

EDUCATION

DPhil, Oriel College, University of Oxford 2025

On the Memory of the Soul: The Spiritualist Metaphysic of Saint Augustine and Henri Bergson.

Supervisor: Mark Edwards. Examiners: Rowan Williams and Johannes Zachhuber.

MPhil in Philosophical Theology, University of Oxford 2021

With Distinction. Thesis: *On the Memory of the Soul*. Supervisor: Mark Edwards.

BA in Philosophy, Columbia University 2019

With Departmental Honours. Senior thesis supervised by Achille Varzi. Visiting Student in Philosophy and Theology, Pembroke College, Oxford (2017–18).

RESEARCH AREAS

Philosophy of mind and memory; metaphysics and philosophy of time; philosophical psychology; theories of soul, self, and personhood; Augustine, Plotinus, and Neoplatonism; Henri Bergson and modern French philosophy; dualism and materialism; artificial intelligence and consciousness.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

On the Memory of the Soul: Augustine and Bergson's Metaphysics. Bloomsbury Academic, 2026. 288 pp.
Publication: October 2026.

"On the Memory of the Soul systematically brings together Henri Bergson's theory of memory—and the philosophy of durée built upon it—with Augustine's thought, bringing out their complementary appeal with remarkable clarity. As a piece of scholarship, this is genuinely compelling and remarkably original—there is little else quite like it." — Yasushi Hirai, Professor of Philosophy, Keio University

"This intricate study tackles fundamental questions about selfhood, identity and transcendence." — John Cottingham, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Reading

Journal Article

"The Personal Soul Presupposes the Memory" (2025), *The Review of Metaphysics* 79 (2): 301–323.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"Augustine's Philosophical Spiritualism" (forthcoming 2026), in A. Marmodoro and R. Ballon-Villaneuva (eds.), *Augustine's Philosophy: Classic and Contemporary Themes* (Routledge).

"Ways of Knowing Truth" (forthcoming 2027), in *Truth and Lies through History* (Bokförlaget Stolpe).

Public Philosophy and Criticism

"Notes on Nostalgia", *The Philosopher*, forthcoming December 2026.

"On the Future of Humanity in the Age of the Machine", commissioned essay for the book accompanying Max Richter's album *While the Flood Rages*, October 2026.

"Consciousness Is the Only Truly Creative Thing in the Universe: The Birth of Novelty", *Institute of Art and Ideas*, May 2026.

"Memory Is Not Stored in the Brain", *Institute of Art and Ideas*, November 2025.

"Thought and Creativity: On the Art of Poetic Invention", *Epoché Magazine* vol. 81, May 2025.

INVITED LECTURES AND PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

- “The Past as the Invitation to Personhood.” Future of Meaning Conference, Savannah, May 2027.
- “On the Memory of the Soul: Book Discussion.” House of Literature, Bergen, February 2027.
- “Is the Mind a Computer?” G10 Festival of Ideas, Amsterdam, December 2026.
- “The Self and its Shadows.” Debate with Galen Strawson, HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, London, September 2026.
- “Roundtable on Religion.” Ax:son Johnson Foundation, Engelsberg, September 2026.
- “What Is It Like to Be Alive?” Panel with Tao Lin and Jordan Castro, ZOE: Life Abundant in an Artificial Age, Cluny Institute, Napa Valley, July 2026.
- “Maps of the Mind.” Panel with Simon Baron-Cohen and Karl Friston, HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye, May 2026.
- “Memory Is Not Stored in the Brain.” HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye, May 2026.
- “Memes, Minds, and the Myth of Control.” Debate with Tony D. Sampson, Big Think in partnership with HowTheLightGetsIn Festival, Hay-on-Wye, May 2026.
- “Ways of Knowing Truth.” Ax:son Johnson Foundation Seminar, Engelsberg, March 2026.
- Interviewer, Rowan Williams, *Solidarity: The Work of Recognition*, Oxford Literary Festival, 26 March 2026.
- “Do We Have a Soul, and Does It Matter?” Leit House in partnership with Ladbroke Hall, London, January 2026.
- Introduction to Iain McGilchrist, Oxford Literary Festival, 2025.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “The Philosophical Question of the Survival of the Soul.” D Society, Cambridge, February 2026.
- “Two Perspectives on Metaphysics.” History of Philosophy Seminar, University of Lisbon, October 2025.
- “The Metaphysics of the Creative Will.” British Society for the Philosophy of Religion Conference, Oxford, September 2025.
- “The Psychological and Cosmological Role of the Logos: Bergson’s Reception of Plotinus.” Logos in the Platonic Tradition: Philosophy, Religion, and Science Conference, Cambridge, 2025.
- “The Soul as Dynamic Unity: On the Spirituality and Substantiality of the Soul.” Champion Hall Seminar, Oxford, 2025.
- “Nostalgia as a Way of Knowing.” Augustinian Resemblances Symposium, Oxford, 2025.
- “Does Time Depend on Memory, or Does Memory Depend on Time?” Perceiving Time: New Perspectives on Temporal Experience Conference, University of Turin, 2025.
- “Image, Thought, and Word.” Philosophy and Poetics Conference, All Souls College, Oxford, 2024. Conference co-organiser.
- “Beyond Substance Dualism: Distinguishing between Body and Soul according to Time and Tendency.” UK Medieval Philosophy Network, University College London, 2024.
- “Overcoming the Distinction between ‘Subjective’ and ‘Objective’ Time.” Rhythm as Knowledge Symposium, Cambridge, 2024.
- “Augustine and Time.” Patristics Seminar, Oxford, 2023.
- “Memory, Duration, and the Distentio Animi.” European Society for the Philosophy of Religion Conference, Oxford, 2022.

FILM, TELEVISION AND PODCASTS

Invited guest, *Essentia Foundation* podcast; recording scheduled December 2026.

Interviewee, *Closer To Truth*, with Robert Lawrence Kuhn. Forthcoming October 2026.

The Soul's Journey: History and Theories of the Soul. Archival film; writer, director, and editor; premiere scheduled November 2026.

Interviewee, "Memory Is Not Stored in the Brain," Institute of Art and Ideas TV, forthcoming 2026.

"Ways of Knowing Truth." Truth and Lies throughout History, Axess Television, 2026.

"The Philosophy of Henri Bergson." Timeline Theological Videos, November 2025.

"The Mind Is Not the Brain, and the Brain Is Not a Computer." Footnotes2Plato podcast, 20 May 2025.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Tutor in Philosophy, OxNet Programme, Pembroke College, Oxford	2024
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Lecturer, Great Books Summer Program, Stanford University	2017
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EDITORIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript referee, Bloomsbury Academic	2026
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Managing Editor, The Philosopher's Magazine	2024
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Undergraduate Recruitment Committee, Columbia University Admissions Office	2015–19
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AWARDS AND HONOURS

John Jay Scholar, Columbia Undergraduate Scholars Program	2015–19
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Dean's List, Columbia University	2015–19
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National Merit Scholarship	2014
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LANGUAGES AND RESEARCH TRAINING

French (fluent); archival research at the Institut d'Études Augustiniennes and Bibliothèque littéraire Jacques-Doucet, Paris.