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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Science

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Mar 2026 – Present Research Assistant on [The Illusions Index](#), Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow

EDUCATION

Oct 2025 – Present PhD, Philosophy
University of Glasgow

Research Topic: Explanation in Psychology and Neuroscience

Supervisor: Professor Fiona Macpherson

Sep 2023 – Sep 2024 MSc in Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, with Distinction,
22/22 mark in dissertation
University of Glasgow

Dissertation Title: Assessing the Fertility of Predictive Processing
in the Context of Scientific Theory-Choice

Supervisor: Professor Neil McDonnell

Sep 2019 – Jun 2023 MA in Philosophy, with Honours of the First Class,
University of Glasgow

Dissertation Title: Does Introspection Represent? A Critical
Analysis of Keith Frankish's Illusionism

Supervisor: Professor Jack Lyons

PAPERS & WORK IN PROGRESS

Draft “The Fertility of Predictive Processing is not Epistemically Valuable in the Context of Scientific Theory-Choice”.

On the advice of my dissertation advisor and dissertation markers I am preparing a version of my MSc dissertation to submit to a journal under their guidance.
Expected submission date: Summer 2026.

Draft “Some Interdependencies Violate Asymmetry: Defending the Non-Symmetry of Why-Explanation”

I argue that why-explanation (i.e. explaining why something is the case) is a non-symmetrical relation. I produce a number of counterexamples to the thesis that why-explanation is asymmetrical and propose a theory of what makes these cases symmetrical.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

January 2026 “Are Why-Explanations Always Asymmetrical?”, Philosophy Postgraduate Seminar, University of Glasgow

AWARDS & HONOURS

2022 Caird Prize in Moral Philosophy, University of Glasgow (£600)
2022 Frances Melville Medal and Prize, University of Glasgow (£100)
2020 MacFie Bequest for class performance, Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow (£100)
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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

June 2026 – Ongoing	Co-organiser, Philosophy, Psychology and Neuroscience Seminar Series, Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow
Oct 2025 – Ongoing	Co-organiser, Minorities and Philosophy Reading Group , MAP Chapter, University of Glasgow
Sep 2025 – May 2026	Co-organiser, Illusion of the Fortnight Seminar Series, Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience, University of Glasgow
Jun 2024 – Ongoing	Co-leader of the Perception and Illusion research stall at the Glasgow Science Festival, run by the Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience
Sep 2023 – Jun 2024	Vice President, Glasgow University Philosophy Society
Jun 2023 – Sep 2023	Researcher, Knowledge & Creativity Summer Project, Advanced Research Centre, University of Glasgow (Stipend: £900) Report Title: Exploring Anabolic Androgenic Steroid Use in Adolescents Using a Knowledge-First Epistemology of Groups Research Advisor: Dr. John Davies
May 2023 – Jun 2024	Co-editor in Chief and Contributing Writer for the Glasgow University Philosophy Society Annual Magazine
Dec 2022	Judge for the Ethics Cup , a debating competition for high school students in Scotland, co-run by the University of Glasgow and the University of St. Andrews
Sep 2022 – Jun 2023	Class Representative, Philosophy 4, University of Glasgow

LANGUAGES

Italian (Native) | English (Proficient) | German (Proficient) | French (Proficient)