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## Employment

Adjunct Hoogleraar in Philosophy (position between Associate and Full Professor),  
University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 2013-present.  
Reader in Philosophy, University of Reading, UK, 2011-2013.  
Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Reading, UK, 2005-2011.  
Research Fellow in Philosophy, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, UK, 2002-  
2005.

## Area of specialisation

Ethics

## Areas of competence

Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Action

## Education

PhD in Philosophy, University of Reading, UK, 2003. Thesis title: *Reasons, Reasoning and Free Will*. Supervisor: Jonathan Dancy.  
MA in Philosophy (with distinction), University of Reading, UK, 1999.  
Doctorandus (MA) in Philosophy, with first year in Economics and minor in Journalism,  
University of Groningen, the Netherlands, 1998.

## Publications

### *Book*

1. *Unbelievable Errors: An Error Theory about All Normative Judgements*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

### *Edited book*

2. *Irrealism in Ethics*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

### *Articles and book chapters*

3. 'Why Jonas Olson Cannot Believe the Error Theory Either'. Forthcoming in the *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (contribution to a book symposium on Jonas Olson's *Moral Error Theory*).
4. 'Are the Moral Fixed Points Conceptual Truths?' (with Daan Evers). *Journal of Ethics*

and *Social Philosophy*, <http://www.jesp.org>, March 2016.

5. 'Reasons and Ability'. Forthcoming in Daniel Star (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Reasons and Normativity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
6. 'Can We Believe the Error Theory?' *Journal of Philosophy* 110 (2013): 194-212.
7. 'Do Normative Judgements Aim to Represent the World?' *Ratio* 26 (2013): 450-470. Reprinted in Bart Streumer (ed.), *Irrealism in Ethics*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.
8. 'Why There Really Are No Irreducibly Normative Properties'. In David Bakhurst, Brad Hooker and Margaret Olivia Little (eds.), *Thinking about Reasons: Themes from the Philosophy of Jonathan Dancy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013.
9. 'Are Normative Properties Descriptive Properties?' *Philosophical Studies* 154 (2011): 325-348.
10. 'Practical Reasoning'. In Timothy O'Connor and Constantine Sandis (eds.), *A Companion to the Philosophy of Action*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.
11. 'Reasons, Impossibility and Efficient Steps: Reply to Heuer'. *Philosophical Studies* 151 (2010): 79-86 (response to Ulrike Heuer's reply to item 15 below).
12. 'Are There Irreducibly Normative Properties?' *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 86 (2008): 537-561.
13. 'Inferential and Non-Inferential Reasoning'. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 74 (2007): 1-29.
14. 'Reasons and Entailment'. *Erkenntnis* 66 (2007): 353-374.
15. 'Reasons and Impossibility'. *Philosophical Studies* 136 (2007): 351-384.
16. 'Semi-Global Consequentialism and Blameless Wrongdoing: Reply to Brown'. *Utilitas* 17 (2005): 226-30 (response to Campbell Brown's reply to item 19 below).
17. 'Procedural and Substantive Practical Rationality' (with Brad Hooker). In Alfred Mele and Piers Rawling (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Rationality*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004.
18. 'Does "Ought" Conversationally Implicate "Can"?' *European Journal of Philosophy* 11 (2003): 219-28.
19. 'Can Consequentialism Cover Everything?' *Utilitas* 15 (2003): 237-47.

#### *Book reviews*

20. Review of Joshua Gert, *Normative Bedrock*. *Ethics* 124 (2014): 606-12.
21. Review of David Sobel and Steven Wall (eds.), *Reasons for Action*. *Analysis* 71 (2011): 200-202.
22. Review of Ingmar Persson, *The Retreat of Reason*. *Times Literary Supplement*, 9 November 2007.
23. Review of Robert Audi, *The Good in the Right*. *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2005.
24. Review of Liam B. Murphy, *Moral Demands in Nonideal Theory*. *Ratio* 17 (2004): 357-62.

#### *Work in progress*

25. 'The Unbelievable Truth about Morality'. In Lenny Clapp (ed.), *Philosophy for Us*. San Diego: Cognella.
26. Review of Jonas Olson, *Moral Error Theory*. For *Mind*.

### *In Dutch*

26. 'De Vergissingstheorie' ('The Error Theory'). In Martin van Hees, Thomas Nys and Ingrid Robeyns (eds.), *Basisboek Ethiek*. Amsterdam: Boom, 2014.

### **Research grants and awards**

1. Arts and Humanities Research Council Fellowship, January-September 2012 (covered full salary for nine months).
2. Faculty of Arts and Humanities award for relief of teaching, Spring 2009 (covered replacement teaching for one term).
3. Stipendiary Research Fellowship, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, 2002-5 (covered full salary for three years).
4. Arts and Humanities Research Board Postgraduate Scholarship, 1999-2002 (covered PhD fees).
5. University of Reading Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences Research Scholarship, 1999-2002 (covered PhD living expenses).
6. Laurie Brain Prize for the best incoming graduate student of 1998-9, Department of Philosophy, University of Reading.
7. British Foreign and Commonwealth Office Chevening Scholarship, 1998-9 (covered part of MA fees and living expenses).
8. Dutch Ministry of Education Talent Programme Scholarship, 1998-9 (covered other part of MA fees and living expenses).
9. ISVW Prize for the best paper based on a Dutch or Flemish MA thesis in Philosophy, 1998.

### **PhD students supervised**

1. Andy Taylor, *Moral Responsibility and Subverting Causes* (2006-2010, with Galen Strawson).
2. Alex Gregory, *Why Do People Do Things?* (2007-2011, with Jonathan Dancy).
3. Andrea Lechler, *A Principled Approach to Decision-Making Which Appears not to be Guided by Principles* (2007-2011, with Brad Hooker).
4. Auke Pols, *Acting with Artefacts*, visiting student from Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands (Autumn 2009, with Jonathan Dancy).
5. Molly Knight, *The Nature of Moral Responsibility: Sorting Out Our Intuitions* (2008-2012, with Galen Strawson).
6. Amna Whiston, PhD thesis on Moral Judgement (2009-2013, with Philip Stratton-Lake).
7. Noa Leibowitz, PhD thesis on Moral Psychology (2010-2013, with Philip Stratton-Lake).
8. George Mason, PhD thesis on Virtue Ethics (2011-2013, with David Owens).
9. Karolina Jasser, PhD thesis on Moral Motivation (2011-2013, with David Owens).
10. David Mutch, PhD thesis on Wittgenstein and Non-Cognitivism (2012-2013, with Severin Schroeder).
11. Patrick Hassan, PhD thesis on Free Will and Virtue Ethics (2012-2013, with David Owens).
12. Herman Veluwenkamp, PhD thesis on Indispensability Arguments (2015-present, with Catarina Dutilh Novaes).

## **PhD students examined**

1. Internal examiner for Mark Young, *Internalism for Externalists* (2007, with Richard Norman, University of Kent, UK).
2. Internal examiner for Valerio Salvi, *Chisholm and Intrinsic Value* (2009, with Michael Zimmerman, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA).
3. Internal examiner for Anne Raustøl, *Impartiality and Partiality in Nursing Ethics* (2011, with Bobbie Farsides, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, UK).
4. External examiner for Ryo Chonabayashi, *A Defence of Metaphysical Ethical Naturalism* (2012, University of Cardiff, UK, with Jonathan Webber).
5. External examiner for Christopher Jay, *Realistic Fictionalism* (2012, University College London, UK, with David Papineau).
6. Internal examiner for Richard Rowland, *The Normative and the Evaluative: A Defence of the Buck-Passing Account of Value* (2013, with Roger Crisp, University of Oxford, UK).
7. External examiner for Raymond Boyce, *Catching the Cow's Eye: The Spectacle as Moral Reason* (2014, Open University, UK, with Christopher Belshaw).

## **Undergraduate and MA teaching**

### *First-year courses*

Introduction to Ethics (Groningen, 2014-15, 2015-16)

Values and Virtues (Reading, 2012-13)

Free Will (Cambridge, 2003-4)

### *Second-year courses*

Moral Philosophy (Reading, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2012-13)

Contemporary Political Philosophy (Reading, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2007-8, 2009-10)

Early Modern Philosophy: Locke (Reading, 2011-12)

Early Modern Philosophy: Berkeley (Reading, 2007-8)

Reasons for Action (Cambridge, 2004-5)

### *Third-year courses*

Equality and Global Justice (Groningen, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16)

Free Will and Responsibility (Reading, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12)

Metaethics (Reading, 2007-8)

International Ethics (Reading, 2005-6, 2006-7)

Irrealism in Ethics (Cambridge, 2004-5)

Moral Particularism (Cambridge, 2003-4)

Incommensurability and Moral Dilemmas (Cambridge, 2002-3)

### *Courses for non-philosophy students*

Good and Evil: Introduction to Ethics (minor, Groningen, 2013-14)

Good and Evil: Introduction to Ethics (honours college, Groningen, 2013-14)

### *MA courses*

Advanced Metaethics (Groningen, 2014-15, 2015-16)

Social Contract Theory (Groningen, 2013-14, 2014-15)  
Core Issues: Freedom (two lectures, Groningen, 2013-14)

*MA group tutorial*

Advanced Moral Psychology and Metaethics (Groningen, 2013-14)

*Individual supervision*

BA and MA dissertations on Ethics and Political Philosophy (Groningen, 2013-present).

MA essays and dissertations on Ethics and Political Philosophy (Reading, 2005-2013).

BA dissertations on Ethics and Political Philosophy (Reading, 2005-2013).

Undergraduate supervisions on Ethics, Political Philosophy, Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind (Cambridge, 2002-5).

**Administrative responsibilities**

*University of Groningen*

Director of Graduate Studies in Philosophy, 2015-present.

Member of the Examinations Committee, 2014-2015.

*University of Reading*

Departmental Director of Research, Spring 2013.

Coordinator of the MA in Philosophy and the MA in Ethics and Political Theory, 2006-2011.

Chair of the Philosophy MA seminar, 2006-2011.

Undergraduate Admissions Tutor for Philosophy, 2007-2011.

Open and Visit Day organiser for Philosophy, 2007-2011.

Coordinator of the Undergraduate Philosophy Society, 2005-2008.

Disability Representative, 2005-2008.

Careers Liaison Officer, 2005-2008.

*University of Cambridge*

Director of Studies in Philosophy, Fitzwilliam College, 2004-5.

Director of Studies in Philosophy, Girton College, Michaelmas 2003.

Assessor for the first year Philosophy Examinations (Ethics), 2003 and 2004, and for the second year Philosophy Examinations (Metaphysics and Philosophy of Mind), 2005.

Admissions interviewer for Philosophy, Fitzwilliam College, 2002-5.

**Presentations**

*Invited*

1. 'The Error in Non-Cognitivism and the Truth in the Error Theory'. Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, March 2016.
2. 'Why Reductive Realism is False'. University of Bielefeld, Germany, May 2015.
3. 'Why Jonas Olson Cannot Believe the Error Theory Either' (contribution to a book symposium on Jonas Olson's *Moral Error Theory*). Stockholm University, Sweden, January 2015.

4. 'Irresponsible Equality'. University of Reading, UK, December 2013.
5. 'Unbelievable Errors'. University of Birmingham, UK, March 2013.
6. 'Philosophical Views on Practical Reasoning'. Thematic School on Practical Reasoning, University of Lugano, Switzerland, November 2012.
7. 'Can Moral Intuitions Refute the Error Theory?' Conference on Emotions, Psychology and Moral Judgements, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 2012.
8. 'Reasons and Ability'. Philosophy and Ethics Seminar, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands, May 2012.
9. 'Can We Believe the Error Theory?' Tilburg University, the Netherlands, April 2012.
10. 'Why There Really Are No Irreducibly Normative Properties'. Research Seminar in Practical Philosophy, Uppsala University, Sweden, December 2011.
11. 'Can We Believe the Error Theory?' Stockholm Philosophy Colloquium, Stockholm University, Sweden, December 2011.
12. 'Believing for No Reason'. Workshop on Norms of Belief, University of Southampton, UK, September 2011.
13. 'Artefacts and Normativity'. Workshop on Actions and Artefacts, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands, September 2011.
14. Dialogue with Hallvard Lillehammer on the Error Theory, Forum for European Philosophy, London School of Economics, UK, February 2011.
15. 'Can We Believe the Error Theory?' Reasons for Action Seminar, University of London, UK, November 2010.
16. 'Can We Believe the Error Theory?' Lund-Reading Philosophy Workshop, Lund University, Sweden, May 2010.
17. 'Can We Believe the Error Theory?' University of Southampton, UK, November 2009.
18. 'Are Normative Judgements Non-Cognitive Attitudes?' University of Sheffield, UK, February 2009.
19. 'Are Normative Judgements Non-Cognitive Attitudes?' Open University, Milton Keynes, UK, January 2009.
20. 'Are Normative Properties Descriptive Properties?' University of Birmingham, UK, May 2008.
21. 'Are There Irreducibly Normative Properties?' Moral Philosophy Seminar, University of Oxford, UK, October 2007.
22. 'Inferential and Non-Inferential Reasoning'. University of Bristol, UK, December 2004.
23. 'Reasons and Impossibility'. Moral Sciences Club, University of Cambridge, UK, January 2004.

*Refereed*

1. 'Irresponsible Equality'. Conference of the Dutch Research School in Philosophy, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, November 2013.
2. 'Reasons and Ability'. St. Louis Annual Conference on Reasons and Rationality (SLACRR), University of Missouri–St. Louis and Washington University–St. Louis, USA, May 2013.
3. 'Reasons and Ability'. Fourth Annual Dutch Conference on Practical Philosophy, Eindhoven University of Technology, the Netherlands, November 2012.
4. 'Are Normative Judgements Non-Cognitive Attitudes?' Third Annual Dutch Conference on Practical Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, October 2011.

5. 'Are Normative Judgements Non-Cognitive Attitudes?' Eighth Annual Metaethics Workshop, University of Wisconsin–Madison, USA, September 2011.
6. 'Can We Believe the Error Theory?' Second Annual Dutch Conference on Practical Philosophy, University of Groningen, the Netherlands, October 2010.
7. 'Can We Believe the Error Theory?' Conference of the British Society for Ethical Theory, University of Nottingham, UK, July 2010.
8. 'Are There Irreducibly Normative Properties?' Conference of the British Society for Ethical Theory, University of Bristol, UK, July 2007.
9. 'Reasons and Entailment'. Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Manchester, UK, July 2005.
10. 'Reasons and Impossibility'. Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Kent, UK, July 2004.
11. 'Are There Two Kinds of Reasoning?' Conference of the British Society for Ethical Theory, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands, July 2000.
12. 'The Normative Force of Arguments'. Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association, University of Sheffield, UK, July 2000.
13. 'Can Consequentialism Cover Everything?' Conference of the International Society for Utilitarian Studies, Wake Forest University, USA, March 2000.

### **Other activities**

Associate editor of *Ratio*, 2007-2013.

Editor of special issue of *Ratio* with papers from the 2012 *Ratio* Conference, December 2013.  
Organiser of the 2012 *Ratio* Conference, University of Reading.

Guest editor of special British Society for Ethical Theory issue of *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 2011.

External member of Open University validation panel for the BA in Philosophy at the American College of Greece in Athens, March 2011.

Co-organiser, with Wlodek Rabinowicz, of the Lund-Reading Philosophy Workshop, Lund University, Sweden, May 2010.

Organiser of the British Society for Ethical Theory Conference, University of Reading, July 2009.

Assessor for the joint application scheme for Junior Research Fellowships at Churchill College, Fitzwilliam College, Murray Edwards College, Selwyn College, St Edmund's College, and Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, 2015.

Book proposal (×2) and manuscript (×2) reviewer for Oxford University Press.

Referee for *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (×9), *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* (×3), *Dialectica*, *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (×9), *Ethics* (×6), *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis* (×2), *European Journal of Philosophy* (×4), *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy* (×2), *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (×2), *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Mind* (×5), *Noûs* (×7), *Philosophical Papers* (×3), *Philosophical Studies* (×8), *Philosophical Quarterly* (×4), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* (×2), *Polish Journal of Philosophy*, *Ratio* (×9), *Res Philosophica*, *South African Journal of Philosophy*, *Utilitas* (×4).