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## Areas of Interest

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

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

## Employment

**Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy** **2023-present**
Brasenose College, University of Oxford

**Sub Dean** **2022-present**
Brasenose College, University of Oxford

**Junior Dean** **2018-2022**
Brasenose College, University of Oxford

## Education

**DPhil in Philosophy** **2017-2022**
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

### Monographs

2026 *Having Meanings in View: Towards a New Account of Rule-following*. Oxford Philosophical Monographs Series. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

## Edited Volumes and Special Issues

2026 *Conversations*: *The Journal of Cavellian Studies, 12*, Special Issue on Moral Perfectionism (co-edited with Paul Deb).

## Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

*Forthcoming* Murdoch's Perfectionist Vision. *Where Literature Meets Philosophy: Iris Murdoch*. C. Braune and M. Dianetti (eds.). London: Palgrave Macmillan.

*Forthcoming* Saint-Exupéry Phenomenological: Reading *Flight to Arras* after Merleau-Ponty. *Palgrave Handbook of Phenomenology and Literature*. J. McCurry (ed.). London: Palgrave Macmillan.

2026 Table Talk: On Moral Perfectionism. *Conversations: The Journal of Cavellian Studies*, *12*, Special Issue on Moral Perfectionism, 1-4 (with Paul Deb).

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

## General Audience

2023 Finding a Soul in the Mountain: The Moral Resonance of Jinjoon Lee's *Audible Garden*. *Nowhere in Somewhere*. Seoul: Marmmo Press.
(Retrospective of Jinjoon Lee's work with accompanying commentaries in both Korean and English)

## Work-in-Progress

[under review] A Humbling Play of Voices: Merleau-Ponty and the Ending of Phenomenology

[in preparation] *Festschrift* in honour of A.W. Moore (as co-editor, for Oxford University Press)

## Prizes

**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

**Post-Doctoral Fellowship** **2021-2022**
Philosophical Fellowship Fund, University of Oxford

**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)

**Joseph-Armand Bombardier Doctoral Scholarship** **2017**
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)
*Declined* (Could not be held in an institution outside of Canada)

**Master's Research Scholarship** **2016-2017**
Quebec Research Funds in Society and Culture (FRQSC)

**Canada Master's Scholarship** **2015-2016**
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

**Excellence Scholarship** **2015-2017**
University of Ottawa

**President's Scholarship** **2011-2015**
University of Ottawa

**Joseph-Marie Quirion Scholarship** **2013-2015**
University of Ottawa

**Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Award** **2012**
University of Ottawa

## Teaching

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD 2018-present

**Lectures**

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

**Classes**

Logic (Michaelmas 2018)
Moral Philosophy (Michaelmas 2022)
General Philosophy (Michaelmas 2022)

**Tutorials**

Early Modern Philosophy (Trinity 2018, Michaelmas 2018)
Ethics (Michaelmas 2022, Michaelmas 2023, Hilary 2024, Michaelmas 2024, Hilary 2025, Michaelmas 2025, Hilary 2026, Michaelmas 2026)
General Philosophy (Michaelmas 2021, Hilary 2022, Trinity 2023, Trinity 2024)
Knowledge and Reality (Hilary 2020, Trinity 2022, Michaelmas 2022)
Moral Philosophy (Michaelmas 2021, Trinity 2025, Trinity 2026)
Philosophy of Mind (Michaelmas 2021, Hilary 2022, Trinity 2022)
Post-Kantian Philosophy (Trinity 2019, Hilary 2022, Michaelmas 2022, Hilary 2027)
Practical Ethics (Michaelmas 2022, Hilary 2023, Trinity 2023)
Wittgenstein (Hilary 2019, Trinity 2019, Michaelmas 2019, Michaelmas 2020, Michaelmas 2022, Michaelmas 2025, Michaelmas 2026)

**Supervision**

Undergraduate Thesis

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

**Revision Classes**

Ethics (Trinity 2026)
Knowledge and Reality (Trinity 2022)
Post-Kantian Philosophy (Trinity 2023)
Practical Ethics (Trinity 2023, Trinity 2025)
Wittgenstein (Trinity 2020, Trinity 2021, Trinity 2025)

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA 2012-2017

**Teaching assistant**

Moral Reasoning (Winter 2017)
Reasoning and Critical Thinking (Winter 2016, Fall 2016)
Business Ethics (Fall 2015)
Bioethics (Fall 2012)

## Academic Activities

**Journal Referee**
*Mind*, and *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 2019-present

**Conference organiser**
Moorefest, University of Oxford 2027
Inheriting Cavell, University of Ottawa 2021
22nd 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

## Public Engagement

**Invited speaker**
Comment on Jinjoon Lee's exhibition *Wandering Sun*, Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities, Oxford, 2027

"Murdoch on 'knowing what a word means'", Iris Murdoch Student Society, Oxford, 2026

Roundtable on Jinjoon Lee's exhibition *Audible Garden*, Korean Cultural Centre, London, 2023

"Our Life with Signs", Blurbs Series, Brasenose College, University of Oxford, 2021

## Presentations (Invited indicated with an asterisk (*))

A Perfectionist Play of Voices
- Cavell at 100: An International Centennial Conference, Sapienza University of Rome, 2026

Presentation of *Having Meanings in View*
- *La philosophie en débat(s): histoire de la philosophie analytique [philosophy in debate(s): a History of Analytic Philosophy] Colloquium Series, La Sorbonne University, 2026

Murdoch's Perfectionist Vision
- *Situating Murdoch: Between Interlocutors and Traditions International Workshop, University of Lisbon, 2025

- Towards the History of a Heterodox Tradition in Analytic Philosophy International Conference, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, 2025
- Iris Murdoch International Conference, La Sorbonne University, 2024

A Humbling Play of Voices: Merleau-Ponty and the Ending of *Phenomenology*

- *Philosophy Colloquium Seris, University of Ottawa, 2025
- Early Career Work in Progress Seminar, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2025

Wittgenstein on Intentionality and Internal Relations

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

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

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

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

## Non-academic Employement

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

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

## Welfare Training and Certifications

**Harassment Advisor Training** **2026-present**
Equality and Diversity Unit, University of Oxford

**EDI Inductions Facilitator Training** **2024-present**
Equality and Diversity Unit, University of Oxford

**SPEAK Suicide Prevention Certificate** **2023-present**
Papyrus

**Mental Health First Aid Certificate** **2022-present**
MHFA England

**Supporting Reported Students Training** **2025**
SHVSS, University of Oxford

**Domestic Abuse Awareness Training** **2024**
SHVSS, University of Oxford