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Area of specialization: Philosophy of mind/cognitive science
Areas of competence: Philosophy of language, epistemology, metaphysics, logic, ethics

Employment

Assistant Professor (tenure-track) School of Humanities, Nanyang Technological University	2024–
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellow (50% from Nov 2022 – July 2024) Centre for Philosophy of Memory, Université Grenoble Alpes Hosts: Prof. Kourken Michaelian and Prof. Denis Perrin	2021–2024
Postdoctoral researcher (50%) Institut für Philosophie II, Ruhr-Universität Bochum. Supervisor: Prof. 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: *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**

Edited volumes

1. Openshaw, J., Michaelian, K., Perrin, D. (Forthcoming). 'Reference and Remembering'. Topical Collection in *Synthese*: https://link.springer.com/collections/beefffdbe

Articles & book chapters

1. Openshaw, J., Michaelian, K., & Perrin, D. (Forthcoming). 'Reference and remembering: Editorial introduction', *Synthese*.

2. Michaelian, K., Álvarez, J. F, & Openshaw, J. (Forthcoming). 'Is De Brigard a simulationist?', *Philosophy and the Mind Sciences*.

3. Barkasi, M., & Openshaw, J. (Forthcoming). 'Perceiving objects the brain does not represent', *Phenomenology & the Cognitive Sciences*. DOI: 10.1007/s11097-024-10007-w

4. Openshaw, J. & Michaelian, K. (Forthcoming). 'Reference in remembering: Towards a simulationist account', *Synthese* 203(90). DOI: 10.1007/s11229-024-04508-z

5. Openshaw, J. (Forthcoming). 'Does singular thought have an epistemic essence?', *Inquiry*. DOI: 10.1080/0020174X.2022.2155871

6. Michaelian, K., Sakuragi, S., Openshaw, J., & Perrin, D. (2024). 'Mental time travel', in Bietti, L., & Pogačar, M. (Eds.), *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Memory Studies*. Palgrave Macmillan.

7. 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.

8. Schirmer dos Santos, C., Sant'Anna, A., Michaelian, K., Openshaw, J., & Perrin, D. (2023.) 'Debates contemporâneos em filosofia da memoria', *Lampião - Revista de Filosofia* 4(1): 139–184.

9. Openshaw, J. (2022). 'Remembering objects', *Philosophers' Imprint* 22(11): 1–20.

10. Openshaw, J. & Weksler, A. (2022). 'Perceptual capacitism: An argument for disjunctive disunity', *Philosophical Studies* 179: 3325–3348.

11. Openshaw, J. (2021). 'Thinking about many', *Synthese* 199: 2863–2882.

12. Openshaw, J. (2020). 'Self-ascription and the *de se*', *Synthese* 197: 2039–2050.

13. Openshaw, J. & Weksler, A. (2020). 'A puzzle about seeing for representationalism', *Philosophical Studies* 177: 2625–2646.

14. Openshaw, J. (2018). 'Singular thoughts and *de re* attitude reports', *Mind & Language* 33(4): 415–437.

In progress

1. 'Memory and reference'. Invited contribution to the *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Memory* (André Sant'Anna & Carl Craver, Eds.). Under contract.

2. 'Experience, episodic memory, and the limits of imagination' (with Chris McCarroll). Under review.

3. 'Is there a future for simulationism?' (with Becko Copenhaver & Nikola Andonovski). Under review.

4. 'Generalised remembering'. In progress.

5. 'Referential mnemic confabulation'. In progress.

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

1. 'Generalised remembering'. *Epistemology & Ethics* workshop. NTU, Singapore.	2025
2. — *Accuracy in Perception and Memory 2* (online workshop).	2025
3. — *Memory & Language: The Semantics of Remembering*. Ruhr-University Bochum (online).	2024
4. — *Emergent Intelligence Workshop*. SUTD, Singapore.	2024
5. — *Bochum-Grenoble-Taipei Memory Colloquium* (online).	2024
6. — Mini-workshop on reference. University of Bergen (online).	
7. — *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 4*. University of Geneva, Switzerland.*	2024
8. 'Experience, episodic memory, and the epistemic limits of imagination' (with Chris McCarroll). *Eurasian Memory Meeting*. NYCU, Taiwan.	2024
9. 'Referential confabulation: A new problem for causalist theories of remembering'. *2nd Shanghai-Grenoble Philosophy of Memory Workshop*. Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China.	2024
10. — *Joint Session of the Mind Association & Aristotelian Society*. University of Birmingham.*	2024
11. — *Umeå-Uppsala Lectures on Intentionality* (online).	2024
12. — Institute of Philosophy of Mind and Cognition seminar. NYCU, Taiwan.	2023
13. — Visiting speaker series. University of Cardiff, UK.	2023
14. — *The Unconventional Memory Workshop*. LMU Munich, Germany.*	2023
15. '(In defence of) preservationism and the previous awareness condition: What is a theory of remembering anyway?' *1st Int'l Society for the Philosophy of the Sciences of the Mind* (online).*	2023
16. — *European Society for Philosophy & Psychology 2023*. Prague, Czechia.*	2023
17. — *Generative Episodic Memory* (GEM) 2023. RUB, Germany.*	2023
18. — *Cologne–Bochum Memory Workshop*. University of Cologne, Germany.	2023
19. — *MemLab colloquium*. Universidade Federal de Santa Maria (online).	
20. 'Heteronoesis: Episodically remembering vicariously experienced events'. *Memory & Mind 2: A Sofia-Grenoble workshop*. Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Bulgaria.	2023
21. — Poster presentation. *3rd Berlin–Bochum Memory Alliance Symposium*. Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany.	2023
22. 'Reference for simulationists'. *7th SBFA Conference*. PUC-Rio, Brazil.*	2022
23. — Department colloquium. Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.	2022
24. — *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 3* (online).*	2022
25. — *Reference in Remembering workshop*. Université Grenoble Alpes, France.	2022
26. 'The objects of episodic memory and the status of the previous awareness condition'. *(European) Society for Philosophy & Psychology 2022*. University of Milan, Italy.*	2022
27. — *Grenoble–Bochum Memory workshop*. Université Grenoble Alpes, France.	
28. 'Reference and the building blocks of episodic construction'. *Simulationism 2022*. Université Grenoble Alpes, France.	2022

29. 'Memory experience and memory demonstrative reference'. *Reference workshop.* University of Iceland, Iceland.   2022

30. — *Bochum Language Colloquium.* RUB, Germany.

31. 'Constructing scenarios and remembering objects'. *FOR 2812 Colloquium.* RUB, Germany.   2022

32. 'Episodic memory and experiential remembering'. *Remembering: Phenomenological and Analytic Approaches.* Université Grenoble Alpes, France.   2021

33. 'Remembering objects'. *Joint Session of the Mind Association & Aristotelian Society* (online).   2021

34. — *Issues in Philosophy of Memory 2.5* (online).*   2021

35. — *Memory mini-workshop.* University of Warwick (online).   2021

36. — *(European) Society for Philosophy & Psychology 2021* (online).*   2021

37. 'Capacitism and binocular vision' (with A. Weksler). *T. U. Dortmund colloquium* (online).   2021

38. 'Remembering objects'. *Bochum–Grenoble Memory Colloquium* (online).   2020

39. 'Aboutness and safety'. *Summer Philosophy Seminar.* Kings College London, UK.   2019

40. — *London Mind Group.* University College London, UK.   2019

41. — *22nd Israeli Philosophical Association.* Bar-Ilan University, Israel.*

42. 'Speaking your mind'. *Oxford Linguistic Meaning conference.* Queens College, Oxford, UK.*   2019

43. 'A puzzle about seeing and the content of visual experience'. University of Haifa, Israel.   2019

44. 'Singular thoughts and *de re* attitude reports'. *APA Central Division.* Kansas City, USA.*   2017

45. 'Singular content and anchoring'. *Operators/Quantifiers workshop.* Barcelona, Spain.*   2016

46. — *8th Meeting of the Spanish Society for Analytic Philosophy.* Oviedo, Spain.*   2016

47. — *Context, Cognition and Communication conference.* University of Warsaw, Poland.*   2016

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

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

Research grants

Start-up grant, Nanyang Technological University. $35,000 SGD.   2025–28

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship award, €184,707.84. *11% acceptance rate.* Project title: *Objectual Memory* (MEMOBJECT). Project number: 101032391.   2021–24

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

Conference organisation

Co-organiser (with André Sant'Anna). *Memory & Experience workshop*. University of Geneva.	2025
Local organisation committee member. *European Society for Philosophy & Psychology 2024*. Université Grenoble Alpes, France.	2023–24
Co-organiser (with Kourken Michaelian & Nikola Andonovski). *Simulationism 2023*.	2023
Lead organiser (with Kourken Michaelian & Michael Murez). *Memory and Mental Files*. Université Grenoble Alpes, France.	2023
Lead organiser (with Kourken Michaelian & Denis Perrin). *Reference in Remembering*. Université Grenoble Alpes, France.	2022
Co-organiser (with Kourken Michaelian). *Grenoble–Bochum Memory workshop*. Université Grenoble Alpes, France.	2022
Co-organiser (with Andy Yu). *CRNAP Philosophy of Language conference*. University of Oxford.	2014

Seminar organisation

Lead organiser, CPM Internal Seminar (weekly). Université Grenoble Alpes, France.	2021–24
Lead organiser, Metaphilosophy Reading Group (fortnightly). University of Haifa.	2018–19
Co-organiser, Jowett Society meetings (weekly). University of Oxford.	2015–16

Other roles

Graduate Coordinator for Philosophy, Nanyang Technological University.	2025–
Chair of Steering Committee, the Philosophy of Memory Organization (www.phomo.org)	2024–
Conference chairing ESPP 2024 (Grenoble); IPM 4 (Geneva); GEM 2023 (Bochum); 1st ISPSM conference (online); Memory and Mental Files workshop (Grenoble); Reference in Remembering workshop (Grenoble); Simulationism 2022 (Grenoble); 19th Oxford Philosophy Graduate Conference (Oxford); CRNAP Philosophy of Language conference (Oxford).	Ongoing
Graduate Training Representative (paid role). Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford.	2016–17

Peer reviewing

Journal refereeing   Ongoing

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

Conference abstract refereeing

Generative Episodic Memory (GEM) 2023. Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany.   2023

European Society for Philosophy & Psychology 2023. Prague, Czechia.   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, 1 visiting PhD. Université Grenoble Alpes, France (2022–23)
PG	3 MSc dissertations on mind and language. University of Edinburgh (2020)
UG	3 final-year projects. Nanyang Technological University (2024–25)
	2 dissertations on mind and language. University of Edinburgh (2019–20)
	2 dissertations on language and logic. University of Oxford (2016, 2018)

Examiner:

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

Lecturer:

- HY4042 *Imagination* (15 students), NTU (Sem 2 2024–25)
- HY4003 *Advanced Epistemology* (5 students), NTU (Sem 2 2024–25)
- HY7007 *Special topics in Phil. Science* (1 PhD student), NTU (Sem 1 2024–25)
- HY4112 *Special topics: Memory & Remembering* (10 UG students), NTU (Sem 1 2024–25)
- PG (co-taught), *Memory and Experience* (12 students), Ruhr-University 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 (PG and advanced UG), 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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