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Research

AOS Epistemology (formal and informal)
AOC Metaphysics, philosophy of religion

Education

2026 Ph.D., University of Leeds
Doxastic resilience: on rational doubt, defeat, decision, and desire.
Duration (excl. parental leave): 42 mths; funded for 40 mths.
Viva passed April 2026.
Examiners: J. Robert G. Williams and Richard Pettigrew

2019 MA in Philosophy, Aarhus University

2017 BA in Philosophy, Aarhus University

2015 BA in Theology, Aarhus University

Visits

2023 Yale University, postgraduate visiting Daniel Greco (6 mths)

2018 University of Sheffield, visiting graduate (4 mths)

2017 University of Auckland, visiting undergraduate (6 mths)

Publications

Donskov, J. (2025). ‘Resisting Counterevidence: No Knowledge Needed’. *Synthese* 206.49.
DOI: [10.1007/s11229-025-05155-8](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11229-025-05155-8).

Donskov, J. and A. Steglich-Petersen (2026). ‘The Practical Import of Higher-Order Defeat: Resilience vs. Imprecise Credences’. *Erkenntnis* 91, pp. 1169–1187. DOI: [10.1007/s10670-025-00938-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10670-025-00938-4).

Under review

Donskov, J. (under review). ‘Two norms of epistemic humility’.

Donskov, J. and R. V. Pacheco (under review). ‘A Lewisian Defence of Desire as Belief’.

In preparation

Donskov, J. (draft). ‘The value of inquiry under credal instability’.

Donskov, J. and J. C. Bjerring (draft). ‘Beware, some of my beliefs are false!’

Talks

- 2026 ‘The value of inquiry under credal instability’
Danish Philosophical Association, annual conference, Via University College
- 2025 ‘The Value of Inquiry: Credal Resilience and Rational Decision-Making’
Philosophy Research Seminar, Aarhus University
Philosophy PGR Seminar, University of Leeds
- ‘A Lewisian Defence of Desire as Belief’
Philosophy Research Seminar, Aarhus University
Philosophy Seminar, University of Leeds
- 2024 ‘Resisting Counterevidence: No Knowledge needed’
Philosophy PGR Seminar, University of Leeds
- 2023 ‘The Practical Import of Higher-Order Defeat’
Philosophy PGR Seminar, University of Leeds
- 2022 ‘Doxastic stability for Bayesians’
Philosophy PGR Seminar, University of Leeds
- 2018 ‘Truthmakers for Presentism’
Philosophical Student Colloquium, Aarhus University
- ‘Do Preface Authors have Fragmented Minds?’
MA Student Conference, Aarhus University
- ‘Solving the Preface Paradox with Fragmentation’
Philosophical Student Colloquium, Aarhus University
Danish Philosophical Association, annual conference, Roskilde University
- 2017 ‘Structure in a Flat Ontology’
MA Student Conference, Aarhus University
- 2015 ‘An Assessment of Moreland’s Argument from Consciousness’
Conference on Natural Theology, CKA, Denmark

Teaching assistant

- University of Leeds ‘Social Epistemology’ guest lecture in Introduction to Epistemology, 2023
- ‘Introduction to Epistemology’ 2023
- ‘History of Western Philosophy’ 2023
- ‘Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion’ 2022, 2023
- Aarhus University ‘Epistemology and Philosophy of Science’ 2018
- University ‘Metaphysics’ 2016
- ‘Studium Generale’ 2013, 2014, 2015

Public engagement

2024	‘Does God exist?’ Public debate with Emil Børty Nielsen (University of Copenhagen), Brighter, Mariager Højskole
2015	‘From the Nature of Consciousness to the Existence of God?’ Public Lecture, Aarhus KFS
2013	‘Religious belief without traditional creation?’ Public debate, PåskeOase

Grants and awards

2021	<i>Scholarship for doctoral studies at the University of Leeds</i> Tuition and stipend funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council through WRoCAH. Stipend: £52,000 ≈ DKK 446.000
2021	<i>Stipends for studies at the University of Leeds</i> Augustinus Fonden, Torben og Alice Frimodts Fond, Brorsons rejselegat. Awarded: DKK 82.504
2018	<i>Stipends for studies at the University of Sheffield</i> Augustinus Fonden, Oticon Fonden, Knud Højgaards Fond, Erasmus+ Grant. Awarded: DKK 45.719
2017	<i>Stipends for studies at the University of Auckland</i> Augustinus Fonden, Oticon Fonden, Dansk Tennis Fond, Arts Rejsestipendium. Awarded: DKK 36.500
2017	First in Course Award, in ‘Philosophy of Logic’, University of Auckland.
2010	Sportgoodsfonden’s 2G-Legat. Awarded: DKK 5.000
Total	DKK 615.723 ≈ GBP 71,364 ≈ EUR 82.400

Organisation

Seminars	Postgraduate seminar series, University of Leeds, 2024
Groups	‘David Lewis’, University of Leeds, 2023–2026 ‘Metaphysical theories of individuality’, Sheffield University, 2018 ‘Constructing the World’, Aarhus University, 2018 ‘Ontology and Metaphysical Relations’, 2018 ‘Metametaphysics’, 2017 ‘The Epistemology of Religion’, 2015 ‘Metaphysics in Philosophy of Religion’, 2014

Service

- Refereeing *Erkenntnis · Philosophical Studies · Leeds Analytic Philosophy
Graduate Conference 2026 · Understanding Value XI · White Rose
College of the Arts & Humanities Journal*
- Examination Member of the Danish national corps of external examiners in
philosophy (2026–2030)

References

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