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## Areas of Specialization

Epistemology, Decision Theory

## Areas of Competence

Ethics, Philosophy of Language, Logic, Philosophy of Science

## Employment

Lecturer in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Sydney, 2015-present  
Junior Research Fellow, Somerville College, University of Oxford, 2012 - 2014

## Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2012  
Committee: Caspar Hare (chair), Robert Stalnaker, Roger White  
Dissertation: 'Consistency in Choice and Credence'  
A.B. in Philosophy, Princeton University, *summa cum laude*, 2006

## Book

*Reasons without Persons: Rationality, Identity, and Time*, Oxford University Press, 2015.

## Papers

'Should Juries Deliberate?,' forthcoming in *Social Epistemology*  
'Uniqueness and Metaepistemology,' with Daniel Greco, forthcoming in *The Journal of Philosophy*.  
'Mental Processes and Synchronicity,' *Mind* 125, no 499 (2016): 873-888.  
'Self-Reinforcing and Self-Frustrating Decisions,' with Caspar Hare. *Noûs* 50, no 3 (2016): 604-628.  
'Does MITE Make Right? On Decision-Making Under Normative Uncertainty,' In Russ Schafer-Landau (ed.), *Oxford Studies in Metaethics* Volume 11 (2016). pp. 102-128.  
'A Defense of Objectivism about Evidential Support.' *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 45, no. 5-6 (2016): 716-43.  
'Believing and Acting: Voluntary Control and the Pragmatic Theory of Belief,' *Logos and Episteme* 6 no. 4 (2015): 495-513.  
'Time-Slice Rationality,' *Mind* 124, no. 494 (2015): 449-491.  
'Options and Diachronic Tragedy,' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 90, no. 2 (2015): 423-451.

'Incoherence without Exploitability,' *Noûs* 47, no. 3 (2013): 482-495.

'Options and the Subjective *Ought*,' *Philosophical Studies* 158, no. 2 (2012): 343-360.

## Presentations

'A Defense of Objectivism about Evidential Support'

University of Sydney, May 2015

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Sep 2015

'Uniqueness and Metaepistemology'

University of Sydney, Apr 2015

Australian National University, Apr 2015

University of Arizona, Sep 2014

'Uniqueness and Time-Slice Rationality'

Arizona State University, Sep 2014

Princeton University, Sep 2014

Yale University, Sep 2014

'Time-Slice Rationality'

Formal Epistemology Festival, Jun 2013

Australian National University, Mar 2013

University of Sydney Current Projects Seminar, Mar 2013

Cambridge University Serious Metaphysics Group, Feb 2013

Oxford Theoretical Work in Progress Seminar, Nov 2012

Arché/St. Andrews, Nov 2012

'Options and the Subjective *Ought*'

Bellingham Summer Philosophy Conference, Aug 2011

Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, Aug 2011

MITing of the Minds, Jan 2011

'Incoherence without Exploitability'

CMU *Episteme* Formal Epistemology Conference, Jun 2011

MIT Work in Progress, Apr 2011

'Self-Reinforcing and Self-Frustrating Decisions' (with Caspar Hare)

Cambridge/MIT Workshop on Decision Theory, Univ College, Cambridge, May 2012

Seminar on Addiction, taught by Richard Holton and Drazen Prelec, Apr 2011

'Comments on Andrew Sepielli'

St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality, May 2011

'Decision-Making Under Normative Uncertainty'

Madison Metaethics Workshop, Sep 2014

Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference, Jul 2010

'Rational Failures of Self-Knowledge'

MIT-Institut Jean Nicod Conference on Self-Locating Beliefs, Mar 2010

'Comments on Vann McGee'

MITing of the Minds, Jan 2010

## Teaching

PHIL 2606 Knowledge, Reason, and Action, University of Sydney, 2015

PHIL 2665 Philosophy of Economics, University of Sydney, 2015

Supervision of BPhil (equivalent of US master's) papers, University of Oxford, Fall 2013

Tutorial on Mill, University of Oxford, Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant for the Following MIT Courses (Professor in Parentheses):

Moral Psychology (Richard Holton), Spring 2011

Moral Problems and the Good Life (Sally Haslanger), Fall 2010

Problems of Philosophy (Steve Yablo), Fall 2009

Bioethics (Caspar Hare and David Jones), Spring 2009

Minds and Machines (David Denby), Fall 2008

## Academic Service

Referee for: *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Dialectica*, *Erkenntnis*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Noûs*, and *Mind*.

## References

Caspar Hare (Associate Prof. of Philosophy, MIT)

Roger White (Associate Prof. of Philosophy, MIT)

Sally Haslanger (Prof. of Philosophy, MIT) (teaching reference)

Robert Stalnaker (Prof. of Philosophy, MIT)

Timothy Williamson (Wykeham Prof. of Logic, Oxford)

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