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## Research areas

AOS: Epistemology, philosophy of language  
AOC: Mind, metaphysics, philosophy of science, value theory

## Education

- 2013-present PHD - Philosophy, New York University  
Dissertation: "Knowledge by Constraint"  
Committee: James Pryor (advisor), Cian Dorr, Jane Friedman
- 2012-2013 MSc - Symbolic Systems, Stanford University  
Thesis: "Empty Names and Unreal Objects"  
Supervisors: Ken Taylor (primary), Mark Crimmins, Alexis Burgess
- 2009-2012 BSc - Symbolic Systems, Stanford University

## Papers & talks

### PUBLICATIONS

- forthcoming [Embedded Attitudes](#) (with Kyle Blumberg), *Journal of Semantics*
- 2018 [Ultra-Liberal Attitude Reports](#) (with Kyle Blumberg), *Philosophical Studies* 175 (8): 2043-2062
- 2013 [Teaching Philosophy Through Lincoln-Douglas Debate](#) (with Jacob Nebel, Ryan Davis, and Peter van Elswyk), *Teaching Philosophy* 36 (3): 271-289

### UNDER REVIEW

[Knowledge by Constraint](#)  
[Lying and Knowing](#)  
[Knowledge in the Face of Conspiracy Conditionals](#)

### PRESENTATIONS

- Oct 2018 'Lying and Knowing' (NYU Lunch Talk series)
- Sep 2018 'Believing is Guessing' (Presentation for foundational topics in semantics seminar, w/ Professor Philippe Schlenker, NYU)
- Feb 2018 'Knowledge in the Face of Conspiracy Conditionals' (Washington Square Circle Seminar, NYU)
- Oct 2017 'Knowledge by Constraint' / 'Embedded Attitudes' (Presentation for foundational topics in semantics seminar, w/ Professor Philippe Schlenker, NYU)
- Mar 2017 'Knowledge by Constraint' (Washington Square Circle Seminar, NYU)
- Feb 2017 'Knowledge by Constraint' (New York Philosophy of Language Workshop)
- Nov 2016 'Some Observations on Sleeping Beauty' (Washington Square Circle Seminar, NYU)

### COMMENTS

- 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)

Mar 2015 Graduate Conference)  
Una Stojnić's 'One's Modus Ponens...' (Columbia-NYU Graduate Conference)

## Teaching

### PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

Summer 2018 Philosophy of Language: Representation and Reality (NYU)  
Summer 2017 Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)  
Summer 2016 Central Problems in Philosophy (NYU)

### TA

Spring 2017 Epistemology (Professor Miriam Schoenfield, NYU)  
Fall 2016 Philosophy of Mind (Professor Una Stojnić, NYU)  
Spring 2016 Political Philosophy (Professor Samuel Scheffler, NYU)  
Fall 2015 Epistemology (Professor Jane Friedman, NYU)  
Spring 2013 Introduction to Symbolic Systems (Professor Noah Goodman, Stanford)  
Spring 2012 Introduction to Cognition and the Brain (Professor Lera Boroditsky, Stanford)  
Winter 2012 Programming Methodology (Professor Keith Schwarz, Stanford)

### MISCELLANEA

2018 NYU Center for Multicultural Education and Programs, *Disability Zone* certified  
2018 NYU Student Center for the LGBTQ Community, *Safe Zone* certified  
2012-2013 Victory Briefs Debate Institute, philosophy curriculum director  
2009-2015 Victory Briefs Debate Institute, instructor  
2009-2012 Palo Alto High School Lincoln-Douglas debate team, head coach

## Academic service

Winter 2019 Epistemic Modality and Quantification - Eastern APA, chair  
2017 - present New York Philosophy of Language Workshop, organizer  
Spring 2018 NYU Mind and Language Seminar w/ Professors Cian Dorr and James Pryor, course assistant  
2017-2018 NYU Colloquium Committee  
Spring 2017 NYU Mind and Language Seminar w/ Professors Stephen Schiffer and Crispin Wright, course assistant  
2015 NYU Prospective Visit, organizer  
2014-2015 NYU Social Committee  
2012-2013 Stanford Symbolic Systems, advising fellow

## Honors & awards

2018-2019 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in Philosophy (NYU)  
2013-2018 MacCracken Fellowship (NYU)  
2012 Phi Beta Kappa (Stanford)  
2009 Booth Prize, finalist (Stanford)

## References

James Pryor (Professor of Philosophy, NYU)  
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Jane Friedman (Assistant Professor of Philosophy, NYU)  
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