

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational Qualifications

Third Level Education

2011-2017 – University of Bristol – **Ph.D. in Philosophy and History of Science**

My thesis is titled ‘Folk Physics, Pre-Science, and Demarcations of Science’ and describes the relationship of the psychological phenomenon of folk physics (preeducational beliefs about the entities and phenomena studied by physics, e.g. objects, motion, solidity) and the concept, raised in the work of both Karl Popper and Thomas Kuhn, of prescience, or those beliefs that precede and underlie science. Using this relationship, I established a novel split in 20th century philosophy of science between ‘developmental’ philosophy of science, as represented by Kuhn and Popper, and ‘non-development’, as represented by the logical positivists. I received my award in November 2017.

2009-2010 – University College Dublin – **2.1 Master of Arts in Philosophy**

My thesis topic was “Could There Be Non-Human Persons?” in which I discussed both animals and hypothetical intelligent machines as possible persons, with a focus on an ability-centred concept of personhood. I also took modules in the work of Merleau-Ponty on the body, the philosophy of emotions, analytic approaches to Kant, religion and society in the work of Charles Taylor and Frankfurt School, anarchist thought on both the left and right sides of the political divide, and attended Richard Kearney’s seminar on the phenomenology of the Other.

2005-2009 – University College Dublin – **2.1 Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy**

My undergraduate studies included the philosophy of Derrida, Heidegger and Husserl, Hume and Kant, Ancient philosophy from the Pre-Socratics to the Neoplatonists, Aristotelian and informal logic, existentialism, philosophy of science, theology, German Idealism, epistemology, gender theory, moral and ethical philosophy, critical social theory, hermeneutics and jurisprudence. My undergraduate dissertation was titled ‘Talking with the Patient: Ethically Justified Responses to Autonomous Refusal of Treatment’, and was an exploration of the issues surrounding religiously motivated refusal of medical treatment by adults, specifically members of the Jehovah’s Witnesses religion, and the morally justifiable options available to doctors in these circumstances.

Publications and Talks

December 2017 - ‘**What is Factom?**’ and ‘**What the Future Holds For Dash**’ for Invest In Blockchain
(<https://www.investinblockchain.com/what-is-factom/> and
<https://www.investinblockchain.com/dash-what-the-future-holds/>)

October 2017 - ‘**Fill Twitter With Nonsense**’ at Bartalk #8 ‘Mouth/Voice/Language’
(<https://bartalkdh.wordpress.com/bartalk-8-mouthvoicelanguage/>)

June 2016 - '**Are You In Europeana? How I found out about my relative who fought in World War One**' on the Europeana blog (<http://bit.ly/2988CyC>)

August 2016 - '**What are men to rocks and mountains**' on the Europeana blog (<http://bit.ly/2czY9BY>)

August 2016 - '**Playing at the Past**', a panel discussion at the Nine Worlds Convention 2016

May 2016 - '**Is there life on Mars?**' on the Europeana blog (<http://bit.ly/1TEFIKd>)

February 2016 - '**The Greatest Traveller in History? The Life and Places of Ibn Battuta**' on the Europeana blog (<http://bit.ly/1ZZZAY4>)

January 2016 - '**Tea Reading**' on the Europeana blog (<http://bit.ly/1QmLqy6>)

October 2015 - '**Measuring A Game**' at Bartalk #6 'Odd Measurements' (<https://bartalkdh.wordpress.com/bartalk-6-odd-measurements/>)

June 2015 - '**One Simulated Hand, Two Real Hands: Antisimulation and Phenomenological Correspondence in Videogame Control Schemes**' (<http://press-start.gla.ac.uk/index.php/press-start/article/view/22>), in *Press Start*, the University of Glasgow game studies student journal

April 2015 - '**Useless Controls: Anti-simulation games, QWOP, Surgeon Simulator, impossible goals**' at Bartalk #3 'Uselessness/Pointlessness' (<https://bartalkdh.wordpress.com/bartalk-3-uselessnesspointlessness/>)

March 2015 – '**Alchemy, Thermite, and English Noblemen Suffocating Birds**' at Bartalk #2 'A History of Burning Things' (<https://bartalkdh.wordpress.com/bartalk-2-a-history-of-burning/>)

January 2015 - '**Review: Saints Row Gat Out Of Hell**', on The Metropolist (<http://www.themetropolist.com/tech-play/gaming-app-reviews/review-saints-row-gat-hell/>)

November 2014 - '**Review: Escape Dead Island**', on The Metropolist (<http://www.themetropolist.com/tech-play/gaming-app-reviews/review-escape-dead-island/>)

October 2014 - '**Open Browser, Closed Wallet: Cyberpunk Prototype Edition**', on The Metropolist (<http://www.themetropolist.com/tech-play/latest-play/open-browser-closed-wallet-cyberpunk-prototype-edition/>)

September 2014 - '**Open Browser, Closed Wallet: Shooter September!**', on The Metropolist (<http://www.themetropolist.com/tech-play/latest-play/open-browser-closed-wallet-shooter-september/>)

September 2014 - '**Labour and elite: The workers and settlers of Civ V**', published in Memory Insufficient (https://issuu.com/zoyastreet/docs/labour_and_games_history)

September 2014 - '**Review: Runers**', on The Metropolist (<http://www.themetropolist.com/tech-play/gaming-app-reviews/runers-review/>)

August 2014 - '**Open Browser, Closed Wallet: Free PC games that are actually worth your time**', on The Metropolist (<http://www.themetropolist.com/tech-play/latest-play/free-games-list-provisional-title/>)

August 2014 - '**Ideal Control Methods and Antisimulation**', a talk at the Nine Worlds Convention 2014

August 2014 - '**Philosophy and Games**', a panel discussion at the Nine Worlds Convention 2014

Fall 2011 - '**Right and Wrong in Dreams**', a chapter in *Inception and Philosophy: Ideas to Die For*, ed. Thorsten Botz-Bornstein

Employment

December 2016-Present – Freelance Image Researcher for Routledge

I work as a part-time freelance image and permissions researcher for Routledge, clearing permissions for geography textbooks.

December 2017 - Writer at Invest In Blockchain

I wrote pieces on blockchain projects such as Factom and Dash.

December 2016-July 2017 – Co-curator and organiser of BarTalk

I helped to prepare and organise season 2 of Bartalk, a lecture series covering esoteric knowledge, alternative histories and weird science. This involved preparing the website, working with potential speakers, and planning event themes. I was also a speaker at the inaugural event in November 2017 and a participant in the first season of BarTalk.

October 2015- December 2016 – Administrative and Communications Assistant at The European Library

I provided administrative and communications support, including preparing and publishing reports, writing newposts, blogs, and social media posts, providing analyses of TEL datasets and identifying problem sets, and supporting the Library Coordination Group and TEL staff in both virtual and physical meetings. As part of this I took a central role in preparing TEL and TEL's data for the closure at the end of 2016, communicating the change to partner institutions and the public, archiving documentation, and identifying datasets for migration. I also worked with Europeana Research on meetings, the Europeana Research Grants, and publishing collections to the Europeana Research website; developed digital exhibitions for Europeana; and took part in the Europeana Hack Week 2016, developing a toolset for creating board and card games from public domain resources.

January-June 2015 – Exam Invigilator at the British School in the Netherlands

I supervised students during internal mock exams, International Baccalaureate exams, and GCE/GCSE/A Level exams. This involved ensuring that rooms were prepared in terms of desks and papers, that students were in the correct locations and had the correct equipment for their exam, and that the exam itself proceeded normally. I was also available to provide support in the event of any emergency.

August 2014-January 2015 - Writer at The Metropolist

I wrote reviews and recommendation pieces on video games, both reviewing games and recommending free games.

August 2013-August 2014 – Receptionist and Centre Assistant at the Indoor Sports Centre, University of Bristol.

I made sure that visitors received all the information they needed, about the facilities, types of memberships, and what events were on, and ensured that the facilities were up to scratch, including doing small on-the-spot repairs, reporting larger problems to the Services department for repair, and setting out the equipment for the indoor sports.

October 2012-March 2013 – Freelance Tutoring with Teachers.org

I tutored GCSE and AS-Level students revising for exams in Mathematics, Spanish, and Biology.

October 2012-February 2013 – Hourly Paid Tutoring in the University of Bristol

I worked as an Hourly Paid Tutor at the University of Bristol, leading a weekly seminar on epistemology and marking term essays.

October 2011-July 2013 – Exam Invigilator at the University of Bristol

I was responsible for ensuring that exam procedures were followed, that students were safe, and handling any emergencies that happened, whether at the exam centre level or for a single student. I also supervised other invigilators, directing them to ensure that exam procedures (handing out papers, collecting them, taking roll call, etc) happened in a timely manner.