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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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Senior lecturer (Associate professor), Oxford Brookes University, School of History, Philosophy and Culture, 2016 – present

Assistant professor, VU University Amsterdam, Faculty of Philosophy, 2015 – 2016

Postdoctoral Fellow of the British Academy, University of Oxford, Faculty of Philosophy and Somerville College, 2013 – 2014

Postdoctoral Fellow, Research Foundation Flanders, University of Leuven, Institute of Philosophy, 2010 – 2013

Templeton Research Fellow, University of Oxford, Somerville College, 2011 – 2012

Postdoctoral research Fellow, University of Leuven, Institute of Philosophy, 2008 – 2010

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Philosophy, University of Groningen, 2011

Ph.D. Archaeology and art studies, Free University of Brussels, 2007

M.A. Anthropology of art, Ghent University, 2000

B.A. Archaeology and art studies, Ghent University, 1998

**Areas of specialization:** Philosophy of cognitive science, Philosophy of religion, Experimental philosophy

**Areas of competence:** Epistemology, General philosophy of science

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

De Cruz, H. (in press). *Religious disagreement*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

De Cruz, H., & De Smedt, J. (2015). *A natural history of natural theology. The cognitive science of theology and philosophy of religion*. MIT Press.

### Papers in peer-reviewed journals

De Cruz, H. (2018). Etiological challenges to religious practices. *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 55, 329–340.

De Cruz, H. (2018). Prestige bias: An obstacle to a just academic philosophy. *Ergo*, 5, 259–287.

De Cruz, H. (2018). Religious conversion, transformative experience, and disagreement. *Philosophia Christi*, 20, 265–275.

De Cruz, H. (2018). Religious belief and philosophical views: a qualitative study. *Res Philosophica*, 95, 477–504.

De Cruz, H. (2017). Religious disagreement: An empirical study among academic philosophers. *Episteme*, 14, 71–87.

De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2017). Intuitions and arguments: Cognitive foundations of argumentation in natural theology. *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 9, 57–82.

De Cruz, H. (2016). Numerical cognition and mathematical realism. *Philosophers' Imprint*, 16, 1–13.

De Cruz, H. (2015). Where philosophical intuitions come from. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 93, 233–249.

De Cruz, H. (2015). The relevance of Hume's Natural history of religion for cognitive science of religion. *Res Philosophica*, 92, 653–674.

De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2015). The epistemic value of speculative fiction. *Midwest Studies in Philosophy*, 39, 58–77.

De Cruz, H. (2014). Cognitive science of religion and the study of theological concepts. *Topoi. An International Review of Philosophy*, 33, 487–497.

De Cruz, H. (2014). The enduring appeal of natural theological arguments. *Philosophy Compass*, 9, 145–153.

De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2014). The *imago Dei* as a work in progress: A perspective from paleoanthropology. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 49, 135–156.

- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2013). Reformed and evolutionary epistemology, and the noetic effects of sin. *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 74, 49–66.
- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2013). The value of epistemic disagreement in scientific practice. The case of *Homo floresiensis*. *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part A*, 44, 169–177.
- De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2013). Delighting in natural beauty: Joint attention and the phenomenology of nature aesthetics. *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 5, 167–186.
- De Cruz, H. (2013). Religious concepts as structured imagination. *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, 23, 63–74.
- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2013). Mathematical symbols as epistemic actions. *Synthese*, 190, 3–19.
- De Cruz, H. (2012). How do spatial representations enhance cognitive numerical processing? *Cognitive Processing*, 13, 137–140.
- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2012). Evolved cognitive biases and the epistemic status of scientific beliefs. *Philosophical Studies*, 157, 411–429.
- Blancke, S., De Smedt, J., De Cruz, H., Boudry, M., & Braeckman, J. (2012). The implications of the cognitive sciences for the teaching of science and religion: The case of evolutionary theory. *Science & Education*, 21, 1167–1184.
- Blancke, S., Boudry, M., Braeckman, J., De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2011). Dealing with creationist challenges. What European biology teachers might expect in the classroom. *Journal of Biological Education*, 45, 176–182.
- De Cruz, H., Boudry, M., De Smedt, J. & Blancke, S. (2011). Evolutionary approaches to epistemic justification. *dialectica*, 64, 517–535.
- De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2011). The cognitive appeal of the cosmological argument. *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, 23, 103–122.
- De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2011). A cognitive approach to the earliest art. *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, 69, 379–389.
- De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2011). The role of material culture in human time representation. Calendrical systems as extensions of mental time travel. *Adaptive Behavior*, 19, 63–76.
- De Cruz, H., & De Smedt, J. (2010). Science as structured imagination. *Journal of Creative Behavior*, 44, 29–44.
- De Cruz, H., & De Smedt, J. (2010). Paley's iPod. The cognitive basis of the design argument within natural theology. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 45, 665–684.
- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2010). The innateness hypothesis and mathematical concepts. *Topoi. An International Review of Philosophy*, 29, 3–13.
- De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2010). Toward an integrative approach of cognitive neuroscientific and evolutionary psychological studies of art. *Evolutionary Psychology*, 8, 695–719.

- De Cruz, H. (2009). Is linguistic determinism an empirically testable hypothesis? *Logique & Analyse*, 208, 327–341.
- De Cruz, H. (2008). An extended mind perspective on natural number representation. *Philosophical Psychology*, 21, 475–490.
- De Cruz, H., & De Smedt, J. (2007). The role of intuitive ontologies in scientific understanding – The case of human evolution. *Biology and Philosophy*, 22, 351–368.
- De Cruz, H. (2006). Why are some numerical concepts more successful than others? An evolutionary perspective on the history of number concepts. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, 27, 306–323.
- De Cruz, H. (2006). Towards a Darwinian approach to mathematics. *Foundations of Science*, 11, 157–196.
- De Cruz, H. (2004). Why humans can count large quantities accurately. *Philosophica*, 74, 63–83.

### Edited volumes and special issues

- Strickland, B. & De Cruz, H. (in preparation). Replicability in cognitive science. *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, [http://static.springer.com/sgw/documents/1591461/application/pdf/Review\\_of\\_philo\\_psych\\_CPF\\_Oct16](http://static.springer.com/sgw/documents/1591461/application/pdf/Review_of_philo_psych_CPF_Oct16).
- De Cruz, H. & Nichols, R. (2016). *Advances in Religion, Cognitive Science, and Experimental Philosophy*. London: Bloomsbury Academic.
- De Cruz, H. & De Maeseneer, Y. (2014). The imago Dei and human evolution. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 49.
- De Cruz, H. & Pica, P. (2008). Number as a test case for the role of language in cognition. *Philosophical Psychology*, 21.

### Book chapters

- De Cruz, H. (in press). Evidential objections to atheism. In: G. Oppy (Ed.), *Blackwell companion to atheism and Philosophy*. Malden, MA: Blackwell.
- De Cruz, H. (2018). Testimony and children's acquisition of number concepts. In: S. Bangu (Ed.), *Naturalizing logico-mathematical knowledge: Approaches from philosophy, psychology and cognitive science* (pp. 164–178). Routledge: London & New York.
- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2017). How psychological dispositions influence the theology of the afterlife. In: Y. Nagasawa & B. Matheson (Eds.), *The Palgrave handbook of the afterlife* (pp. 435–453). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2017). Emotional responses to fiction: An evolutionary perspective. In R. Joyce (Ed.), *The Routledge handbook of evolution and philosophy* (pp. 387–398). Routledge: London & New York.
- De Cruz, H. (2017). Entry in T.J. Oord (Ed.), *Theologians and philosophers using social media. Advice, tips and testimonials* (pp. 109–113). San Diego: SacraSage Press.

- De Cruz, H. (2016). The naturalness of religious belief: Epistemological implications. In: K. J. Clark (Ed.), *The Blackwell companion to naturalism* (pp. 481–493). Malden, MA: Blackwell.
- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2016). How do philosophers evaluate natural theological arguments? An experimental philosophical investigation. In H. De Cruz & R. Nichols (Eds.), *Advances in religion, cognitive science, and experimental philosophy* (pp. 119–142). London: Bloomsbury Academic.
- De Cruz, H. (2016). Divine hiddenness and the cognitive science of religion. In: A. Green & E. Stump (Eds.), *Hidden Divinity and Religious Belief* (pp. 53–68). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2012). Human artistic behaviour: Adaptation, byproduct, or cultural group selection? In: K. Plaisance & T. Reydon (Eds.), *Philosophy of behavioral biology* (pp. 167–187). Dordrecht: Springer, Boston Studies in Philosophy of Science.
- De Cruz, H., Neth, H., & Schlimm, D. (2010). The cognitive basis of arithmetic. In: B. Löwe & T. Müller (Eds.), *PhiMSAMP. Philosophy of mathematics: Sociological aspects and mathematical practice* (pp. 59–106). London: College Publications.
- De Smedt, J., De Cruz, H., & Braeckman, J. (2009). Why the human brain is not an enlarged chimpanzee brain. In: H. Høgh-Olesen, J. Tønnesvang, & P. Bertelsen (Eds.), *Human characteristics. Evolutionary perspectives on human mind and kind* (pp. 168–181). Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars.
- De Cruz, H. (2009). An enhanced argument for innate elementary geometric knowledge and its philosophical implications. In: B. Van Kerkhove (Ed.), *New perspectives on mathematical practices. Essays in philosophy and history of mathematics* (pp. 185–206). New Jersey: World Scientific.
- De Cruz, H. (2009). The role of intuitive probability in scientific theory formation. In: B. Löwe, E. Pacuit, & J.-W. Romeijn (Eds.), *Foundations of the formal sciences VI: Probabilistic reasoning and reasoning with probabilities* (pp. 122–129). London: College Publications.

### Encyclopedia entries

- De Cruz, H. (2017). Religion and science. Extended entry for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/religion-science>.
- De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2013). How does material culture extend the mind? In: E. G. Carayannis (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of creativity, invention, innovation and entrepreneurship* (pp. 863–869). Dordrecht: Springer.

### Conference proceedings

- De Cruz, H., & De Smedt, J. (2007). How material culture extends the mind: Mental time-travel and the invention of the calendar. In S. Vosniadou, D. Kayser, & A. Protopapas (Eds.), *Proceedings of the Second European Cognitive Science Conference* (pp. 232–237). Hove and New York: Lawrence Erlbaum.

- De Cruz, H. (2007). How does complex mathematical theory arise? Phylogenetic and cultural origins of algebra. In: C. Gershenson, D. Aerts, & B. Edmonds (Eds.), *Worldviews, science and us: Philosophy and complexity* (pp. 338–351). New Jersey: World Scientific.
- De Cruz, H. (2005). How do cultural numerical concepts build upon an evolved number sense? In B.G. Bara, L. Barsalou, & M. Bucciarelli (Eds.), *Proceedings of the XXVII Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society* (pp. 565–570). Mahwah, New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum.

### Book reviews

- De Cruz, H. (in press). Review of Hud Hudson, *A grotesque in the garden. Religious Studies*.
- De Cruz, H. (2016). Review of Bryan Frances, *Disagreement. Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, 94, 207–207.
- De Cruz, H. (2014). Review of Michael Bergmann and Patrick Kain (Eds), *Challenges to Moral and Religious Belief. Disagreement and Evolution*. Oxford University Press, 2014. Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews. <http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/54591-challenges-to-moral-and-religious-belief-disagreement-and-evolution/>
- Nichols, R. & De Cruz, H. (2014). Review of Joshua Alexander, *Experimental Philosophy*, Polity, 2012. *Journal of Cognition and Culture*, 14, 149–152.
- De Cruz, H. (2013). Aku Visala, *Naturalism, theism, and the cognitive study of religion: Religion explained?*, Ashgate, 2011. *European Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, 5, 175–182.

### Commentaries and replies

- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2016). Naturalizing natural theology—response to commenters. *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, 6, 355–361.
- De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (2013). The artistic design stance and the interpretation of Paleolithic art. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 36, 139–140.
- De Cruz, H. (2012). Are numbers special? Cognitive technologies, material culture and deliberate practice. *Current Anthropology*, 53, 215–216.
- De Cruz, H. & De Smedt, J. (2011). Supernatural punishment: What traits are being selected? *Religion, Brain & Behavior*, 1, 75–77.
- De Cruz, H. (2008). Bridging the gap between intuitive and formal number concepts: An epidemiological perspective. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, 31, 649–650.

### Introductions to special issues and edited volumes

- De Cruz, H. & Nichols, R. (2016). Introduction: Cognitive science of religion and its philosophical implications. In: H. De Cruz & R. Nichols. *Advances in Religion, Cognitive Science, and Experimental Philosophy* (pp. 1–17). London: Bloomsbury Academic.
- De Cruz, H. & De Maeseneer, Y. (2014). The *imago Dei*: Evolutionary and theological perspectives. *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, 49, 95–100.

De Cruz, H., & Pica, P. (2008). Knowledge of number and knowledge of language: Number as a test case for the role of language in cognition. *Philosophical Psychology*, 21, 437–441.

### Work in progress

De Cruz, H., De Smedt, J. & Schwitzgebel, S. (under contract). *Philosophy through Science Fiction Stories* (edited volume). Bloomsbury.

De Smedt, J. & De Cruz, H. (under contract). *The challenge of evolution to religion* (monograph). Cambridge University Press.

### GRANTS, PRIZES AND AWARDS

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- 2017 – 2020 Research grant (Principal Investigator) from the John Templeton Foundation  
*Evolution, ethics, and human origins: A deep-time perspective on human morality*  
<https://tinyurl.com/y9ttp6ar>
- 2018 – 2019 Grant from the American Philosophical Association’s Diversity and Inclusiveness Fund to organize two prize competitions for the *Journal of Analytic Theology*  
<https://tinyurl.com/ybkatcfq>
- 2017 Grant from the British Society of Aesthetics for workshop organisation  
Creative fiction writing for philosophers
- 2016 Prize for publications outcome from the Special Divine Action project,  
<http://www.SpecialDivineAction.org>
- 2016 Grant from the American Philosophical Association’s Berry Fund for Public Philosophy  
<https://tinyurl.com/y728hfou>
- 2015 Research grant, The Science, Philosophy, and Theology of Immortality, Templeton Foundation via the University of California, Riverside
- 2014 Conference Organization Grant, Templeton Foundation via the University of Oklahoma
- 2013 – 2015 Postdoctoral Research Grant, British Academy
- 2013 – 2015 Non-stipendiary appointment at Somerville College with full dining rights complementary to stipendiary affiliation with Philosophy Faculty
- 2012 Visiting Fellowship at the University of Oxford (6 months), Research Foundation Flanders
- 2011 – 2012 Oxford Residential Fellowship, Templeton Foundation via the University of Oklahoma
- 2010 Three-year Postdoctoral Research Grant, Research Foundation Flanders
- 2009 Research Grant, Cognition, Religion and Theology project, Templeton Foundation, through the University of Oxford

## TEACHING

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### **Oxford Brookes University, sole instructor**

Experimental philosophy, undergraduate lectures and tutorials (Fall 2016–2018)

Evolution and the mind (philosophy of mind), undergraduate lectures (Fall 2016)

Philosophy of science, undergraduate lectures (Spring 2016–2018)

Ethics, undergraduate lectures (Spring 2016–2018)

### **Oxford Brookes University, co-instructor**

Philosophy of human nature, undergraduate lectures (Fall 2016)

Masters in Philosophy, graduate tutorials (2016–present)

### **VU University Amsterdam, sole instructor**

Philosophy of science, undergraduate lectures (Fall 2015)

Philosophy of biology, undergraduate lectures and tutorials (Spring 2015)

Introduction to philosophy, undergraduate lectures (Spring 2015)

### **University of Oxford, sole instructor**

Philosophy of Cognitive Science, undergraduate tutorials (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

Cognitive Science of Religion, Philosophy and Theology, graduate seminar (Fall 2013)

### **University of Leuven, sole instructor**

Philosophy of science, undergraduate lectures (Spring 2011)

Philosophy of mind, MPhil graduate seminar (Fall 2008–2009)

### **Ghent University, co-instructor**

Philosophy of Human Nature, undergraduate lectures (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2018 Pleistocene morality. Invited public lecture at University of Nottingham, 3 October
  - 2018 What speculative fiction can offer the philosophy of religion. Keynote lecture at Sublime Cognition: Science Fiction & Metaphysics, 13–14 September
  - 2018 Inferring ritual practice in the Pleistocene. Keynote lecture at Is Religion Natural? University of Antwerp, 31 May–1 June
  - 2018 Awe and wonder in scientific practice. Keynote lecture at Nature and Beyond: Transcendence and Immanence in Science and Religion (ECST XVII), 17–22 April
  - 2018 Transmission of original sin: a cultural evolutionary mode. Invited seminar presentation, Fuller Theological Seminary, 4 April
  - 2017 Keynote presentation at the Minds Online Conference, 11–15 September  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2vM4ik-qW8>
  - 2017 Expert disagreement in science and religion. Invited lecture at the workshop Disagreement in Science and Beyond, University College Dublin, 3–4 July
  - 2017 Faithful attitudes of philosophers of religion—experimental investigations and philosophical significance. Invited lecture at the workshop Faithful attitudes, University of Manchester, 15–16 May
  - 2017 Experimental philosophy of afterlife beliefs. Guest lecture at the Center for Religious Studies, Central European University, 30 March
  - 2017 Testimony, knowing-how and numerical cognition. Keynote speech at the workshop Numbers in Mind: The Philosophy of Numerical Cognition, London, 18 Feb
  - 2016 Women as science communicators. Seminar at the University of Hertfordshire, 15 December
  - 2016 Invited speaker at Eidyn Epistemology seminar series, Edinburgh University, 7 December
  - 2016 Invited speaker at Just Philosophy: Race, Gender and Class in Philosophical Practice, University of Nottingham, 8 November
  - 2016 Plenary speaker at Buffalo Annual Experimental Philosophy Conference, 9–10 September
  - 2016 Presenter and mentor at Oxford Interdisciplinary Seminars in Science and Religion: Bridging the Two Cultures of Science and the Humanities, 18–19 July
  - 2016 Tutor in summer school on reasoning, Institut des Sciences Cognitives, Université du Québec à Montréal, Québec, 20 June – 1 July
  - 2016 Experimental philosophy of religion. Plenary lecture at the annual Conference of Experimental Philosophy Group UK, Reading, 23 April
  - 2016 Invited seminar on cognitive science of religion, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 5–6 April
  - 2016 Skilled seemings. Plenary lecture in Symposium session “Intuitions”, Central APA, Chicago, 2–5 March

- 2016 Cognitive Science of Religion and Natural Theology  
Plenary lecture at Explorations in natural theology, Helsinki, 16 January
- 2015 Gender and the public understanding of science. Plenary lecture at SWIP  
Ireland, Dublin, 28 November
- 2015 Testimony and the acquisition of number concepts.  
Plenary lecture at The Cognitive Basis of Logico-Mathematical Knowledge,  
Bergen, 16 November
- 2015 Human origins and the science and religion debate. Plenary lecture at Science and  
Religion: Celebrating the Dialogue, Exploring the Future, Durham,  
2–5 September
- 2015 Explaining the underrepresentation of women in academic philosophy.  
Plenary lecture at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Women in Philosophy,  
Antwerp, 24 April
- 2015 Does a focus on religious practices diffuse debunking arguments against religion?  
Workshop The Etiology of Belief and Religious Epistemology, University of Oxford  
16–17 March
- 2015 Religious experience and skilled mystical practice. Annual Lecture in the Dialogues  
in Philosophy and Religion series, Texas A&M, 27 February
- 2014 The role of testimony in acquiring numerical skills. Conference on Deductive and  
Mathematical Cognition: Implications for Philosophy, Bristol University, 7 April
- 2014 Appealing arguments: explaining the appeal of arguments in natural theology using  
the tools of cognitive science of religion. Mind & Language Workshop, London,  
Birkbeck, 28 March
- 2013 The epistemic significance of common consent. Institut Jean Nicod, Paris, 22 January
- 2013 Animal cognition and mathematical realism? Explanation in Mathematics and Ethics  
Conference, University of Nottingham, 18 January
- 2012 The cognitive science of natural theology. Philosophical implications of Cognitive  
Science of Religion Conference, Kazimierz Dolny, Poland, 4 July
- 2010 Animal logic, an evolutionary perspective on deductive reasoning. Conference From  
Cognitive Science and Psychology to Empirically-Informed Philosophy of Logic,  
University of Amsterdam, 7 December

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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### Organized conferences and workshops

- 2018 Human nature: Philosophical, evolutionary and theological Perspectives,  
University of Leuven, 18–19 December
- 2018 Evolutionary ethics: The nuts and bolts approach, Oxford Brookes, 20–21 July
- 2017 Creative fiction writing workshop for philosophers, Oxford Brookes, 1–2 June

- 2015 What is religious belief? Psychological underpinnings, philosophical and theological views, workshop VU University Amsterdam, 6 May
- 2015 The philosophy and psychology of the afterlife, workshop VU University Amsterdam, 10 March
- 2014 Cognitive science of Religion, Theology and Philosophy, conference, Philosophy Faculty, University of Oxford, 9–11 May
- 2013 Cultural evolution, Philosophy and the Emotions, conference, w/Andreas De Block and Pieter Adriaens, University of Leuven, 28–30 May
- 2012 Human Evolution and the Imago Dei, workshop, w/ Yves De Maeseneer, Kellogg College, University of Oxford, 27–28 March
- 2011 Discovery in the Social Sciences, workshop, w/Eric Schliesser, University of Leuven, 22–23 March
- 2006 Philosophical and Psychological Perspectives on Number, workshop, Free University Brussels, 11 May

### **Selected paper presentations**

- 2014 Divine hiddenness and the cognitive science of religion. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Diego, 22–25 November
- 2013 Second-person perspective and natural beauty: the aesthetic appreciation of nature as a window on divine creative intentions. The Second-Person Perspective in Science and the Humanities, Oxford, 17–20 July
- 2012 Embodiment and externalization in number processing. Symposium on Embodied Number Processing, Rome, Sapienza, 4–8 September
- 2012 Reformed and evolutionary epistemology and the notion of sin. Regional meeting of the Society for Christian Philosophers, Westmont College, S Barbara, 13–14 January
- 2011 Religion as a cognitive technology, Conference on Daniel Dennett and the Scientific Study of Religion, Amherst, 2–3 December
- 2010 Intuitions about causality and their relevance to the cosmological argument. European Conference on Science and Theology, Edinburgh, 7–11 April
- 2010 The cognitive appeal of the cosmological argument. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), Baltimore, 29–31 October
- 2009 Theistic evolution and the problem of natural evil. Darwin in the 21st Century: Nature, Humanity and God, University of Notre Dame, 1–3 November
- 2008 The folk concept of art: origins and evolutionary implications. European Human Behaviour and Evolution Conference (EHBEA), Montpellier, 2–4 April
- 2007 The role of intuitive probabilistic reasoning in scientific theory formation. Foundations of the Formal Sciences, Amsterdam, 2–5 May
- 2005 How do cultural numerical concepts build upon an evolved number sense? 27th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Stresa, Italy, 21–23 July

**Departmental talks**

- 2015 Cognitive science of religion and naturalism, VU Amsterdam, 4–5 December
- 2015 Science and religion in contemporary perspective: What cognitive science says about religion, VU Amsterdam, 17–20 August
- 2015 The philosophy and psychology of the afterlife, Philosophy and psychology of the afterlife workshop, VU Amsterdam, 10 March
- 2015 APES (Amsterdam Philosophers of Science) meeting University of Amsterdam, 23 April
- 2014 Experimental Philosophy of Religion: Topics, Results and Challenges, Experiments and Ethics conference, University of Oxford, 6–7 June
- 2014 Are philosophical intuitions a natural kind? Philosophy of Mind Work in Progress Seminar, University of Oxford, 30 May
- 2014 What cognitive science of religion can say about theology, Cognitive Science of Religion, Philosophy, Theology conference, University of Oxford, 9-11 May
- 2013 Does the Cognitive Science of Religion Debunk the Intuitions Underlying Natural Theology? Joseph Butler Society lecture, University of Oxford, 28 January
- 2012 The argument from miracles and the cognitive science of religious testimony, Ian Ramsey Centre for Science and Religion, University of Oxford, 17 May

**DEPARTMENTAL ROLES AND COMMITTEE WORK**

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- 2017 – present PhD thesis supervision
- 2017 – present Postgraduate thesis supervision
- 2017 – present Student employability focus group, Oxford Brookes University
- 2017 – present Grants panel, Oxford Brookes University
- 2017 – present Black and ethnic minority students task force
- 2017 Internal examiner for an MA thesis
- 2017 Conducting transfer interviews for PhD students
- 2015 Member the committee for the relocation of the philosophy faculty, VU University Amsterdam
- 2014 Panel member and speaker for memorial workshop for Charlotte Coursier, University of Oxford
- 2014 Search committee member for a postdoctoral researcher, University of Oxford
- 2013 Panel member for a workshop for career development for female graduate students, University of Oxford
- 2010 MPhil Thesis internal examiner, University of Leuven
- 2010 Panel member for workshop with Giacomo Rizzolatti, doctor honoris causa, University of Leuven

## SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

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### Editorial board membership

Executive editor, *The Journal of Analytic Theology*

Editorial board member, *Religious Studies*

Editorial board member, *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*

Editorial board member, *Journal of Mind & Behavior*

### Journal and book refereeing and endorsement

Referee for *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, *Theoria*, *Mind and Language*, *Analysis*, *Religious Studies*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Philosophy*, *Theology and the Sciences*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, *Hypatia*, *Review of Philosophy and Psychology*, *Philosophy Compass*, *dialectica*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Aesthetics and Art Criticism*, *Minds and Machines*, *Sophia*, *Current Anthropology*, *Evolutionary Psychology*, *Frontiers in Cognition*, *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, *Brain & Behavior*, *Ethical Perspectives*, *Electronic Journal of Mathematics Education*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, *Journal of Creative Behavior*, *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*, *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science Part A*, *Logique & Analyse*, *Zygon*, *Episteme*, *British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*.

Book proposal referee and full manuscript referee for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Psychology Press, University of California Press, Springer, Routledge, and MIT Press

Endorsements for Routledge, Wiley-Blackwell, and Cascade Books

### External examination of PhD and masters theses

2018 PhD thesis, University of Sheffield, UK

2018 PhD thesis, VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands

2017 MA thesis, Macquarie University, Australia

2017 PhD thesis, Pontifical University of John Paul II, Kraków, Poland

2014 MA thesis, Trinity Western University, Canada

2011 PhD thesis, Ghent University, Belgium

**Reviewer for grant agencies**

- 2018 British Academy
- 2017 Research Foundation Flanders
- 2017 Estonian Research Council
- 2014 European Institutes for Advanced Study (Eurias)
- 2014 Templeton Religion Trust
- 2012 Innovational Research Incentives Scheme Veni (NWO, Netherlands)
- 2012 National Research Foundation, South Africa

**Mentoring, coaching and diversifying the profession**

- 2018 – present organizer of two prize competitions for the *Journal of Analytic Theology*: Diversifying analytic theology, <https://tinyurl.com/ybkatcfq>
- 2016 – present curator of Doing Things with Philosophy, an alt-ac philosophy blog <https://doingthingswithphilosophy.tumblr.com/>
- 2015 – present Co-director (w/ Marcus Arvan) of the Philosophers' Cocoon mentoring program, <https://sites.google.com/site/cocoonmentoringproject/>
- 2015 – present Mentor for The Job Candidate Mentoring Program for Women in Philosophy
- 2015 Co-author (w/ Marcus Arvan) of the Philosophers' Cocoon Job Market Boot Camp <http://philosopherscocoon.typepad.com/blog/job-market-boot-camp/>
- 2013 – present Maintenance of a list of Core Readings in Philosophy by Female Authors for Undergraduate Curricula, hosted by the APA [http://www.apaonline.org/?page=teaching\\_resources](http://www.apaonline.org/?page=teaching_resources)

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**


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Basic statistical techniques including ANOVA, t-test, linear regression and other parametric tests, chi-square, consistency analysis, and non-parametric tests, working knowledge of SPSS (completed 2 14-hour courses in statistics in 2007 and 2008, and maintain active track record)

Programming skills in HTML5, CSS,  $\text{\LaTeX}$

Familiarity with UK laws and strategies concerning recruitment and selection (completed 2-week course on recruitment and fair hiring practices at University of Oxford, 2014)

## OUTREACH AND MEDIA COVERAGE

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- 2018 Co-editor of *In Limbo Too: Brexit testimonies from UK citizens in the EU*.  
<https://www.amazon.com/Limbo-Too-Brexit-testimonies-citizens/dp/1721674241>
- 2018 Featured interview in *What's it like to be a philosopher*  
<http://www.whatisitliketobeaphilosopher.com/#/helen-de-cruz/>
- 2018 Featured in *Aleteia*, <https://tinyurl.com/y84wh8vn>
- 2018 Letter in the *New European* on misogyny and xenophobia  
<https://tinyurl.com/y9bzgeno>
- 2018 Guest post for the Daily Ant  
<https://dailyant.com/2018/03/16/philosophy-phriday-the-puzzle-of-inter-group-cooperation/>
- 2018 Organizer for an open letter on UK asylum refusal case  
<https://tinyurl.com/ycmo2dwe>  
 Guardian article <https://tinyurl.com/ycmo2dwe>  
 New Home Office directives as a result <https://tinyurl.com/y88m15z9>
- 2017 Piece on academia and Brexit, featured on the LSE Brexit blog  
<https://tinyurl.com/ybg3wndd>
- 2016 APA interview about philosophical fiction  
<http://blog.apaonline.org/2016/07/05/philosophical-fiction-interview-with-helen-de-cruz/>
- 2016 Editor of a special issue on Brexit on Daily Nous  
<http://dailynous.com/2016/06/28/philosophers-on-brexit/>
- 2016 Guest blog in Times Higher Education  
<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/blog/happily-ever-after-advice-mid-career-academics>
- 2016 APA member interview  
<http://blog.apaonline.org/2016/02/19/apa-member-interview-helen-de-cruz/>
- 2016 Video interview and short overview text on my research in philosophy of religion, Finnish high school course book for religious education  
 AAVA avaa upeat näkymät uskontoon. UE1. Edukustannus 2016.
- 2015 Interview in *The Irish Times*, 22 November <http://tinyurl.com/pfxx4gt>
- 2015 Political philosophy for children (age 9–11), 4 November  
 lesson plan here: <http://tinyurl.com/nm9zm6l>
- 2015 Roundtable discussion (w/ Alan Torrance and Kevin Hector) on experimental philosophy of religion <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsNuAYXvrvo>
- 2015 Interview (in Dutch) on science and faith at Evangelische Omroep, Dutch radio program <http://tinyurl.com/n9tho4v>
- 2014 Research on religious education and imagination  
 featured in BBC News  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-echochambers-28537149>
- 2014 Series of interviews with philosophers working outside of academia  
 featured in *The Atlantic Monthly*  
<http://tinyurl.com/mah2137>

- 2014            Petition for a code of conduct for philosopher, with Eleonore Stump featured in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*  
<http://chronicle.texterity.com/chronicle/20140328a?pg=17#pg17>  
 code here: <http://www.apaonline.org/general/custom.asp?page=codeofconduct>
- 2014            Work on creationism featured in National Public Radio  
<http://tinyurl.com/m3ysu2s>
- 2013            Is religious education child abuse?  
 Opinion piece solicited by *The Philosophers' Magazine*
- 2010 – present    Blogger for Medium <https://medium.com@helenldecruz>  
 Philosophical Percolations <http://www.philpercs.com/>  
 The Philosophers' Cocoon <http://philosopherscocoon.typepad.com/>  
 and Prosblogion (now defunct) <http://prosblogion.ektopos.com/>
- 2009 – 2010      Speaker at workshops in philosophy of science for high school teachers, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- 2017 – present    Fellow of the International Society for Science and Religion
- 2011 – present    Member of the Society for Christian Philosophers
- 2010 – present    American Philosophical Association
- 2017 – present    Member of the Advisory Council of the Institute of Philosophy

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