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Research areas

- AoS Epistemology (including formal and social epistemology).
- AoC Philosophical logic, philosophy of language, logic, decision theory, philosophy of science, philosophy of mind.

Employment

- 2022- Associate Professor of Philosophy, Inland University of Applied Sciences, Norway.
- 2021-22 Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Philosophy, National University of Singapore. Project: "Epistemology Beyond Belief," led by Bob Beddor and Zach Barnett.

Education

- 2016-20 PhD in Philosophy, Aarhus University.
Dissertation: *The Normative Significance of Higher-Order Evidence*.
Committee: David Christensen, Maria Lasonen-Aarnio, Somogy Varga (Chair).
Supervisors: Asbjørn Steglich-Petersen (primary), Jens Christian Bjerring (secondary).
- 2015-18 MA in Philosophy, Aarhus University.
- 2012-15 BA in Philosophy and Physics, Aarhus University.

Visiting appointments

- 2019 Visiting student, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy, MIT.
- 2017-18 Visiting student, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, LMU.
- 2014 Erasmus student, Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews.

Publications

Edited book

Higher-Order Evidence: New Essays, (co-edited w/ A. Steglich-Petersen), 2019, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Journal articles

- "Unifying Epistemic and Practical Rationality." Forthcoming in *Mind*.
- "Can Arbitrary Beliefs Be Rational?" Forthcoming in *Episteme*.
- "The Humility Heuristic or: People Worth Trusting Admit to What They Don't Know." In: *Social Epistemology* 35, 2021, pp. 323-36.
- "Does Rationality Demand Higher-Order Certainty?." In: *Synthese* 198, 2021, pp. 11561-85.
- "Belief Gambles in Epistemic Decision Theory." In: *Philosophical Studies* 178, 2021, pp. 497-26.
- "Bayesianism for Non-Ideal Agents," (w/ J. C. Bjerring). In: *Erkenntnis*, 2020, online first.
- "Hyperintensional Semantics: A Fregean Approach," (w/ J. C. Bjerring). In: *Synthese* 197, 2020, pp. 3535-58.
- "An Instrumentalist Account of How to Weigh Epistemic and Practical Reasons for Belief," (w/ A. Steglich-Petersen). In: *Mind* 129, 2019, pp. 1071-94.
- "Explaining the Illusion of Asymmetric Insight," (w/ A. Steglich-Petersen). In: *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 10, 2019, pp. 769-86.
- "Reconciling Enkrasia and Higher-Order Defeat." In: *Erkenntnis* 84(6), 2019, pp. 1369-86.
- "Group Disagreement: A Belief Aggregation Perspective," (w/ A. Steglich-Petersen). In: *Synthese* 196, 2019, pp. 4033-58.
- "A Dynamic Solution to the Problem of Logical Omniscience," (w/ J. C. Bjerring). In: *The Journal of Philosophical Logic* 48, 2019, 501-22.
- "Higher-Order Defeat Without Epistemic Dilemmas." In: *Logos & Episteme* 9(4), 2018, pp. 451-65.
- "A Higher-Order Approach to Disagreement," (w/ A. Steglich-Petersen and J. C. Bjerring). In: *Episteme* 15(1), 2018, pp. 80-100.
- "Counterpossibles and the Nature of Impossible Worlds," In: *SATS: Northern European Journal of Philosophy* 17(2), 2016, pp. 145-58.
- "Dynamic Epistemic Logic and Logical Omniscience," In: *Logic and Logical Philosophy* 24(3), 2015, pp. 377-99.

Book chapters

- "Higher-Order Evidence and the Normativity of Logic." In: *Epistemic Dilemmas: New Arguments, New Angles*, S. Stapleford, K. McCain and M. Steup (eds.), 2021, Routledge.
- "When Conciliation Frustrates the Epistemic Priorities of Groups," (w/ A. Steglich-Petersen). In: *The Epistemology of Group Disagreement*, F. Broncano-Berrocal and J. Adam Carter (eds.), 2020, Routledge.

“Instrumental Reasons for Belief: Elliptical Talk and Elusive Properties,”
(w/ A. Steglich-Petersen). In: *The Ethics of Belief and Beyond. Understanding Mental Normativity*, G. Ernst and S. Schmidt (eds.), 2020, Routledge.

“Higher-Order Defeat and the Impossibility of Self-Misleading Evidence.”
In: *Higher-Order Evidence: New Essays*, M. Skipper and A. Steglich-Petersen (eds.), 2019, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Research talks

(R: Reviewed, I: Invited)

- 2022 “Wise Groups and Humble Persons: The Best of Both Worlds,” PERITIA Conference, American University of Armenia.
“Unifying Epistemic and Practical Rationality,” Seminar Series in Epistemology, Goethe University Frankfurt.
- 2021 “Can Arbitrary Beliefs Be Rational?,” Aarhus University.
“Can Arbitrary Beliefs Be Rational?,” Asian Epistemology Network.
- 2020 “Immodesty, Arbitrary Belief, and Epistemic Luck,” Brown Epistemology Reading Group.^I
“Does Rationality Demand Higher-Order Certainty?” Conference on Higher-Order Evidence, Southampton University (cancelled due to COVID-19).^I
“People Worth Trusting Admit to What They Don’t Know.” Aarhus University.
“People Worth Trusting Admit to What They Don’t Know.” Annual Meeting of the Danish Philosophical Society, University of Southern Denmark.
- 2019 “Does Rationality Demand Higher-Order Certainty?” Aarhus University.
“On Belief Gambles.” SLLERG seminar, MIT.
“Does Rationality Demand Higher-Order Certainty?” MATTI seminar, MIT.
- 2018 “Does Rationality Demand Higher-Order Certainty?” Aarhus University.
“Does Rationality Demand Higher-Order Certainty?” Workshop on The Significance of Higher-Order Evidence, University of Cologne.^R
“Epistemic Risk Aversion.” Copenhagen University.
“Higher-Order Defeat and the Impossibility of Self-Misleading Evidence.” University of Cologne.^I
“Bayesianism for Average Joe” (w/ J. C. Bjerring). Normative Notions Formalized Workshop, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy.^I
- 2017 “Higher-Order Defeat and the Impossibility of Self-Misleading Evidence.” Mathematical Philosophy Student Society at MCMP, Ludwig Maximilian University.
“Reconciling Enkrasia and Higher-Order Defeat.” 7th Annual Edinburgh Graduate Epistemology Conference, University of Edinburgh.^R

- “Group Disagreement and Belief Aggregation.” Workshop on Groups and Disagreement, Copenhagen University.^I
- “Reconciling Enkrasia and Higher-Order Defeat.” Aarhus University.
- “Modal Semantics for Inferentialists.” Workshop on the Pittsburgh School of Philosophy, Aarhus University.
- 2016 “How to be an Equal Weight Theorist About Disagreement.” NordPhil Conference 2016, Uppsala University.^R
- “How to be an Equal Weight Theorist About Disagreement.” Annual Meeting of the Danish Philosophical Society 2016, Copenhagen University.
- 2015 “Peer Disagreement and Higher-Order Defeat.” Workshop on the Epistemology of Disagreement, Copenhagen University.^I
- “Solving the Problem of Logical Omniscience” (w/ J. C. Bjerring). Aarhus University.
- “Counterpossibles and the Nature of Impossible Worlds.” NordPhil Conference 2015, University of Oslo.^R
- “Dynamic Epistemic Logic and Logical Omniscience.” Annual Meeting of the Danish Philosophical Society 2015, Aarhus University.

Commentaries

- 2021 Sophie Horowitz, “Learning to Guess Right,” Cologne Knowledge Router.
- 2018 Respondent-at-large, Conference on Rationality and Reasonableness, University of Cologne.

Teaching

Full responsibility

- 2020 “Philosophical Methodology,” BA level, Aarhus University.
- “Bayesian Epistemology” (co-taught w/ J. C. Bjerring), MA level, Aarhus University.
- 2019 “Coherence Norms of Belief” (co-taught w/ J. C. Bjerring), MA level, Aarhus University.
- 2018 “What Should I Believe?” (co-taught w/ A. Steglich-Petersen), MA level, Aarhus University.

Teaching assistantships

- 2019 “Philosophical Methodology.” BA level, Aarhus University.
- 2017 “Epistemology and Philosophy of Science.” BA level, Aarhus University.
- 2016 “Logic and Critical Thinking.” BA level, Aarhus University.
- “Philosophical Logic.” BA level, Aarhus University.

- 2015 “Epistemology and Philosophy of Science.” BA level, Aarhus University.
 “Logic and Critical Thinking.” BA level, Aarhus University.
- 2014 “Logic and Critical Thinking.” BA level, Aarhus University.
- 2013 “Logic and Critical Thinking.” BA level, Aarhus University.

Other teaching

- 2017 “Basic Concepts in Logic.” Single lecture, Mathematical Philosophy Student Society at MCMP, Ludwig Maximilian University.
 “On Absolutely Everything.” Single lecture, extracurricular student activity, Aarhus University.
 “A Bayesian’s Guide to Divine Fine-Tuning.” Single lecture, extracurricular student activity, Aarhus University.
- 2016 “Higher-Order Evidence.” Guest lecture, MA level, Aarhus University.
 “A Brief History of Analytic Philosophy.” Guest lecture, BA level, Aarhus University.

Public outreach

- 2019 Lecturer, “Logic for Beginners.” Danish University Extension, Copenhagen.
 Lecturer, “Logic for Beginners.” Danish University Extension, Aarhus.
 Moderator, “Algorithms and the Hippocratic Oath.” Panel debate organized by Think Technology, Aarhus.
- 2018 On-stage interview at the 2018 Elite Research Award Ceremony.
- 2016 Lecturer, “Religious Disagreement.” Organized by DKG, Aarhus.

Academic service

Refereeing

Analysis, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Episteme, Ergo, Erkenntnis, Inquiry, Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Journal of the American Philosophical Association, Journal of Philosophy, Logic and Logical Philosophy, Mind, Oxford Bibliographies, Philosophers’ Imprint, Philosophia, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophical Studies, Philosophy, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophy & Technology, Synthese.

Conference and seminar organization

- 2014 Organizer of BA Philosophy Student Conference, Aarhus University.
- 2013-16 Co-organizer of “logic study café,” Aarhus University.

Departmental work

- 2018 Member of departmental committee for alleviating gender imbalances in philosophy, Aarhus University.
- 2017 Member of departmental committee for implementing digital learning methods in philosophy, Aarhus University.

Awards, grants, and scholarships

- 2018 Elite Research Travel Grant, awarded by the Danish Ministry of Higher Education and Science (approx. 30,000 USD).
Coverage to attend the 2018 International Rationality Summer Institute (IRSI2).
- 2016 4-year PhD scholarship in philosophy, Aarhus University.
- 2014 Erasmus scholarship to visit the Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews).