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**Areas of specialization:** Philosophy of Psychology, Philosophy of Mind, Cognitive Science

**Areas of competence:** Philosophy of Mathematics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Language

## CURRENT POSITION

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**Honorary Research Fellow** 2019 – present  
*Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield*

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Philosophy** 2014 – 2019  
*University of Sheffield*  
Thesis: ‘Where Am I? The Cognitive Architecture of Spatial Reorientation’  
Supervised by Stephen Laurence and Luca Barlassina, passed without corrections  
Examiners: Peter Carruthers (external) and Dominic Gregory (internal)

**MA in Philosophy (with Cognitive Science Concentration)** 2012 – 2014  
*Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Canada*

**BA in Philosophy and Mathematics (Double Major)** 2005 – 2009  
*McGill University, Canada*

## PUBLICATION

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**Duval, A.** 2019. “The representation selection problem: Why we should favor the geometric-module framework of spatial reorientation over the view-matching framework”, *Cognition*, vol. 192 (23,664 words).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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A co-authored critique of epistemic expressivism (*under review*, first of two authors)

A paper about the role of language in spatial navigation and geometric cognition (*in preparation*)

A paper about the neurobiological evidence for modular accounts of spatial reorientation (*in preparation*)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**Doctoral Fellowship (80,000\$CA in total)** 2014-2018  
*Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*

**Doctoral Fellowship (60,000\$CA in total)** declined in 2014  
*Quebec Research Funds – Society and Culture (FRQSC), Canada*

**Faculty Scholarship (£13,500 for living costs, plus £40,170 for tuition fees)** 2014-2017  
*University of Sheffield*

**Academic Excellence Graduate Scholarship (5000\$CA)** 2013-2014  
*Université du Québec à Montréal*

## TEACHING

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**Guest lecturer (University of Sheffield)**  
Cognitive Studies seminar – MA level October 2017  
Topic: Geometric representations in human and non-human animal minds

**Teaching Assistant (University of Sheffield)**  
Mind, Brain and Personal Identity Fall 2015

**Teaching Assistant (Université du Québec à Montréal)**  
Introduction to Philosophical Methodology Fall 2013  
Introduction to Philosophy of Language Winter 2013  
Introduction to Philosophical Methodology Fall 2012

## PAST EMPLOYMENT

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**Research Assistant (Université du Québec à Montréal)**  
Research project on the massive modularity hypothesis Summer 2013  
with Professor Pierre Poirier

## TALKS

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*The Neurophysiology of Spatial Navigation and the Structure of the Mind* September 2017  
Mind and Society Philosophy Conference, University of Sheffield

*The Snapshot Selection Problem* November 2016  
The Hippocampal Journal Club, Institute of Behavioural Neuroscience, University College London

*The Snapshot Selection Problem* October 2016  
Philosophy & Cognitive Science: A Conference in Honour of Stephen Stich, University of Sheffield

*In Defense of the Geometric Module: How to Explain Cue Competition* May 2015  
Postgraduate seminar, Department of Philosophy, University of Sheffield

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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Lead-organizer of *Mind and Society: Two Philosophical Conferences*

University of Sheffield

September 2017

Co-chair for the *Philosophy International Postgraduate Students Society*

University of Sheffield

2015–2017

## **LANGUAGES**

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French (native speaker), English (native-level proficiency)

## **REFERENCES**

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