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Areas of specialization: Philosophy of mind/cognitive science, philosophy of language.

Areas of competence: Epistemology, metaphysics, logic, ethics.

Employment

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellow (50% from Nov 2022 – present) Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes Hosts: Kourken Michaelian and Denis Perrin. Project: Objectual Memory	2021–2024
Postdoctoral researcher (50%) Institut für Philosophie II, Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Supervisor: Markus Werning.	2022–2023
Postdoctoral researcher (Mind Association grant recipient) Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick. Host: Prof. Christoph Hoerl	2020–2021
Teaching Fellow (Lecturer) in Philosophy School of Philosophy, Psychology, and Language Sciences, University of Edinburgh	2019–2020
Postdoctoral researcher Department of Philosophy, University of Haifa. Supervisor: Prof. Jonathan Berg	2018–2019
Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy St. Edmund Hall, University of Oxford	2017–2018
Graduate Teaching Assistant Department of Philosophy, Kings College London	2017–2018
Stipendiary Lecturer in Philosophy New College, University of Oxford	Trinity term, 2016

Education

D.Phil (PhD) in Philosophy, University of Oxford Thesis title: Singular representation. Supervisors: John Hawthorne; Timothy Williamson Examiners: Paul Elbourne (internal); Richard Holton (external)	2013–2018
Visiting Research Student, University of Southern California	Spring 2016
M.A. (Distinction) in Philosophy, University of Leeds	2011–2012
B.A. (First Class, Hons.) in Philosophy, University of Leeds	2008–2011

■ RESEARCH

Publications

1. Openshaw, J. & Michaelian, K. (Forthcoming). 'Reference in remembering: Towards a simulationist account', *Synthese*.

2. Schirmer dos Santos, C., Sant'Anna, A., Michaelian, K., Openshaw, J., & Perrin, D. (Forthcoming.) 'Debates contemporâneos em filosofia da memória', *Lampião - Revista de Filosofia*.
3. Michaelian, K., Sakuragi, S., Openshaw, J., & Perrin, D. (Forthcoming). 'Mental time travel', in Bietti, L., & Pogačar, M. (Eds.), *Palgrave Encyclopedia of Memory Studies*. Palgrave.
4. Openshaw, J. (Forthcoming). 'Does singular thought have an epistemic essence?', *Inquiry*. DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2022.2155871
5. Openshaw, J. (2023). '(In defence of) preservationism and the previous awareness condition: What is a theory of remembering, anyway?', *Philosophical Perspectives* 37(1): 290–307.
6. Openshaw, J. (2022). 'Remembering objects', *Philosophers' Imprint* 22(11): 1–20.
7. Openshaw, J. & Weksler, A. (2022). 'Perceptual capacitism: An argument for disjunctive disunity', *Philosophical Studies* 179: 3325–3348. (50% contribution.)
8. Openshaw, J. (2021). 'Thinking about many', *Synthese* 199: 2863–2882.
9. Openshaw, J. (2020). 'Self-ascription and the *de se*', *Synthese* 197: 2039–2050.
10. Openshaw, J. & Weksler, A. (2020). 'A puzzle about seeing for representationalism', *Philosophical Studies* 177: 2625–2646. (50% contribution.)
11. Openshaw, J. (2018). 'Singular thoughts and *de re* attitude reports', *Mind & Language* 33(4): 415–437.

In progress

1. 'Perceiving objects the brain does not represent' (with Michael Barkasi). Under review.
2. 'Memory and reference'. Invited contribution to the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Memory* (André Sant'Anna & Carl Craver, Eds.). In progress.
3. 'Experience, episodic memory, and the limits of imagination' (with Chris McCarroll). In progress.

Presentations (* = selected via anonymous, peer-reviewed abstract submission)

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| 1. 'Experience, episodic memory, and the epistemic limits of imagination' (with Chris McCarroll). <i>Eurasian Memory Meeting</i> . NYCU, Taiwan. | 2024 |
| 2. 'Referential confabulation'. <i>Umeå-Uppsala Lectures on Intentionality</i> (online). | 2024 |
| 3. — Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition seminar. NYCU, Taiwan. | 2023 |
| 4. — University of Cardiff, visiting speaker series. | 2023 |
| 5. — <i>The Unconventional Memory Workshop</i> , LMU Munich.* | 2023 |
| 6. '(In defence of) preservationism and the previous awareness condition: What is a theory of remembering anyway?' <i>1st Int'l Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind</i> (online).* | 2023 |
| 7. — <i>European Society for Philosophy & Psychology 2023</i> . Prague.* | 2023 |
| 8. — <i>Generative Episodic Memory (GEM) 2023</i> , Bochum.* | 2023 |

9. 'Heteronoesis: Episodically remembering vicariously experienced events'. *Memory & Mind 2: A Sofia-Grenoble workshop*. Sofia, Bulgaria. 2023
10. '(In defence of) preservationism and the previous awareness condition: What is a theory of remembering anyway?' *Cologne-Bochum Memory Workshop*, University of Cologne. 2023
11. 'Heteronoesis: Episodically remembering vicariously experienced events' (poster). *3rd Berlin-Bochum Memory Alliance Symposium*, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin. 2023
12. '(In defence of) preservationism and the previous awareness condition: What is a theory of remembering anyway?' MemLab colloquium, U. Federal de Santa Maria (online). 2023
13. 'Reference for simulationists'. *7th SBFA Conference*, Rio de Janeiro.* 2022
14. — UFRGS department colloquium, Porto Alegre. 2022
15. — *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 3* (online).* 2022
16. 'The objects of episodic memory and the status of the previous awareness condition'. *(European) Society for Philosophy & Psychology 2022*, Milan.* 2022
17. 'Reference and the building blocks of episodic construction'. *Simulationism 2022*, Grenoble. 2022
18. 'Reference for simulationists' (with K. Michaelian). *Reference in Remembering*. Grenoble. 2022
19. 'Episodic memory and the previous awareness condition'. *Grenoble-Bochum workshop*. 2022
20. 'Memory experience and memory demonstrative reference'. *Reference workshop*, Reykjavik 2022
21. 'Constructing scenarios and remembering objects'. *FOR 2812 Colloquium*, Bochum. 2022
22. 'Memory experience and demonstrative reference', *Bochum Language Colloquium*. 2022
23. 'Episodic memory and experiential remembering'. *Remembering: Phenomenological and Analytic Approaches*, Grenoble. 2021
24. 'Remembering objects'. *Joint Session of the Mind Association & Aristotelian Society* (online). 2021
25. — *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2.5* (online).* 2021
26. — *Memory mini-workshop*, University of Warwick (online). 2021
27. — *(European) Society for Philosophy & Psychology 2021* (online).* 2021
28. 'Capacitism and binocular vision' (with A. Weksler). T. U. Dortmund colloquium (online). 2021
29. 'Remembering objects'. *Bochum-Grenoble Memory Colloquium* (online). 2020
30. 'Aboutness and safety'. *Summer Philosophy Seminar*, Kings College London. 2019
31. — *London Mind Group*, University College London. 2019
32. 'Speaking your mind'. *Oxford Linguistic Meaning conference*. Queens College, Oxford.* 2019
33. 'A puzzle about seeing and the content of visual experience'. University of Haifa. 2019
34. 'Aboutness and safety'. *22nd Israeli Philosophical Association*. Bar-Ilan University.* 2019
35. 'Singular thoughts and *de re* attitude reports'. *APA Central Division*. Kansas City, MO.* 2017
36. 'Singular content and anchoring'. *Operators/Quantifiers workshop*. LOGOS, Barcelona.* 2016
37. — *8th Meeting of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy*. Oviedo.* 2016
38. — *Context, Cognition and Communication conference*. Warsaw.* 2016

39. 'Semantic neutrality in Chalmers's two-dimensional semantics', with a reply from Prof. David Chalmers. *PLM workshop*, University of Stockholm. 2015

Funding and awards (total approx. € 317,494)

Research grants

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship award, €184,707.84. 11% acceptance rate. 2021–24
Project title: Objectual Memory (MEMOBJECT). Project number: 101032391.
- Mind Association postdoctoral research award, £15,285. (<https://mindassociation.org>) 2020–21

Scholarships

- Postdoctoral Award, Philosophical Fellowship Fund (University of Oxford), £2500. 2018
- Vice-Chancellors' Fund grant (University of Oxford), £3000. 13% acceptance rate. 2017–18
- Royal Institute of Philosophy bursary, £3000. 2016–17
- AHRC research grant to fund visit to the University of Southern California, £4800. 2016
- AHRC doctoral award studentship (full fees and maintenance), ~£63,000. 2013–16
- AHRC research preparation masters award studentship (fees & maintenance), £13,022. 2011–12

Conference grants

- Co-recipient (with Andy Yu), CRNAP grant for the *Philosophy of Language conference*, held at Oxford (June 21st–22nd), £2000. 2014

▪ PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial roles

- Lead editor (with Kourken Michaelian & Denis Perrin), *Synthese* topical collection: *Reference and Remembering* (<https://link.springer.com/collections/beeffffdbbe>). 2022–

Conference organisation

- Local organisation committee member, *ESPP 2024 – Grenoble*. 2023–24
- Co-organiser (with Kourken Michaelian & Nikola Andonovski), *Simulationism 2023*. 2023
- Lead organiser (with Kourken Michaelian & Michael Murez), *Memory and Mental Files*. 2023
- Lead organiser (with Kourken Michaelian & Denis Perrin), *Reference in Remembering*. 2022
- Co-organiser (with Kourken Michaelian), *Grenoble–Bochum Memory workshop*. 2022
- Co-organiser (with Andy Yu), *CRNAP Philosophy of Language conference*. 2014

Seminar organisation

- Lead organiser, Internal Seminar (weekly), Centre for the Philosophy of Memory (Grenoble) 2021–
- Lead organiser, Metaphilosophy Reading Group (fortnightly), University of Haifa. 2018–19

Co-organiser, Jowett Society meetings (weekly), University of Oxford. 2015–16

Other roles

Chair, 1st International Society for the Philosophy of the Mind Sciences conference (online). 2023

Chair, GEM 2023, Ruhr-Universität Bochum. 2023

Graduate Training Representative (paid role), Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford. 2016–17

Chair, 19th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference. 2015

Peer reviewing

Journal refereeing

Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Ergo, Erkenntnis, European Journal of Philosophy, Grazer Philosophische Studien, Inquiry, International Journal of Philosophical Studies, Journal of Philosophy, Mind, Mind & Language, Noûs, Philosophers' Imprint, The Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy and the Mind Sciences, Philosophical Studies, Review of Philosophy and Psychology, Springer Books, and Topoi.

Conference abstract refereeing

GEM 2023, Ruhr-Universität Bochum. 2023

ESPP 2023, Prague. 2023

▪ TEACHING

Awards and certificates

Nominated by students for Teacher of the Year award, University of Edinburgh. 2020

Nominated by students for Teaching Excellence award, Kings College London. 2018

Recognised as an Associate Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (teaching course). 2017

Experience

Supervisor:

- PhD co-supervisor, José Carlos Camillo. Federal University of Goiás, Brazil (2024–)
- Co-supervisor of 1 visiting PhD student at the Université Grenoble Alpes (2022–23)
- 3 Masters dissertations on mind and language at Edinburgh (2020)
- 2 undergraduate dissertations on mind and language at Edinburgh (2019–20)
- 2 undergraduate dissertations on language and logic at Oxford (2016, 2018)

Examiner:

- PhD, qualifying exam. Dept. of Philosophy, Federal University of Goiás, Brazil (2023)
- Master's thesis. Dept. of Cognitive Studies, École Normale Supérieure, Paris (2023)

Lecturer:

- Masters (co-taught), *Memory and Experience*, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (2023)
- UG *Themes in Epistemology* (56 students), Edinburgh (2019–20)
- MSc *Philosophical Methods* (33 students), Edinburgh (2019–20)
- MSc *Philosophical Methods online* (13 students), Edinburgh (2019–20)
- MSc *Advanced Ethics online* (7 students), Edinburgh (2019–20)
- MSc *Themes in Epistemology* (2 students), Edinburgh (2019–20)
- *Possible Worlds* lecture series (Masters and advanced undergraduate), Oxford (2017)

Tutor (Oxford):

- *General Philosophy* (2016, 2017)
- *Philosophy of Logic and Language* (2015, 2017)
- *Knowledge & Reality* (2016, 2017)
- *Logic* (2015, 2016, 2017)
- *Early Modern Philosophy* (2016)

Access/outreach:

- 'University education, philosophy, and academic careers'. Virtual seminar for The Compton state school, London (February 2023 and November 2023).
- 'How to get and do a postdoc'. Mentoring session at SoPhA Early Career Researchers conference (July 2023).
- *Introduction to Philosophy of Mind: Arguments Against Physicalism*. 1-week summer school at Oxford for sixth-form (high school) students, taught in 2014, 2015, 2016.

Graduate teaching assistant:

- *Logic* (Kings College London, 2017)
- *Epistemology* (Kings College London, 2017)
- *Metaphysics* (Kings College London, 2018)
- *Descartes* (University of Leeds, 2012)
- *The Mind* (University of Leeds, 2012)
- *Introduction to Ethics* (University of Leeds, 2011)
- *Introduction to Philosophy* (University of Leeds, 2011)

■ REFEREES

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