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Positions held:

(a) Academic:

2009- Professor of Philosophy, University of Warwick.
2007-8 Knightbridge Professor of Philosophy, University of Cambridge.
2007-8 Professorial Fellow, King's College, Cambridge.
2005-6 Professor of Philosophy, University College London.
1986-2004 Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Wadham College, Oxford, and CUF Lecturer in Philosophy, University of Oxford.
1985-86 Fellow and Tutor in Philosophy, Oriel College, University of Oxford.

(b) Visiting and honorary:

2022 Honorary Fellow, Keble College, Oxford (elected 2022).
2022 Distinguished Philosopher-in-Residence, NYU Abu Dhabi.
2004 John Evans Distinguished Visiting Professor in Moral and Intellectual Philosophy, Northwestern University, Illinois.
1993 Visiting Associate Professor, University of California, Berkeley.

(c) Administrative:

2017-22 Director of Research, Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick.
2010-12 Head of the Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick.
2010-12 Member of the University of Warwick Academic Staff Committee.
2009-12 Chair of the REF (Research Excellence Framework) Committee, Department of Philosophy, University of Warwick.
2007-8 Chair of the Faculty of Philosophy Promotions Committee, University of Cambridge.
2003-4 Secretary to the Governing Body, Wadham College, Oxford.
1993-5 Secretary to the Sub-Faculty of Philosophy and member of the Philosophy Panel, University of Oxford.
1987-9 Tutor for Graduates, Wadham College, Oxford.

Education:

1984-5	D. Phil. in Philosophy, University of Oxford.
1982-4	B. Phil. in Philosophy, University of Oxford.
1979-82	B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Keble College, University of Oxford. First class honours.

Distinctions and Professional Service:

2022	Elected a Fellow of the British Academy.
2022	Elected an Honorary Fellow of Keble College, Oxford
2021-	Member of the editorial board of <i>Society</i> .
2020-21	Member of the Philosophy sub-panel, Research Excellence Framework (REF).
2016-17	Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Leadership Fellow.
2012-13	<i>Mind</i> Senior Research Fellow.
2010-11	President of the Aristotelian Society.
2010-13	Member of the AHRC Peer Review College

Grants:

2021-23	AHRC Research Networking Grant. Project title: Rethinking the Philosophy of Terrorism.
2016-17	AHRC Leadership Fellowship: Project title: Vice Epistemology.
2012-13	<i>Mind</i> Senior Research Fellowship.

Selected named and Keynote Lectures:

2021	Jacobsen Lecture, Institute of Philosophy, School of Advanced Study, London.
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:

2021	Symposium on <i>Extremism: A Philosophical Analysis</i> , Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.
2020	Conference on <i>Vice Epistemology: Recent Contributions by Quassim Cassam</i> , Universidad Autónoma de Madrid [postponed 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 Annual Conference (Pacific Division), 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

2022	'The Philosophy of Terrorism', Keble College, Oxford.
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.
2003	Conference to mark the retirement of Michael Ayers, Wadham College, Oxford.

Teaching:

- (a) *Lectures*: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*, 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:**

- *Extremism: A Philosophical Analysis* (Abingdon and New York: Routledge 2022).
- *Conspiracy Theories* (Cambridge: Polity Press 2019). Czech translation published in 2020, French translation published in 2022.
- *Vices of the Mind: From the Intellectual to the Political* (Oxford: Oxford University Press 2019; paperback edition 2021).
- *Self-Knowledge for Humans* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014; paperback edition 2016).
- *Berkeley's Puzzle: What Does Experience Teach Us?* (with John Campbell) (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014; paperback 2016).
- *The Possibility of Knowledge* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007; paperback 2009).
- *Self and World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997; paperback edition 1999).

(b) **Edited volumes:**

- *Vice Epistemology*, with Ian James Kidd and Heather Battaly (London and New York: Routledge, 2021).
- *Self-Knowledge* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994).

(c) **Articles in reverse chronological order:**

1. 'Fanaticism: For and Against', in L. Townsend et al. (eds.) *The Philosophy of Fanaticism: Epistemic, Affective, and Political Dimensions* (Abingdon: Routledge 2022).
2. 'The vices and virtues of extremism', in M. Alfano, C. Klein, & J. de Ridder (eds.) *Social Virtue Epistemology* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2022).
3. Replies to Elizabeth Frazer and Daniel Gordon, *Society*, published online July 2022.
4. Reply to Tahir Abbas, Nami Kloosterboer, and Rik Peels', *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, published online May 2022.
5. Review of H. R. McMaster, *Battlegrounds: The Fight to Defend the Free World*, *Society*, 58 (2022).
6. 'Misunderstanding vaccine hesitancy: A case study in epistemic injustice', *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, published online November 2021.
7. 'Doubt as a Political Virtue', *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, 45 (2021).
8. Review of John Kay & Mervyn King, *Radical Uncertainty: Decision-making for an Unknowable Future*, *Society*, 58 (2021).
9. 'Self and World Revisited', *Analytic Philosophy*, 62 (2021).
10. 'Bullshit, Post-Truth, and Propaganda', in E. Edenberg and M. Hannon (eds.) *Political Epistemology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2021).
11. 'Epistemic Vices, Ideologies and False Consciousness', in M. Hannon and J. de Ridder (eds.) *The Routledge Handbook of Political Epistemology* (New York and London: Routledge, 2021).
12. 'The Metaphysical Foundations of Vice Epistemology', in I. J. Kidd, H. Battaly and Q. Cassam (eds.) *Vice Epistemology* (New York and London: Routledge, 2021).
13. '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).
14. 'The polarisation toolkit', in A. Tanesini and M. Lynch (eds.) *Polarisation, Arrogance, and Dogmatism: Philosophical Perspectives* ((New York and London: Routledge, 2021).
15. 'Philosophy of education in a new key: On radicalization and violent extremism' with M. Sarđoč et al., *Educational Philosophy and Theory* (2021).
16. '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).
17. 'The Epistemologies of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism Research', in L. Gearon (ed.) *The Routledge International Handbook of Universities, Security and Intelligence Studies* (New York and London: Routledge 2019).
18. 'Epistemic Vices and Epistemic Ends: A Reply to Beatson, Joly Chock, Lang and Matheson', *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 8 (2019).
19. 'Radicalisation, violent extremism and terrorism: an interview with Quassim Cassam', *Critical Studies on Terrorism* (2019). Reprinted in M. Sarđoč ed.) *Making Sense of Radicalization and Violent Extremism: Interviews and Conversations* (London & New York: Routledge, 2022).
20. 'Politicians, Boris Johnson and Intellectual Vices', *The Philosophers' Magazine*, 30 September 2019.
21. 'The Epistemology of Terrorism and Radicalisation', *Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement*, 84 (2018).
22. 'Epistemic Insouciance', *Journal of Philosophical Research*, 43 (2018).
23. '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).
24. 'Vice Ontology', *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 6 (2017).
25. 'Diagnostic Error, Overconfidence and Self-Knowledge', *Palgrave Communications*, 3 (2017).
26. 'What Asymmetry? Knowledge of Self, Knowledge of Others, and the Inferentialist Challenge', *Synthese* 194 (2017).
27. 'Knowledge and its Objects: Revisiting *The Bounds of Sense*', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 24 (2016).

28. 'Vice Epistemology' *The Monist*, 99 (2016).
29. 'Stealthy Vices', *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective*, 4 (2015).
30. 'What Do You Really Want?', *The Philosophers' Magazine*, December 2015.
31. *Self-Knowledge* (Oxford Bibliographies, 2013).
32. 'Epistemic Self-Audit and Warranted Reasons', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 85 (2012).
33. 'Knowing What You Believe', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 111 (2011).
34. 'The Embodied Self', in S. Gallagher (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of the Self* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011).
35. 'Tackling Berkeley's Puzzle', in N. Eilan, H. Lerman and J. Roessler (eds.) *Understanding Perception, Causation and Objectivity* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011).
36. 'How We Know What We Think', *Revue de Métaphysique et de Morale*, Special Issue on the Self, edited by B. Longuenesse, 2010.
37. 'Judging, Thinking and Believing', *Philosophical Issues*, 20 (2010).
38. 'Précis of *The Possibility of Knowledge*', and 'Replies to John Campbell and Duncan Pritchard', *Analysis*, 69 (2009).
39. 'Can the Concept of Knowledge be Analysed?', in D. Pritchard and P. Greenough (eds.) *Williamson on Knowledge* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).
40. 'What is Knowledge?', in Anthony O'Hear (ed.) *Epistemology* (Cambridge University Press, 2009)
41. 'The Basis of Self-Knowledge', *Erkenntnis*, 71 (2009).
42. 'Knowing and Seeing: Responding to Stroud's Dilemma', *European Journal of Philosophy* 17 (2009). Portuguese translation published in 2011.
43. Book Symposium on *The Possibility of Knowledge*: replies to commentators, *Abstracta*, Special Issue IV (2009).
44. 'Contemporary Responses to Descartes' Philosophy of Mind' in J. Broughton and J. Carriero (eds.) *A Companion to Descartes* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2008).
45. 'Précis of *The Possibility of Knowledge*', and 'Replies to Barry Stroud and Béatrice Longuenesse', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 87 (2008).
46. 'Foreword to P. F. Strawson's *Scepticism and Naturalism*, 2nd edition (London: Routledge, 2008).
47. 'Knowledge, Perception and Analysis', *South African Journal of Philosophy*, 27 (2008), Special Issue of the Philosophy of P. F. Strawson.
48. 'The Possibility of Knowledge', *Grazer Philosophische Studien* 74 (2007).
49. 'Ways of Knowing', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 107 (2007).
50. '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).
51. 'Introspection, Perception, and Epistemic Privilege', *The Monist* 87 (2004).
52. 'A Priori Concepts', in Hans-Johann Glock (ed.) *Strawson and Kant* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003).
53. 'Can Transcendental Epistemology be Naturalized?', in *Philosophy* 78 (2003).
54. 'Representing Bodies', *Ratio* 15 (2002), reprinted in Mike Proudfoot (ed.) *The Philosophy of Body* (Blackwell Publishing, 2002).
55. 'Rationalism, Empiricism and the A Priori', in Paul Boghossian and Christopher Peacocke (eds.) *New Essays on the A Priori* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).
56. 'Self-Directed Transcendental Arguments', in Robert Stern (ed.) *Transcendental Arguments: Problems and Prospects* (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1999).
57. 'Mind, Knowledge, and Reality: Themes from Kant', in Anthony O'Hear (ed.) *Current Issues in Philosophy of Mind* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998).
58. 'Subjects and Objects', *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 58 (1997).
59. 'Self-Reference, Self-Knowledge and the Problem of Misconception', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 4 (1996).
60. '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).

61. '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).
62. Entries on 'Inner Sense', 'Persons', 'Self-Consciousness', and 'Transcendental Arguments' in Ted Honderich (ed.) *The Oxford Companion to Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995).
63. 'Self-Knowledge' in Quassim Cassam (ed.) *Self-Knowledge* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994).
64. 'Parfit on Persons', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*, 93 (1993).
65. 'Inner Sense, Body Sense, and Kant's "Refutation of Idealism"', *European Journal of Philosophy*, 1 (1993).
66. 'La Philosophie britannique contemporaine: langage, vérité et réalité' in Raymond Klibansky and David Pears (eds.) *La philosophie en Europe* (Paris: Gallimard, 1993).
67. 'La unidad transcendental de la apercpección' in Laura Benítez and José Robles (eds.) *El problema de la relación mente-cuerpo* (UNAM, 1993).
68. 'Reductionism and First-Person Thinking' in David Charles and Kathleen Lennon (eds.) *Reductionism, Explanation, and Realism* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1992).
69. 'Realism, Meaning and Truth' (critical notice), *Philosophical Books*, 30 (1989).
70. 'Kant and Reductionism', *Review of Metaphysics*, 43 (1989).
71. 'Transcendental Arguments, Transcendental Synthesis and Transcendental Idealism', *Philosophical Quarterly*, 37 (1987).
72. 'Science and Essence', *Philosophy*, 61 (1986).
73. 'Necessity and Externality', *Mind* 93 (1986).

Public Engagement:

- Panel on conspiracy theories, Standon Calling Music Festival, 23 July 2022.
- 'Extremism is a state of mind', *IAI News*, 9 September 2021.
- Contributor to 'Thinking the Pandemic', international webinar, Brasilia, 29 July 2021.
- Guest on Ross Kemp's *Kempcast*, 10 February 2021.
- Guest on *Talking to Thinkers*, with Johnny Lyons, 21 August 2020.
- 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>).
- *Philosophy Bites* on Conspiracy Theories (<http://philosophybites.com/2015/05/quassim-cassam-on-conspiracy-theories.html>).
- ‘Know Thyself?’, *Lux Magazine*, 2014.

Media:

- *New Statesman*, ‘Why is it so difficult to face grim realities?’, 1 July 2022.
- Talking head on *The Truth Illusion*, Al Jazeera documentary, 17 May 2022.
- Interview on extremism, ABC Radio Australia, 13 March 2022.
- Guest on *The Moral Maze*, BBC Radio 4, 22 January 2022.
- Guest on *Sky News*, 2 June 2021.
- Guest on *Future Tense*, ABC Radio Australia, 23 May 2021.
- *New Statesman*, ‘Why compelling narratives are the key to political success’, 17 May 2021.
- Guest on *The Moral Maze*, BBC Radio 4, 24 March 2021.
- *New Statesman*, ‘Why extremism is a question of psychology, not politics’, 18 February 2020.
- Guest on *Saturday Extra*, ABC Radio Australia, 16 May 2020.
- *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.
- *The Guardian*, ‘When should voluntary euthanasia not be an option?’, 6 January 2015.
- ‘Head Transplants’, interview on Radio Coventry & Warwickshire, 2015.
- *New York Times*, ‘Know thyself – really’, 14 March 2014.

Invited Talks:

- *UK*: Cambridge, Durham, Edinburgh, KCL, Liverpool, Nottingham, Oxford, Queen’s University, Belfast, 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, California State University, Fullerton, University of Chicago, Harvard University, Johns Hopkins University, New York University, Northwestern University, Princeton University, Queen’s Ontario, Scripps College, California, Vassar College.
- *Rest of the World*: Cape Town, Johannesburg, Mexico City, Mumbai, Tehran.