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### Education

- 2007 Ph.D. in Philosophy, with "*Menció de Doctor Europeu*". University of Barcelona.  
2003 D.E.A., Advanced Research Diploma (M.Phil.). University of Barcelona.  
2001 Licenciatura de Filosofía (B.A. in Philosophy). University of Barcelona.

### Positions Held

- 2007—RCUK Academic Fellow, Lecturer. University of Stirling.  
2007 (June-August) *Beatriu de Pinós* Postdoctoral Researcher, CMM, University of Leeds.

### Associate Fellowships

- 2007—*Logos Research Group*, Barcelona.  
2010—*Northern Institute of Philosophy*, Aberdeen.

### Research Interests

- AoS: Metaphysics and Epistemology of Modality.  
AoC: Ontology, Persistence, Philosophy of Mathematics and Logic, Formal Logic, Philosophy of Language and Epistemology.

### Prizes

- 2008 • José Manuel Blecua Prize, awarded by the University of Barcelona's "*Consell Social*", to the best published paper derived from a Ph.D. thesis defended at the University of Barcelona between 1/01/03 and 31/12/07 in the Social Sciences and Humanities. Awarded paper: 'Peacocke's principle-based account of modality: 'Flexibility of origins' Plus S4', *Erkenntnis*, vol.65/3: 405-426.  
• Premi Extraordinari de Doctorat (Ph.D. Prize), to the best Ph.D. thesis defended at the University of Barcelona in the area of Logic and Analytic Philosophy between 2004 and 2007.  
2002 • Premi Extraordinari de Llicenciatura (BA Honors Prize), University of Barcelona.

### Grants and Fellowships

- 07-12 • RCUK Academic Fellowship, University of Stirling. Research Councils UK funds.  
2007 • *Beatriu de Pinós* Outgoing Postdoctoral Fellowship. Catalan Government funds. Host institution: CMM, Leeds. (21 of 24 months renounced.)  
06-07 • Research Projects Assistant Fellowship. University of Barcelona.  
02-05 • FPU Pre-doctoral Fellowship. Spanish Ministry of Education.  
2001 • Research Assistant Fellowship. University of Barcelona.

### Publications

#### Journal Articles

- Forth.* • 'Essentialist Blindness would not preclude counterfactual knowledge', *Philosophia Scientiae*. Special Issue on *Modalities: semantics and epistemology*.  
2011 • 'Modal Knowledge and Counterfactual Knowledge', *Logique et Analyse*, 54/216:  
• 'Conceivability and *de re* modal knowledge', *Noûs*, vol.45/1: 22-49.  
• 'Essential Properties and Individual Essences', *Philosophy Compass*, vol.6/1: 65-77.  
• 'Essentialism vis-à-vis *Possibilia*, Modal Logic, and Necessitism', *Philosophy Compass*, vol.6/1: 54-64.  
2010 • 'Modal epistemology, modal concepts, and the Integration Challenge', *Dialectica*, vol. 64/3: 335-361.  
2006 • 'Peacocke's Principle-Based Account: Flexibility of Origin plus S4', *Erkenntnis*, vol.65/3: 405-426.  
• 'Rohbraugh and deRosset on the Necessity of Origin' (with Ross Cameron), *Mind*, vol.115/458: 361-366.

### Papers in Proceedings

- 2007 • 'Mind-Independence and Modal Empiricism', *Proceedings of the 4th Latin Meeting in Analytic Philosophy*, Carlo Penco (Ed.): 117-135.
- 2006 • 'Modal Epistemology, and the deficits of the 'Rationalist Project'', *Proceedings for the V CSLMFC Conference*, 201-204.

### Book Chapter

*Forth.* • 'Introducción a la Modalidad'. To appear in *Cuestiones de Metafísica*, Josep Ll. Prades (Ed.). Madrid: Tecnos. (2012).

### Book Review

2009 • 'Review of P. Mackie's *How Things Might Have Been*, OUP 2006', *Philosophical Review*, vol. 118/2: 266-269.

### Works in Progress

- Counterfactual-based epistemologies of modality: A call for pessimism Submitted
- Conflation, Primitive Modality, and the Humean Intuition In preparation; late stages
- Rethinking Origin Essentialism In preparation; late stages
- On the epistemology of essence In preparation; early stages
- Prospects for Modal Empiricism In preparation; early stages

### Teaching; current and last three years

- 11-12 • PY5103 (SASP). Research Methods. Leader of the *Lewis' On the Plurality of Worlds* group.  
• PY5402 (SASP). Advanced Epistemology
- 10-11 • PHI9LB (Stirling). Metaphysics.
- 09-10 • PY5103 (SASP). Research Methods. Leader of the *Lewis' On the Plurality of Worlds* group.  
• PHI9XA (Stirling). Electives: The Possible and the Necessary.  
• PHI9XB (Stirling). Electives.  
• PY5402 (SASP). Advanced Epistemology (co-taught with Philip Ebert).
- 08-09 • PY5103 (SASP). Research Methods. Leader of the *Lewis' On the Plurality of Worlds* group.  
• PHI9XB (Stirling). Electives.

### Invited Talks

(C)onference; (W)orkshop; (S)eminar

- 2012 (C) (July). Paper title TBA. Reality Making, Nottingham.  
(W) (May). Paper title TBA. PERSP Workshop, Barcelona.  
(S) (March). Paper title TBA. Seminars series on the epistemology of modality, Aarhus.  
(C) (March). Paper title TBA. Metaphysical Knowledge, Paris.  
(W) (February) 'On rationalist epistemologies of essential truths'. The Epistemology of modality, Cologne.
- 2011 (W) 'On meeting the *Integration Challenge* for logic', The Epistemology of logic, St. Andrews.  
(W) 'On the epistemology of essence'. The metaphysics and epistemology of essence and exemplification, Geneva.  
(C) 'On the epistemology of essence'. Metaphysics, Modality and Mathematics: Themes from the work of Bob Hale, Sheffield.  
(C) 'Representation *de re*, Conflation, and Primitive Modality'. Another world is Possible: A conference on David Lewis, Urbino.  
(W) 'Cognitive requirements for counterfactual-knowledge: One semantics, two competing views'. Research(es) in Epistemology, Lisbon.  
(W) 'Representation *de re*, Conflation and Primitive Modality'. Grounding, Essence and Modality, Glasgow.  
(S) 'On the epistemology of essence'. LanCog Seminar, Lisbon.  
(S) 'Counterfactual-based epistemologies of modality: A call for pessimism'. Nottingham VSS, Nottingham.
- 2010 (C) 'Counterfactual Knowledge with Essentialist Blindness'. Modalities: Semantics and Epistemology, Nancy.  
(S) 'Counterfactual Knowledge with Essentialist Blindness', Sheffield VSS, Sheffield.  
(S) 'Four small problems in metaphysics', PERSP Metaphysics Seminar, Barcelona.  
(S) 'Counterfactual Knowledge with Essentialist Blindness', Jowett Society, Oxford.  
(S) 'Modal epistemology, modal concepts, and the Integration Challenge'. NIP Basic Knowledge Seminar, Aberdeen.  
(S) 'Judith Thomson's 'The statue and the clay'', Institut d'Estudis Catalans, Barcelona.  
(S) 'Introduction to Modality and its epistemology', Glasgow Philosophy Society, Glasgow.  
(S) 'The deficits of counterfactual-based epistemologies', London Logic and Metaphysics Forum, London.
- 2009 (S) 'Conceivability and *de re* modal knowledge', Aberdeen VSS, Aberdeen.  
(S) 'The Williamson-Kment tandem on Modal epistemology'. Logos Research Seminar, Barcelona.

- 2008 (W) 'Modal Knowledge and Counterfactual Knowledge', Scots Phil Club, Stirling.  
 (S) 'Is modal knowledge a special case of counterfactual knowledge?', Stirling VSS, Stirling.
- 2007 (W) 'Modal Empiricism and Mind-Independence', Barcelona-Heidelberg Bilateral Meeting, Heidelberg.  
 (W) 'Modal Empiricism and Mind-Independence'. Latin Meeting for Analytic Philosophy, Genoa.  
 (S) 'Mind Independence and Modal Empiricism'. Glasgow VSS, Glasgow.

## Services to the Profession and Professional Development

### Academic Committee

- *Graduate Advisory Group for the Arts*, University of Stirling, (2009—).
- *Researchers Task Group*, University of Stirling, (2009-2010).
- *Departmental Council*, Postgraduate Students representative. Department of Logic, History and Philosophy of Science, University of Barcelona. Representative of PhD students. (2004-2006)

### Conference Organization

- *III Stirling-Logos Workshop*. (2010)
- *II Stirling-Logos Workshop*. Co-organizer with Oscar Cabaco, Barcelona, (2009).
- *I Stirling-Logos Workshop*. Co-organizer with Philip Ebert, Stirling, (2008).
- *IX TIF* (Graduate Conference). Co-organizer with Albert Escriu, Girona, (2007).

### Editorial Board

- *Disputatio* (2008—)

### Other administrative duties

- Departmental Research Officer, Philosophy, Stirling; with an emphasis on EU funding opportunities, (2008—).

### Referee Tasks

*Dialectica*, *Disputatio*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Noûs*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Ratio*, *Teorema*, *Theoria*.

### Scientific Committee

- *TIF annual graduate conference*, (2007—).
- *Barcelona Workshop on Issues in the Theory of Reference*, (2008).

### Professional Development

- *Teaching in Higher Education*. 4-day course; University of Stirling.
- *Effective Research Supervision*, Sessions 1-3. 3-day course; University of Stirling.
- *European Science Foundation Funding Opportunities*, Sessions 1-3. 1-day course, University of Stirling.
- *European Funding Opportunities*. 1 day course, University of Stirling.
- *Writing Funding Applications*. 1/2 day course, University of Stirling.
- *ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grants*. 1/2 day course, Strathclyde University.
- *ERC Advanced Researcher Grants*. 1/2 day course, Strathclyde University.