

# DR SAMUEL KIMPTON-NYE

AOS: Metaphysics, Philosophy of Science,

AOC: Early Modern History of Philosophy, Epistemology, Logic, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Medicine

Teaching: Aesthetics, Ethics, General History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Gender and Race, Political Philosophy

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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<b>King's College London</b> Lecturer in Philosophy	2023-4
<b>University of Bristol</b> Research Associate on the ERC funded MetaScience Project	2020-2023
<b>New College of the Humanities</b> Lecturer in Philosophy	2019
<b>Imperial College London</b> Research Assistant on the CREATE project investigating analytic reasoning ( <a href="https://www.iarpa.gov/index.php/research-programs/create">https://www.iarpa.gov/index.php/research-programs/create</a> )	2019
<b>King's College London</b> Teaching Fellow in Philosophy (AKA "Lecturer (AEP)")	2018-2019
<b>King's College London Library Services</b> Study Skills Leader	2015-2018
<b>King's College London</b> Graduate Teaching Assistant	2014-2017

## EDUCATION

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<b>PhD</b> 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
<b>MPhil</b> 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
<b>BA</b> Birkbeck, University of London, Philosophy Thesis: "Counterfactuals and Closeness of Worlds" (supervised by Keith Hossack)	2013

First Class, Winner of the Cyril Joad Prize

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer Reviewed Journal Articles*

(cited 104 times, h-index of 7, i10-index of 4, according to Google Scholar)

1. Forthcoming. 'On Some Objections to Powers-BSAs'. *The Philosophical Quarterly*. <https://philpapers.org/rec/KIMOSO>
2. Forthcoming. 'Debating Powers: Where the Real Puzzle Lies'. *Inquiry*. <https://philpapers.org/rec/KIMDPW>
3. 2023. 'How to be a Powers Theorist about Functional Laws, Conservation Laws and Symmetries'. *Philosophical Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-022-01903-5>
4. 2022. 'Pandispositionalism and the Metaphysics of Powers'. *Synthese*. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11229-022-03857-x>
5. 2022. 'Laws of Nature: Necessary and Contingent'. *The Philosophical Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqab062>
6. 2021. 'Reconsidering the Dispositional Essentialist Canon'. *Philosophical Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11098-021-01607-2>.
7. 2021. 'Can Hardcore Actualism Validate S5?' *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/phpr.12656>.
8. 2020. 'Necessary Laws and the Problem of Counterlegals'. *Philosophy of Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/708710>.
9. 2018. 'Hardcore Actualism and Possible Non-Existence'. *Thought: A Journal of Philosophy*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/tht3.377>.
10. 2017. 'Humean Laws in an UnHumean World'. *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/apa.2017.19>.

### *Book*

11. 2023. 'Dispositions and Powers'. Published by **Cambridge University Press** for the *Cambridge Elements in Metaphysics* series (coauthored with Toby Friend). 2023.

### *Book Reviews*

12. 2020. 'The Nature of Contingency: Quantum Physics as Modal Realism', Alastair Wilson. *The Philosophical Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/pq/pqaa043>.
13. 2023. 'A Case for Necessitarianism', Amy Karofsky. *Philosophy*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0031819123000335>

***Invited Contributions***

14. Forthcoming. 'Laws of Nature (Scientific)' in *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Theory in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, edited by James Mattingly (Georgetown). <http://www.samuelkimpton-nye.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Laws-Scientific.pdf>

***Public Philosophy***

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

**HONOURS AND AWARDS**

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

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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***University Lecturing and Tutoring***

<b>Early Modern, Leibniz and Spinoza (Course Leader)</b> Level 5 UG course at King's College London	Spring 2024
<b>Philosophy of Medicine (Course Leader)</b> MA level course at King's College London	Autumn 2023

<b>Epistemology II (Course Leader)</b> Level 5 UG/MA course at King's College London	Autumn 2023
<b>Epistemology and Metaphysics (Co-Course Leader)</b> MA level course at the University of Bristol	Spring 2023
<b>Epistemology and Metaphysics (Seminar Tutor)</b> MA level course at the University of Bristol <b>Topics included:</b> Social Ontology Race and Gender Trust and Expert Testimony The Epistemology of Diversity	2020
<b>Philosophical Logic (Course Leader)</b> New College of the Humanities	2019
<b>Twelve Great Moments in Philosophy (Course Leader)</b> New College of the Humanities <b>Topics included:</b> Ancient Greek Philosophy Early Modern Metaphysics, Epistemology, Political Philosophy and Ethics Marx, Nietzsche, Freud 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Analytic Philosophy Existentialism and Philosophy of Gender.	2019
<b>Belief and Decision Under Uncertainty (for medical students) (Seminar Tutor)</b> King's College London <b>Topics included:</b> Evidence-Based Medicine Bayesian Epistemology Defining "Disease" Causation	2019
<b>Metaphysics (Seminar Tutor, Lecturer)</b> King's College London	2019, 2017, 2014
<b>Philosophy of Mind (Seminar Tutor)</b> King's College London	2018
<b>Neuroscience and the Mind (Seminar Tutor)</b> King's College London	2018
<b>Aesthetics (MA) (Seminar Tutor)</b> King's College London	2018, 2017, 2016
<b>Epistemology (Seminar Tutor)</b> King's College London	2015, 2014

## *Other*

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

## **CONFERENCES AND TALKS**

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<b>Society for the Metaphysics of Science (peer reviewed)</b> Bristol Talk title: "Modal anti-realism: the really poisoned pawn"	2022
<b>Society for the Metaphysics of Science (peer reviewed)</b> Online Talk title: "How to be a Powers Theorist about Functional Laws, Conservation Laws and Symmetries"	2021
<b>European Philosophy of Science Association (peer reviewed)</b> University of Turin Talk title: "Common Ground for Laws and Modality"	2021
<b>Durham Metaphysics Graduate Conference (peer reviewed)</b> University of Durham Talk on necessity and possibility	2021
<b>Emergence in the Natural Sciences Seminar Series (invited)</b> University of Lisbon Talk title: Pandispositionalism (video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOtiUDs6Rxc&amp;t=2s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOtiUDs6Rxc&amp;t=2s</a> )	2021
<b>FramePhys/MetaScience Workshop (invited)</b> Online Talk on the modal status of laws of nature (video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0vjqVjiW98&amp;t=520s">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0vjqVjiW98&amp;t=520s</a> )	2021

<p><b>British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference (peer reviewed)</b>  <a href="https://padlet.com/bspsassistant/i9id7p3zsuwqmggr">https://padlet.com/bspsassistant/i9id7p3zsuwqmggr</a>          Talk on the modal status of laws of nature</p>	2020
<p><b>Formal Ontology and Metaphysics of Science (invited)</b>          University of Bristol          Talk on the metaphysics of properties and laws of nature</p>	2020
<p><b>Cognitive Sciences Research Group (invited)</b>          New College of the Humanities          Talk on the metaphysics of properties and laws of nature</p>	2020
<p><b>Metaphysical Explanation in Science (peer reviewed)</b>          University of Birmingham          Commentary on a talk on mathematical explanation</p>	2019
<p><b>Edgington Lectures (peer reviewed)</b>          Birkbeck College, University of London          Paper title: “Necessary Laws and the Problem of Counterlegals”</p>	2016
<p><b>KCL-Humboldt Graduate Conference (peer reviewed)</b>          Humboldt University          Paper title: “Necessary Laws and the Problem of Counterlegals”</p>	2016
<p><b>Birkbeck Philosophy Cumberland Lodge Weekend (invited)</b>          Cumberland Lodge          Paper title: “Closeness of Worlds and the Analysis of Counterfactuals”</p>	2013

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## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### Podcast

Condensed Matter: Condensing recent work in metaphysics and the philosophy of science down to what matters. <https://condensedmatter.buzzsprout.com/>

### Forum for Philosophy

Forking Paths: on the philosophy and logic of what might have been.  
<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/theforum/forking-paths/>

### Guest appearance on “Daniel and Jorge Explain the Universe”

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/could-aliens-teach-us-science/id1436616330?i=1000566601404>

### MetaScience Events

Organization of various conferences and a panel discussion among other activities.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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<b>Conference Organization</b> Part of the local organizing team for the 2022 meeting of the Society for The Metaphysics of Science	2022
<b>Journal Referee</b> I have reviewed for <i>Mind</i> , <i>Philosophical Studies</i> , <i>The Philosophical Quarterly</i> , <i>Ergo</i> , <i>Theoria</i> , <i>Synthese</i> , <i>Analysis</i> and others	Ongoing
<b>Reading Group Convener</b> Convener of a London philosophy of science reading group	2016-2019
<b>Student Rep</b> KCLSU elected representative for postgraduate research students in the department of philosophy, King's College London	2016-2017

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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<b>Ongoing Training and Peer Review</b> King's College London, University of Bristol, New College of the Humanities	2014-present
<b>Study Skills Support Training</b> Ongoing training in my role as Study Skills Leader for King's College London library Services	2015-2018
<b>Preparing to Teach in HE</b> Intensive two-day course administered by <i>King's Academy</i>	2014