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Academic CV

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1 Areas of Specialisation

Philosophy of Science, Epistemology (esp. formal and social), Africana Philosophy

2 Areas of Competence

Social & Political Philosophy, Logic, Rational Choice Theory, W.E.B. Du Bois

3 Employment

London School of Economics

Assistant Professor, starting August 2018

Associate Professor, starting August 2020

Department of Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method

4 Education

Carnegie Mellon University

Ph.D., Logic, Computation, and Methodology, 2018

- Dissertation: “Valuing Questions”
- Committee: Kevin Zollman; Carole Lee; Teddy Seidenfeld; & David Danks

M.Sc., Logic, Computation, and Methodology, 2015

- Thesis: “The Study of Scientific Problems”
- Committee: Kevin Zollman & Carole Lee

London School of Economics

M.Sc. *Distinction*, Philosophy of Science, 2012

Thesis: “Error Theory and Deontic Modals”

Supervisor: Christian List

Warwick University

B.A. *First Class*, Philosophy, 2010

5 Publications

Remco Heesen and **Liam Kofi Bright**. Forthcoming. “Publication Bias is Bad For Science if Not Necessarily Scientists” in *Royal Society Open Science*

Marcus Arvan, **Liam Kofi Bright** and Remco Heesen. Forthcoming. “Jury Theorems for Peer Review” in *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*

Liam Kofi Bright. 2024. “Du Boisian Leadership through Standpoint Epistemology” in *The Monist* Vol.107, No.1: 82-97

Liam Kofi Bright and Remco Heesen. 2023 “To be scientific is to be communist” in *Social Epistemology* Vol.37, No.3: 249–258

Liam Kofi Bright. 2023. “White Psychodrama” in *Journal of Political Philosophy* Vol.31, No.2; 198–221

Liam Kofi Bright, Jonathan Parry, and Johanna Thoma. 2023. “The influence of private interests on research in behavioural public policy: a system-level problem” in *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* Vol.46, No.1: e150

David Kinney and **Liam Kofi Bright**. 2023. “Risk Aversion and Elite-Group Ignorance” in *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* Vol.106, No.1: 35–57

Liam Kofi Bright. 2023. “Du Bois on the Centralised Organisation of Science” in *Pluralising Philosophy’s Past*; Amber L. Griffioen & Marius Backmann (ed) Springer International Publishing; 31–43

Liam Kofi Bright, Nathan Gabriel, Cailin O’Connor, and Olúfémi O. Táíwò. 2022. “On The Stability of Racial Capitalism.” in *Ergo*

Liam Kofi Bright. 2022. “Ida B. Wells-Barnetts The Red Record” in *Neglected Classics of Philosophy - Vol. II*; Eric Schliesser (ed) Oxford University Press, 172–191

Remco Heesen and **Liam Kofi Bright**. 2021. “Is Peer Review a Good Idea?” in *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* Vol.72, No.3; 635–663
- *Appears in OUP’s 2019 list of Top 3 Articles in the British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*

Haixin Dang and **Liam Kofi Bright**. 2021. “Scientific Conclusions Need Not Be Accurate, Justified, or Believed By Their Authors” in *Synthese* Vol.199, No.3; 8187–8203

Liam Kofi Bright. 2021. “Why Do Scientists Lie?” in *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplements* Vol.89, No.1; 117–129

Eric Schwitzgebel, **Liam Kofi Bright**, Carolyn Dicey Jennings, Morgan Thompson and Eric Winsberg. 2021. “The Diversity of Philosophy Students and Faculty” in *The Philosopher’s Magazine* Vol.93, No.1: 71–90

Norheim, Ole F., Joelle M. Abi-Rached, **Liam Kofi Bright**, Kristine Bre, Octvio LM Ferraz, Siri Gloppen, and Alex Voorhoeve. 2021. “Difficult trade-offs in response to COVID-19: the case for open and inclusive decision making” in *Nature Medicine* Vol.27, No.1: 10–13

Richard Bradley and **Liam Kofi Bright**. 2020. “Managing Our Uncertainty in the Crisis” in *The Philosophers’ Magazine* Vol.90, No.1: 32–35

Bryce Huebner and **Liam Kofi Bright**. 2020. “Collective Responsibility and Fraud in Science” in *Routledge Handbook on Collective Responsibility*; Saba Bazargan-Forward & Deborah Tollefsen (eds)

Liam Kofi Bright. 2020. “Group Lies and Reflections on the Purpose of Social Epistemology” in *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* Vol.94, No.1; 209–224

Liam Kofi Bright (*Book Review*). 2019. “An Epistemic Theory of Democracy by Goodin & Spiekermann” in *Economics and Philosophy* Vol.35, No.3; 563–568

Cailin O’Connor, **Liam Kofi Bright** and Justin Bruner. 2019. “The Emergence of Intersectional Disadvantage” in *Social Epistemology* Vol.33, No.1; 23–41

Remco Heesen, **Liam Kofi Bright**, and Andrew Zucker. 2019. “Vindicating Methodological Triangulation” in *Synthese* Vol.196, No.8; 3067–3081

Liam Kofi Bright. 2018. “Du Bois’ Democratic Defence of the Value Free Ideal” in *Synthese* Vol.195, No.5; 2227–2245

Liam Kofi Bright, Haixin Dang and Remco Heesen. 2018. “A Role For Judgment Aggregation In Coauthoring Papers” in *Erkenntnis* Vol.83, No.2; 231–252

Liam Kofi Bright. 2017. “Logical Empiricists on Race” in *Studies in the History and Philosophy of Science, Part C* Vol.65, No.1; 9–18

Liam Kofi Bright. 2017. “Decision Theoretic Model of the Productivity Gap” in *Erkenntnis* Vol.82, No.2; 421 – 442

Liam Kofi Bright. 2017. “On Fraud” in *Philosophical Studies* Vol.174, No.2; 291–310
- *Appears in the 2017 Philosopher’s Annual*

Liam Kofi Bright, Daniel Malinsky, and Morgan Thompson. 2016. “Causally Interpreting Intersectionality Theory” in *Philosophy of Science* Vol.83, No.1; 60 – 81

Tina Fernandes Botts, **Liam Kofi Bright,** Myisha Cherry, Guntur Mallarangeng, and Quayshawn Spencer. 2014. “What is the State of Blacks in Philosophy?” in *Critical Philosophy of Race* Vol.2, No.2; 224–242

Liam Kofi Bright (*Conference Review*). 2011. “Formal Social Epistemology, 24-26 June” in *The Reasoner* Vol.5, No.8

6 Past and Present PhD Students

Current Students

Talita Ferrantelli

- Working on feminist legal philosophy, my work with her focuses on zetetic norms and meta-philosophy.

Korbinian Friedl

- Working on formal social epistemology, my work with him focuses on foundations of epistemology as well as socio-political uses of judgement aggregation mechanisms.

Arlene Lo

- Working on feminist philosophy of science and social epistemology, my work with her focuses on the value free ideal for scientific inquiry and its relationship to the use of scientific evidence in policy making contexts.

Somayeh Tohidi

- Working on formal epistemology for non-ideal agents, my work with her focuses on the use of statistical evidence drawn from social scientific inquiry in the context of discriminatory societies.

Stephanie Wanga

- Working on African political theory and post-colonial democracy, my work with her focuses on 20thC. African political philosophy.

Binjie Zou

- Working on philosophy of science quite broadly, my work with her focuses on social epistemology of science and science policy.

Former Students

Fabian Beigang

- Works on algorithmic use of causal modelling techniques and the socio-ethical or political consequences of how this is done, my work with him concerned methodology in causal reasoning about race.
- Graduated 2023
- Now a data scientist working with the NHS.

Margherita Harris

- Works on modelling and uncertainty management in climate science and policy, my work with her concerned robustness reasoning and the advantages of multi-method approaches.
- 2021
- Now a fellow at the Institute for Philosophy at Leibniz University Hannover

Emily C.R. Tilton

- Working on feminist philosophy and epistemology, my work with her was mainly about our various disagreements concerning standpoint epistemology and meta-philosophy.
- Graduated (from University of British Columbia: I was an external on her committee) 2023.
- She is now an assistant professor at University of Southern California and thus making more money than I ever will.

Bele Wollesen

- Working on strategy-proofness in game theory, my work with her focuses on epistemic properties of methods of judgement aggregation.
- Graduated 2024, the first student I was primary advisor for to get a PhD!
- Now a postdoctoral fellow with the ERC project on model transfer in the social sciences at Hannover.

Jingyi Wu

- Working on both philosophy of physics and at the intersection of social epistemology, network modelling, and philosophy of race and gender; my work with her focused on formal epistemology and discrimination.
- Graduated (from University of California, Irvine: I was an external on her committee) 2023.
- Now my colleague as an assistant professor of Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics!

7 Selected Presentations

“When is a Paper Wrong?”

Keynote Speaker at the 7th Perspectives on Scientific Error Workshop in University of Bern, 2025

“White Psychodrama - A Discussion”

Keynote Speaker for MAP “Panel on White Psychodrama” in Boston University, MA, 2024

“Du Boisian Alternative to Peer Review”

Keynote Speaker at the International Conference on Engaging Ethics and Epistemology in Science in Leibniz Universität Hannover, 2022

“On Tweeeting”

Keynote Speaker at “Philosophy in the Public Space” in Trinity College Dublin, 2022

“Wireduian Democracy”

What is Democracy? Theories, Practices, Values. At Nuffield College, Oxford, 2022.

“On Tranquility”

Participant in LSE Forum on the nature of tranquility, representing the Neo-Confucian view, 2022.

“On the Stability of Racial Capitalism”

Invited Speaker at Exeter College, Oxford, Race Equality seminar series, 2022

“Is Peer Review a Good Idea?”

26th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (with Remco Heesen) (Seattle, WA, USA), 2018

Symposium on topic at interdisciplinary MetaScience conference (online), 2021

“Scientific Conclusions Need Not Be True, Justified, nor Believed To Be As Much”

Invited Speaker at Pittsburgh History and Philosophy of Science Colloquium 2020

“Against the Canon”

Invited Speaker at Tilberg Talk on Broadening the Canon, 2019

“Formal Africana Philosophy and Cosmopolitan Decolonisation”

Keynote Speaker at Just Philosophy: Gender, Race, and Class in Philosophical Practice (Nottingham, UK) 2018

“The Bushel Effect in Science”

Invited Speaker at Formal Social Epistemology Workshop (Irvine, CA, USA) 2018

“Wiredu’s Relativism”

Invited Colloquium at University of Vienna (Vienna, Austria), 2017.

“An Intersectional Hypothesis Concerning Minority Group Under-Representation in Philosophy”

Keynote Speaker at Inclusion and Exclusion in Philosophy, Leibniz Universität Hannover (Hannover, Germany), 2017.

“Scientific Misconduct”

Invited Participant at Workshop: “The Invention of Lying: Language, Logic & Cognition” (Lorentz Center, Leiden, NL), 2017.

“Flexible Pedagogy as a Tool for Building an Inclusive Classroom”

Invited Speaker at Princeton MAP Workshop (with Morgan Thompson) (Princeton, NJ, USA), 2016.

“Games, Evolution, and Intersectionality”

25th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (Atlanta, GA, USA), 2016.

“Peer Review of Multiple Projects”

Invited Speaker at the Bristol Workshop on Social Epistemology (Bristol, UK), 2016.

Invited Speaker at Risk and the Culture of Science, University of Cambridge (Cambridge, UK), 2017.

“Reviewing Interdisciplinary Research”

Invited Speaker at the Empirical Methodologies Workshop at the conference of the Society for the Philosophy of Science in Practice (Rowan, NJ, USA), 2016.

Poster Session at 25th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (Atlanta, GA, USA), 2016.

“Valuing Questions”

Invited Speaker at Five Years MCMP: Quo Vadis, Mathematical Philosophy? (Munich, Germany), 2016.

“Du Bois’ Democratic Defence of the Value Free Ideal”

Invited Speaker for the Society for the Study of Africana Philosophy (New York, USA), 2016.

“Decision Theoretic Analysis of the Productivity Gap”

15th Congress of Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science (Helsinki, Finland), 2015.

“Causally Interpreting Intersectionality Theory”

Perspectives on Gender Conference (with Daniel Malinsky and Morgan Thompson), UC Irvine (Irvine, USA), 2014.

8 Selected Teaching Experience

PhD (1st Year) Seminar on Metaphilosophy	2025 – Ongoing
PPE: Applications	2018 – Ongoing
Evidence and Policy	2018 – Ongoing
PPE: Reading Group	2020 – 2021
The Big Questions (short course on Truth)	2019 – 2023
PhD Seminar on Metaphilosophy	2019
Introduction to Epistemology	Summer 2014
Introduction to Philosophy of Science	Summer 2013

9 Service

Reviewer For Various Journals in Philosophy of Science, Social Philosophy, Metascience, and General Analytic.

Placement Director at the London School of Economics department of Philosophy, Logic, and Scientific Method 2022-present

Lecturer for Munich Summer Program: Epistemology for a Cosmopolitan World, 2019 – Again in summer 2022.

Judge for the Philosopher’s Annual 2020-present

Lecturer for PIKSI-Boston logic summer school, 2018

Lecturer for Pittsburgh Summer Program: A Summer Program in Philosophy of Science for Underrepresented Groups, 2017

‘Carnegie Mellon Roundtable on Interdisciplinary Peer Review’ conference organiser, 2016

Minorities and Philosophy national coordinator, 2013 - 2016

Minorities and Philosophy board of trustee member, 2016 - 2019

Speaker at U.Mass Dartmouth’s Summer Program for Diversity: Logic, 2016

CMU Minorities and Philosophy chapter founder, and chapter leader 2013 - 2016

Researcher for *APA Committee on the Status of Blacks in Philosophy*, 2012 - 2015

10 Honors and Awards

2020 Philip Leverhulme Prize.

2019/2020 LSE Student Union teaching award for welfare and pastoral support

2017 Philosopher’s Annual included my paper *On Fraud*.

2017 A.H. Mellon Seed Grant (w/ Kevin Zollman) for project “Modeling Scientific Training”.

2014 MAP Fellowship - for involvement in the Minorities and Philosophy project.

2011/12 AHRC Research Preparation Masters grant (tuition and maintenance) for MSc in Philosophy of Science at the London School of Economics.