

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Academic Appointments

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, University College Cork. Director of MA in Health and Society. (Permanent position), (September 2017- present)

Visiting Researcher, Centre for Philosophy of Science and Social Science, London School of Economics (August 2017 – present)

Research Associate, ERC-funded 'Knowledge for Use' project, Philosophy Department, Durham University (October 2017 – present)

Research Affiliate, 'Essex Autonomy Project', Philosophy Department, University of Essex (December 2017 – present)

Postdoctoral Research Associate, ERC-funded 'Knowledge for Use' project, Philosophy Department, Durham University (October 2016 – September 2017).

### Research

Areas of specialisation: Philosophy and Public Policy, Health Policy, Philosophy of Science and Social Science, Social Epistemology, Applied Ethics

Areas of Competence: African Philosophy, Political Philosophy

### Education

PhD in Philosophy (2016) (Thesis title: AIDS Denialism in South Africa: A case study in the rationality and ethics of science policy) at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) (Passed, no corrections).

MA Political and International Studies (Rhodes University) – Distinction (2012)

MSc Philosophy and Public Policy (LSE) – Distinction (2011)

BA (Honours) Philosophy and International Relations (Rhodes University) – Distinction (2008)

BA Philosophy, Politics, Law (Rhodes University) – Distinction in Philosophy (2007)

### Publications

(forthcoming) Moral Responsibility, Culpable Ignorance and Suppressed Disagreement, *Social Epistemology*, 10.1080/02691728.2018.1512173

(forthcoming) Mono-Causal and Multi-Causal Theories of Disease:  
How to Think Virally and Socially about the Aetiology of AIDS. *Journal of Medical Humanities*. DOI  
10.1007/s10912-017-9441-9

(2017) (co-authored with Chingore-Munazvo, N; Raw, A; and Slabbert M) (2017) Chronicles of communication and power: Informed consent to sterilisation in the Namibian Supreme Court's LM judgment of 2015. *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*. pp. 145-162. DOI: 10.1007/s11017-017-9405-0

(2014) 'Ubuntu and the law: Some lessons for the practical application of Ubuntu' In *Ubuntu: Curating the Archive*, edited by Leonhard Praeg and Siphokazi Magadla. (Durban: UKZN Press). pp.150 – 166.

## Book Reviews

(2018) Review: John Forrester, *Thinking in Cases*. *Metascience*. DOI 10.1007/s11016-018-0287-1.

(2015) Review: Jonathan Matheson and Rico Vitz (eds.), *The Ethics of Belief, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. 18 (5):1105-1106. DOI 10.1007/s10677-015-9583-7

(2012) Review: F Bieri, 'From Blood Diamonds to the Kimberly Process: How NGOs cleaned up the Global Diamond Industry', *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, pp. 439 – 440. DOI: 10.1177/0021909610396655

## Selected Papers in Preparation

(Under Review) (co-authored with Matthew Burch) Objectivity in Science and Law: A Shared Rescue Strategy, *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry* (Invited for Special Edition on 'Mental Health Justice')

(Under Review) What Use Are Real Cases to Philosophers? *Metaphilosophy*

(Under Review) Was it Rational to accept HIV as the Cause of AIDS in 1984? *Perspectives on Science*

(In Preparation) Book Review: Inmaculada de Melo-Martín and Kristen Intemann *The Fight Against Doubt: How to Bridge the Gap Between Scientists and the Public*. *British Journal of Philosophy of Science* (Invited Review)

(in Preparations) Causal Selection Problems in Epidemiology: The Case of Increased Rates of Psychosis in Migrants (co-authored with Dr Hannah Jongsma).

(In Preparation) Reconsidering Public Trust in Science: The case of Ebola

(In Preparation) Going in Alone Epistemically.

(In Preparation) Bearing Witness: The Ethics of Photojournalism (co-authored with Richard Stupart).

## Academic Blog Posts

Bearing Witness: What Are Journalists Doing in Conflict Zones? (October 2018) *The Stockholm Ethical War Blog* (co-authored with Richard Stupart)

How Mbeki's character and his AIDS denialism are intimately linked (March 2016) *The Conversation*.

The International response to the Ebola outbreak has excluded Africans and their interests (August 2014) *Africa at LSE*.

## Conferences, Workshops and Invited Talks

### *Reconsidering Public Trust in Science: The Case of Ebola*

- (December 2018, Forthcoming) Social Risk and Trust Workshop, University of Zurich
- (July 2018) British Society for Philosophy of Science, Oxford.
- (November 2017) Launch event for the Centre for Ethics in Public Life, University College Dublin, Dublin

### *Going it Alone (Epistemically)*

- (January 2019, Forthcoming) Medical Ethics and Law at the End of Life Conference, University College Dublin
- (December 2017) Politics, Philosophy and Economics Conference, London School of Economics,
- (December 2017) New Research at UCC, University College Cork

### *Bearing Witness: What are Journalists Doing in Conflict Zones?*

- (November 2018) Irish Philosophical Society Conference, Dublin. (with Richard Stupart)

### *Commentary: Gerald Lang's Moral Luck*

- (November 2018) Moral Luck Manuscript Workshop, Trinity College Dublin.

### *Causal Selection Problems in Epidemiology: The Case of Increased Rates of Psychosis in Migrants*

- (June 2018) Society for Philosophy of Science in Practice, Ghent. (With Dr Hannah Jongsma)
- (January 2018) UCC "visiting" speaker series.

### *From Greek Tragedy to Twitter: Understanding Doctors' Vulnerability*

- (June 2018) Mind Reading. University of Birmingham. (With Dr Elizabeth Barrett)

### *What's so good about objectivity?*

- (February 2018) Irish Philosophy Club. Drogheda

### *Policy-Making and the Duty to Gather Evidence*

- (August 2017) Trust, Expert Opinion and Policy: A multidisciplinary conference investigating questions of trust in and the trustworthiness of expert opinion. University College Dublin, Dublin.

### *Interdisciplinarity, Social Policy and Social Science in the 21st Century (Invited roundtable participant)*

- (July 2017) 50th Anniversary Conference of the Social Policy Association; Social Inequalities: Research, Theory and Policy. University of Durham, Durham.

### *Thinking mono-causally and multi-causally about disease in the case of AIDS*

- (December 2016) EIPE workshop on Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Social Science, Erasmus Institute for Philosophy and Economics (EIPE), Rotterdam.
- (February 2015) 'Post-AIDS' and Global Health Discourses Symposium. Leeds Centre for Medical Humanities. Leeds.

### *What use are real-world cases for philosophers?*

- (November 2016) LSE Philosophy Weekend Away, Cumberland Lodge.
- (July 2016) Society for Applied Philosophy Annual Conference, Belfast.
- (November 2015) London Graduate Conference.
- (September 2015) South African Philosophy Spring Colloquium, University of Cape Town.

*Moral Responsibility, Culpable Ignorance and Suppressed Disagreement*

- (October 2016) Evidence-Based Policy Workshop, Institute of Future Studies, Stockholm.
- (May 2016) New Work in Moral Philosophy, London School of Economics and Political Science.
- (April 2016) LSE Choice Group, London School of Economics and Political Science.

*Public Trust in Science and Public Health Interventions: The case of Ebola.*

- (September 2015) Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference. Keble College, Oxford.
- (March 2015) Researching Africa Day. St Anthony's College, Oxford University.

*Can Thabo Mbeki be held morally responsible for his AIDS denialism?*

- (July 2015) Philosophy Department Seminar Series, University of Cape Town.
- (June 2015) Finding Africa Seminar Series. University of York.
- (May 2015) London African Philosophy Conference. SOAS, London.  
(November 2014) London Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. University College London, London.
- (September 2014) 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Postgraduate Bioethics Conference. Southampton.

*Was it rational to accept HIV as the cause of AIDS in 1984?*

- (February 2015) History Unlimited: Interdisciplinary Health History Seminar Series. University of Strathclyde, Glasgow.

*AIDS, Epidemiology, and Causation*

- (December 2013). Structural Drivers of AIDS Conference. Cape Town.

*Ubuntu and the law: Some lessons for the practical application of Ubuntu*

- (July 2012) Thinking Africa Colloquium. Grahamstown.

*How to define Ubuntu for Political Philosophy?*

- (March 2010) Postgraduate Philosophers' Association Conference. Durban.

*Is there a role for African Philosophy in International Relations Theory*

- (April 2009) International Society of African Philosophers' Conference. Dakar.

*A perfect blend: Co-operative farmers' unions and the Ethiopian coffee industry*

- (September 2009) South African Association of Political Studies Colloquium. Port Elizabeth.

## **All Awards**

College of Arts, UCC, Interdisciplinary Grant, €1500 (plus £500 from University of Durham), to run workshop on 'The Evidence Amalgamation Problem' (May 2019)

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Scholarship – Partial PhD living expenses (2015 – 2016)

LSE PhD Scholarship – Tuition and partial PhD living expenses (2015 – 2016)

Best Interdisciplinary Bioethics Paper, Postgraduate Bioethics Conference (2014)

LSE Mobility Scholarship. Funding to spend July 2015 – September 2015 pursuing research work at the University of Cape Town.

LSE PhD scholarship – Full tuition and living expenses (2012 – 2015)

Commonwealth PhD Scholarship (Declined)

European School of Molecular Medicine Doctoral Fellowship (Declined)

Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Scholarship (2010 – 2011)

LSE MSc Scholarship (2010 – 2011)

Mandela Trust Scholarship (University of Leiden, Holland) (2010 – 2011) (Declined)

Germany-Africa Civic Education Fellow (2010 – 2011)(Travel scholarship)

Mandela Rhodes Scholarship (2009 – 2010) (Full MA Funding, South Africa's most prestigious postgraduate award).

## **Teaching Experience**

Introduction to Ethics (2018 - 2019) (2<sup>nd</sup> year level) (University College Cork)

Philosophy of Death and Dying (2017- 2019) (MA level) (University College Cork)

Moral Responsibility (2017-2019) (3<sup>rd</sup> year level) (University College Cork)

Philosophy and Health (2017 – 2019) (MA level) (University College Cork)

Professional Ethics (2017- 2019) (3<sup>rd</sup> year and MA level) (University College Cork)

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2015 – 2016) 'Scientific Method and Policy'. Undergraduate level. London School of Economics.

Guest Lecturer. (November 2015) Single lecture and seminar on 'Analytic Approaches to African Philosophy'. Undergraduate and MA level. SOAS. London.

Guest Lecturer (December 2014 – January 2015) 'Coping with Scientific Disagreement in Health Policy Development'. Half-unit intensive course. Masters in Public Policy class. Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Universität Erfurt, Germany.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2014 – 2015) 'Genes, Brains, and Society' and 'Emotions, Cognition and Brains: Science and Policy'. Undergraduate level. London School of Economics.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2012 – 2014) 'Philosophy, Morals, and Values'. Undergraduate level. London School of Economics.

Politics Department Teaching Assistant (January 2009 – May 2009) Rhodes University.

Politics 1 Tutor (2009 – 2010) Rhodes University.

Philosophy 1 Tutor (2008) Rhodes University.

## **Academic Service**

Evidence Amalgamation Workshop, Keynote: Nancy Cartwright. UCC (co-hosted with Durham University), Organiser, (May 2019, forthcoming)

Co-Lead, Integrating Values into Evidence-Based Medicine Network, Collaborating Centre for Values-Based Practice (University of Oxford) (May 2018 – Present).

SWIP-Ireland (Committee Member and Secretary) (May 2018 – Present) and Irish Philosophical Society (Committee Member and Secretary) (November 2018- Present).

Reviewer for: *Ergo*, *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*, *Evaluation*, *Journal of African Cultural Studies*

Judgment and Deliberation Workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science, Co-organiser (May 2017)

Single Case Causal Claims Workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science, Co-organiser (March 2017)

London Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop. Co-organiser with Showkat Ali (UCL). (December 2015)

External dissertation examiner and MPP co-supervisor. Masters in Public Policy. Willy Brandt School of Public Policy, Universität Erfurt, Germany (2015)

London Postcolonial Thought Reading Group. Organiser. (Winter 2013)

### **Administrative Duties**

Director, MA in Health and Society, UCC (September 2017 – Present)

Research and Innovation Committee, UCC (September 2018 – Present)

Philosophy Department Staff-Student Liaison Committee UCC Philosophy (September 2017 – Present)

Selection committee, Knowledge for Use PhD studentship, Durham University (January 2017)