

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AOS

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

AOC

Metaethics, normative ethics

EDUCATION

University of Oxford

DPhil in Philosophy, expected 2020

University of Cambridge

MPhil (Distinction) in History and Philosophy of Science, 2016

Lingnan University

Hong Kong PhD Fellow, Philosophy Department, 2012–2015

Columbia University

BA in Philosophy, 2011

PAPERS

“Research on Group Differences in Intelligence: A Defense of Free Inquiry,” *Philosophical Psychology* 33, no. 1 (2020): 125–147.

- Altmetric Attention Score in the 99th percentile.

“A Debunking Explanation for Moral Progress,” *Philosophical Studies* (2019). Advance online publication.

“Should Dietary Guidelines Recommend Low Red Meat Intake?” (with F. Leroy), *Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition* (2019). Advance online publication.

- Altmetric Attention Score in the 99th percentile. >25k views.

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

“Is Vegetarianism Healthy for Children?,” *Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition* 59, no. 13 (2019): 2052–2060.

- Altmetric Attention Score in the 99th percentile. >25k views.

“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–July 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 99th percentile. >85k downloads on Springer and PhilPapers.

“Coercive Paternalism and the Intelligence Continuum,” *Behavioural Public Policy* (2018). Advance online publication.

“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” (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?” (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” (with N. Carl and M. 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

“Deplatforming Won’t Work,” *Quillette*, July 8, 2019, <https://quillette.com/2019/07/08/deplatforming-wont-work/>.

“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” (with J. 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

“A Debunking Explanation for Moral Progress,” The (Meta)Ethics of Moral Progress, Utrecht University, January 17, 2020.

“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 Sesardić; Fall 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2015)

REFEREEING

American Philosophical Quarterly, The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition, Erkenntnis, Evolutionary Psychological Science, Philosophia, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Ratio, Society for Philosophy and Psychology

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