate course. 200+ students.

Tutor/Seminar leader:

- ‘Philosophy of Science 1’, 2017. Undergraduate course.
- ‘The Greats’, 2017. Undergraduate course.
- ‘Ethics’ (Online), 2016. MA course.
- ‘Mind, Matter, and Language’, 2010, 2016. Undergraduate course.
- ‘Knowledge and Reality’, 2016. Undergraduate course.
- ‘Morality and Value’, 2015. Undergraduate course.

University of Stirling

Lecturer:

- ‘Political Philosophy’, 2015. Upper-level optional undergraduate course. Module coordinator, lecturer, and seminar leader. Up to 24 students.

University of Leeds

Tutor/Seminar leader:

- ‘Introduction to Philosophy’, 2009. Undergraduate course.
- ‘The Mind’, 2009. Undergraduate course.
- ‘Introduction to Ethics’, 2008. Undergraduate course.
- ‘Introduction to History of Philosophy’, 2008. Undergraduate course.

Guest lectures/seminars

Guest Seminar on Conceptual Engineering, University of Oslo, 2022

Guest appearance at seminar on Conceptual Engineering, Harvard University, 2022

Postgraduate supervision

PhD Supervision: Isabella Bartoli, University of Oslo, 2024-present
Hugo Mota, University of Oslo, 2021-2024 (Completed)
Mirela Fuš, University of Oslo, 2020 (Completed)

MA Supervision: Eileen Eldjarn, University of Oslo, 2024-present
Ole Sjøflot, University of Oslo, 2023-2024 (Completed)
Isabella Bartoli, University of Oslo, 2021-2022 (Completed)
Marius Hirstad, University of Oslo, 2020 (Completed)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

Researcher Project for Young Talents, 2021-2024, “New Models of Knowledge Communication”, Research Council of Norway.

Warren Macalpine Prize, University of Edinburgh, 2013. Awarded for excellence in postgraduate research.

Arts and Humanities Research Council Postgraduate Studentship Grant, 2009-2012.

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker), Norwegian (advanced)

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Universitetspedagogisk basiskompetanse, LINK (Senter for læring og utdanning), University of Oslo, 2023-24

Teaching training workshops attended, Institute for Academic Development, University of Edinburgh, 2015: ‘Developing my approach to teaching’, ‘Designing courses’, ‘Engaging with student diversity’

Public Speaking Workshop, University of Edinburgh, 2014.

TEACHING AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Award Nomination, 2018. Category: Best Course (for ‘Feminism’, co-taught with Dr Elinor Mason)

Exceptional Contribution Award, University of Edinburgh, 2017. Awarded for co-organisation and delivery of a new departmental teaching project, the Philosophy Writing Studio. EUR 562,00

Edinburgh University Students’ Association Teaching Awards Nomination, 2015. Category: Best Overall Teacher.

PARTICIPATION AND COLLABORATION IN PROJECTS

Project member for ‘How do we understand machines that talk to us? Communication with Large Language Models’ (HF Strategic Research Priorities), led by Ingrid Lossius Falkum and Nicholas Allott, University of Oslo, 2024–2028.

Expert Panel member for the project ‘Insincerity for Fragmented Minds’ (Icelandic Centre for Research) led by Elmar Unnsteinsson, University of Iceland, 2020.

OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

Knowledge communication blog

A series of blog posts and interviews with philosophers working on the philosophy of communication

'Concepts shape attitudes'

Interview by Mari Lilleslåtten, 2021

'Linguistic understanding and testimonial warrant'

Talk for Filosofisk Supplement's 'Philosophical Friday Seminar', University of Oslo, 2019

'Introduction to neurodiversity'

Workshop at Festival of Creative Learning, University of Edinburgh, 2018

'What is gender?'

Lecture for the Sutton Trust Summer School, University of Edinburgh, 2016

'Gender inequality in philosophy'

Blog post for the HEA's 'Equality and Diversity in the Curriculum' project, 2014

'Talking past each other'

Public talk at the Philosophy Think Tank, University of Edinburgh, 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Ongoing	Referee for <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Erkenntnis</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , <i>Inquiry</i> , <i>Review of Philosophy and Psychology</i> , <i>Journal of the American Philosophical Association</i> , <i>Metaphilosophy</i> , <i>Analysis</i> , <i>Disputatio</i>
2024	Perspective on Communication Workshop, University of Oslo – Lead organiser
2022	Understanding Language Workshop 2.0, University of Oslo – Co-organiser (upcoming)
2022	Testimony and Communication Workshop, University of Oslo (online) – Lead organiser
2022	Conceptual Engineering+ Reading Group – Organiser
2021	Understanding Language Workshop, University of Oslo – Co-organiser (cancelled/postponed)
2020	Conceptual Engineering Online Workshop, University of Oslo – Lead organiser
2019	Linguistic Meaning Conference, Oxford University – Assistant organiser
2018 – 2021	ConceptLab Seminar Coordinator, University of Oslo
2019	Job Market Seminar, University of Oslo - Speaker
2018	Social Epistemology Network Event – Assistant organiser
2017	Co-organiser for 'The Philosophy Writing Studio', University of Edinburgh
2017	Gender Climate Committee, University of Edinburgh
2016	Edinburgh Philosophy of Language Workshop, University of Edinburgh – Assistant organiser
2015 – present	Minorities and Philosophy UK Mentor
2015 – 2018	Lead Tutor, University of Edinburgh
2015	Feminism Reading Group Coordinator, University of Edinburgh
2015	Coordinator for the implementation of the BPA/SWIP Good Practice Scheme for Women in Philosophy, University of Stirling
2013	The Philosophy of Luck Workshop, University of Edinburgh – Assistant organiser
2013	Ethics Fest, University of Edinburgh – Assistant organiser
2012 – 2014	Reviewer, Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh
2011	Logic and Language Seminar Coordinator, University of Edinburgh
2010	Work in Progress Seminar Coordinator, University of Edinburgh
2009	CMM Graduate Conference, University of Leeds – Assistant organiser
2007	Acousmatic Music Conference, University of Leeds – Assistant organiser