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EDUCATION

2007	PhD Philosophy (without corrections)	University of Cambridge, Queens' College
	Examiners: Simon Blackburn, Jonathan Dancy	
	Supervisors: Edward Craig, Jane Heal	
2003	MA Philosophy (distinction)	Rhodes University, South Africa
2000	BA Honours Philosophy and English (distinction)	Rhodes University, South Africa
1999	BA Philosophy and English (distinction)	Rhodes University, South Africa

QUALIFICATIONS

2017	Habilitation Philosophy	University of Vienna, Austria
	Examiners: Sven Bernecker, Earl Conee, Pascal Engel, Erik Olsson	

APPOINTMENTS

2022	Visiting Research Professor (May-July)	Institut für Philosophie, University of Vienna
2021-	Director	African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science (ACEPS), University of Johannesburg
2019-	Professor	Philosophy, University of Johannesburg
2018-21	Head of Department	Philosophy, University of Johannesburg
2015-18	Associate Professor	Philosophy, University of Johannesburg
2009-15	Assistant Professor	Institut für Philosophie, University of Vienna
2009	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, Mexico
2007-8	Mellon Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Philosophy, Rhodes University

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Epistemology – analytic, normative, social and political, Metaethics, Practical Reason

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics, Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Race, Philosophy of Emotions, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy and Literature.

Book

2017   *Believable Evidence* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

Edited works

Forthcoming   (with R. McIntyre and S. Salem) *Pluralism, Relativism, and Skepticism*. Special Issue of *Inquiry* (Routledge).

2020   *Epistemic Decolonisation*. Special Issue of *Philosophical Papers*, 49 (2).

2018   *The Factive Turn in Epistemology* (Cambridge University Press) - Reviewed by Notre Dame Reviews

Papers

Forthcoming   Replies to Critics. *Asian Journal of Philosophy*.

Forthcoming   Taking the Sociality of Knowledge Seriously. *Asian Journal of Philosophy*.

2021   A New Argument for the Non-Instrumental Value of Truth. *Erkenntnis*. DOI: 10.1007/s10670-021-00435-4.

2021   How to Decolonise Knowledge without Too Much Relativism. In Khumalo, S. (Ed.) *Decolonisation as Democratisation*. (pp. 24-47, Cape Town: HSRC Press).

2020   Decolonising Knowledge Here and Now. *Philosophical Papers*, 49 (2): 191-212.

2020   Explanatory Injustice and Epistemic Agency. *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*, 23 (5): 707-722.

2019   Either Epistemological or Metaphysical Disjunctivism. In Doyle, C., Milburn, J., and Pritchard, D. H. (Eds.) *New Issues in Epistemological Disjunctivism* (pp. 194-214, New York: Routledge).

2019   The Duty of Inquiry, or Why Othello Was a Fool. In Bourne, C. and Bourne, E. C. (Eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Shakespeare and Philosophy*, (pp. 311-323, London: Routledge).

2018   Introduction: The Factive Turn. In Mitova, V. (Ed.) *The Factive Turn in Epistemology* (pp. 1-12, CUP).

2016   What Do I Care about Epistemic Norms? In Grajner, M. and Schmechtig, P. (Eds.), *Epistemic Reasons, Epistemic Norms, and Epistemic Goals* (pp. 199-223, Berlin/ Boston: DeGruyter).

2016   Clearing Space for Extreme Psychologism about Reasons. *South African Journal of Philosophy* 35 (3): 293-301.

2015   Truthy Psychologism about Evidence. *Philosophical Studies* 172 (4): 1105-1126.

2012   Age and Agency. *Philosophical Papers* 41(3): 335-369.

2011   Epistemic Motivation: Towards a Metaethics of Belief. In Reisner, A. and Steglich-Petersen, A. (Eds.) *Reasons for Belief* (pp. 54-74, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

2011   Knowledge, Virtue, and Epistemic Motives. *Epistemology: Contexts, Values, Disagreement.* Kirchberg am Wechsel.

2011   La Normatividad de la Creencia. Translated by M. Fernandez. In Fernandez, M. and Valdés, M. (Eds.) *Valores Epistémicos* (pp. 325-336, México: IIFs-UNAM).

2009   A Quasi-Pragmatist Explanation of our Ethics of Belief. *Teorema*, 28 (3): 113-130.

2008   Why W. K. Clifford was a Closet Pragmatist. *Philosophical Papers,* 37 (3): 471-489.

2008   Why Pragmatic Justifications of Epistemic Norms don't Work. *South African Journal of Philosophy,* 27 (2): 141-152.

2005   The Value of Epistemic Norms. *South African Journal of Philosophy,* 24 (2): 65-76.

GRANTS

2022   URC Research Centre/Institute Grant for *The Epistemology of the Fourth Industrial Revolution*, University of Johannesburg (ZAR 440 000)

2020   Extension of Templeton grant for *Geography of Philosophy Project* (SA sub-award: USD 42 000 extra funding).

2020-21   Extension for British Academy Newton Advanced Fellowship for *Epistemic Injustice, Reasons, and Agency.*

2020   University of Johannesburg grant for *Epistemic Injustice, Decolonisation, and Rationality* (ZAR 149 940).

2020-1   (with H. Lötter and D. Takane-Maponya) UJ Teaching Innovation Grant for *Philosophy Dictionary for Africa* (ZAR 48 900).

2017-21   South African Team leader for US-based, Templeton-funded *Geography of Philosophy Project* (USD 2 000 000; SA sub-award: USD 126 960).

2018-20   (with L. Radoilska) British Academy Newton Advanced Fellowship for project *Epistemic Injustice, Reasons, and Agency*. In collaboration with University of Kent (GBP 50 982).

KEYNOTE TALKS

2022	Risky White People: The Epistemic Risks of Injustice. *The social and political dimensions of epistemic risk*. University of Seville.
2021	Epistemic Decolonisation for Today's Africa. Diversity Reading List and British Philosophical Association Online Series on Epistemic Decolonisation, LSE, UK (online).
2021	Is Epistemic Injustice White-People Stuff? Thinking at the border: Post- and decolonial theory and epistemic injustice. Oxford, UK (online).
2020	There is still hope for doxastic motivational internalism. *Metaethics and Metaepistemology*. University of Vienna (online).
2019	Either Metaphysical or Epistemological Disjunctivism. *SUK*, Philosophy Department, University of Zürich.
2019	How to decolonise knowledge without too much relativism. *2nd Annual PhiGs Workshop*, University of Kent, UK.
2017	Believable Evidence. *The Ontology of Reasons Workshop*, University of Basel, Switzerland.
2017	Reasons are Us. *Rhodes Philosophy Graduate Day*, Rhodes University, SA.

INTERVIEWS ON MY WORK

2021	Epistemic Decolonisation and Epistemic Injustice. *Socially Engaged Philosophy* with Martin Kusch.
2021	Meet the Geography of Philosophy Team. Interview by Victoria Sterling.
2020	The Decolonisation of Education. Interview on Newzroom Afrika by Cathy Mohlahlana.

INVITED TALKS (last 5 years)

Forthcoming	TBA. *African Epistemologies Advanced Seminar Series*, Institute for Humanities in Africa, University of Cape Town (online).
Forthcoming	Wilful Ignorance and Concept Travel. *The Philosophy and Global Politics of Concept Travel Workshop*, University of Basel.
Fortcoming	White Ignorance Undermines Internalism about Epistemic Blame. *Epistemic Wrongs Workshop*, University of Zürich.
Forthcoming	Epistemic Decolonisation. PhilExpo. Zürich Society for Philosophy, Switzerland.
2022	White Ignorance Undermines Internalism about Epistemic Blame. Royal Institute of Philosophy, University of Kent (online).
2022	Socialising Epistemic Risk. Philosophy Speaker Series, University of Liverpool, UK (online).
2021	Is Epistemic Injustice White-People Stuff? *6th SOAS World Philosophies Lecture*, SOAS University of London, UK (online).
2021	Motivated Irrationality, Epistemic Innocence, and White Ignorance. *The Value of Irrationality*. University of Zürich, Switzerland.
2021	Desuperiorising epistemic justice in the service of knowledge-decolonisation. *A Call for the Desuperiorization of Philosophy, and the Foundation of Superaltern Studies*, University of Paderborn, Germany (online).
2021	Decolonising Knowledge: what, why, how. *What Is Epistemic Decolonization Online Series*, LSE, UK.
2020	Moral Encroachment and the Value of Irrationality. *Philosophy Seminar*. University of Cape Town.
2020	Epistemic Decolonisation. Guest Lecture for Introduction to Philosophy. University of Cape Town.
2020	Decolonising Knowledge without Relativism. *University of Cape Town Philosophical Society*, Cape Town.
2019	Decolonising knowledge absolutely. *Philosophy Graduate Seminar*, Neuchâtel, Switzerland.
2019	Reasoning Injustice and Epistemic Objectification. *Between Belief and Ethics*. Cologne, Germany.
2019	Epistemic Decolonisation and the usefulness of Relativism. *Philosophy Speaker Series*. Wits University.
2019	Epistemic Decolonisation and the usefulness of Relativism. *Pluralism, Relativism and Skepticism*, First Annual Conference of The Middle East Society for Analytic Philosophy (MESAP), American University, Cairo, Egypt.
2018	How to Decolonise Knowledge without Too Much Relativism. *Philosophy Speaker Series*, Stellenbosch University.
2018	How to Decolonise Knowledge without Too Much Relativism. *Philosophy Speaker Series*, Rhodes University.
2018	Believable Evidence. Guest lecture on my monograph *Believable Evidence* at Postgraduate course, Rhodes University.
2018	Socialising Epistemic Reasons. *24th World Congress of Philosophy*, Peking University, Beijing, China.
2018	Warping Reasons and Shaming People. *Epistemic and Practical Rationality Workshop*, Fribourg University, Switzerland.
2017	Believable Evidence. *Habilitationskolloquium*. University of Vienna, Austria.
2017	Perspectiveless Perspectivism? *The Ontology of Reasons Workshop*, University of Basel.
2017	Truthy Psychologism about Evidence. *Philosophy Seminar Series*, Wits University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS (LAST 10 YEARS)

2022	Epistemic Blame without Relationships. *Epistemic Blame: Theory and Practice*, University of Johannesburg (UJ).
2020	Moral Encroachers and Epistemic Decolonisers Unite! *Annual Conference of the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa (PSSA)*, UKZN
2019	How to Decolonise Knowledge without Relativism. Inaugural Lecture, UJ.
2019	Epistemic Injustice and the Value of Truth. Epistemic Injustice, Reasons and Agency: 2nd conference for Newton Advanced Fellowship and *Annual SWIP Conference*, University of Kent, UK.
2019	Epistemic Injustice and the Value of Truth. *PSSA*, University of Pretoria.
2019	Explanatory Injustice. Epistemic Injustice, Reasons and Agency: 1st conference for Newton Advanced Fellowship, UJ.
2017	Epistemic Disjunctivism and Truthy Psychologism. *Annual Conference of the Philosophical Society of Southern Africa*, Rhodes University, South Africa.
2016	How to Stop Thumping the Internalist-Externalist Table. *Philosophy Spring Colloquium*, Wits University.
2016	Extreme Psychologism about Reasons. *Annual Conference of the* Philosophical Society of Southern Africa, Cintsa, S. Africa.
2015	Truthy Psychologism about Evidence. *Philosophy Spring Colloquium*, University of Cape Town.
2015	Truthy Psychologism about Evidence. *UJ Philosophy Colloquium*, University of Johannesburg.
2015	Believable Evidence. *UJ Philosophy Research Day*, University of Johannesburg.
2015	E=TB: The Smooth Turn. *The Factive Turn in Epistemology Workshop*, Vienna, Austria.
2014	Truthy Psychologism about Evidence. *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Madrid, Spain.
2013	Time-Horizon and Agency. *Power, Time, and Agency Workshop*, University of Manchester, UK.
2012	Motives for Belief - a Category Mistake? *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Bologna, Italy.
2011	Epistemic Agency and Epistemic Motivation. *European Epistemology Network Meeting*, Lund, Sweden.
2011	Knowledge, Virtue, and Epistemic Motives. 34. Internationales Wittgenstein Symposium. Erkenntnistheorie: Kontexte, Werte, Dissens, Symposium. Kirchberg, Autsria.

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2020	Best 2019 Postgraduate Teacher in the Faculty of Humanities Award, University of Johannesburg.
2019-21	British Academy Newton Advanced Fellowship, British Academy.
2018	Vice-Chancellor's Distinguished Award: Book of the Year, University of Johannesburg.
2009-15	Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Institut für Philosophie, Vienna University.
2009	Beca posdoctoral, Instituto de Investigaciones Filosóficas, UNAM, México City.
2007-8	Andrew Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow of Philosophy at Rhodes University, South Africa.
2005-6	Fellow of the Commonwealth Society.
2003-6	Commonwealth and Bill Gates Scholarships, for a PhD in Philosophy, Cambridge University.
2002	Overseas Research Studentship for King's College London (declined).
2001-2	National Research Foundation Prestigious Scholarship, for MA degree in Philosophy, Rhodes.
2001	Rhodes University Postgraduate Scholarship, Rhodes University.
2000	David Adolph Bradlow Scholarship for Top Humanities Graduate of 1999, Rhodes University.
2000	Oxford University Press Prize for Top English Honours Student, Rhodes University.
1999	Keswik Lucidity Prize for 'Michael Behe and irreducible complexity', Rhodes University.
1998	Babette Taute Honours Scholarship for English, Rhodes University.
1996-7	Fundani Scholarship for BA, Rhodes University.

International collaborations

2020-	Philosophy Department, Rutgers University, USA.
2020	Philosophy Department, Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio Grane do Sul, Brazil.
2020-	Solbridge International School Of Business, Woosong University, South Korea.
2018-	Philosophy Department, University of Zürich, Switzerland.
2018-	Philosophy Department, University of Kent, UK.
2017-9	Unit for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, European Research Council Project *The Emergence of Relativism*. PI: Prof Martin Kusch, Vienna University, Austria.
2017	British Academy Project *Reassessing Responsibility: Why Knowing What One Is Doing Matters*. PI: Dr Lubomira Radoilska, University of Kent, UK.
2017	Swiss National Foundation Project *Cognitive Irrationality*. PI: Prof Anne Meylan, University of Basel, Switzerland.
2016-22	Creator and leader of South African interdisciplinary team for US Templeton Grant Project *The Geography of Philosophy*. PIs: Stephen Stich (Rutgers University), Edouard Machery (Pittsburgh University), and Clark Barrett (UCLA).

Leadership

2021-	Director of African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science (ACEPS)
2021-	Faculty of Humanities Internationalisation working group
2018-21	Head of Philosophy Department, University of Johannesburg
2018-	Member of Senate, University of Johannesburg
2018-	Faculty of Humanities Ethics Committee, University of Johannesburg
2016-7	Co-director of the African Centre for Epistemology and Philosophy of Science (ACEPS), University of Johannesburg
2016	Co-founder of ACEPS
2016-8	Postgraduate Coordinator, Philosophy Department, University of Johannesburg

Conference organisation

2022	*Epistemic Blame: Theory and Practice*. Two-day workshop with Cameron Boult and Sebastian Schmidt, UJ.
2022	(with A. Tobi) Two-day international workshop *Epistemic Injustice* – keynote José Medina, University of Johannesburg.
2021	(with A. Tobi and C. Rybko) Two-day international workshop *The Epistemology of the Internet*, UJ (online)
2021	(with A. Tobi) Two-day international workshop *Epistemic Injustice, Reasons and Agency*, UJ (online)
2020	(with J. Reijer) 1st All-team workshop for the Geography of Philosophy Project, UJ (online)
2019	(with D. Scholtz and A. Tobi) Three-day Conference of the South African Postgraduate Philosophical Society, UJ
2019	Two-day international workshop *Epistemic Injustice*, UJ
2019	(with J. Reijer) Two-day international workshop *The Geography of Philosophy*, UJ
2017	(with C. Harris) Two-day international workshop *Responsibility, Knowledge, and Power*, UJ
2017	(with S. Vice) One-day *Wits-UJ Honours Workshop*, Wits University
2016	(with S. Vice) One-day *Wits-UJ Honours Workshop*, UJ
2015	Two-day international workshop *The Factive Turn in Epistemology*, University of Vienna
2014	(with J. Fink) One-day *First Vienna-Bratislava-Graz Graduate Workshop*, Slovakian Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia
2009	(with H. Pauer-Studer) Two-day international workshop *Rationality, Reasons, and Agency,* University of Vienna
2009	(with M. A. Fernandez) Two-day international workshop *The Normativity of Belief and Epistemic Agency,* UNAM, México City
2008	(with S. Vice) Three-day *Rhodes Philosophy Spring Colloquium*
2006	Assistant coordinator of three-day international *Conference on Dual Process Theories*, Cambridge University

Hiring/ Promotion panels and external reviewer

2021-   External member of Humanities Promotion Panel, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal

2020   External Reviewer for Promotion to Associate Professor, Philosophy, University of Ohio, US

2020   Hiring Panel for Director for Institute of Karl Mittermaier Centre for Philosophy and Economics

2018   Faculty of Humanities Headhunt for three posts, Humanities, University of Johannesburg

2017   Invited external expert at job panel for two posts (Associate Professor and Senior Lecturer) at University of Zululand

2015   NGAP post, Philosophy Department, University of Johannesburg

         Senior Lecturer, Philosophy Department, University of Johannesburg

2014   Post-doctoral researchers in European Research Council Project *The Emergence of Relativism*, Vienna

2013-4   Chair of Theoretical Philosophy, Vienna University

2013   Assistant for Chair of Epistemology and Philosophy of Science, Vienna University

Referee/ Reader

Books and proposals

Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press.

Journals

Mind, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Philosophical Studies, Canadian Journal of Philosophy, Nous, Analysis, Erkenntnis, Synthese, Epsiteme, Philosophical Quarterly, Ethical Theory and Moral Practice, The Monist, Philosophical Papers, Organon F, SA Journal of Philosophy.

Editorial Boards

2022-   *Philosophical Psychology*

2022-   *KULA: Knowledge Creation, Dissemination, and Preservation Studies*

2019-   *Argumenta* (Taylor and Francis)

2007-8   *Philosophical Papers* (Taylor and Francis)

Research groups initiated and coordinated

2021-   4IRE: Epistemology of the 4th Industrial Revolution – bi-monthly graduate research group

2021-   EDEI: Epistemic Decolonisation and Epistemic Injustice – bi-monthly graduate research group

2020-1   (with A. Tobi) monthly *Epistemic Injustice Research Group*, University of Johannesburg

2013-4   weekly *Graduate Research Group*, Vienna University

2011-2   (with M. Kusch) *Phil/Sci Workshop Series*, Vienna University

2009   weekly *Metaethics Research Group* (for staff and graduates of Investigaciones Filosóficas), UNAM, Mexico

2007   *Ethics Research Group* (for Philosophy staff), Rhodes

Undergraduate courses designed and taught

Epistemology and metaphysics

- African and Analytic Perspectives (2016, 2017)

Epistemology

- Why be a good believer? (Vienna, 2013/14)
- Intellectual Virtue (Vienna, 2011/12, 2013, 2014)
- How to be virtuous believers (Vienna, 2011)
- The sources of epistemic normativity (Vienna, 2010/2011, 2009/2010)
- Epistemic agency (Vienna, 2010)
- Epistemic Justification (Vienna, 2009/2010)
- The Value of Epistemic Norms (Cambridge, 2006)

Metaethics   Behind morality: the big questions (Vienna, 2012, 2012/13)

Moral Psychology

- Belief, rationality and the will (Vienna, 2012)
- Reason and the Passions in Action (Vienna, 2011/12)
- The rationality of emotions (Vienna, 2011)

Philosophy of language (University of Johannesburg 2015, 2016, 2017)

Critical thinking

- Rhetoric and Theory of Argumentation (Vienna, 2012/13; 2013; 2014)
- Philosophy Writing Workshops (Rhodes, 2002-3; 2007-8)

Undergraduate supervisions (Vienna)

2014   Bruckner, M. 'Sources of epistemic normativity' – obtained with distinction

Lernpaß, C. 'Why be a good believer?' – obtained with distinction

2013   Kassowitz, I. 'Knowing People' – obtained with distinction

Coposescu, D. 'Recovering Understanding in the Right Way' – obtained with distinction

Frottier, A. 'Why Knowledge should be regarded as more social than it usually is' – obtained with distinction

2012   Reiter, S. 'Morality in Hard Cases' – obtained with distinction

Postgraduate courses designed and taught

- The Ethics of Race and Transformation (Johannesburg 2018)
- Research Essay Module (Johannesburg 2016 – 2021)
- Epistemic Injustice (Johannesburg 2017, 2019, 2021)
- The Philosophy of Race (Johannesburg 2016)
- Knowledge, truth, and duty (Vienna, 2012/13)
- Epistemic Justification (Vienna, 2010/11)
- The value of knowledge (Vienna, 2010)
- Las fuentes de la normatividad epistémica (UNAM, Mexico, 2009)
- Ethics and Practical Reason (Rhodes, 2008)
- Norms, Reasons, Oughts (Rhodes, 2007)
- Literature and Ethics (Rhodes, 2003)

Postgraduate supervision

Postdoctoral Research Fellows

2022-	Nwosimiri, O. 'African Epistemology' – *in progress*
2019-	Reijner, J. 'The Geography of Philosophy' – *in progress*

PhD

2021-	Rybko, C. 'Towards an Epistemology of Google Knowledge Panels' – *in progress*
2021-	Tobi, A. T. 'Knowledge in an Online World' – *in progress*
2020-	Maponya, D. 'Decolonisation, African Feminism and the Contradiction of African Praxes' – *in progress*
2020-	Akpan, A. A. 'Decolonising Algorithms' – *in progress*
2018-20	Scholtz, D. 'The Normativity of Rationality' – *obtained*
2015-19	Swanepoel, D. 'What It Takes to Successfully Ground Rationality Norms in a Constitutive Account of Agency' – *obtained*

MA

2022-	Ellis, N. 'An ubuntu enriched epistemology for higher education' – *in progress*
2021-	Rapule, K. 'African identity and language' – *in progress*
2020-	Mackett, D. 'Artificial Intelligence and Data Mining: An Unnamed Epistemic Injustice' – *under examination*
2020-	Dladla, B. 'Credibility Excess: A subtle testimonial injustice' – *under examination*
2020-	Kubeka, N. 'Philosophy through Indigenous Languages' – *under examination*
2019-20	Tobi, A. T. 'Knowledge in the Face of Epistemic Injustice' – *obtained with distinction*
2015-16	(co-supervisor) Cohen, D. 'Towards a Contextualist Solution to the Problem of Expert Testimony' – *obtained with distinction*

Honours'

2021	Marais, K. 'Defending Humean Constructivism' – *obtained with distinction*
2021	Zwane, L. 'What are the central epistemic virtues that should characterize an ideal African Statesperson in the 21st century?' – *obtained*
2020-1	Siobo, K. 'Rationality and Emotion' – *obtained*
2020	Martins, T. 'Epistemic Injustice and Queer Theory' – *obtained*
2018	Tobi, A. T. 'Decolonisation of Science: An Ubuntu Epistemic Approach' – *obtained with distinction*
2016	Thrupp, C. 'Arguments for Substance Dualism as the most viable non-materialist theory of mind' – *obtained with distinction*