

# Liam Kofi Bright

## 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

**Liam Kofi Bright**. 2026. “A brief observation on the relationship between antecedent status and reviewing incentives” in *Inquiry*: 1-11

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

Marcus Arvan, **Liam Kofi Bright** and Remco Heesen. 2025. “Jury Theorems for Peer Review” in *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* Vol.76, No.2: 319–344

Remco Heesen and **Liam Kofi Bright**. 2025. “Publication Bias is Bad For Science if Not Necessarily Scientists” in *Royal Society Open Science* Vol.12, No.4: 241776

**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**. 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 Selected Presentations

“The Philosophy of the Secular Gurus”

Presented at the Distrust in Science Reframed: Understanding and Countering Anti-scientific Behavior conference in Roma Tre University, 2025

“As Applied By Someone Who Half Understood And Doesn’t Really Care”

*Invited Speaker* at Southampton University, 2025

Delivered as the *Mark Sainsbury Lecture* at Kings College London, 2025

“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”

15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 7 Selected Teaching Experience

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

## 8 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

## **9 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.