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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)

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

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* 33, no. 4 (2025): 963-968

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: Stanisław Ruczaj, https://youtu.be/aJAzQ-erwhY?si=_vQi9d58OqT9nVvc

PUBLISHED JOURNAL ARTICLES

"The Roots of Hypertime." *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 108, no. 1 (2026): 173–202.

"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

"**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, 2026.

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

"**From the Agora to the Conference Suite: Has Philosophy Become Sterile?"** *The Philosopher*, forthcoming. (co-authored with Peter West)

"**How a 'Psychic' Horse Named Clever Hans Changed the Way We Do Science."** *The Conversation*, 27 August 2026.

"**Ghosts among the philosophers.**" *Aeon*, 2025.

"**How Some of the Greatest Minds of 20th-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

2021-present	(QUB): **"Applied Philosophy.**" (graduate, convenor)
	(QUB): **"Philosophy of Time."** (graduate)
	(QUB): **"Knowledge and Reality.**" (Y2 undergraduate, convenor)
	(QUB): **"Dissertation."** (Y3 undergraduate, convenor)
	(QUB): **"Philosophy of Religion."** (Y3 undergraduate, convenor)
2023-2024	(St Andrews): **"Philosophy of Time.**" (graduate, convenor)
2022-2023	(St Andrews): **"Reading Philosophy.**" (Y3 undergraduate)
2020-2021	(Durham): "**European Philosophy.**" (Y3 undergraduate, guest lecture on Bergson)
	(Durham): "**Philosophy of Religion**." (Y2 undergraduate, tutor)
2019-2020	(Cambridge): "**Metaphysics**." (Y1, tutor)
	(Cambridge): "**Philosophy of Religion, God, Freedom and the Soul**." (Y2 undergraduate, tutor)
2019-2023	Faraday Institute for Science and Religion (Cambridge): "**A Brief History of Time**." 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: **Czech tuition**.
2017-2018	(Cambridge): "**Metaphysics**." (Y3 undergraduate, guest lectures on time and eternity)
2007-2012	**Private English tuition** (Czech Republic). Preparation of students for the Cambridge English exams.

FUNDING, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

2026	**Kristeller-Popkin Travel Fellowship** (*Journal of the History of Philosophy*) Research trip to UCLA / USC to consult F. C. S. Schiller Papers and the Parapsychology archives at UCSB
2019	***Reassessing Bergson* Conference** (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	**Selected for bilateral exchange between Pembroke College and École normale supérieure in Paris**
2017-2020	**Arts and Humanities Research Council and Pembroke College doctoral scholarship**, fully funded (£23,089 per annum)
	Vice-Chancellor's Award, fully funded (declined and held in honorary capacity), one of top 250 applicants across all disciplines and nationalities.
2017	**University of Leeds doctoral scholarship**, fully funded (declined by applicant)
2016	**Arts and Humanities Research Council and Baillie Gifford master's scholarship**, fully funded (£22,575 per annum)
	University of St Andrews *Philosophical Quarterly* master's scholarship (declined by applicant)

RECENT AND UPCOMING TALKS

"Bergson, James, Mrs Piper, and the Ghost of Richard Hodgson", delivered at the *Northern Seminar in Late Modern Philosophy*, Durham University, 18th June 2026.

"Bergson, James, Mrs Piper, and the Ghost of Richard Hodgson", delivered at the annual conference of the *British Society for the History of Philosophy*, KCL, 24th April 2026.

"Bergson, James, Mrs Piper, and the Ghost of Richard Hodgson", delivered at University College Dublin, Ireland, 16th October 2025.

"Hypertime and Psychical Research", delivered at the *Esotericism and Philosophy* conference, University of Helsinki, Finland, 12-13th June 2025.

"The Roots of Hypertime", delivered at the *Northern Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy*, University of Durham, UK, 19th June 2025.

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

"Hypertime and Psychical Research", delivered at the University of St Andrews, UK, 29th November 2024.

"The Spooky Origins of Hypertime", delivered at the *Our 'Irrational Past'* Seminar Series, University of Warwick, UK, 24th 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, 12th 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, 10th 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, 13th July 2024.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Introduction of **oral exams** into the QUB philosophy curriculum – one of the first departments globally to adopt these. Oral exam webinar aimed at sharing best-practice tips organised on 23rd June 2026.

"The Non-Conference" – exploring new ways of presenting philosophy. Queen's University Belfast, UK, 18th May 2026. (co-organised with Peter West)

"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, 17th 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

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

- 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

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)