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***AOS* –** Metaphysics; Philosophy of Science; Epistemology

***AOC*** – Philosophy of Mind; Pragmatism

***Current Position:***

2020-2023: PhD ResearcheronERC Horizon 2020 Project “A Framework for Metaphysical Explanation in Physics” (FraMEPhys), University of Birmingham

***Education:***

2020-2023: PhD Philosophy, University of Birmingham (Sup: Alastair Wilson – Ongoing)

2018-2020: MPhil/PhD Philosophy, King’s College London (Sup: Alexander Bird - Withdrawn)

2016-2017: MPhil Philosophy, University of Cambridge (Pass)

2014-2015: MA Philosophy, University of Kent (Distinction)

2011-2014: BA Philosophy, University of Kent (1st Class Hons)

***Publications:***

1. “Plumbing metaphysical explanatory depth”, *Philosophical Studies* (forthcoming)
2. “Understanding and scientific progress: lessons from epistemology”, *Synthese* (2022) [https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-022-03501-8]
3. “A defence of manipulationist noncausal explanation: The case for intervention-liberalism”, *Erkenntnis* (2021) [https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-021-00497-4]

***Work in Progress:***

1. Uncomfortable bedfellows? A pragmatist guide to ground – Under review
2. It ain’t that deep: Metaphysics and the problem of progress – Under review
3. Interventionism, explanatory knowledge and understanding – Under review

***Academic Achievements and Awards:***

2020 - Full ERC Doctoral Scholarship, University of Birmingham - £61,500 awarded.

2020 - Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, King’s College London - nominated by students.

2019 - Peter Goldie Award, King’s College London - £2000 awarded.

2019 - Full ERC Doctoral Scholarship, University of Bristol – declined.

2015 - MA Philosophy Prize, University of Kent – highest marks in cohort.

2014 - Graduate School Scholarship, University of Kent – £1000 awarded.

***Selected Talks:***

* *25/10/2022 – Workshop on Alexander Bird’s “Knowing Science” – University of Kent*
* *09/09/2022 – Minimal Metaphysics Workshop – University of Konstanz*
* *07/09/2022 – Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference – University of Bristol*
* *27/07/2022 – Emergence and Reduction in Science and Metaphysics Workshop – University of Lisbon*
* *07/07/2022 – British Society for the Philosophy of Science Annual Conference – University of Exeter*
* *20/06/2022 – Themes from James Woodward Workshop – University of Birmingham*
* *21/09/2021 – Explanation Between Logic and Philosophy Workshop – IHPST Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne*
* *01/09/2021 – Society for the Metaphysics of Science Annual Conference - Online*
* *16/07/2021 – Difference-Making and Explanatory Relevance Workshop – University of Hamburg*

***Teaching:***

2019-2020 – King’s College London, Department of Philosophy

* *Semester 1:* Philosophy of Science, three seminar groups (6AANA026, convenor: Alexander Bird)
* *Semester 2*: Metaphysics, four seminar groups (4AANA004, convenor: Alexander Bird)

***Academic Referees:***

* *Prof Alastair Wilson* – Professor of Philosophy, University of Birmingham: a.j.wilson@bham.ac.uk
* *Prof Alexander Bird* – Bertrand Russell Professor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge: ajb368@cam.ac.uk
* *Dr Kerry McKenzie* – Associate Professor of Philosophy, UC San Diego: kmckenzie@ucsd.edu
* *Dr Michael Townsen Hicks* – Research Fellow, University of Birmingham:

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