

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AOS

Philosophy of science (especially biology and psychology), values in science

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Ethics

EDUCATION

University of Oxford

D.Phil. student, Philosophy, 2017–

University of Cambridge

M.Phil. (Distinction), History and Philosophy of Science, 2016

Lingnan University

Research student, 2012–2015

Columbia University

B.A., Philosophy, 2011

PAPERS

“Research on Group Differences in Intelligence: A Defense of Free Inquiry,” *Philosophical Psychology* (forthcoming).

“Is Kevin MacDonald’s Theory of Judaism ‘Plausible’? A Response to Dutton (2018),” *Evolutionary Psychological Science* 5, no. 1 (2019): 143–150.

“Power in Cultural Evolution and the Spread of Prosocial Norms,” *The Quarterly Review of Biology* 93, no. 4 (2018): 297–318.

- Of all papers ever published in the journal, the third most read in a 12-month period (April 2019).

“Judaism as a Group Evolutionary Strategy: A Critical Analysis of Kevin MacDonald’s Theory,” *Human Nature* 29, no. 2 (2018): 134–156.

- Altmetric Attention Score in the 99.9th percentile. >60k downloads.

“Is Vegetarianism Healthy for Children?,” *Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition* (2018). Advance online publication. doi:10.1080/10408398.2018.1437024

- Altmetric Attention Score in the 99th percentile. >15k views.

“Coercive Paternalism and the Intelligence Continuum,” *Behavioural Public Policy* (2018). Advance online publication. doi:10.1017/bpp.2018.4

“Religious Authority and the Transmission of Abstract God Concepts,” *Philosophical Psychology* 31, no. 4 (2018): 609–628.

“Larregue’s Critique of Cofnas et al.: A Rejoinder” (first and corresponding author with N. Carl and M. A. Woodley), *The American Sociologist* 49, no. 2 (2018): 328–335.

“Does Activism in Social Science Explain Conservatives’ Distrust of Scientists?” (first and corresponding author with N. Carl and M. A. Woodley), *The American Sociologist* 49, no. 1 (2018): 135–148.

- Altmetric Attention Score in the 99th percentile.

“Innateness as Genetic Adaptation: Lorenz Redivivus (and Revised),” *Biology and Philosophy* 32, no. 4 (2017): 559–580.

“A Teleofunctional Account of Evolutionary Mismatch,” *Biology and Philosophy* 31, no. 4 (2016): 507–525.

“Scientific Literacy, Optimism about Science and Conservatism” (second author with Noah Carl and Michael A. Woodley), *Personality and Individual Differences* 94 (2016): 299–302.

“Science Is Not Always ‘Self-Correcting’: Fact–Value Conflation and the Study of Intelligence,” *Foundations of Science* 21, no. 3 (2016): 477–492.

- Altmetric Attention Score in the 99th percentile.

POPULAR ARTICLES

“From Foolish Talk to Evil Madness—The Grievance Studies Scandal: Five Academics Respond,” *Quillette*, October 1, 2018, <https://quillette.com/2018/10/01/the-grievance-studies-scandal-five-academics-respond/>.

“Kevin MacDonald Won’t Accept Evidence Supporting Alternative Theories about Jewish Influence,” *Genetic Literacy Project*, May 2, 2018,

<https://geneticliteracyproject.org/2018/05/02/viewpoint-kevin-macdonald-wont-accept-evidence-supporting-alternative-theories-about-jewish-influence/>.

“Analyzing Kevin MacDonald’s ‘Culture of Critique’ and the Alt-Right’s Embrace of Anti-Jewish Ideology,” *Genetic Literacy Project*, April 16, 2018, <https://geneticliteracyproject.org/2018/04/16/analyzing-kevin-macdonalds-culture-of-critique-and-the-alt-rights-embrace-of-anti-jewish-ideology/>.

“What the Alt-Right Gets Wrong about Jews” (second author with Jonathan Anomaly), *Quillette*, March 15, 2018, <http://quillette.com/2018/03/15/alt-right-gets-wrong-jews/>.

“PC Corporate Culture Is a Plague that Government Helps Spread,” *The Weekly Standard*, August 24, 2017, <http://www.weeklystandard.com/pc-corporate-culture-is-a-plague-that-government-helps-spread/article/2009393>.

“Dadaist Science,” *The Weekly Standard*, July 13, 2017, <http://www.weeklystandard.com/dadaist-science/article/2008803>.

“When Accusations Lose Their Bite,” *Quillette*, May 22, 2017, <http://quillette.com/2017/05/22/accusations-lose-bite/>.

“Are College Admissions Officers Equipped to Judge Who Is Ethical?,” *National Review Online*, June 28, 2016, <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/437229/college-admissions-ethical-students-need-apply>.

INVITED TALKS

“Jewish Overrepresentation in Liberal Intellectual Movements: A Conspiracy?,” Department of Economics and International Studies, University of Buckingham (November 28, 2018).

TEACHING

Lingnan University

Evolution and Human Nature (co-instructor with Neven Sesardic; Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2015)

REFEREEING

The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Erkenntnis, Evolutionary Psychological Science, Philosophy of Science