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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

*Areas of Specialisation*      Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Physics.  
*Areas of Competence*      Philosophy of Mathematics, Metaphysics.

## EMPLOYMENT

*From July 2014*      Lecturer in Philosophy, King's College London.  
*Spring 2013*      Visiting Assistant Professor, Pittsburgh HPS (on leave from Leverhulme fellowship).  
*2011-2014*      Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship, King's College London.  
*2009-2011*      Chandaria Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Institute of Philosophy, School for Advanced Study, University of London.

## EDUCATION

*2006-2009*      DPhil Philosophy, Oxford University.  
*Geometry, Inertia and Spacetime Structure.* Supervised by David Wallace and Harvey Brown, examined by Jeremy Butterfield and Simon Saunders.  
*2004-2006*      BPhil, Philosophy, Oxford University: *Distinction.*  
*Thesis: Geometrical Explanation: A prelude to spacetime studies.* Supervised by Harvey Brown.  
*1999-2003*      BA, Physics and Philosophy, Oxford University: *First Class Honours.*

## PUBLICATIONS

'Abstraction and its Limits'. *Nous*(2016), Vol. 50 pp.4160.  
'Newtonian Spacetime Structure in Light of the Equivalence Principle'. *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (2014), Vol. 65, 4 pp.863-880.  
'Effective Spacetime Geometry'. *Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics* (2013), Vol. 44, 3 pp. 346-356.  
'Newton-Cartan theory and teleparallel gravity: the force of a formulation'. *Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics*(2011), Vol.42,4 p.264-275.  
'Flavour-Oscillation Clocks and the Geometricity of General Relativity'. *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* (2010), Vol.61,2 p.433-452.

## INVITED BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Dean Rickles (ed.) *Ashgate Companion to Contemporary Philosophy of Physics*. In *International Studies in the Philosophy of Science* (2011) Vol 25,2 pp.199-202.

(with Sean Walsh and Adam Caulton) Review of Chris Pincock *Mathematics and Scientific Representation*. *Philosophy of Science* (2014) Vol 81,3 pp.460-469.

## ACADEMIC PRIZES AND AWARDS

2014	The Cushing Memorial Prize. (A prize of \$2000 awarded by the University of Notre Dame for the best article by a young philosopher of physics.)
2011-2014	Leverhume Early Career Fellowship. (Approx. value £75,000)
2008	Visiting scholar at the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics, Waterloo, Canada.
2006-2009	Arts and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award.(Approx. value £50,000)
2005-2006	Oxford Philosophy Faculty Graduate Scholarship.
2004-2009	Senior Scholar, New College Oxford.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- *How The Light Gets In: The Hay on Wye festival of music and philosophy*, May 2016. Public lecture and 2 public debates.
- *European Forum For Philosophy*, 'Does Science Have all the Answers?' LSE, Feb 2016.
- *Inside Einstein's Mind*, BBC/PBS Nova documentary first aired Nov. 2015. Scientific advisor and interview appearance.
- *The Reasoner*, guest editor, Nov 2014. <http://www.thereasoner.org/>.
- *How The Light Gets In: The Hay on Wye festival of music and philosophy*, May 2014. Public lecture course and 2 public debates.
- *European Forum For Philosophy*, 'The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Mathematics', LSE, May 2014.
- *Cafe Sci* at The Exchange, Nov 2013. An evening of discussion with artist Nick Laessing.
- *Launch of Bristol Center for Science and Philosophy*, Dec 2012. 'The Curious Case of the Vanishing Spacetime: Philosophy and quantum gravity'.

For links to videos and podcasts, please see <http://www.eleanorknox.com/public-engagement>.

## SCHOLARLY TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Keynote and Plenary:

August 2015	'Spacetime Functionalism', 15th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science, Helsinki (Plenary).
April 2013	'Effective Spacetime Geometry', Irvine-Pittsburgh-Princeton Conference on the Mathematical and Conceptual Foundations of Physics (Keynote).
Sept 2012	'Spacetime Structuralism or Spacetime Functionalism?', Structuralism in Physics and Mathematics, Bristol (Plenary).
July 2011	'Inertia and the a priori', Conventional Principles in Science: a conference in honour of Michael Friedman, Bristol University (Plenary).

Invited Talks:

- May 2016* 'Novel Explanation and the Emergence of Phonons', UNC/KCL workshop.
- May 2016* 'Novel Explanation and the Emergence of Phonons', Oxford Philosophy of Physics Seminar.
- May 2016* 'Symmetry Principles. Why Use Them? Where Do They Lead?', Oxford Structure in Metaphysics Conference.
- April 2016* 'Spacetime Functionalism', Cushing Prize Lecture, University of Notre Dame.
- April 2016* 'Symmetries, Fields and the Function of Spacetime', Field Theories Workshop, Pittsburgh.
- Dec 2014* 'Spacetime Functionalism and Effective Spacetime Geometry', Workshop on Emergent Time and Emergent Space in Quantum Gravity, Albert Einstein Institute, Berlin.
- Nov 2014* 'Spacetime Structuralism or Spacetime Functionalism?', CamPoS research seminar, Cambridge.
- Oct 2014* 'The Dimensions of Duality', Lakatos Award Workshop, LSE.
- Oct 2014* 'Spacetime Structuralism or Spacetime Functionalism', Nottingham Research Seminar.
- Sept 2014* 'The Dimensions of Duality', Dualities workshop, Florence.
- April 2014* 'Spacetime Structuralism or Spacetime Functionalism?', Southern California Philosophy of Physics Seminar, Irvine CA.
- March 2014* 'Spacetime Structuralism or Spacetime Functionalism?', Logic, Epistemology and Metaphysics Seminar, University of London.
- April 2013* 'Spacetime Structuralism or Spacetime Functionalism?', Consciousness and Structural Realism Workshop, Liverpool.
- March 2013* 'Abstraction and its limits: Finding Space for Novel Explanation', Pittsburgh Center for Philosophy of Science.
- April 2012* 'Newtonian Spacetime Structure in Light of the Equivalence Principle', Philosophy of Science Conference, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik.
- March 2012* 'Newtonian Spacetime Structure in Light of the Equivalence Principle', Bristol Philosophy of Physics Seminar.
- Jan 2012* 'Abstraction and its limits: Finding Space for Novel Explanation', Barnard College Columbia University.
- Oct 2011* 'Abstraction and its limits: Finding Space for Novel Explanation', Bristol Departmental Research Seminar.
- July 2011* 'Abstraction and its limits: Finding Space for Novel Explanation', Ghent Metaphysics, Methodology and Science workshop.
- March 2011* 'Inertial Thinking? Reconsidering Reference Frames in General Relativity', Philosophy of Physics Seminar, Oxford University.
- Feb 2011* 'Abstraction and its limits: Finding Space for Novel Explanation', British Society for the Philosophy of Science meeting, London.
- Feb 2011* 'Abstraction and its limits: Finding Space for Novel Explanation', HPS Seminar, Leeds University.

- Nov 2010* 'Geometry and Inertia: Constraints on spacetime theories', Logic and Metaphysics Forum, University of London.
- July 2010* 'Explanatory Emergence?', Emergence in Physics conference, University of London.
- July 2010* 'Geometrising Gravity and Vice Versa: the force of a formulation', Towards a Theory of Spacetime Theories, conference, Wuppertal,
- Feb 2010* 'Geometry and Inertia: Constraints on spacetime theories', Sigma Club, LSE.
- Feb 2010* 'Explanatory Emergence?', Department Seminar, UCLA.
- April 2009* 'Geometrical Explanation, Spatiotemporal and Otherwise', Philosophy of Science Conference, Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik.
- Oct 2008* 'Geometrising Gravity and Vice Versa: the force of a formulation', Bristol University.
- May 2008* 'Geometrising Gravity and Vice Versa: the force of a formulation', Philosophy of Physics Seminar, Oxford University.

Refereed Conference Presentations:

- Sept 2013* 'The Dimensions of Duality', Conference on the Philosophical Foundations of Quantum Gravity, Chicago.
- July 2013* 'The Gravity-Inertia split in Newtonian and Relativistic Contexts', Foundations of Physics conference, Munich.
- Nov 2012* 'Newtonian Spacetime Structure in Light of the Equivalence Principle', PSA conference, San Diego.
- Oct 2011* 'Abstraction and its limits: Finding Space for Novel Explanation', European Philosophy of Science Association, Athens.
- July 2010* 'Explanatory Emergence?', BSPS annual conference, Dublin,
- October 2009* 'Geometry and Inertia: Constraints on spacetime theories', European Philosophy of Science Association conference, Amsterdam.
- July 2008* 'Geometrising Gravity and Vice Versa: the force of a formulation', BSPS annual conference, St. Andrews.
- June 2008* 'Geometrising Gravity and Vice Versa: the force of a formulation', Third International Conference on the Nature and Ontology of Spacetime, Montreal.

**TEACHING**

PhD Supervision: Totte Harinen, Alex Franklin, Sam Kimpton-Nye, John Heron, Athamos Stradis.

King's College London Undergraduate and Taught Postgraduate:

- 2016* MA Philosophy of Mathematics: Lectures and seminar,
- 2016* BA Philosophy of Mathematics: Lectures and classes,
- 2015-2016* Gender and Philosophy: Co-taught with colleagues,
- 2012-2014* MA Philosophy of Physics: Lectures and seminar,
- 2012-2016* BA Philosophy of Physics I and II: Lectures and classes,
- 2011-2014* MA Philosophy of Science: Lectures and seminar,
- 2011-2014* BA Philosophy of Science: Lectures.

Pittsburgh University (2013):

- Graduate class: Philosophy of Space and Time.
- Undergraduate class: Philosophy of 20th century physics.

Oxford University:

2010 Philosophy of Science: Lectures. Introduction to philosophy of science for science students.

2009 Lecturer at Balliol College, Oxford.

2006-2009 Classes and Tutorials in a range of undergraduate subjects.

#### **ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

2016- Associate editor, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics*.

2014- Admissions tutor, Philosophy department, KCL.

2011-2015 Treasurer, British Society for the Philosophy of Science.

2014- PhD and MPhil examiner for the University of Oxford, University of Sydney, the University of Leeds, and Birkbeck College.

2013 Conference organiser, Relativity Meets Quantum Theory (London) and Irreversibility in Axiomatic Thermodynamics, Cambridge.

May-Sept 2011 Committee Member, British Society for the Philosophy of Science.

2010 Organiser, Emergence in Physics conference, Institute of Philosophy.

2008- Referee for *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*, *Foundations of Physics*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Modern Physics*, *Philosophy of Science*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Science* and *Journal for General Philosophy of Science*.

Dec 2008 Admissions interviewing, Lincoln College Oxford.

Nov 2007 Organising Committee, Oxford Graduate Philosophy Conference.

#### **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL AND LEARNED SOCIETIES**

- British Society for the Philosophy of Science,
- American Philosophical Association,
- Philosophy of Science Association,
- Aristotelian society.