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Current Position

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, University of California, Davis (beginning March 2024)

Areas of Specialisation

Philosophy of Linguistics and Language, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Science.

Areas of Competence

Theoretical Linguistics, Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Artificial Intelligence, Epistemology.

Appointments Held

2021-2023 Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow, Keele University
2020 Teaching Fellow, University of Reading
2019 Lecturer, University of California, Los Angeles

Education

2019 PhD in Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles
2012 BA (Hons) in Philosophy, University of Bristol

Publications

BOOK

Under Contract The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Linguistics. Dupre, G, Nefdt, R, and Stanton, K. H (eds.), Oxford University Press.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2024 Acquiring a Language vs. Inducing a Grammar. *Cognition*
2022 Reference and Morphology. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
2022 Public Language, Private Language, and Subsymbolic Theories of Mind. *Mind & Language*
2022 Realism and Observation: The View from Generative Grammar. *Philosophy of Science*
2021 (What) Can Deep Learning Contribute to Theoretical Linguistics? *Minds and Machines* special issue: *Machine Learning: Prediction Without Explanation?* Boge, Grünke, and Hillerbrand

(eds.)

- 2021 Empiricism, Syntax, and Ontogeny. *Philosophical Psychology*
- 2020 What Would it Mean for Natural Language to be The Language of Thought? *Linguistics and Philosophy*
- 2020 Idealisation in Natural Language Semantics: Truth-Conditions for Radical Contextualists. *Inquiry*
- 2019 Linguistics and the Explanatory Economy. *Synthese* special issue: *Explanations in Cognitive Science: Unification vs. Pluralism*, Miłkowski and Hohol eds.

IN COLLECTED VOLUMES

- Forthcoming The Competence/Performance Distinction: What is it? And Why Should We Care? (For the Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Linguistics, edited by Gabe Dupre, Ryan Nefdt, and Kate Hazel Jain)
- Forthcoming Uncanny Performance, Divergent Competence: A Principled Barrier to Human-Machine Communication. (Collaborative work with Gabbrielle Johnson. For volume on Human-Machine communication edited by Rachel Sterken and Herman Cappelen)
- Forthcoming Classifying Data and Interpreting Theories: The Case of Generative Grammar. in *From Contradiction to Defectiveness to Pluralism in Science: Philosophical and Formal Analyses* (Synthese Library), Bueno, O and Martínez-Ordaz, M (eds.)
- 2023 Correspondence and Construction. *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Mind Vol. 3*, Kriegel, U (ed.)
- 2022 Balancing Evolution and Acquisition in Theoretical Linguistics: Tensions and Prospects. in *Philosophical Approaches to Language and Communication* (Studies in Philosophy of Language and Linguistics), Stalmaszczyk, P and Hinton, M (eds.)

BOOK REVIEWS, COMMENTARIES, ETC.

- 2024 Review of *Language, Science, and Structure: A Journey into the Philosophy of Linguistics* By Ryan M. Nefdt. *The Philosophical Quarterly*
- 2023 Linguistic Structure and the Languages of Thought. Commentary on Quilty-Dunn et al. 'The Best Game in Town: The Re-Emergence of the Language of Thought Hypothesis Across the Cognitive Sciences'. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*
- 2022 Review of *Representation of Language: Philosophical Issues in a Chomskyan Linguistics* by Georges Rey. *British Journal of Philosophy of Science Reviews*
- 2021 Review of *Linguistic Intuitions: Evidence and Method* Samuel Schindler, Anna Drożdżowicz & Karen Brøcker (eds.) *Journal of Linguistics*
- 2020 Modeling Modeling: Review of *Models and Modeling in the Sciences: A Philosophical Introduction* by Stephen Downes. *Metascience*
- 2020 Review of *Representation in Cognitive Science* by Nicholas Shea. *Philosophy*

Awards

- 2020-2023 Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellowship (3 years)
- 2020 UCLA Non-Senate Faculty Award
- 2019 Suppes Prize in Logic and Language (\$1,000)
- 2018 UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship (year-long)
- 2015 UCLA University Fellowship (year-long)
- 2014 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship

2013	Mellon Fellowship (year-long)
2012	University of Bristol Philosophy Department Prize
2011	University of Bristol Philosophy Department Prize

Dissertation

2019	<i>Ways in the Studies of Words: The Methodology and Epistemology of Linguistic Science</i> Chair: Sam Cumming. Committee: David Kaplan, Josh Armstrong, Sheldon Smith & Michael Weisberg.
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Recent and Future Presentations

October 2023	What is (a) Language? Macclesfield Philosophical and Literary Society
July 2023	Morphology and Conventionalism Philosophy of Language Association Annual Conference, Freie Universität Berlin.
June 2023	Competence, Performance, and Semantics Philosophy and/of Linguistics, Keele University.
May 2023	How and Why to Draw the Competence/Performance Distinction Semantics and Linguistic Theory, Yale University.
July 2022	What is Language Acquisition? Joint Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology and the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Milan.
July 2022	Reference and Morphology Joint Session of The Aristotelian Society and Mind Association, University of St. Andrews.
June 2022	Uncanny Performance, Divergent Competence (with Gabbrielle Johnson) Conference on Human-Machine Communication, ConceptLab Oslo.
July 2021	The What and the Why of Representation British Society for Philosophy of Science Annual Meeting.
May 2021	Faculties of Language PhiLang: International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics.
February 2021	(What) Can Machine Learning Contribute to Theoretical Linguistics? Keele Royal Institute of Philosophy Lecture.
February 2020	Realism and Data: The View from Generative Grammar Reading Work in Progress Talk.
October 2019	What Would It Mean for the Language of Thought to be a Natural Language? New York Philosophy of Language Workshop.

Teaching Experience (As Primary Instructor)

KEELE UNIVERSITY

Spring 2022	Noam Chomsky: Mind, Language, Politics
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UNIVERSITY OF READING

Summer 2020 Mental Machines
Spring 2020 Speech Attacks: Bullshit, Lies, Propaganda
Spring 2020 Colour

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Fall 2019 Major Philosophers of the 20th Century: *Noam Chomsky: Mind, Language, Politics*
Fall 2019 Philosophy of Perception
Summer 2019 Philosophy of Psychology: *(How) Can We Explain Rational Behavior?*
Summer 2018 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind: *The Mind/Body Problem.*
Summer 2017 Introduction to Philosophy of Science: *The Epistemology of the Special Sciences.*
Summer 2016 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind: *What is a Mind? And Who has One?*

Service to the profession

JOURNAL REFEREE

Acta Analytica, Annals of Philosophy, Biology and Philosophy, Erkenntnis, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, European Journal of Philosophy of Science, Journal of Psycholinguistic Research, Literature Compass, Minds and Machines, Pacific Philosophical Quarterly, The Philosophical Forum, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Pragmatics, Principia, Southern Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Theoria.

GRANT ASSESSOR

SSHRC Insight Grant (Canada).

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE MEMBER

2021-2023 British Society for Philosophy of Science Annual Conference

Events

2023 Keele Philosophy of Linguistics Conference. Organizer
2021 Keele Philosophy of Linguistics Lecture Series. Organizer
2016 USC/UCLA Graduate Philosophy Conference. Co-Organizer
2015 UCLA Iconicity Conference. Co-Organizer

References

Sam Cumming (UCLA)
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Josh Armstrong (UCLA)
Sophie Allen (Keele University)

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