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Date of birth: 30 January 1967
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Areas of research

Epistemology, the nature of belief, moral psychology, aesthetics (of narratives), metaphilosophy.

Areas of competence

Philosophy of science, history of modern philosophy.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

January 1999 to present

Associate Professor in Philosophy, Rhodes University

July 2001: Granted tenure

January 2002: Promoted to Senior Lecturer

January 2006: Promoted to Associate Professor

June 2000 to present

Editor, *Philosophical Papers*

April-June 2009

Fellow, Birkbeck Institute for the Humanities, Birkbeck College, University of London.

February-June 2007

Visiting Lecturer, Bennington College (Vermont).

October-December 2003 & October-November 2005

Visiting Lecturer and Researcher, Philosophy Department, University of Reading (Britain). Teaching exchange with Professor John Cottingham. Lecturing duties: philosophy of religion, philosophy of mind, and history of philosophy.

1995-1998

College Lecturer in philosophy, University of Oxford. (Oriel, Queen's, and Balliol Colleges). Duties included full teaching load, undergraduate thesis supervision, administration, and admissions.

EDUCATION

1993-1999

PhD. in Philosophy, University of Oxford.

Thesis: The View From Here: A First-Person Constraint on Believing.
Supervised by Michael Ayers, Elizabeth Fricker, and David Charles.

1991-1993

B.Phil. in Philosophy, University of Oxford.

Exams: Epistemology and metaphysics, Philosophy of science, Locke/Berkeley/ Hume. *Thesis:* 'The Mind of the Knower: An Examination of the Psychological Requirements for Knowledge'. Supervised by W.H. Newton-Smith, Jennifer Hornsby and Galen Strawson.

1985-1991

B.A. in Neurobiology and B.A. in Philosophy, University of California at Berkeley. High honors in philosophy. *Thesis:* 'Scepticism and the Scientific Method: An Attempted Defence of Quine's Theory of Knowledge'. Supervised by Barry Stroud.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. Book (Edited)

2011 *Ethics at the Cinema*, co-edited with Samantha Vice, Oxford University Press. [This collection includes my substantial introduction as well as my paper, 'Transgressive Comedy and Partiality'.]

2. Articles

2012 (i) 'Higher Education, Academic Communities, and Intellectual Virtues', *Educational Theory* 62:6 (December).

(ii) 'A Lover's Shame', *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*.

(iii) 'The Art of Dying', *Philosophical Papers*.

2011 (i) 'Being Moved by a Way the World is Not', in *Stance and Rationality*, Special Issue of *Synthese*, edited by Otávio Bueno and Darrell Rowbottom, 178:1, pp. 131-41.

(ii) 'Elizabeth Costello and the Biography of the Moral Philosopher', *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism* 69.2 (Spring), pp. 209-20.

2010 'Philosophers and the Poor', *Theoria* 125 (December), pp. 99-123.

2009 'The Goods and Motivation of Believing', in *Epistemic Value*, edited by Adrian Haddock, Alan Millar, & Duncan Pritchard (Oxford University Press).

2006 (i) 'Explanation and Condemnation', in *Judging and Understanding*, edited by Pedro Alexis Tabensky (Ashgate).

(ii) 'Philosophers, Their Context, and Their Responsibilities', *Metaphilosophy* 37:5, pp. 623-45.

(iii) 'The Function and Content of Amusement', *South African Journal of Philosophy* 25 (2), pp. 126-37.

2005 'Rumour, Reproach, and the Norms of Testimony', *Public Affairs Quarterly*, 19:3, pp. 195-212.

2004 'The Pragmatic Explanation of Believing', *Crítica* 36:108, pp. 3-36.

2003 'Is Scientific Theory-Commitment Epistemic or Practical?', *Synthese* 137:3, pp. 325-44.

2002 (i) 'Explaining Our Own Beliefs: Nonepistemic Believing and Doxastic Instability', *Philosophical Studies* 111:3, pp. 217-249.

- (ii) 'Dissident Versus Loyalist: Which Scientists Should We Trust?', *Journal of Value Inquiry* 36:4, pp. 511-520.
- 2000 'Can We Infer Naturalism From Scepticism?', *Philosophical Quarterly*, 50: 201, pp. 433-451.
- 1998 'Self-deception, Religious Conversion, and Pascal's Wager', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 36:2, pp. 167-188.
- 1997 'Why Do We Value Knowledge?', *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 34: 4, pp. 423-439.

3. Replies, discussions, non-refereed articles

- 2009 (i) 'Theory of Comedy and *The King of Comedy*', *The Philosopher's Magazine* Issue 47, pp. 79-84. (Invited article)
(ii) 'Letter from South Africa', *The Philosopher's Magazine* Issue 45 (Invited article)
- 2001 'Belonging to the Ultra-Faithful: A Response to Eze', *Philosophical Papers* 30: 3, pp. 213-221. (Invited reply)
- 2000 'Underdetermination and the Explanation of Theory Acceptance: A reply to Samir Okasha', *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, 14: 3, pp. 299-304.

4. Journal Editing

2000-Present: Editor, *Philosophical Papers* (co-published by Routledge and Unisa Press). The third issue of *Philosophical Papers* each year is dedicated to a single topic and guest-edited. Special issues under my editorship:

- 2001: 'African Philosophy and the Analytic Tradition' (Guest editor: Richard Bell)
2002: 'Ethics in the Light of Wittgenstein' (Guest editor: Andrew Gleeson)
2003: 'Narrative understanding' (Guest editor: Matthew Kieran)
2004: 'Immoral Beliefs' (Co-edited with Tom Martin)
2005: 'Meaning in Life' (Guest editor: Thad Metz)
2006: 'Politics and the Imagination' (Guest editor: Paul Voice)
2007: 'The Concept of Disease' (Guest editors: Rachel Cooper & Christopher Megone)
2008: 'Thick and Thin Concepts in Epistemology' (Guest editors: Jeremy Wanderer and Ben Kotzee)
2009: 'Rape and its Meaning/s' (Guest editor: Louise du Toit)
2010: 'Retributive Emotions' (Guest editor: Lucy Allais)
2011: 'The Problem of the Criterion' (Guest editor: Mark Nelson)
2012: 'Aging and the Elderly' (Guest editors: Samantha Vice & Tom Martin)
2014: 'Philosophy's Therapeutic Potential' (Guest editor: Dylan Futter)
- 2011: Editor of special issue of *South African Journal of Philosophy* (Volume 30, Number 4) on Samantha Vice's 'How Do I Live In This Strange Place?'
- 2002: Editor of 'Controlling Belief', *The Monist* (Vol. 85 No. 3).

5. Book reviews

- 2011 Garry Hagberg (editor) *Art and Ethical Criticism* (Blackwell, 2008), in *Mind*.
- 2009 Fricker, Miranda, *Epistemic Injustice* (OUP, 2007), in *Ratio* (September).
- 2005 Ruben, David-Hillel, *Action and Its Explanation* (OUP, 2003), in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (March).
- 2004 Steven Luper (ed.) *The Sceptics* (Ashgate, 2003), in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (November).

- 2003 Jonathan Adler, *Belief's Own Ethics* (MIT Press, 2003) in *The Times Literary Supplement*, December.
- 1997 John Locke, *Some Thoughts Concerning Education and Of the Conduct of the Human Understanding* [Hackett, edited by Ruth W. Grant and Nathan Tarcov], in *Philosophy in Review*.
- 1995 (i) Ted Honderich (ed.), *The Oxford Companion to Philosophy* (Oxford, 1995) in *The Times Literary Supplement* (November 3).
(ii) Samuel Guttenplan (ed.), *A Companion to the Philosophy of Mind*, in *The Times Literary Supplement* (April 21).
(iii) Simon Blackburn, *The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy*, in *The Times Literary Supplement* (April 21).
(iv) Mary Midgley, *Science As Salvation*, in *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, vol. 9 no. 2.
- 1994 Philip Kitcher, *The Advancement of Science*, in *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science*, vol. 8, no. 2.

6. Bibliographical

- 1998 *Selective Bibliography of the Philosophy of Science*, for the Sub-Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford University. [Co-edited with Samir Okasha and W.H. Newton-Smith.]

7. Work in progress

Papers (submitted to journals or in progress):

- 'Rape and its Harm: Reviving the Therapeutic Approach to Philosophy'
- 'There are No Pragmatic Reasons for Believing'
- 'Immoral Believing and the Vices'
- 'The Moral Authority of Fictional Narratives'

RECENT ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2012

- 'Reviving the Therapeutic Aim of Philosophy', Philosophy and the Moral Life Conference, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 'Wisdom as an Aim of Higher Education', (i) South African Philosophy Spring Colloquium and (ii) Workshop on Educating for Wisdom.
- 'The Art of Dying', Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, University of Cape Town (January)
- 'Philosophers and the Poor', Workshop on Global Justice (UCT, January).

2011

- 'A Lover's Shame', (i) *Love and its Reasons*, conference held at Catholic University of Leuven (June) and (ii) British Society for Ethical Theory annual conference, Oxford (July).
- 'Remembering and Filming the Rwandan Genocide', *Living with the Past*, conference held at the University of the Witwatersrand (June).

2010

- 'Academic Communities and Intellectual Virtues', 'The Aims of Higher Education', Workshop, Rhodes University.
- 'A Lover's Shame', Philosophy Spring Colloquium (Rhodes U).
- 'Philosophers and the Poor', *Charity, Justice, and Poverty* Conference, Department of Philosophy, U of the Witwatersrand.
- 'The Source of Academic Freedom', Workshop on Academic Freedom, Rhodes U.

- 'The Source of Academic Freedom', Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, Monash University South Africa.
- 2009**
- Invited presentations at the U of Cape Town: 'Ethics, Narratives, and Fiction' and 'Establishing the Responsibilities of Philosophers'.
 - Invited presentations at the University of London: 'The Ethical Authority of Narrative Fictions', 'Establishing the Responsibilities of Philosophers', 'Being Moved by a Way the World is Not'.
 - 'Elizabeth Costello as Moral Philosopher', *JM Coetzee as Moral Philosopher* Conference, Department of Philosophy, U of the Witwatersrand.
 - 'Testimony and Rape', Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, U of Pretoria.
- 2008**
- 'Establishing the Responsibilities of Philosophers', Workshop on Responsibility, Department of Philosophy, University of the Witwatersrand.
 - 'The Products of Philosophy', Interdisciplinary Conference: Intellectuals—Knowledge, Power, and Ideas, Budapest. [Proceedings in eBook ISBN 978-1-904710-670.]
 - 'The Philosophical Reading', Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, University of Pretoria.
- 2007**
- 'Being Moved by a Way the World is Not' & 'Discovering Our Reasons in Our Emotions', University of the Witwatersrand.
 - 'Partiality and Transgressive Comedy', Smith College (Massachusetts).
 - 'The Moral Biography of the Moral Philosopher', Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, Stellenbosch University.
- 2006**
- 'Doxastic Goods' (1) Invited Keynote Speaker, Conference on Epistemic Value, Stirling, Scotland; (2) South Africa Annual Spring Colloquium, KwaZulu-Natal.
 - 'The Function and Content of Amusement', Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, Rhodes U.
- 2005**
- *Invited departmental presentations*: U of Oklahoma, Trinity U, U of Bristol, U of Manchester.
 - 'Rumour, Reproach, and the Norms of Testimony', Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, Pietermaritzburg.
- 2004**
- 'Indignation, Immodesty, and Immoral Believing', Virtue Epistemology Conference, U of Stirling.
 - 'What's So Funny About Decency, Love, and Understanding?' Conference on Judging and Understanding, U of Pretoria.
 - 'The Space of Responsibility and Our Agency as Believers', Workshop on the Space of Reasons, U of Cape Town.
 - 'Indignation, Immodesty, and Immoral Believing', Ethics Society of Southern Africa, Rand Afrikaans U.
 - 'Philosophers, their Context, and their Responsibilities', Philosophical Society of Southern Africa Annual Conference, Pietermaritzburg.
- 2003**
- Nine invited departmental presentations:*
- 'Indignation, Immodesty, and Immoral Believing' (Birkbeck College London, Exeter U, Open U, and Stockholm U)
 - 'The Space of Responsibility and Our Agency as Believers' (Universities of

- Reading, York, and Leeds)
- 'Our Accountability for Believing' (U of Birmingham and Uppsala U)
 - 'Indignation, Immodesty, and Immoral Believing', South African Annual Spring Colloquium (Grahamstown)

RECENT NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & WRITING

2011

- 'What Reasons Are There for a "White Tax" in South Africa?', University of Fort Hare.
- 'White South African Shame: Sorting Through the Reasons', University of the Witwatersrand

2009

- 'Rape, Its Harm, and Philosophy', Philosophy Society, University of Cape Town.
- 'The Moral Authority of Narrative Fiction', Birkbeck Center for the Humanities, University of London

July 2005

- 'Comedy in a Dark World', Winter School Lecture, National Arts Festival

July 2003-2007

- 'The Nature of Philosophy', Annual Lecture, National Schools Festival

August 2004

- 'The Possibility of Dark Comedy: Martin Scorsese's *King of Comedy*', Lecture, Philosophy Week

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1. Lecture and Seminar Courses (Rhodes University, University of Reading, Bennington College)

Graduate seminars:

- Death (2012)
- The A Priori (2012)
- Philosophy and the Concern with Colour (2011)
- Plato's *Symposium*, Love, and Morality (2011)
- Plato's *Meno* (2009)
- Testimony and Trust (2008)
- Philosophy and our Attitudes towards Animals (2007)
- Philosophy of film (2006, 2007)
- The nature of philosophy (2005)
- The nature of beliefs and believers (2004)
- Recent work in epistemological scepticism (2004)
- Meaning of life (with John Cottingham, 2003)
- The nature and importance of motivated believing (2002)
- Doxastic responsibility and control (2001)
- Externalism in the philosophy of mind (shared course, 2000)

Advanced Undergraduate Lectures:

- Hume's *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (30 lectures third-year writing course, 40-60 students)
- Descartes' *Meditations* (30 lectures third-year writing course, 30-50 students)
- Perception and rationality in John McDowell's *Mind and World* (30 lectures, third-year course, 30 students)

Beginning Undergraduate Lectures:

- Introductory Formal Logic (60 lectures, 80-120 students)
- Introduction to philosophy (30 lectures, 120-220 students). **Topics taught:** Moral theory, Descartes's *Meditations*, Berkeley's *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, testimony and science, artificial intelligence, the nature of art, arguments for God's existence, scepticism, the meaning of life, the fear of death

2. Graduate Supervision (Rhodes University)

Megan van der Nest, Master's Thesis (2011), passed.
Tessa Dewhurst, Master's Thesis (2010), passed with distinction.
Gavin Sher, Master's Thesis (2006), co-supervised, passed.
Lucy Shapiro, Master's Thesis (2005), passed with distinction.
Richard Flockeman, Master's Thesis (2005), passed with distinction.
Heath Waller, Master's Thesis (2003), passed with distinction.
Nikolai Viedge, Master's Thesis (2003), passed with distinction.
Dylan Futter, Masters Thesis (2002), passed with distinction.
Nick Ferreira, Honour's Thesis (2002) passed with distinction.

3. Lectures and Tutorial Courses (Oxford University)

Lectures

- Philosophy of mind (8-week review course)
- Introductory Logic (8-week course)
- History of Modern Philosophy (4-week review course, 40 students)
- Philosophy of science (20-week lecture course, 30 students)

Tutorials: History of Modern Philosophy, Descartes' *Meditations*, Metaphysics and Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophical Logic and Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Science and Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Introductory Formal Logic, Philosophy of Biology

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University Committee Work (Rhodes)

Joint Research Committee
Humanities Higher Degrees Committee

Extended Departmental Visit (July-August 2002)

Philosophy Unit, University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania). Consultation with the emerging department concerning hiring and curriculum development, and development of links between RU and UDSM.

Book Refereeing

Cambridge University Press

Journal Refereeing

American Philosophical Quarterly
Australasian Journal of Philosophy
Canadian Journal of Philosophy
Dialectica
Dialogue: The Canadian Philosophical Review
Erkenntnis
Hume Studies
Mind
Moral Theory and Ethical Practice
Philosophical Quarterly
Ratio
South African Journal of Philosophy

Synthese
Theoria (South Africa)
Theoria (Sweden)

Professional Membership

American Philosophical Association
Philosophical Society of Southern Africa

Administration

1999-Present

Coordinator, Rhodes Department of Philosophy Reading Group.

1995-1997

Coordinator, The Wolfson Society, U of Oxford. The Wolfson Society invites graduate philosophers to present current work to other graduates.

1993-1995

Coordinator, The Ockham Society, U of Oxford. The Ockham Society invites professional philosophers from outside Oxford to present current work.

REFEREES

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John Cottingham
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Wayne Riggs
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Tom Martin
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