



ALEX MORAN

CURRICULUM VITAE OF 7TH JANUARY 2021

About: I completed my doctoral thesis at the University of Cambridge (Queens' College), where I also held research positions as a Jacobsen Fellow (2017-18) and a Mind Student (2018-19). Prior to coming to Cambridge, I received a B. A. in Philosophy at University College London, and then completed the B. Phil in Philosophy at the University of Oxford (University College). I am presently a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the Faculty of Philosophy and a Research Affiliate of University College at the University of Oxford.

RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of Specialisation: Metaphysics, Mind.

Areas of Competence: History of Philosophy, Metaethics, Epistemology, Cognitive Science.

ACADEMIC POSTS

2019-22: Leverhulme Early Career Fellow (University of Oxford).

2019-22: Research Affiliate of University College (University of Oxford).

2018-19: Mind Student (University of Cambridge).

2017-18: Jacobsen Fellow (University of Cambridge).

NON-ACADEMIC POSTS

2017-18: Visiting Fellow at the Dalai Lama Centre for Compassion.

EDUCATION

2014-19. PhD in Philosophy (Pass without corrections). University of Cambridge, Queens' College. Thesis Title: *Austinian Disjunctivism Defended: A Presentational Theory of Visual Experience*. Primary Supervisor: Tim Crane. Examiners: Adam Pautz, Matt Soteriou.

2012-14. B. Phil in Philosophy (Distinction). University of Oxford, University College. Thesis Title: *In Defence of Animalism*. Thesis Supervisor: Ralf Bader.

2009-12. B.A. in Philosophy (First Class Hons.). University College London. Thesis Title: *Agency, Frankfurt Cases, and the Compatibility of Free Will and Moral Responsibility with Determinism*. Thesis Supervisor: Ian Phillips.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Mind Studentship (£14,777). Awarded by The Mind Association. 2018-2019.

Jacobson Studentship (£8000). Awarded by the Royal Institute of Philosophy. 2017-18.

Aristotelian Society Bursary (£3000). Awarded by the Aristotelian Society. 2017-18.

Mind Association Major Grant (£2000). To host an academic conference, *Objects and Properties*, at the University of Cambridge (with Carlo Rossi and Henry Taylor). 2017.

Craythorne Scholarship (£500). Awarded by the Worshipful Company of Cutlers following nomination by Queens' College, University of Cambridge. 2017.

Travel Grant from Rutgers University (\$400) Funding to present a paper at the bi-annual *Metaphysical Mayhem* conference at Rutgers University, August 2016.

AHRC-Walker Studentship. Hosted by the Faculty of Philosophy and Queens' College as part of the AHRC DTP, University of Cambridge. Full PhD Funding: 2014-17.

T.H. Green Scholarship (c. £40,000). Full Departmental scholarship for the B. Phil in Philosophy. Awarded by the Philosophy Faculty, University of Oxford. 2012-14.
 Dean's List Certificate. For excellence in undergraduate results. Awarded by University College London. 2012.
 Richard Murphy Memorial Prize (£150). For best final year examination results in Philosophy. Awarded by the Philosophy Department, University College London. 2012.
 Rosa Morisson Memorial Medal (and £100 prize). For best degree results across the Arts and Humanities Faculty. Awarded by University College London. 2012.
 Undergraduate Scholarship for Excellence (£3000). Awarded by the Arts and Humanities Faculty, University College London. 2012
 A. J. Ayer Prize (£100). For best second year examination results in Philosophy. Awarded by the Philosophy Department, University College London. 2011
 Dawes Hicks Prize (£30). For excellence in first year examination results in Philosophy. Awarded by the Philosophy Department, University College London. 2010.

ACADEMIC WRITING

Published Articles:

1. 'Naïve Realism, Causation, and Hallucination: A New Response to the Screening Off Problem', *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 97 (2): 368-382. 2019.
2. 'Naïve Realism, Seeing Stars, and Perceiving the Past', *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 100 (1): 202-232. 2019.
3. 'Kind-Dependent Grounding', *Analytic Philosophy*, 59 (3): 359-390. 2018.
4. 'The Paradox of Decrease and Dependent Parts', *Ratio*, 31 (3): 273-284. 2018.

Forthcoming Articles:

1. 'Alternate Composition Cases and Conditional Grounding', forthcoming in *Objects and Properties*, (eds.) Alex Moran & Carlo Rossi, Oxford University Press.
2. 'Panpsychism and the Sensible Qualities', forthcoming in a Special Issue of the *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, (guest eds.) Alex Moran & Philip Goff (October 2021).

Collections and Edited Volumes:

1. *Objects and Properties*, co-edited with Carlo Rossi. In preparation with Oxford University Press.
2. *Essays on Panpsychism*, co-edited with Philip Goff, special issue of the *Journal of Consciousness Studies*. To appear in October 2021.

Review Pieces:

1. 'Animalism: New Essays on Persons, Animals and Identity, (eds.) Blatti, Stephan & Snowdon, P. F., Oxford University Press', *Philosophy in Review*, 37 (3): 94-96. 2017.
2. 'Galileo's Error: Foundations for a New Science of Consciousness, by Philip Goff, Rider: Penguin Random House. Times Literary Supplement, April 2020.

PRESENTATIONS

1. 'The Grounding Argument against Non-Reductive Physicalism', *Perspectives on (Non-)Reduction from Meta-Ethics and the Philosophy of Mind*, University of Oxford, July 2021.
2. 'Hallucination, Illusion, and the Phenomenal Principle', *Perceiving Properties Workshop*, University of Oxford, June 2021. [Invited talk].
3. 'Knowing the Qualitative: Naïve Realism and the Knowledge Argument', Philosophy of Mind Work in Progress Seminar, University of Oxford, Trinity Term 2021.
4. 'Living Without Microphysical Supervenience', Metaphysics Work in Progress Seminar, University of Oxford, Hilary Term 2021.

5. 'Disjunctivism and the Causal Conditions of Hallucination', Graduate Seminar, Brown University (Conveners: Adam Pautz & Chris Hill), November 2020. [Invited talk].
6. 'Causative Disjunctivism', Philosophy of Mind Work in Progress Group, University of Oxford, April 2020.
7. 'Visual Illusion and Objective Looks', *Perceptual Presence Workshop*, Central European University in Budapest. March 2020. (Postponed due to Covid-19.)
8. 'Episodic Memory and the Reality of the Past', Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes, *Memory & Perception Workshop*. March 2020. Postponed due to Covid-19 until February 2020. [Invited talk].
9. 'Knowing the Qualitative: Colour, Consciousness, and Objectivity', University of Warsaw. February 2020. [Invited talk].
10. 'Panpsychism and Naïve Realism: Grounding the Qualitative', debate with Philip Goff, University College, University of Oxford. February 2020.
11. 'Philosophy and Creativity', Peterhouse Theory Group, University of Cambridge. February 2020. [Invited talk].
12. 'On the Evil of Death', Buckingham University/The Humane Philosophy Society, January 2020. [Invited talk].
13. 'The Problem of the Qualitative', Munich Centre For Mathematical Philosophy, January 2020. [Invited talk].
14. 'Emergentism & Non-Reductionism: Is There A Real Distinction?', *Emergence: Conceptual and Philosophical Aspects*, Dutch Institute for Emergent Phenomena. May 2019. [Accepted after peer-review].
15. 'Naive Realism, Dualism, and Purely Experiential Events', *Dualism in the Twenty-First Century*, conference at the Central European University, Budapest. December 2018. [Accepted after peer-review].
16. 'The Structure of Experience and the Grounds of Conscious Character', *Third Annual Minds, Brains and Consciousness Conference*, University of Minho, Braga, Portugal. October 2017. [Accepted after peer-review].
17. 'Russell's Principle and Grounding-Qua', *Serious Metaphysics Group*, University of Cambridge, Michaelmas Term. October 2017.
18. 'An Argument Against Epistemic Disjunctivism', *New Directions in the Study of the Mind Discussion Group*, University of Cambridge. November 2016. [Invited talk].
19. 'Epistemic Disjunctivism and Overdetermination', *BPPA Masterclass on Naive Realism and Its Challenges*, Warwick University. October 2016. [Accepted after peer-review].
20. 'Consciousness and Conditional Grounding', *Metaphysical Mayhem: A Bi-Annual Metaphysics Conference*. Rutgers University. August 2016. [Accepted after peer-review].
21. 'Austinian Disjunctivism', *Graduate Seminar*, University of Cambridge. March 2016.
22. 'The Thinking Parts Problem', *Serious Metaphysics Group*, University of Cambridge. October 2015.
23. 'Explaining Phenomenal Character', *New Directions in the Study of the Mind Discussion Group*, University of Cambridge. March 2015. [Invited talk].
24. 'Dion's Foot and Aristotle's Hand: A New Solution to the Paradox of Decrease', *Serious Metaphysics Group*, University of Cambridge. January 2015.
25. 'Animalism and Thinking Parts', *Ontology of the Human Person: What We Are and What Difference Does it Make?* St. Louis University Graduate Philosophy Conference. January 2015. [Accepted after peer-review].
26. 'Naive Realism, the Time-Lag Argument, and Eternalism', *Philosophy of Mind Work in Progress Group*, University of Oxford. May 2014.
27. 'Wittgenstein on 'I' and Cartesian Error', *Perspectives on the First-Person Pronoun "I": Looking at Metaphysics, Linguistics and Neuroscience*, Durham University. May 2014. [Accepted after peer-review].

28. 'The Remnant Person Argument: Animalism's Undoing?', *Ockham Society*, University of Oxford. Michaelmas Term. October 2013.
29. 'Animalism', *Martlets Society*, University of Oxford (University College). October 2013.
30. 'Agency, Frankfurt Cases, and the Compatibility of Determinism with Free Will and Moral Responsibility', *British Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Leeds. June 2012. [Accepted after peer-review].
31. 'Agency, Frankfurt Cases, and Compatibilism', *King's College Undergraduate Philosophy Society Conference*, King's College London. April 2012. [Accepted after peer-review].

TEACHING

University of Oxford (2019 -)

- Tutorials in Philosophy of Mind (Trinity Term 2021).
- Tutorials in Early Modern Philosophy (Trinity Term 2021).
- Tutorials General Philosophy (Hilary & Trinity Terms 2020).
- Tutorials for an undergraduate thesis concerning intuitions and philosophical method (Michaelmas, Hilary, and Trinity Terms 2019/20).
- Graduate Seminar: 'Topics in the Philosophy of Perception', with Dominic Alford-Duguid, guest speakers: Prof. Howard Robinson, Prof. Bill Child. (Hilary Term 2020).

University of Cambridge (2014-19).

Undergraduate Supervisions:

- Part IA:
Metaphysics; Ethics & Political Philosophy; Set Texts (Plato, Descartes, Mill).
- Part IB:
Metaphysics & Epistemology; Early Modern Philosophy; Political Philosophy.
- Part II:
Philosophy of Mind; Metaphysics.

Undergraduate Discussion Groups

- Part IA:
Metaphysics; Ethics.
- Part IB:
Early Modern Philosophy; Metaphysics.

Undergraduate Lectures (2016-17)

- 'Perception and Mind-Dependence'. Module: Part IB 'Metaphysics & Epistemology'.

Advanced Seminars (2015-16).

- Advanced research seminar: 'Metaphysical Grounding', for graduates and research staff.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

'Metaphysics Work in Progress Group', bi-weekly work in progress seminar at the University of Oxford, co-organised with Martin Pickup and Alex Kaiserman, October 2020 – present.

'Perspectives on (Non-)Reduction from Meta-Ethics and the Philosophy of Mind', Workshop at the University of Oxford, co-organised with Ralf Bader and Frederic Auderset, July 2021.

'Metaphysics of Consciousness Seminar', visiting speaker seminar at the University of Oxford, co-organised with Umut Baysan, to take place via Zoom in Hilary Term 2021.

'Perceptual Presence', workshop at the Central European University in Budapest, co-organised with Rob Hoveman and Tim Crane, postponed due to Covid-19.

'Panpsychism and Naïve Realism: Grounding the Qualitative', debate with Philip Goff at the University of Oxford, University College, February 2020.

'Objects and Properties: Generating Dialogue', conference at the University of Cambridge, St. John's College, co-organised with Carlo Rossi and Henry Taylor. June 2018.

ADMINISTRATION

Internal:

- Admissions Interviews, University of Oxford:
2020/21: Philosophy & Mathematics, Computer Science & Philosophy, Philosophy & Theology, Philosophy and Modern Languages (for applicants to St John's College).
2019/20: Philosophy & Mathematics (for applicants to University College).
- Examiner for the B. Phil in Philosophy, University of Oxford (2020/21).

External:

- Journal Refereeing:
I have acted as a referee for *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Inquiry*, *Erkenntnis*, *Synthese*, *European Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind & Language*, *Ergo*, and *Acta Analytica*.

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

- [1] Prof. Tim Crane. Professor of Philosophy, Central European University.
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- [2] Prof. Mark Johnston. Henry Putnam University Professor of Philosophy, Princeton University.
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- [3] Prof. Ralf Bader. Professor of Philosophy, University of Fribourg.
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- [4] Prof. Adam Pautz. Professor of Philosophy, Brown University.
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