Federico Bongiorno

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RESEARCH AREAS

Areas of specialisation: Philosophy of Mind and Psychology, Philosophy of Cognitive Science, Philosophy of Psychiatry.

Areas of competence: Epistemology, Ethics, Metaphysics, Political Philosophy.

EMPLOYMENT

2023 - : Teaching Assistant, Ethics for Technology, Politecnico di Milano.

2021-2022: Postdoctoral Researcher (Mind Association award), Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford.

EDUCATION

2016-2020: University of Birmingham, PhD, Philosophy.

* Thesis: *Strange Beliefs: Essays on Delusion Formation*
* Supervisors: Lisa Bortolotti, Ema Sullivan-Bissett, Craig French
* Examiners: Tim Bayne (external), Henry Taylor (internal).
* Pass, with no corrections

2019: Visiting Researcher, Psychiatry, Yale University, New Haven, USA.

2014-2015:  MA, Philosophy, Durham University, Durham, UK (Distinction, GPA: 79%).

2012-2014:  MA, Philosophy, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, Italy, 110 cum laude (Distinction).

2008-2012:  BA, Philosophy, Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan, Italy, 110 cum laude (Hons, First class).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2021-2022: Mind Studentship (£17.375). Awarded by The Mind Association, University of Oxford, UK.

2019: Michael K. O’Rourke Best PhD Publication Award (£400). College of Arts and Law, University of Birmingham, UK.

2019: AHRC, Conference Grant for Philosophy in Progress (£ 4000), University of Nottingham, UK, co-applicant.

2019: AHRC, Travel Award, (£1145.58), Yale University, USA.

2018: AHRC, Conference Grant, Philosophy in Progress (£ 4000), University of Nottingham, UK, co-applicant.

2017-2019: Full AHRC funding for PhD (£29.554), University of Birmingham, UK.

2016: College of Arts and Law Doctoral Scholarship (£11.000), University of Birmingham, UK.

2015: Cash prize for securing the highest mark in the Master’s program (£80), Durham University, UK.

2012: ERASMUS Studentship (€1.800), Albert Ludwigs Universität, Freiburg, Germany.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

UPCOMING

TBD. Computational Psychiatry Lab, Department of Psychiatry, University of Oxford, UK [Invited]

13 March 2023. TBD. London Mind Group, Senate House, University of London, UK [Invited]

PAST

8-10 July 2022. *How Can Delusions be Beliefs?* Joint Session of the Aristotelian Society and The Mind Association, University of St. Andrews, UK [Invited].

26 April 2022. *How Can Delusions be Beliefs*? Philosophy & Psychiatry Talk Series. Online. [Invited].

1 March 2022. *How Can Delusions be Beliefs?* Philosophy Symposium. St Hilda’s College, University of Oxford, UK [Invited].

25 February 2022. *Delusions, Explanations, and the Predictive Mind*. Philosophy of Mind Work-in-Progress Seminar, University of Oxford, UK.

28 June – 2 July 2021. *Spinozan Doxasticism About Delusions*. 46th Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology. Princeton University, USA (moved online due to Covid-19).

14 March 2019. *Making sense of an endorsement model of the Capgras delusion*. Belief, Learning, and Memory Lab. Yale University, USA [Invited]. 6 November 2018. *Is the Capgras delusion an endorsement of experience?* Belief, Imagination, and Delusions conference, University of Birmingham, UK. 24 May 2018: *Are delusions justified perceptual beliefs?* M3C Research Festival, Maple House, Birmingham. 14 August 2017: *Can you see someone as an imposter?* 25th Annual Meeting of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology, University of Hertfordshire, UK. 14 July 2017: *Can you see someone as an imposter?* Annual conference of the British Society of Philosophy of Science, University of Edinburgh, UK. 28 June 2017: *Can you see someone as an imposter?* 44th Annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. 18 May 2017: *Capgras delusion. A new account*, International Permanent Workshop ‘Phenomenology Today', Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan [Invited].

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Forthcoming. “Delusions and the Predictive Mind”. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* (with Phil Corlett).

“Spinozan Doxasticism about Delusions”. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* (2022) 103(4): 720-752. (DOI: 10.1111/papq.12373

“Is the Capgras Delusion an Endorsement of Experience?”, *Mind & Language* (2020) 35(3): 293-312. DOI: 10.1111/mila.12239

BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming. “The Many Forms of Empiricism”. To appear in E. Sullivan-Bissett’s (ed.) *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Delusion* (with Matt Parrott).

“The Role of Unconscious Inference in Models of Delusion Formation” in A., Nes and T., Chan (eds.) *Inference and Consciousness*, Routledge, 2019 (with Lisa Bortolotti)

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

A paper on perceptual justification.

A paper on belief and sensitivity to evidence.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Postgraduate Teaching: *Ethics for Technology*, Teaching Assistant, 2023 -

Undergraduate Teaching: *Problems of Philosophy*, Seminar Leader, 2016/2018.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Conference Co-Organiser, Philosophy in Progress (PIP), University of Nottingham, 2018/2019, 2019/2020 editions.

Blogging for “Imperfect Cognitions” (<http://imperfectcognitions.blogspot.com/>).

5 April 2022, “Spinozan Doxasticism about Delusions”.

26 October 2021, “Unconscious Inference in Delusion Formation”.

23 February 2021: “Interview with Federico Bongiorno on Delusions” (most popular post of the year so far by number of unique views).

10 September 2019: “Is the Capgras Delusions an Endorsement of Experience?”.

7 September 2017: “Report from the 43rd meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology”.

31 August 2017: “Cognitive Phenomenology: An Interview with Peter Carruthers”.

REFERENCES

Professor Lisa Bortolotti, University of Birmingham. Dr Philip Corlett, Yale University

Professor Tim Bayne, Monash University. Dr Matthew Parrott, University of Oxford