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## EMPLOYMENT

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2022–Pres    **Research Associate**, University of Manchester  
2022         **Research Associate**, King’s College London  
2017–2022   **Research Fellow**, University of Hertfordshire  
2015–2017   **Teaching Assistant**, University of Manchester

## EDUCATION

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2014–2017   **Ph.D. Philosophy**, University of Manchester (*No Corrections*)  
2009–2010   **M.A. Philosophy**, King’s College, London (*Distinction*)  
2006–2009   **B.A. (Hons.) Film Studies**, Kingston University (*First Class*)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

2022    **A Philosophy of Faith: Belief, Truth and Varieties of Commitment.**  
*Routledge* (with Michael Scott).

### Edited Collections

2023    **Faith, Hope and Trust**  
*The Monist*.

### Journal Articles & Chapters

2024    **Extreme Beliefs and Echo Chambers** (with Chris Ranalli)  
*Mapping the Terrain of Extreme Belief and Behavior*, R. Peels and J. Horgan (eds.).  
Oxford University Press.

2023    **What’s So Bad About Echo Chambers?** (with Chris Ranalli)  
*Inquiry*

2023    **Analysing Extremism**  
*Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*

2023    **Global Faith, Trust and Hope**  
*The Monist*

2022    **The Purpose and Limits of Electoral Accountability**  
*Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*

2022    **The Rationality of Fundamentalist Belief**  
*Journal of Social Philosophy*

- 2021 **Epistocracy and Public Interests**  
*Res Publica*, 28, pp. 173-192.
- 2021 **Testimony, Faith and Humility**  
*Religious Studies*, 57, pp. 466-483.
- 2021 **Evidence Thresholds and the Partiality of Relational Faith**  
*Australasian Philosophical Review*, 5:1, pp. 86-91.
- 2021 **True Grit and the Positivity of Faith** (with Michael Scott)  
*European Journal of Analytic Philosophy*, 17:1, pp. 5-32.
- 2021 **Democratic Legitimacy and the Competence Obligation**  
*Moral Philosophy and Politics*, 8:1, pp. 109-130.
- 2021 **Silencing and Freedom of Speech in UK Higher Education**  
*British Educational Research Journal*, 47:3, pp. 520-538.
- 2020 **The Moral and Evidential Requirements of Faith**  
*European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 12:1, pp. 117-142.
- 2019 **Cultivating Intellectual Humility in Political Philosophy Seminars**  
*Blended Learning in Practice, Autumn 2019*, pp. 32-40.
- 2018 **Religious Fictionalism** (with Michael Scott)  
*Philosophy Compass*, 13:3, pp. 1-11.
- 2018 **How to Insult and Compliment a Testifier**  
*Episteme*, 15:1, pp. 50-64.
- 2018 **Can Fictionalists Have Faith?**  
*Religious Studies*, 54:2, pp. 215-232.
- 2018 **Testimonial Insult: A Moral Reason for Belief?**  
*Logos and Episteme*, IX:1, pp. 27-48.
- 2017 **Faith, Belief and Fictionalism** (with Michael Scott)  
*Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 98:S1, pp. 257-274.

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

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- 2022 'The Role of Religiosity in Explaining Extreme Beliefs,' *Extreme Beliefs: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, September.
- 2022 'Trust in Climate Scientists: Country-level differences,' *Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities*, Berlin, June.
- 2021 'The Epistemology of Echo Chambers,' *Extreme Beliefs: Mapping the Terrain*, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, December.
- 2021 'Political Accountability and the Epistemic Responsibilities of Voters,' *MANCEPT Workshops*, University of Manchester, September. [Online]
- 2020 'The Epistemic Status of Propositional Faith,' *Princeton Project in Philosophy and Religion*, Princeton University, USA, October. [Online]

- ‘Weighing Epistocracies,’ *MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory*, University of Manchester, September. [Online]
- 2019 ‘Is Universal Suffrage Legitimate?’ *Democratic Renewal in Times of Polarisation*, KU Leuven, Belgium, September.
- ‘Epistemically Resilient Grit,’ *93<sup>rd</sup> Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association*, Durham University, July.
- ‘Is Unrestricted Suffrage Unjust?,’ *Reading Ethics and Political Philosophy Conference*, University of Reading, June.
- 2018 ‘True Grit and the Positivity of Faith,’ *World Congress of Philosophy*, panel on ‘Alternative Conceptions of Faith,’ Peking University Beijing, China, August.
- ‘Conflicts of Faith in Higher Education: Some Approaches from Philosophy,’ *BSA Sociology of Religion Annual Conference*, University of Strathclyde, July.
- ‘Fideism and the Demands of Friendship,’ *Tyndale Philosophy Conference*, University of Cambridge, June.
- 2017 ‘Faith as the Result of Humility,’ *Research Seminar*, University of Hertfordshire, November.
- ‘Intellectually Humble Faith,’ *British Society for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Oxford, September.
- ‘Perseverance and the Value of Faith: Lessons from the Psychology of Grit,’ *Faithful Attitudes Workshop*, University of Manchester, May.
- 2016 ‘Is it Insulting to Reject Testimony?’ *20<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Philosophy Conference*, University of Oxford, November.
- ‘Does Truth Distinguish Faith from Fictionalism?’ *Society of Christian Philosophers* (Eastern), Rutgers University, USA, October.
- ‘Complimenting by Believing,’ *90<sup>th</sup> Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and Mind Association*, Cardiff University, July.
- ‘Can the Religious Fictionalist have Faith?’ *4<sup>th</sup> Glasgow Philosophy of Religion Seminar*, University of Glasgow, May.
- ‘A Taxonomy of Testimonial Insult,’ *Research Seminar*, University of Manchester, March.
- ‘How to Defend the Doxastic Theory of Faith,’ *The Nature and Value of Faith Project*, San Antonio, USA, January.
- 2015 ‘Faith, Belief and Fictionalism,’ *Open Minds Conference XI*, University of Manchester, December.
- ‘Religious Faith and Religious Doubt,’ *Research Seminar*, University of Manchester, UK, April 2015.
- ‘Desires, Affections and Faith,’ *Society of Christian Philosophers*, University of South Alabama, USA, March.

## TEACHING

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### **Module Leader (University of Hertfordshire)**

2018–2021	<i>Social &amp; Political Philosophy</i>	(1 <sup>st</sup> Year; Taught x4)
2018–2020	<i>Political Philosophy</i>	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Year; Taught x3)

2019–2020	<i>Philosophies of Religion</i>	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Year; Taught x2)
2019–2021	<i>Virtues, Vices &amp; Ethics</i>	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Year; Taught x2)

### **Seminar Leader**

#### University of Hertfordshire

2017–2019	<i>Reason &amp; Persuasion</i>	(1 <sup>st</sup> Year; Taught x3)
2018–2019	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i>	(1 <sup>st</sup> Year; Taught x2)
2019	<i>Philosophy of Psychology</i>	(3 <sup>rd</sup> Year; Taught x1)

#### University of Manchester

2015-2016	<i>Philosophy of Religion</i>	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Year; Taught x2)
2015–2016	<i>Mind &amp; World</i>	(1 <sup>st</sup> Year; Taught x2)
2016	<i>Philosophical Methods</i>	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Year; Taught x1)
2017	<i>Intro to Metaphysics and Epistemology</i>	(1 <sup>st</sup> Year; Taught x1)
2017	<i>20<sup>th</sup> C. Analytic Philosophy</i>	(2 <sup>nd</sup> Year; Taught x1)

## FUNDING

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### **Research Grants & Scholarships**

2014–17	<i>President's Doctoral Scholarship</i> , University of Manchester, c. £57,500.
2016	University of Manchester Social Responsibility Fund, £770.
2015	<i>Residency Scholarship</i> , Gladstone's Library.

### **Conference Grants**

2021	<i>Trust in God Project</i> contributor, \$500.
2020	<i>Alternative Forms of Government</i> , The Aristotelian Society, £300.
2017	<i>Faithful Attitudes</i> , The Mind Association, £600.
2016	<i>Religion without Belief</i> , Royal Institute of Philosophy, £1500.
2016	<i>Religion without Belief</i> , The Mind Association, £500.

### **Prizes and Awards**

2018	<i>Faculty of Humanities PGR Award for Distinguished Achievement</i> , £100.
2018	<i>Skill-Up Fund</i> , University of Hertfordshire, £350.
2016	<i>Peter Goldie Award</i> , University of Manchester, £110.
2016	<i>The Nature and Value of Faith Project</i> , \$900(US).

## ACADEMIC SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION

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### **Major Administrative Work**

- 2015–2017. **Executive Administrator**. The Mind Association.
- 2012–2014. **Research Development Officer**. University of Surrey.

### **Journal Referee**

*Episteme* (x2), *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (x3), *Oxford University Press*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Philosophical Studies* (x3), *Religious Studies* (x3), *Res Philosophica*, *Res Publica*, *Routledge*.

### **Conference & Workshop Organisation**

- 2021 'Extreme Beliefs: Mapping the Terrain', VU Amsterdam.
- 2020 'Alternative Forms of Government', MANCEPT, University of Man.
- 2019 'Departmental Research Seminars', University of Hertfordshire.
- 2018 'Religious Faith in Higher Education', University of Hertfordshire.
- 2017 'Faithful Attitudes', University of Manchester.
- 2016 'Religion without Belief', University of Manchester.

**Professional Service & Representation**

- 2020-25 Associate Member to *Extreme Beliefs* (ERC Funded Project).
- 2018–21 Central Research Committee member, University of Hertfordshire.
- 2016/17 Teaching Assistant Representative, University of Manchester.
- 2014/15 Post-Graduate Representative, University of Manchester.
- 2009/10 Graduate Representative, King's College, London.

**Professional Membership & Accreditation**

- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (since July 2019).