

SAMUEL KIMPTON-NYE

AOS: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science

AOC: Aesthetics, Early Modern, Epistemology, Logic, Philosophy of Mind

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Bristol Research associate on the ERC funded MetaScience project	2020-Present
New College of the Humanities Lecturer in Philosophy	2019
Imperial College London Research Assistant on the CREATE project investigating analytic reasoning (https://www.iarpa.gov/index.php/research-programs/create)	2019
King's College London Teaching Fellow in Philosophy	2018-2019
King's College London Library Services Study Skills Leader	2015-2018
King's College London Graduate Teaching Assistant	2014-2017

EDUCATION

PhD King's College London, Philosophy Dissertation: "Common Ground for Laws and Modality" Pass without corrections Supervised By: Jessica Leech, Eleanor Knox Examined by: Barbara Vetter (<i>Freie Universität</i> Berlin), Matthew Tugby (Durham)	2018
MPhil King's College London, Philosophy Thesis: "In Defence of Scientific Essentialism" Supervised By: Eleanor Knox, Christopher Hughes Examined by: Alastair Wilson (Birmingham), Luke Fenton-Glynn (UCL)	2015
BA Birkbeck, University of London, Philosophy Thesis: "Counterfactuals and Closeness of Worlds" (supervised by Keith Hossack) First Class	2013

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Forthcoming* ‘Reconsidering the Dispositional Essentialist Canon’. *Philosophical Studies*. ([Penultimate Draft](#))
- Forthcoming* ‘Can Hardcore Actualism Validate S5?’. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/phpr.12656>
- 2020 ‘Necessary Laws and the Problem of Counterlegals’. *Philosophy of Science* 87 (3): 518-35.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/708710>
- 2018 ‘Hardcore Actualism and Possible Non-Existence’. *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy* 7 (2): 122-31.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/tht3.377>
- 2017 ‘Humean Laws in an unHumean World’. *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* 3 (2): 129-47.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/apa.2017.19>

Book Reviews

- 2020 ‘The Nature of Contingency: Quantum Physics as Modal Realism’. *The Philosophical Quarterly*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqaa043>

Public Philosophy

- 2020 ‘Forking Paths—on the Logic and Metaphysics of What Might Have Been’. LSE Forum for Philosophy.
<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/theforum/forking-paths/>

WORK IN PROGRESS

Invited contribution on *laws of nature* to “The SAGE Encyclopedia of Theory in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics”, edited by James Mattingly (Georgetown).

A paper about the epistemology of modality

A paper about the modal status of natural laws

A paper about the metaphysics of functional laws, conservation laws and symmetries

HONOURS AND AWARDS

LAHP Doctoral Studentship Fees and stipend	2015-2018
Jacobsen Prize in Philosophy Paper title: 'Leibniz and Counterpart Theory' £750	2015
Prize for Highest Achieving MPhilStud Student Department of Philosophy, King's College London £200	2015
Sorabji Bursary Department of Philosophy, King's College London £1000	2014
Cyril Joad Prize Department of Philosophy, Birkbeck, University of London Prize for highest achieving undergraduate £500	2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University Lecturing and Tutoring

Philosophical Logic Course lecturer and 1-1 tutorial leader, New College of the Humanities	2019
Twelve Great Moments in Philosophy Course leader (lectures and seminars), New College of the Humanities Topics included: ancient Greek philosophy; early modern metaphysics, epistemology and political philosophy; Marx, Nietzsche, Freud; 20 th century analytic philosophy; Existentialism.	2019
Belief and Decision Under Uncertainty (for medical students) Seminar Leader, King's College London	2019
Metaphysics Lecturer, Seminar Leader, King's College London	2019, 2017, 2014
Philosophy of Mind	2018

Seminar Leader, King's College London	
Neuroscience and the Mind	2018
Seminar Leader, King's College London	
Aesthetics (MA)	2018, 2017, 2016
Seminar Leader, King's College London	
Epistemology	2015, 2014
Seminar Leader, King's College London	
<i>Other</i>	
PhD Supervision	2020
Involvement with the supervision of a PhD thesis on metaphysics and the philosophy of biology at the University of Bristol	
MA Viva Examiner	2019
Aesthetics, New College of the Humanities	
MA Dissertation Supervision	2018/19
Metaphysics/Philosophy of Physics, King's College London	
Academic Writing Skills	2015-2018
King's College London Library Services	
Realising Opportunities	2013/14
Tutor on the mentoring programme for post-16 students from backgrounds that are underrepresented in higher education: www.realisingopportunities.ac.uk	
Personal Tuition	2013/14
Undergraduate-level formal logic	

CONFERENCES AND TALKS

Durham Metaphysics Graduate Conference	2021
University of Durham	
Talk on the modal status of laws of nature	
British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference	2020
https://padlet.com/bspsassistant/i9id7p3zsuwqmgr	
Talk on the modal status of laws of nature	
Formal Ontology and Metaphysics of Science	2020

University of Bristol

[Talk on the metaphysics of properties and laws of nature](#)

Cognitive Sciences Research Group 2020

New College of the Humanities

Talk on the metaphysics of properties and laws of nature

Metaphysical Explanation in Science 2019

University of Birmingham

Commentary on a talk on mathematical explanation

Edgington Lectures 2016

Birkbeck College, University of London

Paper title: "Necessary Laws and the Problem of Counterlegals"

KCL-Humboldt Graduate Conference 2016

Humboldt University

Paper title: "Necessary Laws and the Problem of Counterlegals"

Birkbeck Philosophy Cumberland Lodge Weekend 2013

Cumberland Lodge

Paper title: "Closeness of Worlds and the Analysis of Counterfactuals"

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Conference Organization 2020

Part of the local organizing team for the 2020 meeting of the Society for The Metaphysics of Science

Journal Referee 2017-2020

I have reviewed for *Mind*, *Philosophical Studies*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *Ergo*, *Theoria*, *Synthese*, and others

Reading Group Convener 2016-2019

Convener of a London philosophy of science reading group

Student Rep 2016-2017

KCLSU elected representative for postgraduate research students in the department of philosophy, King's College London

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Ongoing Training and Peer Review 2014-2019

In my role as Lecturer at New College of the Humanities
and in my roles as Teaching Fellow and
Graduate Teaching Assistant at King's College London

Study Skills Support Training

2015-2018

Ongoing training in my role as Study Skills Leader for King's
College London library Services

Preparing to Teach in HE

2014

Intensive two-day course administered by *King's Academy*

REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. Barbara Vetter

Freie Universität Berlin
PhD Examiner

Dr. Jessica Leech

King's College London
PhD Supervisor

Prof. Alexander Bird

King's College London
Colleague and Mentor

Dr. Matthew Tugby

University of Durham
PhD Examiner

Dr. Eleanor Knox

King's College London
MPhil and PhD Supervisor

Prof. Matthew Soteriou

King's College London
Teaching Reference