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Areas of specialization & competence

AOS Epistemology, language
AOC Mind, action, metaphysics

Employment

2022- **Johns Hopkins University** - Assistant Professor of Philosophy
2020-2022 **Princeton University** - Louis Skolnick Postdoctoral Research Associate
2019-2020 **New York University** - Philosophy Futures Postdoctoral Lecturer

Education

2013-2019 **New York University** - Ph.D. (Philosophy)
Dissertation: *Knowledge by Constraint*
Committee: James Pryor (Chair), Cian Dorr, Jane Friedman
2009-2013 **Stanford University** - BSc., MSc. (Symbolic Systems)

Papers & talks

PUBLICATIONS

forthcoming [The Vague, the Assertable, and the Omega-Knowable](#), *Inquiry*
2025 [Fictional Reality](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *The Philosophical Review* 134 (2): 149-201
2024 [Trying without Fail](#) (w/ Harvey Lederman), *Philosophical Studies* 181 (10): 2577-2604
2023 [Thinking and Being Sure](#) (w/ Jeremy Goodman), *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 106 (3): 634-654
2022 [Thinking, Guessing, and Believing](#), *Philosophers' Imprint* 22 (6): 1-25
2021 [Knowledge by Constraint](#), *Philosophical Perspectives* 35 (1): 275-302
2021 [Indicative Conditionals without Iterative Epistemology](#), *Noûs* 55 (3): 560-580
2021 [Knowledge in the Face of Conspiracy Conditionals](#), *Linguistics and Philosophy* 44 (3): 737-771
2021 [Lying and Knowing](#), *Synthese* 198 (6): 5351-5371
2019 [Embedded Attitudes](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *Journal of Semantics* 36 (3): 377-406
2018 [Ultra-Liberal Attitude Reports](#) (w/ Kyle Blumberg), *Philosophical Studies* 175 (8): 2043-2062
2013 [Teaching Philosophy Through Lincoln-Douglas Debate](#) (w/ Jacob Nebel, Ryan Davis, and Peter van Elswyk), *Teaching Philosophy* 36 (3): 271-289

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Apr 2026 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, UT Austin)
Feb 2026 Wanting at Will (Mind & Language seminar, NYU)
Nov 2025 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, UMD College Park)
Jan 2025 What Does Weak Belief Tell Us about Full Belief? (Invited symposium on "Full belief", Eastern APA)
Apr 2024 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, USC)

Mar 2024 Trying without Fail (Centre for Human Abilities, Berlin)
 Oct 2023 Fictional Reality (New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)
 Feb 2023 Wanting at Will (Department lecture, Franklin and Marshall College)
 Jan 2023 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy)
 May 2022 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, Princeton)
 April 2022 Wanting at Will (Department colloquium, MIT)
 Oct 2020 Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Current projects series, Dianoia Institute of Philosophy)
 Feb 2020 Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Jowett Society, Oxford)
 Feb 2020 Thinking, Guessing, and Believing (Department colloquium, University College London)
 Feb 2017 Knowledge by Constraint (New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)

COMMENTS

Jan 2026 Dan Hoek's *The Inquisitive Mind* (Book workshop, NYU)
 Jan 2026 Chenhao Lu's 'On the Pragmatics of Belief Ascriptions' (Eastern APA)
 Oct 2025 Joshua Pearson's 'Counterfactuals, Possibility Preservation and Sequences' (FARM)
 Mar 2024 Tomasz Zyglewicz's 'Believe as an Evidential' (Pacific APA)
 Jan 2024 Caleb Fawell's 'The Varieties of Infelicity' (Eastern APA)
 Jan 2021 Richard Booth's 'Independent Alternatives: Ross's Puzzle and Free Choice' (Eastern APA)
 Apr 2019 Weng Kin San's 'KK, Knowledge, Knowability' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
 Feb 2019 Justin Khoo's 'Coordinating *If*s' (Central APA)
 Mar 2018 Carolina Flores' 'Lies and Narcissistic Assertions' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
 Mar 2016 Adam Marushak's 'The Semantics of Epistemic Reasons and Epistemic Modals' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)
 Mar 2015 Una Stojnić's 'One's Modus Ponens...' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)

Teaching

GRADUATE

Spring 2025 Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Semantic Shiftiness (JHU)
 Spring 2025 Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, II (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
 Fall 2024 Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, I (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
 Spring 2024 Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, II (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
 Fall 2023 Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Indeterminacy (JHU)
 Fall 2023 Readings and Skills in Contemporary Philosophy, I (Co-taught w/ Katharina Kraus, JHU)
 Spring 2023 Topics in Epistemology, Language, and Mind: Propositional Attitudes (JHU)
 Spring 2022 Philosophy of Action (Co-taught w/ Harvey Lederman, Princeton)

UNDERGRADUATE

Spring 2026 Life and Death (JHU)
 Fall 2022 Theory of Knowledge (JHU)
 Fall 2022 Life and Death (JHU)
 Fall 2021 Theory of Knowledge (Princeton)
 Fall 2020 Philosophy of Language (Princeton)
 Spring 2020 Logic (NYU)
 Fall 2019 Life and Death (NYU)
 Summer 2019 Epistemology (NYU)
 Summer 2018 Philosophy of Language (NYU)
 Summer 2017 Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)
 Summer 2016 Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)

Academic service

2022 - 2026 Placement Director
 2024 - 2026 Talks in Theoretical Philosophy, co-organizer

2022 Workshop on Action, Intention, and Language, co-organizer
2017 - 2022 New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, organizer
2019 Epistemic Modality and Quantification - Eastern APA, chair
Referee for *Analysis*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Grazer Philosophische Studien*, *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, *Linguistics and Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophical Quarterly*, *Philosophical Review*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosophy*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Ratio*, *Semantics and Pragmatics*, *Synthese*, *Thought*