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Appointments

University of Edinburgh, 2017–

- Teaching Fellow in Philosophy (50% FTE), August 2017–July 2019

University of Glasgow, 2014–2017

- 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, 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' (in preparation). 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): 197–213, March 2017

'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

Guest-Edited Special Issue on 'Perception Without Representation', *Topoi* **36** (2), with R. Locatelli, June 2017.

Popular Philosophy

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

Under Contract

'The Senses', with Fiona Macpherson. *Oxford Bibliographies*.

Book Reviews

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

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:

- Is There an Auditory Field? The Spatial Structure of Auditory Experience
- The Two Senses of 'Smell': Orthonasal and Retronasal Olfaction
- Does Property-Perception Entail Representational Content?

Invited Talks (Selected)

Comments on Olfactory Awareness and Imagery

- Human Olfaction at the Intersection of Language, Culture and Biology Conference, Max Planck Institute, Radboud University, Nijmegen, June 2017

'How Many Senses?'

- (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
- 15th Annual International Graduate Conference in Philosophy: Perception, University of Essex, May 2012
- 14th 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** – 2nd year undergraduate module convener, course design, lectures and seminars, 2013, 2014 (60 students)
- **Philosophy of Science** – 2nd year undergraduate module convener, course design, lectures and seminars, 2013, 2014 (60 students)
- **Perception and Reality** – 2nd year undergraduate module convener, course design, lectures and seminars, 2013 (40 students)
- **Plato** – 2nd 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** – 2nd/3rd year undergraduate seminars, 2012
- **Meaning and Communication** – 1st year undergraduate seminars, 2012
- **Introduction to Symbolic Logic** – 1st year undergraduate fast-track seminars (sentential and predicate logic, truth tables, natural deduction), 2012
- **Elements of Scientific Method** – 1st year undergraduate seminars, 2011, 2012
- **Issues in Philosophy** – 1st 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

- Designed Mind: Exploring the Function, Evolution and Implementation of Consciousness, University of Edinburgh, 2017
- 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 in advance of contacting referees.

1. **Professor Fiona Macpherson** (Line Manager/PI)
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2. **Professor Tim Crane** (Ph.D. Examiner)
Knightbridge Professor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge
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3. **Dr Kathleen Stock** (Teaching Referee, Former Line Manager)
Reader in Philosophy, University of Sussex
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4. **Professor Matthew Soteriou** (Ph.D. Supervisor)
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