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Teaching Experience

Spring 2026	Moral Theory and Moral Psychology , Graduate Teaching Associate	University of Sheffield
Spring 2025	Reason and Argument , Graduate Teaching Assistant	University of Sheffield
Autumn 2024	Ethics - Theoretical and Practical , Graduate Teaching Associate	University of Sheffield
Spring 2024	History of Philosophical Ideas , Graduate Teaching Assistant	University of Sheffield

Presentations

PRESENTING AUTHOR

- 24-25 Sept 2026. *Why (exactly) did Kant care about animals?*. UK Kant Society Annual Conference, University of Leeds.
- 22 May 2025. *Liberal Neutrality and Responsibility in Healthcare (poster)*. Centre for Engaged Philosophy, University of Sheffield.
- 12-13 Jun 2025. *Insensitivity to Animals, Insensitivity to Responsibility: A Kantian Argument*. Workshop on Conditioned Responsibility, Universitat de València.
- 3-5 Apr 2025. *Respecting Animality in the Person of Any Other: teleology and Kant's commitment against animal cruelty*. British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Cambridge.
- 20 Nov 2024. *Producing Noumena before a Court of Law: Reflective Judgment and Kant's Theory of Imputation*. Recht Erkannt. University of Zurich (organising), University of St. Gallen (hosting)
- 14-18 Oct 2024. *Beyond a Newton of Biology. Kant's unified account of the natural sciences*. Kant, then and now. On the tercentennial of his birth, University of Valencia
- 19 June 2024. *Foot-stomping responsibility: why we may still need metaphysics*. PGR/Staff Research Showcase Event, University of Sheffield.
- 20-21 May 2024. *An open future and two demands of reason*. Kant-Fest Dublin/UK Kant Society Annual Conference. Celebrating Kant at 300: "Kant on Reason, Freedom & Nature". University College Dublin, Newman House.
- 10 May 2024. *Who's to blame now? Kant on the empirical conditions of responsibility*. Invited talk: Kant's Practical Philosophy Workshop, IDEA Centre, University of Leeds.
- 8-10 April 2024. *How to find a free being: reflective judgment and the sensible signs of freedom*. Symposium: Transcendental Freedom and Experience. British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, University of Liverpool
- 4-5 Sept 2023. *Alive and free: are organisms autonomous according to Kant?*. Graduate conference: Kant, Animal Moral Status, and Vulnerability, Universidade Nova de Lisboa.
- 4-5 May 2023. *Humans as free animals*. Transcendental Idealism & Ethics Workshop, Trinity College Dublin.
- 22-24 March 2023. *Value Scepticism and the Experience of other Animals: Korsgaard on Teleology*. Understanding Value XI, University of Sheffield.
- 27 January 2023. *The Third Antinomy beyond the Critique of Pure Reason*. Centre for the History of Philosophy Work-in-Progress Meeting, University of York.
- 9-10 June 2022. *Making Sense of our Timeless Wills*. Freedom, Action and Control: Conceptions of Rational Agency in Kant and the German Enlightenment, University of Bucharest.

22 Sept 2021. *The causality of freedom and formative power: positive freedom after Kant's third Critique*. UK Kant Society Early Career Research Workshop.

ORGANISER

UK Kant Society Annual Conference 2025. 1-2 Sept 2025. University of Sheffield.

- Organised as Secretary of the UK Kant Society.

Understanding Value XII. 15-17 July 2024. University of Sheffield.

- Reviewed abstracts, updated website, budgeted and obtained £5500 in grants for the conference.

Fugas, Éxodos y Rupturas, Interdisciplinary Conference at *Círculo de Bellas Artes de Madrid*. 24-27 Sept 2020. Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

- Contacted speakers, chaired committee meetings, chaired panels at the conference.

Education

University of Sheffield

PHD PHILOSOPHY

- Supervisors: Prof. Christopher Bennett, Dr. Ryan Byerly (secondary)

Sheffield, UK

Oct. 2023 - present

University of California, San Diego

PHD PHILOSOPHY (VISITING)

- Visit at UCSD with Prof. Dana K. Nelkin.

San Diego, CA

Sep. 2025 - Dec. 2025

University of Durham

MA (RESEARCH) PHILOSOPHY

- Supervisor: Dr. Joe Saunders
- Dissertation: *The Sources of Real Agency: Kant on the metaphysics of freedom and life*.
- Examinors: Prof. Christopher Insole, Prof. Patrick Frierson
- Outcome: Pass Forthwith (1st submission)

Durham, UK

Oct. 2022 - Sep. 2023

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

BA PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

- Average grade: 9.76/10
- Partnership with Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Autonomous University of Madrid
- Dissertation: *The political subject in Kant and Spinoza: a synthetic approach*. Graded with Distinction (Matrícula de Honor)

Madrid and Barcelona, Spain

Sep. 2017 - Jul. 2021

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

2026	Andrew Cooper Essay Prize , UK Kant Society	£500
2025	Institute of Philosophy Innovation Awards , Institute of Philosophy	£2500
2025	WROCAH Student Led Forums - UKKS Annual Conference , White Rose College of Arts and Humanities	£2275
	Analysis Trust Bursaries - UKKS Annual Conference 2025 , Analysis Trust	£230
	WROCAH Large Award (to visit UCSD) , White Rose College of Arts and Humanities	£2569.50
2024	Aristotelian Society Conference Grant - Understanding Value XII , White Rose College of Arts and Humanities	£500
	WROCAH Student Led Forums - Understanding Value XII , White Rose College of Arts and Humanities	£5000
	WROCAH Small Awards (1st half of 2024) , White Rose College of Arts and Humanities	£376
2023	WROCAH AHRC Open Competition Studentship , White Rose College of Arts and Humanities	
2022	"La Caixa" Postgraduate Studies Abroad Fellowship (full funding for my Master's at Durham) , "La Caixa" Foundation	

2021	Award in Academic Excellence 2021 , Social Council, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	€1000
	Award in Excellence at University , Education Council, Autonomous Community of Madrid	€1000
2019	Award in Excellence at University , Education Council, Autonomous Community of Madrid	€1000

Publications

Rodríguez-González, Álvaro. Forthcoming. Why did Kant care about animals? *Kantian Review*.

Rodríguez-González, Álvaro. Forthcoming. Producing Noumena before a Court of Law. Reflective Judgment and Kant's Theory of Imputation. *Meier, Pascal Felix; Matthias Hächler (Eds.) Recht erKant*. Zürich: sui generis Verlag

Rodríguez-González, Álvaro. 2026. Beyond a Newton of Biology. Kant's Unified Account of the Natural Sciences. *Teruel, Pedro Jesús; Waibel, Violetta L.; Gallego, Pere (Eds.) Immanuel Kant, damals und jetzt. Zu seinem dreihundertsten Geburtstag / Immanuel Kant, Then and Now. On the Tricentenary of His Birth*. València: Tirant lo Blanch

Rodríguez-González Barredo, Álvaro. 2023. Can Kant Tell Us What to Do? Intentions, dilemmas, and the long journey towards moral perfection. *Revista de Estudios Kantianos*, 8(1): 23-35.

Outreach & Professional Development

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

2025	Interviewed by EL PAÍS , "El duelo por las vidas no vividas"	Madrid
2021-present	PPE Students' Association , Committee Member	Madrid
2021-2022	Online Radio "El Viaje de Penélope" - Programmes on culture, philosophy and politics for a broad audience , Host and Content Director	Círculo de Bellas Artes de Madrid Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
2019	Support Programme for Students with Disabilities , Volunteer	Madrid

DEVELOPMENT

"Kant on Cognitive Science" Summer School, 2023. Summer school at Imperia, Italy, on the relevance of Immanuel Kant for modern cognitive science. Speakers included Prof. Patricia Kitcher, Prof. James O'Shea, Prof. Sorin Baiasu, Prof. Cord Friebe and Dr. Andrew Stephenson

Higher Intermediate German Lessons (B2 level). Sheffield Modern Language Teaching Centre, Spring 2024, Autumn 2024, Spring 2025

Research Employability Project, Círculo de Bellas Artes, 2025. As part of my WROCAH training I collaborated with the Círculo de Bellas Artes to organise 2025's Climate Refuge in Madrid.

Numerous development seminars organised by the Philosophy Department and WROCAH.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

UK Kant Society. Secretary. Liaison between Executive Committee members, and minute-taking in EC Meetings, among others.

British Society for the History of Philosophy Member.