
ANDREW BUSKELL

Areas of Specialisation: *Philosophy of the Biological, Cognitive, and Social Sciences*
Areas of Competence: *Phenomenology; Philosophy of Mind*

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EMPLOYMENT

Jan 2017 –	Research Associate	University of Cambridge Department of History and Philosophy of Science
Sept 2015 – Jan 2017	Fellow	London School of Economics and Political Science Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method

FELLOWSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

April 2016	Junior Fellow	Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich Munich Centre for Mathematical Philosophy
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EDUCATION

Oct. 2012 – May 2016	PhD	University of Cambridge History and Philosophy of Science
Jan, 2010 – Jan. 2011	MSc	University of Edinburgh Philosophy
Sept. 2005 – June 2009	BSc	University of Alberta, Canada Psychology

PUBLICATIONS

Articles: **Buskell, A.** (*forthcoming*) What are cultural attractors? *Biology and Philosophy*.
Buskell, A. (2015) How to be Skilful: Opportunistic Robustness and Normative Sensitivity. *Synthese*, 192(5), pp. 1445 – 1466.

Commentaries & critical reviews: **Buskell, A.** and Currie, A. (*forthcoming*.) Forces, Friction, and Fractionation: Denis Walsh on the Metaphysics of Biology. *Biology and Philosophy* [Essay Review of Denis Walsh ‘Organisms, Agency and Evolution’]
Buskell, A. and Halina, M. (*forthcoming*) Domains of Generality. *Behavioural and Brain Sciences*. [Commentary on Burkart et al. ‘The evolution of general intelligence’]
Buskell, A. (2016) Cultural longevity: Morin on cultural lineages. *Biology and Philosophy*, 31(3), 435-446. [Essay Review of Olivier Morin ‘How Traditions Live and Die’]

Book reviews: **Buskell, A.** (2017) Andy Clark, Surfing Uncertainty: Prediction, Action, and the Embodied Mind. *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science* ([Link](#))
Buskell, A. (2015) Hubert L. Dreyfus, Skillful Coping: Essays on the phenomenology of everyday perception and action. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 22(3-4), pp. 195 – 201.
Buskell, A. (2015) Joseph K. Schear (ed.), Mind, Reason, and Being-in-the-World: The McDowell-Dreyfus Debate. *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, 14(2), pp. 423 – 431. DOI: 10.1007/s11097-014-9364-0

Works in Progress: **Buskell, A.** (*under review*) Cultural Attractor Theory and Explanation. Logan C.J., Avin S., Boogert N., **Buskell A.**, Cross F.R., Currie A., Jelbert S., Lukas D., Mares R., Navarrete A.F., Shigeno S., Montgomery S.H. (*under review*). Beyond Brain Size. *bioRxiv*, 145334. <https://doi.org/10.1101/145334>
Buskell, A. (ms.) Varieties of Reciprocal Causation
Buskell, A. (in prep) Why Us? The Puzzle of Hominin Cognition and the Deep Origins of Human Culture
Buskell, A. (in prep) Causes of Cultural Diversity: Cultural Epidemiology, Human Behavioural Ecology, and Psychological Privileging

HONOURS & AWARDS

Academic Awards: Salje Medal for Best PhD Dissertation in the Arts and Social Sciences (2017)
 ERC Studentship (2012 – 2015)
 Raymond and Edith Williamson Studentship (2012; 2013; 2014)
 Clare Hall Academic Bursary (2012; 2013; 2014)
 Jason Lang Memorial Scholarship (2006; 2007; 2008; 2009)
 University of Alberta Academic Achievement Award (2005)
 Alexander Rutherford Scholarship (2005)

Travel awards/Bursaries: Humboldt Fellowship Fund, Travel Bursary (€500)
 ISHPSSB Travel Bursary (\$487.5 CAD)
 Clare Hall Research Grant (£250) x 3
 Lipton Fund Travel Grant (£150) x 3
 ERC Travel Grant (£1029)

TEACHING AND SUPERVISING

Lecturing **Department of Philosophy, Logic & Scientific Method, LSE:**
 Graduate and advanced undergraduate:
Emotion, Cognition and Behaviour (philosophy of psychology, mind, and neuroethics), 10 Lectures (Sept. – Dec. 2015; Sept – Dec. 2016);
Genes, Brains and Society (philosophy of biology, race, disability, sex and gender), 10 Lectures (Jan. – April 2016)

Seminars: **Department of Philosophy, Logic & Scientific Method, LSE:**
 Graduate:
The Philosophy of Animal Minds (5 Two-hour Seminars, Sept – Dec. 2016)

Supervising: **Department of Philosophy, Logic & Scientific Method, LSE:**
 Graduate and advanced undergraduate:
Emotion, Cognition and Behaviour (philosophy of psychology, mind, and neuroethics), 3x10 seminars (Sept. – Dec. 2015; Sept. – Dec. 2016)
Genes, Brains and Society (philosophy of biology, race, disability, sex and gender), 3x10 seminars (Jan. – April 2016)
 Undergraduate:
Philosophy of Social Science, 2x10 seminars (Sept. – Dec. 2016)

Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge:
 Undergraduate:
Part IB (philosophy of science, biology, social science, and introductory epistemology), (2012 - 2015)
Part II (philosophy of mind, language, and science) (2015 - 2015)

Dissertation Supervising: **Department of Philosophy, Logic & Scientific Method, LSE:**
 Graduate and undergraduate:
 Neuroethics, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Social Science, Philosophy of Race

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Refereed Presentations: Causes of Cultural Diversity, *BJPS* (Edinburgh, UK) July 2017
 Clarifying Cumulative Culture, *POBUK* (Bristol, UK) June 2016; *Culture Conference 2016* (Birmingham, UK) June 2016

Attracting Trouble, *ISHPSSB* (Montreal, Canada). June 2015
 Heidegger and Cultural Evolution. *Conventionalism: Heidegger's Anyone and Contemporary Social Theory* (Vienna, Austria). December 2014
 The Evolutionary Social Sciences and Extended Cognition. *Spindel Conference* (Memphis TN). October 2014
 Cultural Evolution, Extended Cognition, and the Independence Assumption. *Philosophy of Biology Consortium* (Cambridge, UK). June 2014
 The Prospects for Darwinian Imperialism. *iCog*, (Sheffield, UK). October 2013
 Evolution, Expertise, Extension. *ISHPSSB* (Montpellier, France). July 2013
 The Psychological Underpinnings of Cultural Evolution. *Sperber Week* (Paris, France). December 2012

Invited Presentations: Ecological Factors of Attraction and Causal Explanation in Cultural Evolution. *CamPos Seminar* (University of Cambridge). February 2017
 Explaining with Cultural Attractor Theory. *New Directions in the Evolutionary Social Sciences* (University of Cambridge). December 2016
 Why Us? The Puzzle of Hominin Cognition and the Deep Origins of Human Culture. *London School of Economics Weekend Workshop*. November 2016
 What are cultural attractors? (Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History Jena). April 2016
 Clarifying cumulative culture. *Departmental colloquium* (LMU, Munich). April 2016
 Distribution problems and distribution dynamics. *Evolutionary Demography Seminar* (University College London). November 2015.
 Halfway to Heidegger. *Heidegger on Science* (Durham, UK). September 2015
 Bringing up the body. *Cabinet of Natural History* (Cambridge, UK). November 2013
 Haugeland and Heidegger on the Philosophy of Science (Edinburgh, UK). March 2012

Commentaries: On Jennifer Morton's "Two Faces of Caring" *Midsummer Philosophy Workshop* (Cambridge, UK). July 2014
 On Michael Wheeler's "Moving Out: Cultural Evolution and Extended Cognition" (Cambridge, UK). September 2013

Workshops Attended: *BPPA Masterclass on Predictive Coding* (Edinburgh, UK). October 2013
eSMCs Workshop on Morphological Computation (Zurich, Switzerland). September 2013

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Conference Organising: **New Directions in the Evolutionary Social Sciences** (Cambridge, UK). December 2016
 Funding secured: CRASSH (£2500); The Galton Institute (£1000); BJPS (£700)
LSE-Bayreuth Student Conference (Bayreuth, Germany). May 2016
 Funding secured: TLC Grant (£1082)
Heidegger and the Cognitive Sciences (Edinburgh, UK). November 2010
 Funding secured: Mind Association (£600)

Seminar Organising: CamPhor (Cambridge Phenomenology Reading Group). 2013; 2014
 EdPiPheny (Edinburgh Phenomenology Reading Group). 2010; 2011

Public Outreach: 'Women in Science', The Forum for European Philosophy (London, UK) September, 2016
[\(Link\)](#)
 'Darwinism and the Social Sciences', The Forum for European Philosophy (London, UK). February 2016. [\(Link\)](#)

Professional Services: Welfare Representative (Clare Hall, Cambridge, UK). 2012 - 2013
 PhD/Graduate Union/School Representative (HPS, Cambridge, UK). 2012 - 2013

Miscellanea/Blogs: 'What Makes Humans Special?' LSE Philosophy Blog. [\(Link\)](#)
 University of Cambridge Cabinet of Natural History Blog. [\(Link\)](#)

Journal Refereeing: *European Journal of Social Psychology, Mind & Language, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophy of Science*