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*AOS:* Philosophy of language, philosophy of mind, cognitive science.

*AOC:* Epistemology, logic, Wittgenstein, Descartes.

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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Jan. 2013 – present	Director, Centre for Cognition Research, Reading.
Sept. 2009 - Dec. 2012	Head of Philosophy Department, University of Reading
April 2007 - present	Professor of Philosophy, University of Reading
Oct. 2005 - March 2007	Reader in Philosophy, University of Reading (Nov. 2006 - Nov. 2007: maternity leave)
Oct. 1998 - Sept.2005	Lecturer, University of Reading. (Jan. 2004 - August 2004: maternity leave)

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### EDUCATION

Oct. 1995 - Dec. 1998	University College London	PhD in Philosophy
Oct. 1993 - June 1995	University College London	Master of Philosophy
Oct. 1989 - June 1992	King's College London	B.A (Hons) Degree in Philosophy

Thesis:

'Noun Phrases: The nature of reference and ambiguity'. Examined by Prof. Ernie Lepore (Rutgers) and Prof. Gabriel Segal (KCL), December 1998. Passed without corrections.

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### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

March - June 2011	<b>White Distinguished Visiting Professor</b> (\$35,000), University of Chicago
Sept. - Nov. 2006	<b>Visiting Fellow, Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Studies, London.</b> (Invitation originally extended and accepted for academic year 2006-7; however subsequently curtailed due to maternity leave.)
April 06 - May 09	<b>Philip Leverhulme Prize</b> (£50,000 award made to 'outstanding young researchers').
Jan. - March 2006	<b>AHRC Research Leave Award</b>
May 2003	<b>British Academy Overseas Conference Grant</b>
Jan. - March 03	<b>AHRB Research Leave Award</b>
April - June 02	<b>Mind Association Fellowship</b>
Sept. - Dec. 99	<b>Visiting Professor, Rutgers Centre for Cognitive Science</b>
Oct. 96 - 1998	<b>British Academy Postgraduate Research Award.</b>
Oct. 95 - June 1996	<b>Follett Scholar, UCL.</b>
Oct. 93 - June 1995	<b>British Academy Postgraduate Research Award</b> <b>Jacobsen Prize, UCL essay prize.</b>

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

- 1) *Pursuing Meaning* (2012). Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 1-234.  
Chinese translation (forthcoming, 2014), L. Liu, Fudan University Press.
- 2) *Minimal Semantics* (2004). Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp.1-288.
- 3) *Meaning and Representation* (2002), ed. E. Borg. Oxford: Blackwell. Pp. 1-117, including editor's introduction, 1-4.

Some review details for (1) and (2) can be found on the final page of my CV.

### Selected Papers:

#### **Key:**

‘\*’ = refereed article.

‘†’ = invited contribution.

- 4) † ‘More questions for mirror neurons’ (2013), *Consciousness and Cognition* 22: 1122-1131
- 5) † ‘Semantics without pragmatics?’ (2012). In *The Cambridge Handbook of Pragmatics*, K. Allen and K. Jaszczolt (eds). CUP. 513-528.
- 6) † ‘Minimal semantics and the content of the lexicon’ (2010). In *Meaning and Context*, L. Baptista and E. Rast (ed). Peter Lang. 51-78.
- 7) † ‘Meaning and Context: a survey of a contemporary debate’ (2009). In *The Later Wittgenstein on Language*, ed. D. Whiting. Palgrave. 96-113
- 8) † ‘Semantic Minimalism’ (2009). In *The Pragmatics Encyclopedia*, ed. L. Cummings. Routledge. 423-5.
- 9) † ‘Minimal Semantics and the Nature of Psychological Evidence’ (2009). In *New Waves in Philosophy of Language*, ed. S. Sawyer. Palgrave. 24-40.
- 10) † ‘The Place of Referential Intentions in Linguistic Content’ (2009), *Manuscrito* 32: 85-122. Special edition on semantics/pragmatics.
- 11) † ‘On Three Theories of Implicature: Default Theory, Relevance and Minimalism’ (2009), *The International Review of Pragmatics* 1: 1-21. A revised version also appears in *Meaning and Analysis: Themes from H. Paul Grice*, ed. K. Petrus. Palgrave. 2010: 268-87. The paper is also to be reprinted in *Pragmatics: Critical Concepts II*, ed. A. Kasher, Routledge (a collection of “the best papers published on major topics in Pragmatics during the last two decades”).
- 12) † ‘Must a semantic minimalist be a semantic internalist?’ (2009), *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society, Supplementary Volume LXXXIII*: 31-51.
- 13) \*‘If Mirror Neurons are the Answer, What was the Question?’ (2007), *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 14, 5-19.
- 14) † ‘Minimalism versus Contextualism in Semantics’ (2007), *Context-Sensitivity and Semantic Minimalism: New Essays on Semantics and Pragmatics*. G. Preyer and G. Peter (eds). Oxford: Oxford University Press. 546-571. To be reprinted in *The Semantics-Pragmatics Boundary in Philosophy*, M. Ezeurda & R. Stainton (eds). Oxford: OUP.
- 15) † ‘Pragmatic Determinants of What is Said’ (2005), *The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. K. Brown (Editor-in-Chief). Oxford: Elsevier. 737-740.

- 16) \*'Formal Semantics and Intentional States' (2004), *Analysis* 64, 215-23.
- 17) † 'Saying What You Mean: unarticulated constituents and communication' (2004) in *Ellipsis and Non-sentential Speech*, R. Elugardo & R. Stainton (eds). Dordrecht: Kluwer. 237-262.
- 18) † 'Intention-based semantics' (2005) in *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Language*, E. Lepore & B. Smith (eds). Oxford: Oxford University Press. 250-267.
- 19) \*'The Semantic Relevance of What is Said' (2002), *Protosociology 17: Semantic theory and reported speech*, 6-24. Permission given (Jan 2012) for translation into Chinese and inclusion in a forthcoming collection on semantics/pragmatics, ed. Wu Sijing.
- 20) \*'Pointing at Jack, Talking About Jill: understanding deferred uses of demonstratives and pronouns' (2002), *Mind and Language* 17, 489-512.
- 21) † 'Natural Language and Symbolic Logic', co-authored with E. Lepore, (2002) in *The Blackwell Companion to Symbolic Logic*, D. Jacquette (ed). Oxford: Blackwell. 86-102.
- 22) \*'Deferred Demonstratives' (2002) in *Meaning and Truth: Investigations in Philosophical Semantics*, J. Campbell, M. O'Rourke, D. Shier (eds). New York: Seven Bridges Press. 214-30.
- 23) † 'An Expedition Abroad: Metaphor, Thought and Reporting' (2001) in *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* XXV, P. French and H. Wettstein (eds). Oxford: Blackwell. 227-248.
- 24) \*'The Metaphysics and Epistemology of Singular Terms' (2001), *Philosophical Papers* 30, 1-31.
- 25) \*'Complex Demonstratives' (2000), *Philosophical Studies* 97, 229-249.
- 26) \*'Semantic Category and Surface Form' (1998), *Analysis* 58, 232-238.

#### Selected Book Reviews:

##### Mind

- F. Recanati, *Literal Meaning*, *Mind* 115 (2006), 461-465.  
A. Berger, *Terms and Truth*, 113 (2004), 737-40.  
M. Luntley, *Contemporary Theories of Thought*, 109 (2000), 969-73.

##### Mind and Language

- J. King, *Complex Demonstratives*, 18 (2003), 546-551.

##### The Philosophical Review

- P. Horwich, *Meaning*, 110 (2001), 101-104.

##### The Times Literary Supplement

- F. Recanati, *Truth-conditional Pragmatics*, (February 2012).  
R. Millikan, *Language: A Biological Model*, (April 2006).

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## RESEARCH TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

### INTERNATIONAL

- . tba. Gottingen research seminar, Germany, January 2014.
- The Empirical Evidence for Semantics:
  - **Keynote speaker.** 3<sup>rd</sup> Graduate Conference, Italian Society for Analytic Philosophy (SIFA) Sardinia Sept. 2013.
  - **Plenary speaker** Empirical Methods in Semantics Conference, Germany Oct. 2013

- Recent disputes at the semantics-pragmatics border. **Invited speaker** Linguistics and Philosophy workshop, Frankfurt May 2013.
- Semantic minimalism and other theories. **Plenary speaker** Third International Conference on Philosophy of Language and Linguistics, Lodz, Poland, May 2013.
- **Invited speaker**, Skype discussion of *Pursuing Meaning* with staff-student reading group, University of Miami, April 2013.
- Redrawing the semantics/pragmatics divide. **Invited speaker** Workshop on ‘The semantics/pragmatics interface: linguistic, logical and philosophical perspectives’, *Savoirs, Textes, Langage* (STL UMR 8163). Lille, France, Feb. 2013.
- Exploring linguistic context-sensitivity. **Invited speaker** Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge, Feb. 2013.
- Exploring linguistic context-sensitivity. **Invited speaker** Trinity College, Dublin. Research seminar, January 2013.
- ‘Exploring the mechanisms of linguistic context-sensitivity’. **Invited speaker** 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Society for Analytic Philosophy (GAP), Germany September 2012.
- ‘Minimal semantics and the nature of context sensitivity’, **Invited speaker** Semantics and Philosophy of Language workshop, Chicago University, May 2011.
- ‘Minimal Word Meanings’
  - **Invited speaker** Words and Concepts conference, Granada, Sept. 2010.
  - **Invited speaker** CSMN Word Meaning workshop, Oslo, Sept 2010.
- ‘The problem of incompleteness and some solutions’. 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop on Contexts, Genoa June 2010.
- ‘Minimal semantics and the content of the lexicon’. **Keynote speaker** Context and Levels of Illocutionary Content Conference, Lisbon, December 2009.
- ‘The Place of Referential Intentions in Linguistic Content’. **Invited speaker** SPR-09 (ILCLI International Workshop on Semantics, Pragmatics, and Rhetoric) Donostia / San Sebastian, 6-8 May 2009.
- ‘Must a semantic minimalist be semantic internalist?’. **Invited speaker** (one of three, only non-US) for the Florence G. Kline Workshop, University of Missouri-Columbia, on ‘Meaning’, April 2009.
- **Invited speaker** (one of three), *Contexts and Intentions* workshop, CSMN, University of Oslo, Feb. 2009.
- ‘Must a Semantic Minimalist be a Semantic Internalist?’ and ‘On Three Theories of Implicature’. **Keynote speaker** for two-day workshop on minimal semantics, University of Valladolid, Spain, May 2008.
- ‘If Mirror Neurons are the Answer, What was the Question?’ European Society for Philosophy and Psychology congress, Belfast, August 2006.
- ‘Minimalism vs. Contextualism in Semantics’. **Invited speaker**, University College Dublin, research seminar, December 2005.
- ‘Implicature and Modularity’.
  - 9<sup>th</sup> International Pragmatics Association (IPrA) conference. Riva del Garda, Italy, July 2005. Also session chair.
  - **Invited speaker**, Trinity College Dublin, research seminar, December 2005.
- ‘What’s Wrong with Intention-based Semantics?’
  - **Invited speaker**, Uppsala University, Sweden, research seminar, November 2003.
  - **Invited speaker**, Stockholm University, Sweden, research seminar, November 2003.
- ‘The Role of Mental Content in Linguistic Meaning’. **Invited speaker**, *Carleton Conference on Recent Research in Semantics*, Ottawa, Canada, October 2003. (The only invited speaker from an institution not in Canada or the US.)
- ‘Formal Semantics and Intentional States: the place of mind-reading in understanding language’. European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Turin, Italy, July 2003.
- ‘What is Wrong with Intention-based Semantics?’ **Invited speaker** (one of three), *Oslo Symposium on Semantics and Pragmatics*, Oslo, Norway, November 2002.
- ‘What do we want? Formal semantics. When do we want it? Before a theory of communication’. **Invited speaker**, *Work on Context 2002*, Genoa, Italy, October 2002.
- ‘Saying What you Mean: unarticulated constituents and communication’:
  - *Fourth European Congress for Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 4)*, Lund, Sweden, June 2002.
  - **Invited speaker**, Special Session on Semantics and Pragmatics, *Kentucky Foreign Language Conference*, Kentucky, USA, April 2002. (One of four invited philosophers, only one from outside US.)
- ‘Demonstrative Content and Character in Semantics and Epistemology’, *II Barcelona Conference on Issues in Reference*, Barcelona, Spain, June 2001.
- ‘Understanding Language’, **Invited speaker**, Public Lecture, Rutgers Centre for Cognitive Science, December 1999.
- ‘Deferred Demonstratives’:

- *Inland Northwest Philosophy Conference on Truth and Meaning*, Washington State, USA, March 2000.
- **Invited speaker**, University of Florida, research seminar, December 1999.
- 'The Metaphysics and Epistemology of Referring Terms', **Invited speaker**, Philosophy Institute, UNAM, Mexico, research seminar, November 1999.
- 'Complex Demonstratives', **Invited speaker**, Philosophy Institute, UNAM, Mexico, November 1999.
- 'Definite Descriptions and Salience', **Invited speaker**, *1<sup>st</sup> East Coast Semantics Workshop*, September 1999.

#### UK RESEARCH TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS:

(All UK talks were **invited papers**.)

- tba. King's College London research seminar, January 2014.
  - **Plenary speaker** (two papers), Oxford Continuing Education weekend workshop on 'Language and its Pragmatics', April 2013.
  - 'Linguistic context-sensitivity and the semantics-pragmatics debate', Moral Sciences Club, Cambridge, Feb. 2013.
  - 'The Nature of Linguistic Context-sensitivity'. Northern Institute of Philosophy Early Career Conference, **keynote speaker** (with Prof. Tim Williamson), June 2012.
  - 'The Nature of Linguistic Context-sensitivity'. Edinburgh research seminar, March 2012.
  - 'Minimalism and meaning'. Brookes University research seminar, February 2012.
  - Durham research seminars, November 2011. Two papers.
  - 'Minimal semantics and the nature of context-sensitivity', **keynote speaker**, British Postgraduate Philosophy Association 15<sup>th</sup> Annual conference, Sept. 2011.
  - 'Minimal Word Meanings', York University research seminar, January 2011.
  - 'Minimal Semantics and the Content of the Lexicon', Manchester workshop on philosophy of language, May 2010.
  - 'Must a semantic minimalist be a semantic internalist?'. Plenary speaker, *The Joint Session of the Aristotelian and Mind Associations*. University of East Anglia, July 2009.
  - 'Meaning and Context':
    - Royal Institute of Philosophy, Cardiff branch, Nov. 2008.
    - Linguistics, Language and Discourse seminar series, University of Brighton, March 2010.
  - 'Semantics and the Nature of Psychological Evidence':
    - Manchester University research seminar, February 2008.
    - *The Joint Session of the Aristotelian and Mind Associations*, Bristol July 2007.
  - 'Referential Intentions and Minimal Semantics':
    - Nottingham University research seminar, October 2008.
    - UCL relevance reading group, March 2008.
    - Cambridge University Linguistic Society, January 2008
    - Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Studies, London, October 2006.
  - 'What's Your Problem? Or why it can be hard to tell a contextualist from a minimalist', *Is There Such a Thing as Literal Meaning?* conference, School of Advanced Studies, London, May 2006.
  - 'Minimalism, Contextualism and Moderate Relativism: a reply to Recanati', Logic and Language conference, Birmingham University, April 2006.
  - 'Minimalism vs. Contextualism in Semantics', Jowett Philosophy Society, Oxford University, February 2006.
  - 'Implicature and Modularity':
    - Glasgow University research seminar, October 2005.
    - Centre for Linguistics, Philology, and Phonetics, Oxford University, November 2005.
  - 2003: Open University.
  - 2002: London School of Economics, University of Sheffield.
  - 2001: University of Birmingham, University of Bristol, *On Referring* conference in Nottingham.
  - 2000: *Epistemology of Language Conference* in Sheffield, University of Nottingham.
  - 1998: University of Reading.
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## TEACHING:

### Undergraduate Lecturing:

<i>1<sup>st</sup> Year Courses</i>	Reason and Argument	10 x 2 hour classes: spotting premises and conclusions, formalizing arguments, validity and soundness, common fallacies. I jointly designed and taught this course.
	Descartes	10 x 1 hour lectures, concentrating on the <i>Meditations</i> .
	Plato	4 x 1 hour lectures on aspects of the <i>Republic</i> .
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Year Courses</i>	Theory of Knowledge	15 x 1 hour lectures: different theories of knowledge, scepticism, and perception.
	Philosophy of Mind	10 x 2 hour lectures: various theories of mind.
	Language and Reality	various lectures on basic topics in philosophy of language.
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Year courses</i>	Philosophy of Language	20 x 2 hour classes: theories of meaning (e.g. Davidson, Grice, Wittgenstein) and object words (Russell, Frege, etc).

### Research Students:

#### Supervision:

- MA Thesis Supervisor: Eileen Walker (completed Sept. 2005), *Kripke's Attack on 'Frege-Russell'*.
- PhD Supervisor: Daniel Whiting (completed Jan 2006) *Meaning and Use*. Co-supervisor with Prof. H. Glock.
- PhD Supervisor: Neil Cummins, (completed Sept 2011) *The Concept of Consciousness*. Co-supervisor with Prof. G. Strawson.
- PhD Supervisor: Barry Glennon, *Infants and Theories of Mind*. Co-supervisor with Dr. J. Preston.
- PhD Supervisor: Laura Gow, *Defending Type-Physicalism*. Co-Supervisor with Dr. J. Preston.
- PhD Supervisor: Jumbly Grindrod, *Minimalism vs. Contextualism*. Co-Supervisor with Dr. Nat Hansen.

#### Examination:

- External MA Thesis Examiner, 2003: T. Woodthorpe, *Use of Empty Names*, University of Nottingham.
- Internal PhD Examiner (with Prof. D. Papineau, KCL), 2003: Jonathan Tinker, *Evolving Evolutionary Psychology: Current Conceptual Issues in Evolutionary Behavioural Science*.
- Internal PhD Examiner (with Prof. T. Wynn, University of Colorado), 2005: Toby Pearce, *Human Consciousness and the Archaeological Record*.
- External PhD Examiner (with Dr. S. Predelli, University of Nottingham), 2006: Jonathan Gorvett, *Reference, Context and Conventions*.
- Internal PhD Examiner (with Prof. T. Crane, UCL), 2006: Philip Goff, *Should Materialists be Afraid of Ghosts? Arguing for substance dualism*.
- External PhD examiner (with Dr. R. Breheny, UCL), 2007: Aruna Handa, *The Trouble with Logical Form*.
- External M.Phil examiner (with Dr. B. Smith, Birkbeck), 2007: David Tait, *Thought and Reference*.
- Internal PhD examiner (with Prof. T. Williamson, Oxford), 2008: Charles Pelling, *Concepts in Perception*.
- External DPhil examiner (with Prof. J. Hawthorne, Oxford), 2008: Acer Nethercott, *The Semantics of Complex Demonstratives*.
- International member of PhD committee, Lund, Sweden, 2008: Martin Jönssons, *Compositionality: The Structural Path to Meaning*.
- External M.Phil examiner (with Dr. B. Smith, Birkbeck), 2010: Jonny McIntosh, *Philosophical Conceptions of What is Said*.

- Internal PhD examiner (with Prof. Rom Harre) 2011: Anirban Mukherjee, *Perceiving aspects: unfolding the Wittgensteinian notion*
- External PhD examiner (with Prof. Samir Okasha, University of Bristol), Nov. 2013. Mark Pinder: *Meaning and Paradox*.
- External PhD examiner (with Prof. Oskari Kuusela, UEA), Nov. 2013. Alun Davies: *Truth in sentential structure*.

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## SELECT ADMINISTRATION

Date	Position	Details
2013-present	Director, Centre for Cognition Research, University of Reading	Overall responsibility for the Centre.
2009 - 2012	Head of Department, Philosophy	Overall responsibility for the Department.
2010-12	Joint Standing Cttee on Honorary Degrees	Annual meeting with Pro-VC and members of Governing Body to decide nominations for honorary degrees.
2004 – 2005	Departmental Teaching & Learning Coordinator and Senior Tutor	Assigning teaching to staff (including determining lecture schedule with Head of Department) and assigning supervision groups, liaising with secretaries to produce timetable, producing undergraduate handbooks, organising/overseeing student registration for 3 <sup>rd</sup> year units/modules. Dealing with student misconduct.
2000 - 2002	B.A (hons) Course co-ordinator	
2004-5	Periodic Review Coordinator	Jointly responsible, with two colleagues, for overseeing Periodic Review of Philosophy, Spring 2005.
1999 - 2003	Examination Officer	Checking student exam registration, publicising exam details, gathering and checking exam questions
1999 - 2005	Personal Tutor	Personal Tutor to approx. 20 undergraduate students annually.
1999 - 2000	Teaching Quality Assessment Deputy	General responsibilities, helping Dr. Preston oversee TQA preparations, plus sole responsibility for Quality Management aspects.
Various times	Appointments Committees	Reviewing applications, drawing up shortlists and interviewing candidates.

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## EDITORIAL BOARDS

- Senior Editor, *Oxford Handbooks Online*, March 2012-present. (Assisting Prof. Sandy Goldberg, Editor in Chief of the OHO in Philosophy series).
- Board of associate editors, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, Dec.2011-present.
- Board of consulting editors, *Theoria* (the international philosophy journal of Sweden), 2011-2015.
- Editorial board, *International Review of Pragmatics*, 2008-present.
- Associate Editor, *Ratio*, 1998-present.

## OTHER CONSULTANCY, OUTREACH AND INTERDISCIPLINARY WORK

- Member of the working group on women in leadership, University of Reading, 2013.
- Invited contributor for a ‘Women in Leadership Roles’ workshop, University of Sheffield, Dec. 2011.
- Invited contributor for the ‘Women in Research’ project at University of Reading (portrait photographs with short text of leading women researchers in the University, to help raise the profile of women in research), 2011.
- *Elucidations* podcast, discussing semantic minimalism, 2011. (*Elucidations* is one of two main podcast series in philosophy; housed at the University of Chicago).
- Invited member of the research project ‘Language and Thought: Lexical Content’. PI: Agustin Vicente, Spain, Jan. 2011-present.
- Member of AHRC Peer Review College, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009-31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2012.

- External advisor for the creation of an MA in Philosophy and Linguistics, Brighton University, 2010.
  - Advisor for Junior Research Fellowship, Trinity College Cambridge, 2009.
  - Expert Assessor, Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme, Irish Research Council for Humanities and Social Sciences, *Philosophical Minimalism*, 2009.
  - External member of appointment committees:
    - Rutgers University, Professor I, 2007.
    - UCL (linguistics department), lecturer in theoretical linguistics, 2007.
  - On the panel of 'askaphilosopher.com', an online resource allowing members of the public to raise philosophical concerns with professionals, 2007-2008 (named by *The Sunday Times* newspaper as one of 'the 101 most useful websites', 2008).
  - Consulted by BBC Radio 4's 'Women's Hour' for a piece on women in philosophy, 2005.
  - Consulted by *Junior* magazine (for parents of children under 6) for article on language acquisition in children, 2005.
  - Consulted by researchers at BBC4 for programme development, 'Thought Police', 2004.
  - Consulted by Prof. S. Munzer, Law Dept, UCLA, on philosophy of language sections for his *Inscribing the Body: Meaning & Identity in Bodily Ascriptions*.
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## OTHER SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Member of the *Mind Association Executive Committee*, 2013-present.
  - External examiner for undergraduate degrees in Philosophy (Single and Joint Honours), King's College London 2012-2015.
  - Organiser of *Ratio* one-day Conference 2000; joint organiser 2014.
  - I have acted as a book referee for:
    - Oxford University Press, 2002 (S. Schiffer, *The Things That We Mean*). I have also been asked to comment on numerous book/series proposals, and a major on-line project, for OUP.
    - Cambridge University Press, 2002 (H. Wettstein, *The Magic Prism: An Essay in the Philosophy of Language*).
    - MIT Press, 2000 (J. King, *Quantificational Theories of Complex Demonstratives*).
    - Also for Polity Press, Ashgate Press, Edinburgh Press.
  - I have acted as an article referee for (\* indicates multiple reviews):
    - *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*\*
    - *CSLI (Centre for the Study of Language and Information, Stanford)*
    - *Crítica*
    - *dialectica*\*
    - *Erkenntnis*
    - *European Journal of Philosophy*\*
    - *Journal of Consciousness Studies*
    - *Mind*\*
    - *Mind and Language*\*\*
    - *Nous*\*
    - *Mind and Society*
    - *Philosophy Compass*
    - *Philosophical Quarterly*\*\*
    - *Philosophical Studies*\*\*
    - *Pragmatics and Cognition*
    - *Ratio*\*\*
    - *Review of Symbolic Logic*
    - *Synthese*\*\*
    - *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*
    - *The Oxford Handbook of Compositionality*
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## REFEREES

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### Reviews of *Minimal Semantics*

*Minimal Semantics* was reviewed in *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, *The Journal of Linguistics*, *The Philosophical Review*, *Mind*, *Philosophical Books*, and *Mind and Language*. It has one review on Amazon:

“1 review 5.0 out of 5 stars **a great defense of semantic minimalism** 31 Dec 2012

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Understanding any natural language requires that we have understanding of the situation in which sentences are used. But how much of this sort of knowledge do we need and under what circumstances? As the title suggests, this book defends a minimal approach to doing semantics (also called "semantic minimalism") from a variety of theories that Borg calls "dual-pragmatic theories" (more commonly called "contextualisms").

A definite 5/5. The book is suitable for anyone with an interest or some background in philosophy or linguistics. It is easy on the reader, defining key terms, introducing debates in both a rigorous and intuitive way, and it does not presuppose expertise in disciplines like formal semantics or logic. I think there are two things that set Borg's book apart from other works on this topic and make it a must have. First, the book defends the possibility of doing semantics in a formal (syntax-driven) way. So, at least initially, one might expect the book to be a wee-bit dry and driven by rigid argument. Quite strikingly, Borg does a splendid job of narrating the arguments for and against formal semantics. This makes the book somewhat of a page-turner. Second, one of the book's key innovations is its argument that only a formal approach to doing semantics is compatible with a modular view on linguistic processing. In putting forward this argument, Borg puts forward a rather compelling argument that isn't simply arm-chair philosophy but relies on work done in psycholinguistics and cognitive science.

All in all, a great reader and a great text to start with if you are interested in the semantics-pragmatics distinction, philosophical arguments for the possibility of formal semantics, or just want one well-argued view on how context influences meaning.”

### Reviews of *Pursuing Meaning*

*Pursuing Meaning* was reviewed in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Review of Metaphysics*, *Metapsychology*, *Analysis*, and *Mind*.