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## Areas of Interest

**Areas of Specialisation:** Philosophy of mind and action (normativity and rule-following), 20<sup>th</sup> century European philosophy (Merleau-Ponty, Murdoch, and Wittgenstein)

**Areas of Competence:** Early modern philosophy, Ethics and Practical ethics

## Employment and Fellowships

**Sub Dean** 2022-present

Brasenose College, University of Oxford

**Post-Doctoral Fellowship** 2021-2022

Philosophical Fellowship Fund, University of Oxford

**Junior Dean** 2018-2022

Brasenose College, University of Oxford

## Education

**DPhil in Philosophy** 2017-2021

Brasenose College, University of Oxford

Dissertation Title: *Having Meanings in View: Groundwork for a Substantive Account of Rule-following*

Supervisor: Professors Bill Child and Stephen Mulhall

Committee: Professors Adrian Moore and Simon Glendinning (LSE)

Passed without correction

**M.A. in Philosophy** 2015-2017

University of Ottawa

Dissertation Title: *Meaning as a Normative Stance*

**Honours B.A. in Philosophy, *Summa Cum Laude*** 2011-2015

University of Ottawa

## Publications

### Peer-Reviewed

1. Petit, A. (2018). The Universality of Peirce's Rhetoric. *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 54 (1), 84-104.

2. Petit, A. (2016). Wittgenstein, un philosophe américain : un transfert philosophique par le fragment [*Wittgenstein, an American Philosopher: A Philosophical Transfer through Fragments*], in P. Imbert (ed.). *Les Transferts Culturels : Problèmes et Problématiques. Le Canada et les Amériques*. Ottawa: University of Ottawa Research Chair: Canada: Social and Cultural Challenges in a Knowledge Based Society.

## Work-in-Progress

[under review] *Having Meanings in View*

[in preparation] Being Guided; Going on

[in preparation] Rationality and Embodiment: Is Merleau-Ponty committed to a layer-cake conception of human mindedness?

[in preparation] Wittgenstein on Intentionality and Internal Relations

[in preparation] Madness and Monsters: Cavell on Skepticism, the Self, and Horror

## Prizes

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### **The Commission on Graduate Studies in Humanities Prize**

**2018**

University of Ottawa

Awarded annually for the best master's thesis in the humanities

### **The University Gold Medal**

**2015**

University of Ottawa

Awarded to the student with the highest standing in an Honours Baccalaureate from the Faculty of Arts

### **The Faculty Plaque in Philosophy**

**2015**

University of Ottawa

Awarded to the student with the highest standing in an Honours Baccalaureate from the Department of Philosophy

## Awards and Scholarships

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### **Mackenzie-King Open Scholarship**

**2018-2019**

The W.L. Mackenzie King Memorial Scholarships

### **Ryle Scholarship in Philosophy**

**2018**

Linacre College, University of Oxford

*Declined* (Could not be held in conjunction with the junior dean position at Brasenose College)

### **Doctoral Fellowship**

**2017-2021**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

<b>Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship</b> Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) <i>Declined</i> (Could not be held in an institution outside of Canada)	<b>2017</b>
<b>Master's Research Scholarship</b> Quebec Research Funds in Society and Culture (FRQSC)	<b>2016-2017</b>
<b>Canada Master's Scholarship</b> Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)	<b>2015-2016</b>
<b>Excellence Scholarship</b> University of Ottawa	<b>2015-2017</b>
<b>President's Scholarship</b> University of Ottawa	<b>2011-2015</b>
<b>Joseph-Marie Quirion Scholarship</b> University of Ottawa	<b>2013-2015</b>
<b>Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Award</b> University of Ottawa	<b>2012</b>

## **Teaching**

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UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD 2018-present

### **Lectures**

- Meaning and Intentionality in Wittgenstein's Philosophy (Hilary 2022)

### **Tutorials (number indicates termly series taught rather than number of individual sessions)**

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|--------------------------------|---|
| • Early Modern Philosophy (×4) | • Philosophy of Mind (×2)                                 |
| • Ethics (×2)                  | • Post-Kantian Philosophy – Merleau-Ponty and Sartre (×4) |
| • General Philosophy (×2)      | • Practical Ethics (×3)                                   |
| • Knowledge and Reality (×3)   | • Wittgenstein (×6)                                       |
| • Moral Philosophy (×2)        |   |

### **Supervision**

Undergraduate Thesis

- Lucas Hustick, *Research into Metaethical Quietism* (Trinity 2022)

### **Classes**

- Logic
- Moral Philosophy

### **Revision Classes**

- Knowledge and Reality (×2)
- Practical Ethics

- Wittgenstein (×2)

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

2013-2017

**Teaching assistant**

- Moral Reasoning
- Reasoning and critical thinking (×2)
- Business ethics
- Bioethics

**Academic Activities**

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**Conference organiser**

Inheriting Cavell, University of Ottawa 2021  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference, University of Oxford 2018  
 Aesthetic Experience, University of Ottawa 2014

**Lecture series co-convenor**

Jowett Society, University of Oxford 2018-2019

**President of the Middle Common Room**

St Hugh's College, University of Oxford 2018

**Research assistant**

University of Ottawa 2012-2014

**Presentations (Peer-reviewed indicated with an asterisk (\*))**

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Wittgenstein on Intentionality and Internal Relations

- DPhil Seminar, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2022

Our Life with Signs

- Blurbs Series, Brasenose College, University of Oxford, 2021

What is it to be Quietist: McDowell and Wittgenstein on the Nature of Philosophy

- \*Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Alberta, 2021

Madness and Monsters: Cavell on Skepticism, the Self, and Horror

- Inheriting Cavell Conference, University of Ottawa, 2021

Language, Tradition and the Possibility of Innovation

- \*AHRC Interdisciplinary Conference: Form and Forgetting, University of Cambridge, 2020

Towards a New Account of Rule-following

- \*Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM), 2018

Merleau-Ponty et le problème de la connaissance des autres esprits [*Merleau-Ponty and the Problem of Other Minds*]

- \*Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM), 2018

Meaning, Understanding, and Intelligent Action

- Theoretical Philosophy Work in Progress Seminar, University of Oxford, 2017
- \*Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association, Ryerson University, 2017

Wittgenstein, un philosophe américain? [*Wittgenstein an American Philosopher?*]

- \* 'Fragments d'Amériques' an international and multidisciplinary conference, University of Ottawa, 2015

## **Professional Development**

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**Associate Fellow** **2022-present**  
Higher Education Academy

**Advancing Teaching and Learning Program** **2021-2022**  
University of Oxford

## **Non-academic Employment**

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**Senior Writer and Editor** **2017-2018**  
Department of Canadian Heritage, Government of Canada

**Writer and Translator** **2014-2016**  
Michaëlle Jean Foundation