

CURRICULUM VITAE

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POSITIONS HELD

Academic:

- 2009 - present Professor of Philosophy, University of Warwick.
2007 - 2008 Knightbridge Professor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge.
2007 - 2008 Professorial Fellow, King's College, Cambridge.
2005 - 2006 Professor of Philosophy, University College London.
1986 - 2004 Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Wadham College, Oxford, and CUF Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Oxford.
1985 - 1986 Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Oriel College, University of Oxford.

Visiting academic:

- 2004 John Evans Distinguished Visiting Professor in Moral and Intellectual Philosophy, Northwestern University, Illinois.
1993 Visiting Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley.

Administrative:

- 2017 - Present Director of Research, Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick.
2010 - 2012 Head of the Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick.
2010 - 2012 Member of the University of Warwick Academic Staff Committee.
2009 - 2012 Chair of the REF (Research Excellence Framework) Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick.
2007 - 2008 Chair of the Faculty of Philosophy Promotions Committee, University of Cambridge.
2003 - 2004 Secretary to the Governing Body, Wadham College, Oxford.
1993 - 1995 Secretary to the Sub-Faculty of Philosophy and member of the Philosophy Panel, University of Oxford.
1987 - 1989 Tutor for Graduates, Wadham College, Oxford.

EDUCATION

1984 - 1985	D. Phil. in Philosophy, University of Oxford.
1982 - 1984	B. Phil. in Philosophy, University of Oxford.
1979 - 1982	B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Keble College, University of Oxford. First class honours.

DISTINCTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020 - 2021	Member of the Philosophy sub-panel, Research Excellence Framework (REF).
2016 - 2017	Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Leadership Fellow.
2012 - 2013	<i>Mind</i> Senior Research Fellow.
2010 - 2011	President of the Aristotelian Society.
2010 - 2013	Member of the AHRC Peer Review College

GRANTS

2016 - 2017	AHRC Leadership Fellowship.
2012 - 2013	<i>Mind</i> Senior Research Fellowship.

NAMED AND KEYNOTE LECTURES

2020	Keynote Lecture, 10 th European Congress of Analytic Philosophy (ECAP 10), University of Utrecht.
2015	Jamie Greenberg Memorial Lecture, Vassar College, New York.
2014	<i>Mind</i> Lecture, University of Warwick.
2010	Aristotelian Society Presidential Address.
2010	Lipkind Lecture, University of Chicago.
2000	Bechtel Lecture, Harvard University.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA ON THE WORK OF QUASSIM CASSAM

2020	Conference on <i>Vice Epistemology: Recent Contributions by Quassim Cassam</i> , Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. [Postponed and rescheduled to 2021 due to Covid-19].
2018	Conference on <i>Self-Knowledge for Humans</i> , University of Padova
2017	Conference to mark the 20 th anniversary of the publication of <i>Self and World</i> , University College London.
2015	Workshop on <i>Self-Knowledge for Humans</i> , University of Cologne.
2015	Symposium on <i>Self-Knowledge for Humans</i> , American Philosophical Association (Pacific Division) Annual Conference, Vancouver.
2008	Conference on <i>The Possibility of Knowledge</i> , Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, (4 th Mainz-Frankfurt Colloquium in Analytic Philosophy).
2008	Workshop on <i>The Possibility of Knowledge</i> , Konstanz University.

CONFERENCES ORGANISED BY QUASSIM CASSAM

- 2018 'Professional Virtues in Modern Medicine', University of Warwick (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/philosophy/news/conference/professionalvirtues/>)
- 2017 'Exploring Resistance to Change', Institute for Government, London.
- 2017 'The Epistemology of Counterterrorism', University of Warwick.
- 2017 'Professional Vices in Modern Medicine', University of Warwick.
- 2016 'Virtues and Vices in Evidence Based Clinical Practice', University of Oxford (<https://www.phc.ox.ac.uk/events/virtues-and-vices-in-evidence-based-clinical-practice>), jointly organised with Prof. Trish Greenhalgh.

TEACHING

- a) *Lectures*: Kant, Knowledge and Reality, History of Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, The Philosophy of Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Knowledge, Ignorance and Bullshit.
- b) *Tutorials*: Knowledge and Reality, Ethics, Kant, Later Wittgenstein History of Philosophy.
- c) *Graduate classes*: Advanced Metaphysics, Beyond the Bounds of Sense (joint with John Campbell), Personal Identity, Self-Knowledge, Kant, Nativism, Realism and the Self.
- d) *PhD students supervised* (thesis topic in brackets): Lucy Allais (transcendental idealism), Lucy Allwood (Kant and Hume on imagination), Kathy Behrendt (personal identity), Andrew Carpenter (transcendental arguments), Ciara Fairley (foundationalism), Danyal Faramarzi (Kant), Fleur Jongepier (self-knowledge), Ivan Ivanov (perception), Anne Newstead (self-reference), Victoria Patton (conceptualism and concept acquisition), Hanna Pickard (bodily awareness), Roland Spitz (self-reference and personal identity).

PUBLICATIONS

a) Authored Books:

- *Conspiracy Theories* (Polity Press 2019).
- *Vices of the Mind: From the Intellectual to the Political* (Oxford University Press 2019).
- *Self-Knowledge for Humans* (Oxford University Press, 2014; paperback edition 2016).
- *Berkeley's Puzzle: What Does Experience Teach Us?* (with John Campbell) (Oxford University Press, 2014; paperback edition 2016).
- *The Possibility of Knowledge* (Oxford University Press, 2007; paperback edition 2009).
- *Self and World* (Oxford University Press, 1997; paperback edition 1999).

b) Edited volumes:

- *Vice Epistemology*, with Ian James Kidd and Heather Battaly (Routledge, forthcoming).
- *Self-Knowledge* (Oxford University Press, 1994).

c) Articles in reverse chronological order:

- 'The Metaphysical Foundations of Vice Epistemology', in I. J. Kidd, H. Battaly and Q. Cassam (eds.) *Vice Epistemology* (New York and London: Routledge, 2021).
- 'Humility and Terrorism Studies', in M. Alfano, M. Lynch and A. Tanesini (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Philosophy of Humility* (New York and London: Routledge, 2021).
- 'The polarisation toolkit', in A. Tanesini and M. Lynch (eds.) *Polarisation, Arrogance, and Dogmatism: Philosophical Perspectives* (New York and London: Routledge, 2021).
- 'Radically Deceived? Not So Fast', with Fleur Jongepier, in R. Peels, J. de Ridder and R. van Woudenberg (eds.) *Scientific Challenges to Common Sense Philosophy* (New York and London: Routledge, 2020).
- 'The Epistemologies of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Research', in L. Gearon (ed.) *The Routledge International Handbook of Universities, Security and Intelligence Studies* (Abingdon and New York: Routledge 2019).
- 'Epistemic Vices and Epistemic Ends: A Reply to Beatson, Joly Chock, Lang and Matheson', *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 8 (2019).
- 'Radicalisation, violent extremism and terrorism: an interview with Quassim Cassam', *Critical Studies on Terrorism* (2019).
- 'Politicians, Boris Johnson and Intellectual Vices', *The Philosophers' Magazine*, 30 September 2019.
- 'The Epistemology of Terrorism and Radicalisation', *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement*, 84 (2018).
- 'Epistemic Insouciance', *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 43 (2018).
- 'Reflections on the Value of Self-Knowledge for Self-Cultivation' (with Matthew Dennis and Sander Werkhoven), in M. Dennis & S. Werkhoven (eds.) *Ethics and Self-Cultivation: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives* (New York and London: Routledge 2018).
- 'Vice Ontology', *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 6 (2017).
- 'Diagnostic Error, Overconfidence and Self-Knowledge', *Palgrave Communications*, 3 (2017).
- 'What Asymmetry? Knowledge of Self, Knowledge of Others, and the Inferentialist Challenge', *Synthese* 194 (2017).
- 'Knowledge and its Objects: Revisiting *The Bounds of Sense*', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 24 (2016).
- 'Vice Epistemology' *The Monist*, 99 (2016).
- 'Stealthy Vices', *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 4 (2015).
- 'What Do You Really Want?', *The Philosophers' Magazine*, December 2015.
- *Self-Knowledge* (Oxford Bibliographies, 2013).
- 'Epistemic Self-Audit and Warranted Reasons', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 85 (2012).
- 'Knowing What You Believe', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 111 (2011).
- 'The Embodied Self', in S. Gallagher (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of the Self* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011).
- 'Tackling Berkeley's Puzzle', in N. Eilan, H. Lerman and J. Roessler (eds.) *Understanding Perception, Causation and Objectivity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011).
- 'How We Know What We Think', *Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale*, Special Issue on the Self, edited by B. Longuenesse, 2010.
- 'Judging, Thinking and Believing', *Philosophical Issues*, 20 (2010).

- 'Précis of *The Possibility of Knowledge*', and 'Replies to John Campbell and Duncan Pritchard', *Analysis*, 69 (2009).
- 'Can the Concept of Knowledge be Analysed?', in D. Pritchard and P. Greenough (eds.) *Williamson on Knowledge* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).
- 'What is Knowledge?', in Anthony O'Hear (ed.) *Epistemology* (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
- 'The Basis of Self-Knowledge', *Erkenntnis*, 71 (2009).
- 'Knowing and Seeing: Responding to Stroud's Dilemma', *European Journal of Philosophy* 17 (2009). Portuguese translation published in 2011.
- Book Symposium on *The Possibility of Knowledge*: replies to commentators, *Abstracta*, Special Issue IV (2009)
- 'Contemporary Responses to Descartes' Philosophy of Mind' in J. Broughton and J. Carriero (eds.) *A Companion to Descartes* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2008).
- 'Précis of *The Possibility of Knowledge*', and 'Replies to Barry Stroud and Béatrice Longuenesse', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 87 (2008).
- 'Foreword to P. F. Strawson's *Scepticism and Naturalism*, 2nd edition (London: Routledge, 2008).
- 'Knowledge, Perception and Analysis', *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 27 (2008), Special Issue of the Philosophy of P. F. Strawson.
- 'The Possibility of Knowledge', *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 74 (2007).
- 'Ways of Knowing', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 107 (2007).
- 'Space and Objective Experience', in José Luis Bermúdez (ed.) *Thought, Reference and Experience: Themes from the Philosophy of Gareth Evans* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005).
- 'Introspection, Perception, and Epistemic Privilege', *The Monist* 87 (2004).
- 'A Priori Concepts', in Hans-Johann Glock (ed.) *Strawson and Kant* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003).
- 'Can Transcendental Epistemology be Naturalized?', in *Philosophy* 78 (2003).
- 'Representing Bodies', *Ratio* 15 (2002), reprinted in Mike Proudfoot (ed.) *The Philosophy of Body* (Blackwell Publishing, 2002).
- 'Rationalism, Empiricism and the A Priori', in Paul Boghossian and Christopher Peacocke (eds.) *New Essays on the A Priori* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).
- 'Self-Directed Transcendental Arguments', in Robert Stern (ed.) *Transcendental Arguments: Problems and Prospects* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1999).
- 'Mind, Knowledge, and Reality: Themes from Kant', in Anthony O'Hear (ed.) *Current Issues in Philosophy of Mind* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998).
- 'Subjects and Objects', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 58 (1997).
- 'Self-Reference, Self-Knowledge and the Problem of Misconception', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 4 (1996).
- 'Transcendental Self-Consciousness' in Pranab Sen and Roop Rekha Verma (eds.) *The Philosophy of P.F. Strawson* (New Delhi: Indian Council for Philosophical Research, 1995).
- 'Introspection and Bodily Self-Ascription' in José Luis Bermúdez, Anthony Marcel, and Naomi Eilan (eds.) *The Body and the Self* (Cambridge, Mass.: The M.I.T. Press, 1995).
- Entries on 'Inner Sense', 'Persons', 'Self-Consciousness', and 'Transcendental Arguments' in Ted Honderich (ed.) *The Oxford Companion to Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995).
- 'Self-Knowledge' in Quassim Cassam (ed.) *Self-Knowledge* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994).
- 'Parfit on Persons', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, 93 (1993).

- 'Inner Sense, Body Sense, and Kant's "Refutation of Idealism"', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 1 (1993).
- 'La Philosophie britannique contemporaine: langage, vérité et réalité' in Raymond Klibansky and David Pears (eds.) *La philosophie en Europe* (Paris: Gallimard, 1993).
- 'La unidad transcendental de la apercepción' in Laura Benítez and José Robles (eds.) *El problema de la relación mente-cuerpo* (UNAM, 1993).
- 'Reductionism and First-Person Thinking' in David Charles and Kathleen Lennon (eds.) *Reductionism, Explanation, and Realism* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1992).
- 'Realism, Meaning and Truth' (critical notice), *Philosophical Books*, 30 (1989).
- 'Kant and Reductionism', *Review of Metaphysics*, 43 (1989).
- 'Transcendental Arguments, Transcendental Synthesis and Transcendental Idealism', *Philosophical Quarterly*, 37 (1987).
- 'Science and Essence', *Philosophy*, 61 (1986).
- 'Necessity and Externality', *Mind* 93 (1986).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Oxford Think Festival, discussion *Vices of the Mind* with Grant Bartley, 16 November 2019.
- 'Conspiracy Theories', interview on the *New Books Network*, 11 November 2019 (<https://newbooksnetwork.com/quassim-cassam-conspiracy-theories-polity-2019/>).
- *The Battle of Ideas*, Barbican Centre, London, contributor to panels on conspiracy theories and indoctrination, 2-3 November 2019.
- 'Intellectual Vices and What to do About Them', interview on *Mindscape*, 26 August 2019 (<https://www.preposterousuniverse.com/podcast/2019/08/26/61-quassim-cassam-on-intellectual-vices-and-what-to-do-about-them/>).
- 'Vices of the Mind', interview on the *New Books Network*, 1 August 2019 (<https://newbooksnetwork.com/quassim-cassam-vices-of-the-mind-from-the-intellectual-to-the-political-oxford-up-2019/>).
- 'Epistemic Insouciance', Blog of the APA, 23 March 2018 (<https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/03/23/epistemic-insouciance/>).
- 'Epistemic Vices and Conspiracy Theories', Blog of the APA, 28 February 2018 (<https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/02/28/epistemic-vices-and-conspiracy-theories/>).
- 'Conspiracy Theories', *Why We Argue* podcast, 8 February 2018 (<http://whyweargue.libsyn.com/conspiracy-theories-with-quassim-cassam>).
- 'Resistance to Change', *Philosophy 24/7* podcast, 25 October 2017 (<http://www.philosophy247.org/podcasts/no-change/>).
- TEDx talk: 'Conspiracy Theories and the Problem of Disappearing Knowledge', University of Warwick, 4 April 2017 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-eQ2bR1HFk>).
- 'Does Dogmatism Affect our Efficacy as Freethinkers?', The Freethinktank 2016 (<http://www.thefreethinktank.com/dogmatism-efficacy-freethinkers/>).
- 'Intellectual Vice and Self-Awareness', *The Forum: Thinking in Public*, 2015 (<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/theforum/intellectualvices/>).
- 'Bad Thinkers', *Aeon Magazine*, 2015 (<http://aeon.co/magazine/philosophy/intellectual-character-of-conspiracy-theorists/>).
- 'What Do You Really Want?', *The Philosophers' Magazine* 9 December 2015

(<https://www.philosophersmag.com/index.php/component/content/article/11-tpm-articles/essays/98-what-do-you-really-want?Itemid=101>)

- 'Will head transplants create an entirely new person?', *The Conversation*, 2015 (<http://theconversation.com/will-head-transplants-create-an-entirely-new-person-43416>) and *cnn.com* (<http://edition.cnn.com/2015/06/23/opinions/conversation-head-transplant/index.html?eref=edition>).
- 'Self-Knowledge – What Is It Good For?'. *OUP Blog* (<http://blog.oup.com/2015/02/self-knowledge-illusion-dating/>).
- 'When Should Voluntary Euthanasia Not be an Option?', *The Guardian* 2015 (<http://www.theguardian.com/profile/quassim-cassam>)
- 'Head Transplants', interview on Radio Coventry & Warwickshire, 2015.
- *Philosophy Bites* on Conspiracy Theories (<http://philosophybites.com/2015/05/quassim-cassam-on-conspiracy-theories.html>).
- 'Know Thyself', *New York Times* (http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/author/quassim-cassam/?_r=0), 2014.
- 'Know Thyself?', *Lux Magazine*, 2014.

MEDIA

- *Albawaba News* (Albawaba.com) 11 December 2019.
- *New Statesman*, 'Why Conspiracy Theories are Deeply Dangerous', 7 October 2019.
- *Saturday Extra* (ABC Radio Australia), 7 September 2019.
- *Free Thinking* (BBC Radio 3) 7 February 2019.
- *The World Tonight* (BBC Radio 4) 24 December 2018.
- *Free Thinking* (BBC Radio 3) 6 December 2018.
- *Newsnight* (BBC2) 16 November 2018.

INVITED TALKS

- *UK*: Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh, KCL, Liverpool, Nottingham, Oxford, Reading, St. Andrews, Sheffield, Stirling, UCL, Warwick, York.
- *Rest of Europe*: Amsterdam, Barcelona, Bonn, Budapest, Copenhagen, Erfurt, Frankfurt, Fribourg, Hannover, Konstanz, Leuven, Luxembourg, Madrid, Nijmegen, Oslo, Padova, Paris, Stockholm, Stuttgart, Tübingen, Utrecht, Vienna, Zurich.
- *North America*: UC Berkeley, Boston University, University of Chicago, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, New York University, Northwestern University, Princeton University, Queen's Ontario, Vassar College.
- *Rest of the World*: Cape Town, Johannesburg, Mexico City, Mumbai, Tehran.