

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### 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

“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 and May 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 99.9<sup>th</sup> percentile. 77k downloads (67k on Springer, 10k on PhilPapers).

“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 99<sup>th</sup> 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 99<sup>th</sup> 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 99<sup>th</sup> 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*