

# Dr Keith A. Wilson

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## Appointments

### University of Glasgow, 2014–present

- Postdoctoral Researcher in Philosophy, [Synchronising the Senses project](#), June–Sept. 2017  
Lead applicant and postdoctoral investigator on Templeton-funded project studying the temporal structure of multisensory experience (see Funding section).
- Postdoctoral Researcher in Philosophy, [Rethinking the Senses project](#), May 2014–June 2017  
Researcher on this AHRC large-grant project on which I have been investigating the implications of multi-modality for the philosophy and science of perception.

### University of Sussex, 2013–2014

- Lecturer in Philosophy, September 2013–June 2014
- Tutorial Fellow in Philosophy, January–June 2013

## Education

### Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Warwick, 2008–2012

*Thesis:* Representationalism and Anti-Representationalism About Perceptual Experience

*Examiners:* Tim Crane, Naomi Eilan (Passed with No Corrections, 31/1/13)

*Supervisors:* Bill Brewer, Matthew Soteriou

### Visiting Exchange Student, Columbia University, New York, January–Apr 2011

Attended graduate seminars at Columbia, NYU and CUNY, including: Advanced Philosophy of Psychology; Neuroscience and Philosophy; Conceptual and Empirical Issues about Perception: Attention and Consciousness; Philosophy of Time; Modal Logic.

*Supervisor:* Christopher Peacocke

### M.Litt. in Philosophy, St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme (SASP), 2007–2008

Passed with Distinction, Top of Graduating Year (overall mark: 18.5/20)

*Dissertation:* Time-Consciousness and the Present

*Supervisor:* Simon Prosser

### B.A. (Hons.) in Philosophy, University of York, 2004–2007

First Class with Distinction, Top of Graduating Year (final year project mark: 77%)

*Special Project:* Heidegger and the Phenomenology of Time

*Supervisor:* Thomas Baldwin

## Interests

### A.O.S.

Philosophy of Perception (esp. metaphysics of experience, representational content, the senses), Philosophy of Mind (esp. time-consciousness and mental representation), Philosophy of Psychology and Cognitive Science.

### A.O.C.

Philosophy of Science, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Language, Logic, History of Philosophy (esp. Thomas Reid, the Scottish Enlightenment, Plato).

## Publications

### Articles and Book Chapters

'Are the Senses Silent? Travis's Argument from Looks', forthcoming in *Charles Travis on Language, Thought, and Perception*, ed. T. Dobler & J. Collins, Oxford University Press

'Perception Without Representation', with R. Locatelli, *Topoi* **36** (2): 1–16, March 2017

'Perception and Reality', *New Philosopher* **1** (2): 104–107, November 2013

'Reid's Direct Realism and Visible Figure', *The Philosophical Quarterly* **63** (253): 783–803, September 2013

'Does Attention Exist?'. *British Journal of Undergraduate Philosophy*, **2** (2): 153–168, July 2007

### Edited Volumes

Special Issue of *Topoi: An International Review of Philosophy* on 'Perception Without Representation', co-edited with R. Locatelli (in press; print publication due June 2017)

### Reviews

Review of Charles Travis, *Perception: Essays after Frege*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, April 2014

### Under Contract

'The Senses', *Oxford Bibliographies*, with Fiona Macpherson, due March 2017

### Under Submission

'Does Property-Perception Entail Representational Content?'

## Work in Progress

My research primarily concerns: (i) perceptual appearances and representational content; (ii) multisensory perception and the senses; (iii) time-consciousness and the temporal structure of experience, all of which are combined in my Synchronising the Senses research project (see below).

Additionally, I have papers in progress on:

- The Two Senses of 'Smell': Orthonasal and Retronasal Olfaction
- Is There an Auditory Field? The Spatial Structure of Auditory Experience
- Phenomenal Looks

## Invited Talks (Selected)

Comments on Olfactory Imagery (planned)

- Invited discussant, Human Olfaction at the Intersection of Language, Culture and Biology Conference, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, June 2017

'How Many Senses?' (planned)

- (S)PIN Workshop on Naturalism in Philosophy of Perception, University of York, March 2017

'Is There an Auditory Field?'

- European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, St Andrews, August 2016
- Perceiving at a Distance Conference, University of Antwerp, June 2016
- Early Career Mind Network Research Forum, University of Glasgow, May 2016

'Phenomenal Looks, Phenomenal Content'

- University of Glasgow Senior Seminar, March 2016

## ‘Is Perceptual Experience Representational? Travis’s Argument from Looks’

- Thought and Sense workshop, University of Oslo, January 2016
- Visiting Speaker Seminar, University of Stirling, November 2014
- E-Intentionality Seminar, Centre for Cognitive Science, University of Sussex, April 2014

## ‘The Two Senses of Smell: Orthonasal and Retronasal Olfaction’

- Cognitive Science Research Seminar, University of Sussex, November 2015
- Early Career Mind Network Meeting, University of Warwick, August 2015
- Philosophy, Psychology and Informatics Reading Group, University of Edinburgh, February 2015
- European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Noto, September 2014

## ‘Do Visual Experiences Have Contents? Siegel’s Argument from Appearing’

- Perception and Reasoning workshop, University of Tübingen, March 2015
- Work-in-Progress Day, University of Sussex, 11 June 2013
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual International Graduate Conference in Philosophy: Perception, University of Essex, May 2012
- 14<sup>th</sup> Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference, November 2011

## ‘How Many Senses of Smell?’

- Rethinking the Senses Research Day, Institute of Philosophy, London, June 2014

## Response to Marta Tafalla, ‘A World Without the Olfactory Dimension’

- Two Senses of Smell Workshop, Institute of Philosophy, London, March 2014

## ‘What’s “Looks” Got To Do With It?’

- Philosophy Society Research Seminar, University of Sussex, November 2013

## ‘Fragile Knowledge’

- University of Warwick Philosophy Society, November 2011

## ‘The Sound of Silence’

- Thesis Preparation Seminar, Columbia University, New York, January 2011
- MindGrad Conference, University of Warwick, December 2010

## Response to Tim Crane, ‘The Given’

- MindGrad Conference, University of Warwick, December 2009

## Funding and Awards

### John Templeton Foundation grant

Awarded October 2016 for [Synchronising the Senses project](#) (June–September 2017) via the University of Cambridge’s [New Directions in the Study of the Mind](#) initiative.

I am lead applicant and postdoctoral investigator on this project which will fund a pilot study examining the temporal structure of multisensory experience, including writing a paper on this topic and applying for further major grant funding.

**Wellcome Trust ISSF Public Engagement Bursary**, for outreach activities at Glasgow Science Festival, 2016 (see below)

**Scots Philosophical Association Conference Support Grant** for a workshop on Perception and Cognition: Top-Down Influences in Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow, 2015

**Student-Led Teaching Award for Outstanding Support for the Learning Experience of Students**,  
University of Sussex, 2014

**Analysis Trust, Aristotelian Society, and Mind Association Conference Grants** for MindGrad  
Conference, University of Warwick, 2009

**AHRC Doctoral Funding**, University of Warwick, 2008

**University of Warwick Ph.D. Fellowship** (offered), University of Warwick, 2008

**AHRC Postgraduate Award**, St Andrews and Stirling Graduate Programme (SASP), University of St  
Andrews, 2007

**British Library Research Information Network funding** to design and develop a wiki-based  
philosophy website in conjunction with Dr. Tom Stoneham, University of York, 2006

**Ede and Ravenscroft Prize for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Contribution to the  
Department and University Life**, University of York, 2005

**First Year Prize**, University of York, 2005

## Teaching

### University of Glasgow, 2014–present

- **Philosophy of Mind** – postgraduate M.Sc. seminars, 2014–2016 (3 students)
- Supervised undergraduate dissertations on: epiphenomenalism; free will and the philosophy of mind; philosophy of mental health
- Informal supervision of Ph.D. and visiting research students

### University of Sussex, 2013–2014

- **Philosophy of Mind** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate module convener, course design, lectures and seminars, 2013, 2014 (60 students)
- **Philosophy of Science** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate module convener, course design, lectures and seminars, 2013, 2014 (60 students)
- **Perception and Reality** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate module convener, course design, lectures and seminars, 2013 (40 students)
- **Plato** – 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate module convener, course design, lectures and seminars, 2013 (25 students)
- **Mind and Reality** – postgraduate philosophy of mind and perception M.A. module convener, course design and seminar tutor, 2013 (3 students)
- **Language and Truth** – postgraduate philosophy of language M.A. module, course design and seminar tutor (co-taught with Sarah Sawyer), 2013 (3 students)

### University of Warwick, 2009–2012

- **Consciousness and Reality** – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate seminars, 2012
- **Meaning and Communication** – 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate seminars, 2012
- **Introduction to Symbolic Logic** – 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate fast-track seminars (sentential and predicate logic, truth tables, natural deduction), 2012
- **Elements of Scientific Method** – 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate seminars, 2011, 2012
- **Issues in Philosophy** – 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate seminars (epistemology, personal identity, history of philosophy), 2009–2011

## Research Events Organised

### Workshops

- Synchronising the Senses: The Temporal Structure of Multisensory Experience, Rethinking the Senses project, University of Glasgow 17–18 February 2017
- Early Career Mind Network Research Forum, University of Glasgow, 5–6 May 2016
- Cognition & Perception: Top-Down Influences in Perceptual Experience, Rethinking the Senses project, University of Glasgow, 8–9 September 2015
- Rethinking the Senses Research Day, Co-organiser, Institute of Philosophy, London, 19 June 2014

### Seminar Series

- Philosophy, Psychology and Neuroscience (PPN) Research Seminar, University of Glasgow, 2014–2017
- Graduate Seminar, University of Warwick, 2009–2012

### Conference

- Philosophy of Mind Graduate Conference (MindGrad), Chair of Organising Committee, University of Warwick, 5–6 December 2009

## Public Engagement and Impact

I strongly believe in the importance of increasing public awareness and understanding of philosophy, and am actively involved in public engagement and outreach activities. To date, I have organised or contributed to the following projects and events:

### Exploring Heritage Brands and Sensory Experiences

- External advisor, M.A. student project, Glasgow School of Art, February 2017

### European Researchers' Night / Glasgow Explorathon

- Organised and helped to run an interactive research station, Glasgow Science Centre, September 2014, 2015, 2016

### Understanding the Senses: Past and Present project reception

- Organised interactive display of perceptual illusions, University of Glasgow Library Special Collections, July 2016

### Glasgow Science Festival 2016

- Organised interactive research station and chaired public talks on 'The Philosophy and Psychology of Illusions', Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, June 2016

### Objects of Research exhibition

- Contributed 'Impossible Lego Object' illusion, Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, September–November 2015

### Glasgow Science Festival 2015

- Organised interactive research station and chaired public talks, Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, June 2015
- [Introduction to outdoor screening of \*The Matrix\*](#), University of Glasgow
- [YouTube video interview](#) on 'Philosophy and Science-Fiction'
- Guest blog post, '[Engaging the Senses at the Glasgow Science Festival](#)' for AHRC Science in Culture Theme website

**Late Night Science: Illusion and Perception**

- Public talk on 'Perception and Reality: How to Resist the Argument from Illusion', Research Club, Glasgow, March 2015

**The Hidden Senses: The Secrets of Taste and Smell exhibition**

- Contributed to and helped organise exhibition as part of Being Human: A Festival of the Humanities, Dana Centre, London, November 2014
- Guest blog post, '[Taste and Smell: The Hidden Senses](#)'

**Refereeing and Reviewing****Articles**

- *Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Erkenntnis, European Journal of Philosophy, History of Philosophy Quarterly, Mind, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophical Studies, The Philosophical Quarterly, Topoi, Philosophical Explorations*
- Assistant Editor, 'Perceptual Relations' category, *PhilPapers.org*

**Conferences and Workshops**

- Early Career Mind Network Research Forum, University of Glasgow, 2016
- MindGrad Conference, University of Warwick, 2009, 2010

**Service and Administration****University of Glasgow, 2014–present**

Executive Committee Member, Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience (CSPE)  
 Committee Member, Colour Studies Group, Institute of Neuroscience and Psychology  
 Created *SensesWiki* collaborative website for Rethinking the Senses project  
 Redesign and maintenance of CSPE website and social media channels  
 Technical design for *The Illusions Index*, an online database of perception illusions

**University of Sussex, 2012–2013**

Research Fellow, Centre for Research in Cognitive Science (COGS)  
 Departmental Web Officer; redesigned departmental website

**University of Warwick, 2009–2012**

Set up and organised Departmental Graduate Seminar  
 Chair and Ph.D. Representative, Staff–Student Liaison Committee  
 Chair, MindGrad 2009 Conference Organising Committee  
 Chair, Graduate Events Committee  
 Redesigned departmental website

**University of York, 2004–2007**

Board of Studies Representative  
 Chair and Founder, University of York Philosophy Society

**Personal Development and Training****University of Glasgow, 2014–present**

Aspiring PI Programme (3-Day Training Course)  
 Winning Research Income (Grant Applications)  
 Developing an Effective Research Proposal  
 Negotiating and Influencing Skills

Public Engagement Workshop: Evaluation Methods  
Social Media and Public Engagement Workshop

**University of Warwick, 2008–2012**

IAS/RHL Media Training course for broadcast media work  
Postgraduate Award: Introduction to Academic and Professional Practice  
Time Management Skills  
Voice Training Workshop

**Referees**

Please notify me before contacting referees.

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