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## EMPLOYMENT

2024-present **Lecturer in Philosophy** (permanent)  
**School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University Belfast**

2022-2024 **Gifford Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy**  
**Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews**

2021-2022 **Lecturer in Philosophy** (fixed-term)  
**School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics, Queen's University Belfast**

2020-2021 **Postdoctoral Research Associate (History of Philosophy)**  
**Department of Philosophy, University of Durham**  
AHRC project *Inventing Time: Past, Present, and Future in British Metaphysics 1878-1938* (PI: Emily Thomas)

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## EDUCATION

2017-2021 **Doctor of Philosophy**  
**Pembroke College, University of Cambridge**  
Theology and Religious Studies (Philosophy of Religion)  
Thesis: "God and Time: A Neo-Bergsonian Perspective." (*viva voce* passed with no corrections)  
Supervisors: Sarah Coakley, Robin Le Poidevin. Examiners: Barry Dainton, Douglas Hedley  
Fully funded (Arts and Humanities Research Council doctoral scholarship)  
Honorary Vice-Chancellor's Award (one of top 250 applicants for the PhD across all disciplines)

2018-2019 **Pensionnaire étranger**  
**Department of Philosophy, École normale supérieure, Paris**  
Advisor: Frédéric Worms

2016-2017 **Master of Philosophy (Distinction)**  
**Pembroke College, University of Cambridge**  
Theology and Religious Studies (Philosophy of Religion)  
Fully funded (Arts and Humanities Research Council and Baillie Gifford scholarship)  
Prize for distinguished performance in the M.Phil. examination

2012-2016 **Master of Arts (First Class Honours)**  
**University of Aberdeen**  
Divinity and Philosophy  
Top of the class in both disciplines  
11 academic prizes in philosophy, logic, Hebrew, Greek, and theology

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## MONOGRAPH

***Henri Bergson and the Philosophy of Religion: God, Freedom, and Duration.*** Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2024.

Review: Anthony Feneuil, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, forthcoming

Review: Philip Goodchild, *Philosophical Quarterly* 75, no. 1 (2024): 322-25,

Symposium: Yasushi Hirai; Mark Sinclair, *Continental Philosophy Review* 58, no. 2 (2025): 297-312

Interview: Stanislaw Ruczaj, [https://youtu.be/aJAzQ-erwhY?si=\\_vQi9d58OqT9nVvc](https://youtu.be/aJAzQ-erwhY?si=_vQi9d58OqT9nVvc)

## PUBLISHED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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“The Roots of Hypertime.” *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, forthcoming.

“Analytical Bergsonism.” *Continental Philosophy Review* 58, no. 2 (2025): 227–245

“Linguistic Analysis and Psychical Research 1940–1960: The Case of Casimir Lewy.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 63, no. 3 (2025): 453–77.

“C. D. Broad on Precognitions and John William Dunne.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 63, no. 1 (2025): 121–46.

“What is ‘Western Philosophy’? Lessons from the Case of ‘Analytic Philosophy.’” *Journal for the History of Analytical Philosophy* 14, no. 2 (2024): 1–29. (co-authored with Peter West)

“Taking Time Seriously: The Bergsonism of Karin Costelloe-Stephen, Hilda Oakeley, and May Sinclair.” *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 31, no. 2 (2023): 331–54.

“Stebbing and Eddington in the Shadow of Bergson.” *History of Philosophy Quarterly* 40, no. 1 (2023): 59–84. (co-authored with Peter West)

“Revealing the Counterfactuals: Molinism, Stubbornness, and Deception.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 92, no. 1 (2022): 31–48.

“Aquinas and Kripke on the Genealogy of Essential Properties.” *The Heythrop Journal* 62, no. 6 (2021): 1025–1037.

“Eternity, Relative Realities, and Ontological Idealism About Time.” *Theologica* 5, no. 1 (2021): 175–96.

“Fluctuating Maximal God.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 88, no. 3 (2020): 231–47. (co-authored with Anne Jeffrey and Asha Lancaster-Thomas)

“A Perpetual Present: Henri Bergson and Atemporal Duration.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 11, no. 3 (2019):

## BOOK CHAPTERS, SPECIAL ISSUES, TRANSLATIONS, REPLIES

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“Reply to My Critics.” *Continental Philosophy Review* 58, no. 2 (2025): 307–12

“McTaggart and Oakeley on the Unreality of Time.” In *The Routledge Companion to the Philosophy of Time*, edited by Nina Emery. Abingdon and New York: Routledge. Forthcoming

Patočka, Jan. “Introduction to Bergson’s *Two Sources of Morality and Religion*; Review of ‘Henri Bergson’ by Vladimir Jankélévitch; Encyclopaedia entry ‘Henri Bergson’.” Translated from Czech by Matyáš Moravec and Jan Potoček, *Bergsoniana* 3 (2023).

“A Bergsonian Response to McTaggart’s Paradox.” In *The Bergsonian Mind*, edited by Mark Sinclair and Yaron Wolf, 417–31. Abingdon and New York: Routledge, 2022.

“Reassessing Bergson.” Special issue, *Bergsoniana* 1, no. 1 (2021). (co-edited with Frédéric Worms and Caterina Zanfi)

## PUBLIC OUTREACH PIECES

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“Ghosts among the philosophers.” *Aeon*, 2025.

“How Some of the Greatest Minds of 20<sup>th</sup>-century Philosophy Explained Ghosts.” *The Conversation*, 30 November 2024

“How Logic Alone May Prove That Time Doesn’t Exist.” *The Conversation*, 16 April 2024. Also translated into Portuguese.

“Do we have free will — and do we want it? Thomas the Tank Engine offers clues.” *The Conversation*, 6 October 2022. — Article used as sample text in exams at Akita International University in Japan. Also published in Danish as “**Har vi en fri vilje – og ønsker vi det egentlig? Thomas Tog giver et fingerpeg.**” *Videnskab.dk*, 26 December 2022.

“New Year’s resolutions — if the future is pre-ordained, can we really change?”. *The Conversation*, 31 December 2021.

“In Praise of Co-Authoring.” *The Philosopher* 109, no. 3 (2021): 105–9. (co-authored with Peter West)

“A philosophical idea that can help us understand why time is moving slowly during the pandemic.” *The Conversation*, 2 December 2020.

“Filosofie léčí [Philosophy Heals].” *A2 – Kulturní čtrnáctideník*, 2019 (in Czech, co-authored with Jan Potoček).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2021-present	(QUB): “ <b>Applied Philosophy.</b> ” (graduate, convenor) (QUB): “ <b>Philosophy of Time.</b> ” (graduate) (QUB): “ <b>Knowledge and Reality.</b> ” (Y2 undergraduate, convenor) (QUB): “ <b>Dissertation.</b> ” (Y3 undergraduate, convenor) (QUB): “ <b>Philosophy of Religion.</b> ” (Y3 undergraduate, convenor)
2023-2024	(St Andrews): “ <b>Philosophy of Time.</b> ” (graduate, convenor)
2022-2023	(St Andrews): “ <b>Reading Philosophy.</b> ” (Y3 undergraduate)
2020-2021	(Durham): “ <b>European Philosophy.</b> ” (Y3 undergraduate, guest lecture on Bergson) (Durham): “ <b>Philosophy of Religion.</b> ” (Y2 undergraduate, tutor)
2019-2020	(Cambridge): “ <b>Metaphysics.</b> ” (Y1, tutor) (Cambridge): “ <b>Philosophy of Religion, God, Freedom and the Soul.</b> ” (Y2 undergraduate, tutor)
2019-2023	Faraday Institute for Science and Religion (Cambridge): “ <b>A Brief History of Time.</b> ” Responsibility for constructing, organising, and delivering lectures and tutorials on the philosophy of time for the Hong Kong University one-year enrichment programme. Taught in four consecutive years.
2018-2019	École normale supérieure, Paris: <b>Czech tuition.</b>
2017-2018	(Cambridge): “ <b>Metaphysics.</b> ” (Y3 undergraduate, guest lectures on time and eternity)
2007-2012	<b>Private English tuition</b> (Czech Republic). Preparation of students for the Cambridge English exams.

## FUNDING, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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2026	<b>Kristeller-Popkin Travel Fellowship</b> ( <i>Journal of the History of Philosophy</i> ) Research trip to UCLA to consult F. C. S. Schiller Papers and C. K. Ogden Papers
2019	<b>Reassessing Bergson Conference</b> (September 2019) – lead organiser Aristotelian Society conference grant; Arts and Humanities Research Council conference grant; British Society for the History of Philosophy conference grant; Faculty of Divinity conference grant; Mind Association minor conference grant; Pembroke College conference grant
2018-2019	<b>Selected for bilateral exchange between Pembroke College and École normale supérieure in Paris</b>
2017-2020	<b>Arts and Humanities Research Council and Pembroke College doctoral scholarship</b> , fully funded (£23,089 per annum) <b>Vice-Chancellor’s Award</b> , fully funded (declined and held in honorary capacity), one of top 250 applicants across all disciplines and nationalities.
2017	<b>University of Leeds doctoral scholarship</b> , fully funded (declined by applicant)
2016	<b>Arts and Humanities Research Council and Baillie Gifford master’s scholarship</b> , fully funded (£22,575 per annum) <b>University of St Andrews Philosophical Quarterly master’s scholarship</b> (declined by applicant)

## RECENT AND UPCOMING TALKS

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“**Bergson, James, Mrs Piper, and the Ghost of Richard Hodgson**”, to be delivered at the annual conference of the *British Society for the History of Philosophy*, KCL, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

“**Bergson, James, Mrs Piper, and the Ghost of Richard Hodgson**”, delivered at University College Dublin, Ireland, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

“**Hypertime and Psychical Research**”, delivered at the *Esotericism and Philosophy* conference, University of Helsinki, Finland, 12-13<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

“**The Roots of Hypertime**”, delivered at the *Northern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Durham, UK, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**Interview with Emily Herring** about her book on Henri Bergson, at the Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews, UK, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**“Hypertime and Psychical Research”**, delivered at the University of St Andrews, UK, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**“The Spooky Origins of Hypertime”**, delivered at the *Our Irrational Past* Seminar Series, University of Warwick, UK, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**“Psychical Research and British Philosophy of Mind 1882-1943: C. D. Broad, H. H. Price, and Casimir Lewy on Ghosts and Disembodied Minds”**, delivered at the *British Sources of Philosophy of Mind* conference, University of Liège, Belgium, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**“Analytic Philosophy and Psychical Research: Casimir Lewy on Disembodied Existence”**, delivered at the *Body in the History of Philosophy* Conference, University of Pavia, Italy, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

**“What Is ‘Western Philosophy?’”**, delivered with Peter West at the *Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and the Mind Association*, University of Birmingham, UK, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

**“Analytic Philosophy and Psychical Research 1940-1960: The Case of Casimir Lewy”**, delivered at the annual conference of the *Society for the Study of the History of Analytical Philosophy*, Hartford and Middletown, USA, 27-29<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**“Ghosts, Disembodied Spirits, and Analytic Philosophy: Psychical Research in Britain 1940-1960”**, delivered at the Philosophy Research Seminar, Queen’s University Belfast, UK, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**“Henri Bergson and Free Will in Analytic Philosophy: Book Session”**, symposium following publication of monograph as part of the *Laws of Nature, Rules of Society, and Freedom: Bergson Today* conference, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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**“Studying and Working in the UK. Some Impressions”**, delivered at the *Building Excellence in International Joint Study Programmes: Focus on the Czech Republic* conference, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust – **philosophy for children** outreach session for children (aged 9-13) at Aberdeenshire Sailing Trust, Peterhead, UK. (February-March 2024)

Redfern, Katherine. **‘The Pantheist Fluctuating Maximal God’** – supervision of article being rewritten from a formative essay for publication in the undergraduate journal *Critique* (Durham University, 2020-2021)

**“Time at the Turn of the Twentieth Century in American-British Philosophy”** Conference (Durham University, online, April 2021) – organiser. Organised as part of the AHRC “Inventing Time” project.

**“Reassessing Bergson”** Conference (Pembroke College, Cambridge, September 2019) — lead organiser. Co-organised with the *Society for Philosophy of Time* and the *Société des Amis de Bergson*. <https://s-p-o-t.weebly.com/reassessing-bergson.html>

**Global Bergsonism Project** (2019-2021), organised by the ENS and the *Société des amis de Bergson* — member of the founding committee. Responsibility for setting up and launching the new Bergson bibliography: [https://www.zotero.org/groups/2443226/bergson\\_bibliography/library](https://www.zotero.org/groups/2443226/bergson_bibliography/library)

**Outreach sessions** at my local high school in the Czech Republic (2012-2016), advising students on the application process for undergraduate degrees at UK universities.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA)
- Co-director of the Irish Society for the Philosophy of Time
- Society for Philosophy of Time; International Association for Philosophy of Time; Société des amis de Bergson; British Society for the History of Philosophy
- Member of the Editorial Committee of *Bergsoniana*
- Peer-reviewing: *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*, *Bergsoniana*, *Noûs*, *Religious Studies*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*

## LANGUAGES

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**English** (native command); **Czech** (native command); **French** (proficient, *Diplôme approfondi de langue française C1* (2019)); **Biblical Hebrew** (reading knowledge); **Latin** (reading knowledge); **Koiné Greek** (reading knowledge)