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PRIMARY POSITIONS

CHAIR PROFESSORSHIP, PHILOSOPHY

2020- University of Hong Kong

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

2015-2020 University of Oslo

PROFESSOR AND ARCHÉ CHAIR

2007 – 2015 University of St Andrews

CUF LECTURER, FELLOW AND TUTOR IN PHILOSOPHY

2006-2007 Somerville College and University of Oxford

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

2003 – 2005 Vassar College, New York

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

1996 – 2003 Vassar College, New York

LONG-TERM AFFILIATED POSITIONS

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY (0.2 TIME)

2015-2020 University of St Andrews

RESEARCH DIRECTOR, CSMN AT OSLO

2007 – 2017 University of Oslo

QUALIFICATIONS

PhD In Philosophy. *1996 University of California, Berkeley*

Dissertation: “The Metaphysics of Words and the Semantics of Quotation”. Advisors: C. Chihara, S. Neale, and J. Searle

BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics.

1989 Balliol College, Oxford

MAJOR RESEARCH GRANTS

- ConsciousBrainConcepts – 16 million NOK (PI: J. Storm, with collaborators from medicine, philosophy and psychology) (2019-2022)
- Toppforsk for Conceptual Engineering, 25 million NOK (with Øystein Linnebo and Camilla Serck-Hanssen and Rachel Sterken). (2016-21)
- CSMN, Phase II: approximately 60 million NOK over 5 years from the Norwegian Research Council (with 7 other applicants).
- Rethinking Mind and Meaning: £250,000 from AHRC (PI: Juan Gomez). (2014-16)
- Intuitions and Philosophical Methodology: £990.000 from AHRC (PI: Jessica Brown) (2008-12)
- Contextualism and Relativism: £990.000, from AHRC (PI: Crispin Wright). (2007-10)
- CSMN Phase I: approximately 60 million (NOK) over 5 years from the Norwegian Research Council (with 7 other applicants). (2007-12)
- Shared Content: Awarded 4.5 million (NOK), from The Norwegian Research Council. (2006-9)

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

- Elected Member Academia Europaea (2018)
- Sister Ulrikke Greve Dals Award for significant contribution within the fields of Philosophy, Linguistics or Mathematics (200.000 NOK) (2010).
- Elected Fellow of the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (2008)

- Promising Young Scholar Award, 30.000 (NOK), School of Humanities, University of Oslo (2005)
- Research Fellow at Norwegian Research Council For the Humanities (1991-3)
- Isabelle Hooper Creed Fellowship, UC Berkeley (1992)
- Norway-America Fellowship, Norway-America Association (1991)
- Ralph W. Church Fellowship, UC Berkeley (1989)
- Regents Fellowship, UC Berkeley (1989)
- I was made a Scholar at Oxford, i.e. I could wear a *very* long gown (1988)
- Ernest Walker Price, essay award from Balliol College, Oxford (1988)
- Brynies Jordan Fellowship, University of Oslo/Balliol College (1988)
- Brynies Jordan Fellowship, University of Oslo/Balliol College (1987)

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

- Member of ERC Advance Grant Panel: The Human Mind and Its Complexity (SH4)
- Co-Director of ConceptLab, University of Oslo (2016-)
- Co-Director of Linguistic Agency component of Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, at the University of Oslo.(2007-2017)
- Director of Arché Philosophical Research Center (2014-2015)
- Director of Arché Philosophical Research Centre (2012–13)
- Director of Graduate Studies, University of St Andrews (2012)
- Arché Management committee (2010)
- Director of Arché Philosophical Research Centre (2009-10)
- Acting Director of Arché Philosophical Research Centre (2008-9)
- Director of Graduate Studies, Philosophy, University of St Andrews (2007-8)

EDITORSHIP

- Editor-in-chief, *Inquiry* (2013-)

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- *Fixing Language: An Essay on Conceptual Engineering* Oxford: OUP. 2018.
- *The Inessential Indexical: On the Philosophical Insignificance of Perspective and the First Person* (with Josh Dever). Oxford: OUP. 2013.
- *Philosophy without Intuitions*. Oxford: OUP. 2012
- *Relativism and Monadic Truth* (with John Hawthorne). Oxford: OUP. 2009
- *Language Turned on Itself. The Semantics and Pragmatics of Metalinguistic Discourse* (with Ernie Lepore). Oxford: OUP. 2007
- *Insensitive Semantics: A Defense of Semantic Minimalism and Speech Act Pluralism* (with Ernie Lepore). Oxford: OUP. 2005.

TEXTBOOKS

- *Vite, Være, Gjøre* (with Ingvild Thorsen and Sebastian Watzel, in Norwegian, textbook for a philosophy course all students at the University of Oslo must take) Gyldendal 2020
- *Bad Language: Contemporary Introductions to Philosophy of Language* (with Josh Dever). Oxford: OUP. 2019
- *Puzzles of Reference: Contemporary Introductions to Philosophy of Language* (with Josh Dever). Oxford: OUP. 2018.
- *Context and Communication: Contemporary Introductions to Philosophy of Language* (with Josh Dever). Oxford: OUP. 2016

EDITED VOLUMES

- *Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Ethics* (with Alexi Burgess and David Plunkett). Oxford: OUP. Forthcoming.
- *Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology* (with John Hawthorne and Tamar Gendler), Oxford: OUP. 2016.
- *Assertion: New Philosophical Essays* (with Jessica Brown). Oxford: OUP. 2011.

VOLUME OF SELECTED PAPERS

- *Liberating Content* (with Ernie Lepore). Oxford: OUP. 2016

PAPERS

55. Acting Without Me: Corporate Agency and The First Person Perspective (with Josh Dever), *Routledge Handbook of Linguistic Reference*, forthcoming
54. Reply to Schroeter&Schroeter, Sawyer and Sundell (for a symposium on *Fixing Language*, in *Canadian Journal Of Philosophy*), forthcoming.
53. Non-Ideal Philosophy of Language (with Josh Dever). In *Routledge Companion to Social and Political Philosophy of Language* (Eds Khoo and Sterken), forthcoming.
52. Review of Edouard Machery, *Philosophy Within Its Proper Bounds*, *Philosophical Review*, forthcoming.
51. Conceptual Engineering: The Master Argument. In *Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Ethics* (eds Burgess, Cappelen and Plunkett.), forthcoming.
50. A Guided Tour Of Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Ethics (with David Plunkett). In *Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Ethics* (eds Burgess, Cappelen and Plunkett.), forthcoming.
49. Assertion: A Defective Theoretical Category. In *The Oxford Handbook of Assertion*, ed Sandy Goldberg, forthcoming.
48. Review of José Bermúdez's *Understanding 'I': Language and Thought*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, 2018.
47. Review of Avner Baz's *The Crisis of Method in Contemporary Analytic Philosophy* (with Max Deutsch), *Notre Dame Philosophical Review*, 2018.
46. Relativism (with Tørfinn Huvenes). In *Oxford Handbook of Truth*, (ed. M. Glanzberg), 2018.
45. Progress and Disagreement in Philosophy: An Optimistic Perspective. In *Cambridge Companion To Philosophical Methodology* (ed D'Oro and Overgaard), 2017.
44. How to Combine Semantic Minimalism and Speech Act Pluralism. In *Routledge Handbook of Epistemic Contextualism*, ed. J. Ichikawa, 2017.
43. Why Philosophers Shouldn't Do Semantics, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, 2017.
42. Empathy and Transformative Experiences without the First Person Point of View (a Reply to L.A. Paul) (with Josh Dever), *Inquiry*, 2017.
41. "Introduction to Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology", (with Tamar Gendler and John Hawthorne), in *Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Methodology*, OUP 2016.
40. Filosofi i Norge i Fremtiden: Gi opp Dyrehagemodellen og bruk alle resurser på ekspertise grupper in *Norske Filosofiske Tidsskrift* nr. 3-4, 2015
39. Introduction to Liberating Content (with Ernie Lepore). In *Liberating Content*, Oxford: OUP, 2015
38. Reply to Boghossian, Brogaard, and Richard, *Analytic Philosophy*, Symposium on *Philosophy without Intuitions*, 2014
37. Reply to Bengson, Chalmers, Weatherson, Weinberg, in *Philosophical Studies*, Symposium on *Philosophy without Intuitions*, 2014

36. X-Phi without Intuitions². In *Intuitions*, eds. Rowbottom and Booth, OUP 2014.
35. "Nonsense and Illusions of Thought", *Philosophical Perspectives*, eds. Hawthorne and Turner, 2013.
34. Reply to Lasersohn, MacFarlane, and Richard (with John Hawthorne), *Philosophical Studies*, 2011.
33. Reply to Glanzberg, Soames and Weatherson (with John Hawthorne), *Analysis Reviews*, 2011.
32. Assertion: Introduction (with Jessica Brown). In *Assertion* (Eds. Brown and Cappelen) Oxford: OUP, 2011.
31. Against Assertion. In *Assertion* (eds, Brown and Cappelen), Oxford: OUP 2011
30. The Creative Interpreter: Content Relativism and Assertion in *Philosophical Perspectives*, 2008.
29. Content Relativism. In *Relative Truth*, eds. Manuel Carcia-Carpintero and Max Kolbel), Oxford: OUP, 2008.
28. Relevance Theory and Shared Content (with Ernie Lepore) in *Advances in Pragmatics* (Ed. Noel Burton-Roberts), Palgrave Macmillan, 2007,
27. Reply to Kent Bach, John Hawthorn, Kepa Korta & John Perry, and Rob Stainton (with Ernie Lepore) in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 2007.
26. Semantics and Pragmatics: Some Central Issues, in *Context-Sensitivity and Semantic Minimalism: New Essays on Semantics and Pragmatics* (eds Peters and Preyer), OUP 2007
25. Locations and Binding (with John Hawthorne), *Analysis*, 2007
24. The Myth of Unarticulated Constituents (with Ernie Lepore) in *Situating Semantics: Essays on the Philosophy of John Perry*, 2007, Bradford books.
23. Quotation, Context Sensitivity, Signs and Expressions (with Ernie Lepore), *Nous* Supplement, 2006
22. Reply to Francois Recanati, Ann Bezuidenhout, Steven Gross, Zoltan Szabo, and Charles Travis, *Mind and Language*, 2006
21. Shared Content in *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Language* (with Ernie Lepore)), Oxford: OUP 2006
20. Pluralistic Scepticism, *Philosophical Perspectives*, 2005
19. A Tall Tale in Defense of Semantic Minimalism and Speech Act Pluralism in *Contextualism*, Preyer (ed) Oxford University Press, 2005
18. Quotation (with Ernie Lepore), in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 2005
17. Varieties of Quotation Revisited (with Ernie Lepore) in *Belgian Journal of Linguistics*, 2005.
16. Radical and Moderate Pragmatic: Does Meaning Determine Truth Conditions? (with E. Lepore), in *Semantics versus Pragmatics*, Zoltan Szabo (ed) OUP: Oxford, 2005.
15. Context Shifting Arguments (with Ernie Lepore), *Philosophical Perspectives 17: Language and Philosophical Linguistics*, Blackwell 2004
14. Indexicality, Binding, Anaphora, and A Priori Truth (with Ernie Lepore), *Analysis*, 2002
13. Insensitive Quantifiers (with Ernie Lepore) in *Truth and Meaning* 2001, O'Rourke (ed.), Seven Bridges Press
12. Believing in Words (with Josh Dever), *Synthese*, 2001

11. Reference Externalized and the Role of Intuitions in Semantic Theory (with Douglas Winblad), *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 36-4 1999
10. Intuitions, (with Douglas Winblad), *Facta Philosophica*, 1 1999
9. Using, Mentioning and Quoting (with Ernie Lepore), *Mind*, 1999
8. Intentions in Words, *Nous*, 33:1 1999
7. Reply to Commentaries (with Ernie Lepore) in *Philosophy and Linguistics*, R. Stainton (ed.), Westview Press, 1999
6. Semantics for Quotation (with Ernie Lepore) in *Donald Davidson: Truth, Meaning, and Knowledge*, (Routledge Studies in Twentieth Century Philosophy, 1999), Ed. Urszula M. Zeglen (With a reply from Donald Davidson)
5. Reply to Tsohatzidis (with Ernie Lepore), *Mind*, 665-666, 1998
4. Reply to Richard and Reimer (with Ernie Lepore), *Mind and Language* 14-4, 1998
3. Semantic Theory and Indirect Speech, *Protosociology* 1997;10:3-25
2. On an Alleged Connection Between Indirect Speech and The Theory of Meaning (with Ernie Lepore), *Mind and Language* 12-3/4 1997
1. Varieties of Quotation (with E. Lepore), *Mind*, 1997

TALKS

- 10/19: Conceptual Engineering of Knowledge, Beauty and the First Person, Lingnan University, Hong Kong.
- 6/19: Conceptual Engineering of Knowledge and Beauty, Swedish Congress of Philosophy (Umeå)
- 5/19. Philosophy as the Foundation of Everything, University of Tokyo
- 4/19. Conceptual Disease Management, Oxford University
- 3/19. Empathy And Understanding Others, Yale University
- 10/18. Conceptual Engineering: The Master Argument, University of Zurich
- 10/18. On Massive Progress in Philosophy, University of Tokyo
- 9/18. Conceptual Engineering and Conceptual Disease Management, NYU and NY Institute of Philosophy
- 4/2018. Series of three talks on conceptual engineering, St Andrews
- 2/2018. Conceptual Engineering: The Master Argument, Telluride, The Mountain Philosophy Workshop
- 12/2017. Conceptual Engineering, Toronto
- 11/2017. Philosophy of Language Without Points Of View, Uppsala
- 10/17. Conceptual engineering: Central Issues and Challenges at SADAF Buenos Aires
- 10/17. Explication and Conceptual Engineering: their role in philosophical methodology – at Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf - “Analysis and explication – traditional and contemporary approaches”
- 09/17. Why philosophers shouldn’t appeal to intuitions (and what they should do instead) at German Society for Philosophy, Humboldt University in Berlin.

09/17. The No Assertion view, at ConceptLab, UiO
06/17. Action without Me, University of Barcelona
02/17. Conceptual Engineering Working Group, in Zermatt, Switzerland
01/17. Ranch Metaphysics Workshop, Conceptual Engineering
12/16. Freiburg University, conference on the First-Person
11/16. NTNU Conference on; Does Society need Philosophy?
11/16. University of Leeds, workshop on conceptual engineering
10/16. Vassar College, Fixing Language
10/16. Rutgers University Semantics Group, Fixing Language
06/16. ConceptLab Opening Conference: Fixing Language
01/16. APA Eastern Division, Author meets Critic Session on *The Inessential Indexical*
12/15. Epistemic Incoherence Workshop, Arché Inconsistent concepts: what they are and what to do about them
09/15. Third Biennial PLM Conference, Keynote Speaker
09/15. Semantics and Philosophy in Europe, Cambridge University, Keynote speaker
08/15. Dartmouth Workshop on Philosophy of Language, Reply to Sundell
03-15. Hong Kong University, Conferences on philosophical methodology
12/14. APA Eastern Division, Symposium on Intuitions
09/14. Rutgers Semantics Workshop, Symposium on *The Inessential Indexical*
06/14. Logos, Barcelona, 5 lectures of *The Inessential Indexical* (w. Josh Dever)
05/14. CSMN- UiO, Rorty on Metaphilosophy
03/14. APA Central Division, Symposium on Nagel on Intuitions
11/13. University of Umeå, 10 lectures on Philosophical Methodology
11/13. CUNY. Intuitions and Philosophical Method
11/13. NYU Mind and Language Seminar. Intuitions and Philosophical Method
11-13. University of Toronto. Nonsense and Illusions of Thought
11/13. York University. X-phi without Intuitions
10/13. Arché, St Andrews, The Philosophical Significance of Ameliorative Projects
05/13. University College, Dublin, Symposium on Philosophy without Intuitions.
06/13. World Congress of Philosophy, Athens Greek, The Role of Intuitions in Philosophy. Invited symposium, with Paul Boghossian and Ernie Sosa.
02/13. Institute of Philosophy, London. Reply to Malmgren, Richard, Weinberg, Weatherson. Second Symposium on *Philosophy without Intuitions*
12/12. Institute of Philosophy, London. Reply to Bengson, Boghossian, Brogaard, Chalmers. First Symposium on *Philosophy without Intuitions*
11/12. Edinburgh University. Student philosophy society.
04/12. University of Zurich, Master Class on Role of Intuitions in Philosophy
03/12. Oxford University. Indexicality and Agency.
02/12. University of Arizona, Tucson, Philosophy without Intuitions
04/11. Rutgers University, Philosophy without Intuitions
04/11. Institute Nicod, Paris, lectures series on Egocentric Thought (with Josh Dever)

03/11. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro: lecture series Egocentric thought (with Josh Dever)
07/10. Central European University Summer School: Meaning, Context, Intentions
06/10. University of Oslo/CSMN: De Se: The center will not hold (with Josh Dever)
05/10. Cambridge University: Tests for Context Sensitivity
04/10. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro: Philosophy without Intuitions
03/10. APA Central Division, Author Meets Critic session, Relativism and Monadic Truth
10/09. Tufts University: Tests for Context Sensitivity?
10/09. University of Texas Austin: Philosophy without intuitions
08/09. University of Hong Kong: Philosophy without Intuitions
05/09. Stockholm University: The context sensitivity and non-systematicity of pragmatics
03/09. NYU, New York Institute of Philosophy: *Symposium on Relativism and Monadic Truth*
02/09. DIP Colloquium, University of Amsterdam, ILLC: Against Assertion
01/09. Grupo de Accion Filosofica, Buenos Aires: Relativism and minimalism
11/08. Conference on Propositions, Venice, Italy: On Minimal Propositions (w. E. Lepore).
11/08. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro: Why we don't need the Semantics-Pragmatics distinction
10/08. CUNY/NYU. Content Relativism and the Role of the Interpreter.
08/08. World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul, Korea. Content Relativism and the Role of the interpreter. .
06/08. Birkbeck College, London. Predicates of Personal Taste.
06/08. Institute of Advanced Studies, London. Saying and Agreement Tests.
06/08. CSMN, Oslo, Language and Law, Content Relativism and Law.
05/08. Semantics and Philosophy in Europe, Paris. Content Relativism.
04/08. University of Glasgow. Content Relativism.
02/08. Logos, Barcelona. Lecture series on Assertion and Relativism.
11/07. Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. Lectures on agreement and shared content.
06/07. Beijing Normal University, China. Summer School in Linguistic and Philosophy.
05/07. Institut Jean-Nicod, Paris. Against Assertion
12/06. APA, Eastern Division Conference: Symposium on Context Sensitivity
09/06. University of Oxford: Agreement, Content and Relativism
07/06. Joint Sessions, "Reply to Humbertson"
06/06. Free University, Brussels: Context and Content
06/06. University of Beijing: Shared Content
05/06. University College Dublin: The Perils of Contextualism
05/06. University of London, School of Advanced Study: Conference on Insensitive Semantics
04/06. University of Birmingham, Logic and Language: Content Relativism
03/06. Rutgers University: Content Relativism
01/06. University of Oxford: Tests for Context Dependence

06/05. University of Lisbon, Meaning and Communication: Pluralistic Skepticism: Advertisement for Speech Act Pluralism
05/05. Canadian Philosophical Association (Symposium, four papers on Insensitive Semantics, my replies)
05/05. Stockholm University, Contextualism Conference, Pluralistic Skepticism
03/05. APA, Pacific Division, Symposium on Insensitive Semantics, (Reply to John MacFarlane, and Ken Taylor.)
10/04. University of Torun, Poland: A Disquotational Semantics for "know"
04/04. University of Connecticut: Semantics Workshop, Shared Content
08/03. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Context Shifting
06/03. University of Buenos Aires, Context Shifting
03/03 APA, Central Division, Invited Symposium Paper, Context Shifting (Reply by Kent Bach and Rob Stainton)
08/02. Autonoma National University of Mexico, Mexico City, Indefiniteness
4/02. American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Reply to Jackman
9/01. Birkbeck College Conference, Radical and Moderate Pragmatics
3/00. North East Philosophy Conference, In Defense of Grice
3/00. Rutgers International Semantics Workshop, Quantification
9/99. Rutgers International Semantics Workshop, Insensitive Quantification
8/99. Puebla, Mexico, Inter-American Philosophy Conference, Quantification
3/99. APA, Pacific Division, Intuitions
10/98. University of Istanbul, Saying and Implicating
6/98. World Congress of Philosophy, Boston, Intuitions
12/97. University of Oslo, Norway, The Role of Intuitions in Philosophy
11/97. SUNY, Albany, Intuition
6/96. Canadian Philosophical Association, Varieties of Quotation
4/96. APA, Central Division, in Chicago. On an Alleged Connection Between Indirect Speech and the Theory of Meaning. Reply from Mark Richard.
4/96. APA, Pacific Division, in Seattle. Varieties of Quotation. Reply from Ray Elguardo.
3/96. University of Florida, Thl., Florida, The Metaphysics of Signs and the Semantics of Quotation
1/96. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, The Metaphysics of Signs and the Semantics of Quotation
12/95. Graduate Center at CUNY, The Metaphysics of Signs and Semantics of Quotation
11/95. Rutgers University, Quotation
10/95. Kazimierz, Poland: Conference on Tarski and Davidson's Semantic Program, Three Varieties of Quotation. Reply from Donald Davidson.
11/94 UC Berkeley Colloquia Series, If 'Tigers' Is A Rigid Designator, How Can Tigers Be Dangerous"
9/94. Stanford University, CSLI, Quotation
5/94. UC Berkeley-Stanford Conference, Theories of Words
5/93. UC Berkeley-Stanford Conference, Quotation
3/93. UC Berkeley: Conference On Context and Interpretation, The First Person Pronoun and the Self (reply to talk by Professor Francois Recanati)